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Main indicators

■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2012

New unemployment rate increase in Q1 2012

• The unemployment rate

The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 point in Q1 2012 in metropolitan France

In Q1 2012, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.0% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.7 million unemployed people, 9.6% of the active population was unemployed, as well for men and women. The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 point q-o-q after an increase of 0.1 in Q3 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 1 (p)*
	2011 Q4	2012Q 1 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,3	9,6	0,3	0,4	2 746
15-24 years	22,3	22,5	0,2	-0,2	630
25-49 years	8,6	8,9	0,3	0,7	1 619
50 years and more	6,4	6,6	0,2	0,4	498
Men	9,1	9,6	0,5	1,0	1 436
15-24 years	22,0	22,7	0,7	1,6	348
25-49 years	8,1	8,7	0,6	1,1	821
50 years and more	6,3	6,8	0,5	0,9	267
Women	9,6	9,6	0,0	-0,2	1 310
15-24 years	22,7	22,2	-0,5	-2,4	282
25-49 years	9,0	9,2	0,2	0,3	798
50 years and more	6,6	6,3	-0,3	-0,3	231

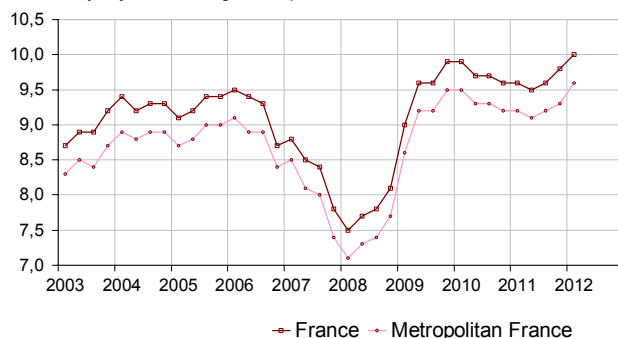
*(p) = provisional results

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

ILO-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

• ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years decreased by 0.1 point in Q1 2012 and stood at 63.8%.

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

Permanent contracts increased by 0.1 point in Q1 2012, at 48.8% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts are stable over the year, at 6.8%.

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)
	2011 Q4	2012Q 1 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2012Q1 (p)*
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,9	63,8	-0,1	-0,1	25 554
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59,4	59,3	-0,1	-0,2	23 761
Men aged 15-64	67,9	67,8	-0,1	-0,5	13 342
Women aged 15-64	59,9	60,0	0,1	0,4	12 211
15-24 years	29,4	29,3	-0,1	-0,6	2 173
25-49 years	81,3	80,9	-0,4	-1,0	16 535
50-64 years	55,6	56,2	0,6	1,9	6 845
Included : 55-64 years	42,8	43,5	0,7	3,0	3 487
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	42,7	43,3	0,6	3,0	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,6	6,8	0,2	0,3	2 739
Men aged 15-64	6,8	7,3	0,5	0,8	1 433
Women aged 15-64	6,4	6,4	0,0	-0,1	1 306
15-24 years	8,4	8,5	0,1	-0,3	630
25-49 years	7,6	7,9	0,3	0,5	1 619
50-64 years	3,9	4,0	0,1	0,3	490
Included : 55-64 years	3,0	3,1	0,1	0,3	248
Active people (15-64 years)	70,5	70,7	0,2	0,3	28 292
Men aged 15-64	74,7	75,1	0,4	0,4	14 775
Women aged 15-64	66,4	66,4	0,0	0,3	13 517
15-24 years	37,8	37,7	-0,1	-1,0	2 802
25-49 years	88,9	88,9	0,0	-0,4	18 154
50-64 years	59,5	60,2	0,7	2,3	7 336
Included : 55-64 years	45,7	46,6	0,9	3,3	3 735
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,6	4,6	0,0	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 59.3% on average in Q1 2012.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years increased by 0.2 point, at 70.7%.

Slack work is stable

In Q1 2012, 5.2% of the persons employed were **underemployed**. Slack work increased by 0.2 point, at 0.4%.

The **unwanted part-time** was 4.8% 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
	2011 Q4	2012Q 1 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2012Q 1 (p)*
Total	5,2	5,2	0,0	0,4	1 346
Included : slack work	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,2	98
Women	8,1	7,8	-0,3	0,3	974
Men	2,7	2,7	0,0	0,6	372

*(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

• Revision

The ILO unemployment rates of Q3 and Q4 2011 downgraded by 0,1 point with regard to the temporary publication. In this quarter, besides the usual revisions, the weighting of the labour force survey was revised to include the results of the census 2009.

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