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Main indicators



ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2013

Unemployment rate increases by 0.1 point in Q3 2013

Warning: Since the first quarter of 2013, the questionnaire of the Labour Force Survey is an updated one. Some questions were renewed, mainly in the objective to make the interviews more fluent thanks to a better wording of the questions. In addition, interviewers of Insee are working under new employment contracts since January 1st 2013, which led to temporary difficulties in the organisation of the network of interviewers and a decrease in the response rate.

The assessment of the data shows that the new questionnaire has changed the way some interviewees answer to certain questions. This has impacts on the estimates of levels.

As the previous publication, this Informations Rapides is focused on the estimates of 2013 once the updating of the questionnaire is neutralized. Thus the estimates are directly comparable to the estimates of the fourth quarter of 2012 and to the usual longitudinal data, and can be directly used to analyse the recent developments of the indicators of the labour market. The impacts of the updated questionnaire are detailed in the document "[Compléments méthodologiques](#)" in the part "For further information" of the previous publication (document in French).

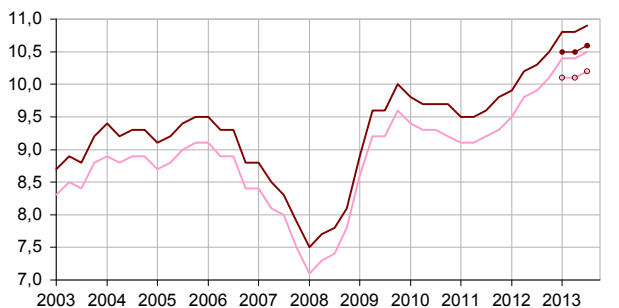
For the release of the last quarter estimates, in March 2014, estimates will be published integrating the impact of the new questionnaire. Longitudinal series will be revised and made available at the same time.

• Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in Q3 2013 in metropolitan France, after being steady in Q2 2013

ILO-unemployment rate

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



— France — F.m., updated LFS — France, updated LFS — F.m.

Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the level of unemployment rate and of its quarterly variations

F.m.: Metropolitan France, France: F.m. + overseas department
Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

In Q3 2013, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.9%, after neutralization of the effects of the updated questionnaire. In **metropolitan France** only, 10.5% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q. Over a year, it increased by 0.6 point.

Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2013Q3 (p)*
	2013Q2 (p)*	2013Q3 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	10.4	10.5	0.1	0.6	3 011
15-24 years	24.5	24.5	0.0	0.0	664
25-49 years	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.5	1 717
50 years and more	7.5	8.0	0.5	1.1	630
Men	10.3	10.5	0.2	0.7	1 566
15-24 years	23.3	23.2	-0.1	-1.3	339
25-49 years	9.4	9.5	0.1	0.9	893
50 years and more	7.7	8.2	0.5	1.3	334
Women	10.4	10.5	0.1	0.5	1 445
15-24 years	26.0	26.0	0.0	1.5	325
25-49 years	9.6	9.5	-0.1	0.2	824
50 years and more	7.2	7.8	0.6	0.9	296

*(p) = provisional results, effects of the updating of the questionnaire neutralized

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey, effects of the updating of the questionnaire neutralized

• Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q2 2013 downgraded by 0.1 point with regard to the temporary publication of September 2013.

ILO employment, unemployment and activity in the population aged 15-64 years

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	% of people in the age group		Variation in point		Thousands (1)
	2013Q2 (p)*	2013Q3 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2013Q3 (p)*
Employed people (15-64 years)	63.9	63.9	0.0	0.0	25 472
Men aged 15-64	67.7	67.6	-0.1	-0.4	13 246
Women aged 15-64	60.1	60.3	0.2	0.4	12 226
15-24 years	28.2	27.8	-0.4	-0.3	2 048
25-49 years	80.6	80.7	0.1	-0.2	16 413
50-64 years	57.4	57.6	0.2	0.5	7 011
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.4	2 995
Men aged 15-64	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.5	1 551
Women aged 15-64	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.4	1 445
15-24 years	9.2	9.0	-0.2	-0.1	664
25-49 years	8.5	8.4	-0.1	0.4	1 717
50-64 years	4.8	5.0	0.2	0.6	614
Active people (15-64 years)	71.3	71.4	0.1	0.5	28 467
Men aged 15-64	75.6	75.5	-0.1	0.1	14 797
Women aged 15-64	67.2	67.5	0.3	0.9	13 671
15-24 years	37.4	36.9	-0.5	-0.3	2 712
25-49 years	89.1	89.2	0.1	0.4	18 130
50-64 years	62.2	62.7	0.5	1.3	7 626

*(p) = provisional results, effects of the updating of the questionnaire neutralized

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

(1) those data cover the people who are 15-64 years old. They are a little bit different of the data in the first table (which covers the total population).

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

• ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years was steady in Q3 2013 and over the year, and stood at 63.9%. The employment rate of people aged 50-64 years increased by 0.2 point in Q3 2013; for people aged 25-49 years, the increase was by 0.1 point. The employment rate of people aged 15-24 years decreased by 0.4 point.

The **activity rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased by 0.1 percentage point and stood at 71.4%. Over the year, it increased by 0.5 percentage point. A part of this increase is due to people aged 50-64 years, whose activity rate increased by 1.3 percentage point over the year.

• Updated questionnaire and first results for 2013

For this publication, the effects of the new questionnaire were neutralized to be comparable with the previous results already published. According to the new Labour Force survey, the unemployment rate stood at 10.2% of the active population in Q3 2013, after 10.1% in Q2 2013.

For the release of the last quarter estimates, new longitudinal series will be published in March 2014.

Estimated effects of the new questionnaire over unemployment, employment and activity

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3
ILO-Unemployment rate				
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	10.1	10.4	10.4	10.5
Effects of new questionnaire	-0.3			
New questionnaire	-	10.1	10.1	10.2
Employment rate - employed people 15 - 64 years				
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	64.0	63.8	63.9	63.9
Effects of new questionnaire	0.1			
New questionnaire	-	63.9	64	64
Activity rate - employed people 15 - 64 years				
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4
Effects of new questionnaire	-0.2			
New questionnaire	-	71.1	71.1	71.2

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

For more information:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is a person of working age (15 years or more) who did not work, even one hour, during the reference week, who is available to work within two weeks and who looked actively for a job in the previous month (or has found a job which begins in three months). The **proportion of unemployed persons within the total population** differs and is lower than the **unemployment rate**, which is the ratio between the number of unemployed people and the number of active people (employment + unemployment).

- The **employment rate** is the ratio between employed people and the total population.

- The **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population.

- Some additional indicators are available on the internet (historical data, methodology...): see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>
- Historical data are available on the BDM: [G688](#), [G699](#), [G705](#), [G982](#).
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