

Informations Rapides



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Main indicators

■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2011

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• The unemployment rate

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In Q4 2011, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.8% of the active population.

In metropolitan France only, 9.4% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.7 million people. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 point q-o-q.

More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.4 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 2011 Q4 (p)*
	2011 Q3	2011 Q4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,3	9,4	0,1	0,1	2 678
15-24 years	21,6	22,4	0,8	0,2	626
25-49 years	8,4	8,6	0,2	0,2	1 567
50 years and more	6,6	6,5	-0,1	0,2	485
Men	8,8	9,2	0,4	0,6	1 359
15-24 years	20,6	22,0	1,4	1,4	335
25-49 years	7,8	8,3	0,5	0,6	782
50 years and more	6,3	6,3	0,0	0,4	242
Women	9,8	9,7	-0,1	-0,3	1 319
15-24 years	22,9	22,8	-0,1	-1,3	291
25-49 years	9,1	9,0	-0,1	-0,2	785
50 years and more	6,8	6,7	-0,1	0,1	243

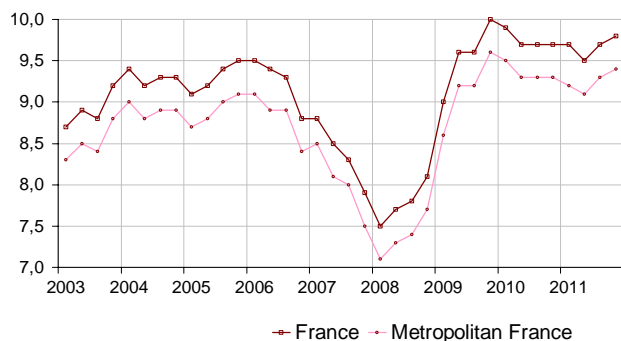
*(p) = provisional results

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 was stable at 63.8% in Q4 2011 such as during the previous year.

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 are stable in Q4 2011, at 48.7% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts slightly increased, 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 Q3	2011Q4 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,8	63,8	0,0	0,0	25 549
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,4	59,4	0,0	0,0	23 767
Men aged 15-64	68,2	67,9	-0,3	-0,4	13 357
Women aged 15-64	59,6	59,9	0,3	0,5	12 191
15-24 years	30,0	29,3	-0,7	-0,9	2 169
25-49 years	81,5	81,2	-0,3	-0,5	16 598
50-64 years	54,7	55,7	1,0	1,6	6 782
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	41,5	42,9	1,4	2,8	3 433
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	41,4	42,8	1,4	3,0	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,5	6,7	0,2	0,2	2 674
Men aged 15-64	6,6	6,9	0,3	0,4	1 358
Women aged 15-64	6,5	6,5	0,0	-0,1	1 316
15-24 years	8,3	8,4	0,1	-0,2	626
25-49 years	7,5	7,7	0,2	0,2	1 567
50-64 years	3,9	3,9	0,0	0,2	481
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	3,0	3,0	0,0	0,2	241
Active people (15-64 years)	70,3	70,5	0,2	0,2	28 223
Men aged 15-64	74,8	74,7	-0,1	0,0	14 715
Women aged 15-64	66,1	66,4	0,3	0,4	13 507
15-24 years	38,3	37,7	-0,6	-1,0	2 795
25-49 years	88,9	88,9	0,0	-0,3	18 166
50-64 years	58,7	59,6	0,9	1,9	7 263
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	44,5	45,9	1,4	3,0	3 673
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,5	4,6	0,1	0,3	

*(p) = provisional results

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 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 59.4% on average in Q4 2011.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years increased by 0.2 point, at 70.5%.

Slack work is stable

In Q4 2011, 5.3% of the persons employed were **underemployed**. Slack work increased by 0.3 point, at 0.2%.

The **unwanted part-time** was 5.0% 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 2011Q4 (p)*
	2011 Q3	2011Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Total	5,3	5,3	0,0	-0,7	1 357
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,5	0,2	-0,3	-0,5	55
Women	8,0	8,2	0,2	-0,6	992
Men	2,8	2,7	-0,1	-1,0	365

*(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 rate of Q3 2011 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of December 2011.