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Main indicators

ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2012

New unemployment rate increase in Q2 2012

The unemployment rate

The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 point in Q2 2012 in metropolitan France

In Q2 2012, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.2% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.8 million unemployed people, 9.7% of the active population was unemployed, as well for men and women. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 point q-o-q after an increase of 0.2 in Q4 2011. It is as high as in 1999.

More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.5 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 2012Q 2 (p)*
	2012 Q1	2012Q 2 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,6	9,7	0,1	0,6	2 785
15-24 years	22,4	22,7	0,3	0,8	634
25-49 years	8,9	9,0	0,1	0,8	1 637
50 years and more	6,5	6,7	0,2	0,5	514
Men	9,6	9,5	-0,1	0,9	1 418
15-24 years	22,6	23,5	0,9	2,0	357
25-49 years	8,6	8,5	-0,1	1,0	806
50 years and more	6,8	6,5	-0,3	0,5	254
Women	9,6	10,0	0,4	0,4	1 367
15-24 years	22,2	21,7	-0,5	-0,8	277
25-49 years	9,2	9,5	0,3	0,6	830
50 years and more	6,3	7,0	0,7	0,7	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 0.1 point in Q2 2012 and stood at 63.9%.

Permanent and temporary contract employment rate (15-64 years)

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %

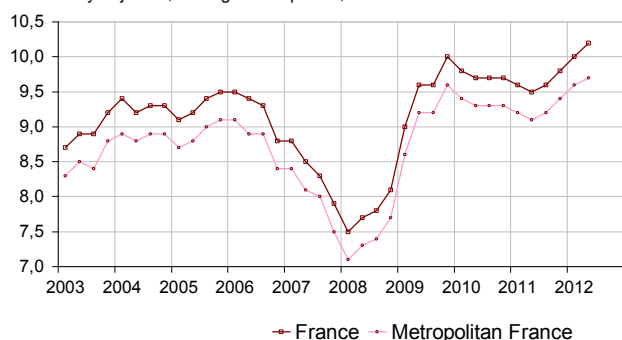


Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15-64 years

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

Permanent contracts increased by 0.2 point in Q2 2012, at 48.9% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts are stable over the year, at 6.7%.

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)
	2012Q 1	2012Q 2 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2012Q2 (p)*
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,8	63,9	0,1	0,0	25 587
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,3	59,6	0,3	0,1	23 833
Men aged 15-64	67,8	68,0	0,2	-0,3	13 375
Women aged 15-64	59,9	60,0	0,1	0,3	12 212
15-24 years	29,3	29,2	-0,1	-1,1	2 160
25-49 years	80,9	81,0	0,1	-0,8	16 544
50-64 years	56,1	56,5	0,4	2,2	6 883
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	43,4	43,8	0,4	2,7	3 505
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	43,3	43,7	0,4	2,7	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,8	6,9	0,1	0,5	2 780
Men aged 15-64	7,2	7,2	0,0	0,7	1 417
Women aged 15-64	6,4	6,7	0,3	0,4	1 363
15-24 years	8,5	8,6	0,1	0,1	634
25-49 years	7,9	8,0	0,1	0,7	1 637
50-64 years	4,0	4,2	0,2	0,6	509
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	3,1	3,4	0,3	0,6	269
Active people (15-64 years)	70,6	70,9	0,3	0,6	28 367
Men aged 15-64	75,0	75,2	0,2	0,5	14 792
Women aged 15-64	66,4	66,7	0,3	0,7	13 575
15-24 years	37,7	37,8	0,1	-1,1	2 795
25-49 years	88,8	89,0	0,2	-0,1	18 181
50-64 years	60,1	60,7	0,6	2,7	7 392
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	46,5	47,1	0,6	3,2	3 774
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,6	4,7	0,1	0,3	

*(p) = provisional results

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

Source : INSEE, Labour Force Survey

More:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is a person in age to work (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 an employment which begins in three months). The **part of the 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. It permit to erase the demographic weight of mixed age groups.

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

- The **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 it, whether they are looking for a job or not (**unwanted part-time**). Are also included in the underemployment the persons having involuntarily worked less than usually (slack work).

- Some additional indicators are available on the internet (long time datas, 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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The **full time equivalent employment rate** was lower by 4 points than the employment rate: it stood at 59.6% on average in Q2 2012.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years increased by 0.3 point, at 70.9%.

Underemployment is stable

In Q2 2012, 5.3% of the persons employed were **underemployed**. Slack work is stable at 0.4%.

The **unwanted part-time** was 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 Q1	2012Q 2 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2012Q 2 (p)*
Total	5,3	5,3	0,0	0,2	1 367
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,4	0,4	0,0	0,2	100
Women	7,8	7,9	0,1	0,0	963
Men	2,7	3,0	0,3	0,2	404

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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 Q1 2012 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of June 2012.