

# Informations *Rapides*

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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2012

## Unemployment rate increases in Q4 2012

### • Unemployment rate

**The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points in Q4 2012 in metropolitan France**

In Q4 2012, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.6% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.9 million unemployed people, 10.2% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points q-o-q. Over a year, it increased by 0.8 point, and by 3.4 percentage points for people aged 15-24 years.

More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.7 million people did not work but **would like to work**, whether they are available or not for work within two weeks, or whether they look actively for a job or not (see additional indicators on the internet).

### ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2012 Q3	2012Q 4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2 944</b>
15-24 years	24.1	25.7	1.6	3.4	730
25-49 years	9.0	9.1	0.1	0.5	1 653
50 years and more	6.8	7.2	0.4	0.8	560
<b>Men</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1 532</b>
15-24 years	24.0	25.6	1.6	3.6	398
25-49 years	8.6	8.8	0.2	0.5	834
50 years and more	6.8	7.4	0.6	1.1	300
<b>Women</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1 412</b>
15-24 years	24.2	25.8	1.6	3.2	332
25-49 years	9.3	9.4	0.1	0.4	819
50 years and more	6.9	6.9	0.0	0.3	260

\*(p) = provisional results

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

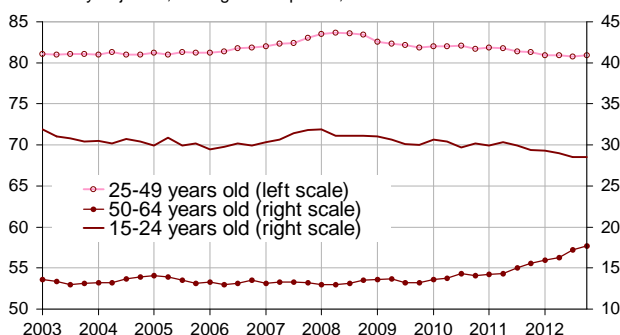
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### • ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased by 0.2 percentage points in Q4 2012 and stood at 64.1%. This rebound comes from people aged 50-64 years: their employment rate was up by 0.5 point q-o-q (+2.1 percentage points y-o-y).

### Employment rate by age group

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %

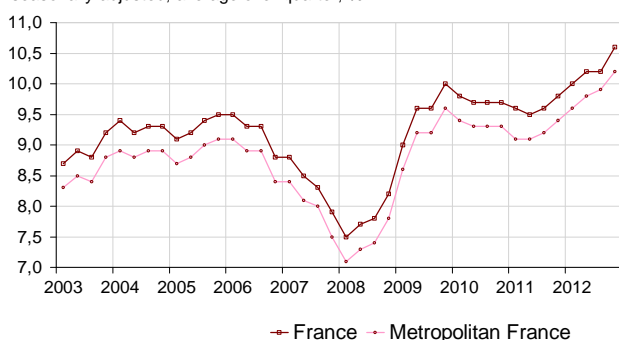


Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15-64 years

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### ILO-unemployment rate

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the unemployment rate  
Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the quarterly variation of the unemployment rate  
France = Metropolitan France + overseas departments  
Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more  
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

The employment rate of people aged 25-49 years had decreased over the year (-0.4 percentage points), and stabilizes in Q4 2012 (+0.1 percentage points); as well as for people ages 15-24 years (-0.9 percentage points y-o-y).

### 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)
	2012 Q3	2012Q4 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2012Q4 (p)*
<b>Employed people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>25 632</b>
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.5	59.7	0.2	0.3	23 876
Men aged 15-64	68.1	68.1	0.0	0.2	13 395
Women aged 15-64	59.9	60.2	0.3	0.3	12 237
15-24 years	28.5	28.5	0.0	-0.9	2 115
25-49 years	80.8	80.9	0.1	-0.4	16 491
50-64 years	57.2	57.7	0.5	2.1	7 026
Included : 55-64 years	44.8	45.8	1.0	3.0	3 658
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	44.6	45.8	1.2	3.0	
<b>Unemployed persons (15-64 years)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2 942</b>
Men aged 15-64	7.4	7.8	0.4	0.9	1 531
Women aged 15-64	6.7	6.9	0.2	0.5	1 411
15-24 years	9.0	9.9	0.9	1.5	730
25-49 years	8.0	8.1	0.1	0.4	1 653
50-64 years	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.7	558
Included : 55-64 years	3.4	3.7	0.3	0.7	295
<b>Active people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>28 574</b>
Men aged 15-64	75.5	75.9	0.4	1.1	14 926
Women aged 15-64	66.6	67.2	0.6	0.8	13 648
15-24 years	37.5	38.4	0.9	0.6	2 846
25-49 years	88.8	89.0	0.2	0.0	18 144
50-64 years	61.5	62.2	0.7	2.6	7 585
Included : 55-64 years	48.3	49.5	1.2	3.7	3 954
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4.8	4.9	0.1	0.3	

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

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 **full-time employment rate (or part-time employment rate)** is the ratio between full-time (or part-time) employed people and the total population. The **full time equivalent employment rate** is the ratio between the number of jobs converted into full-time and the total population. The **core employment rate** is the arithmetic average of employment rates by age detail. The demographic weight of mixed age groups can therefore be erased.

- The **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population. **Active life expectancy** represents the average duration of activity in years of a fictitious generation subject to the conditions of activity of the period. It is independent of demographic structure.

- **Underemployment for the ILO** covers the persons who have a part-time job, who wish to work more hours during the reference week, and who are available to do so, whether they are looking for a job or not (**unwanted part-time**). Are also included in underemployment the persons having involuntarily worked less than usually (slack work).

- 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](#), [G701](#), [G705](#), [G842](#), [G982](#).

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Permanent contracts decreased by 0.1 percentage points in Q4 2012, at 49.0% of the population aged 15-64, whereas temporary contracts increased by 0.1 percentage points and stood at 6.7%.

The **full time equivalent employment rate** was lower by 4 percentage points than the employment rate: it stood at 59.7% on average in Q4 2012.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years increased by 0.5 percentage points, at 71.5%.

### Underemployment concerns 5.3% of employed people

In Q4 2012, 5.3% of the persons employed were **underemployed**, rising by 0.1 percentage points. Slack work stood at 0.4%.

The **unwanted part-time** picked up by 0.2 percentage points and stood at 4.9% of the employed (see *additional indicators on the internet*).

### ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2012 Q3	2012Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2012Q4 (p)*
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1 375</b>
Included : slack work	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	96
Women	7.9	7.9	0.0	-0.2	979
Men	2.7	2.9	0.2	0.3	396

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

Source : INSEE, Labour Force Survey

#### • Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q3 2012 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of December 2012.