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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2015

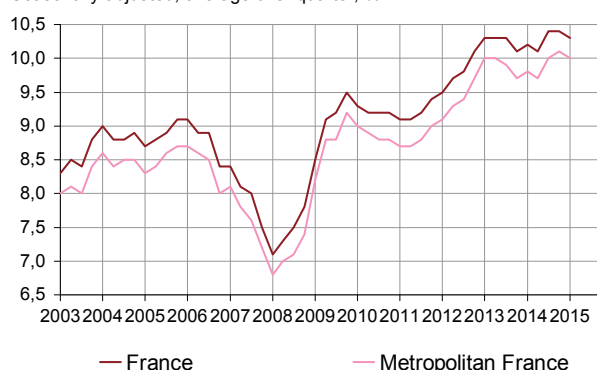
The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 point in Q1 2015

Decrease in unemployment rate in Q1 2015

In Q1 2015, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.3% of active population, after 10.4% in Q4 2014. In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.9 million people, 10.0% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q, especially for persons aged 50 and over. Over a year, it increased by 0.2 percentage points.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the level of unemployment rate and of its quarterly variations
Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Significant increase in unemployment halo

In metropolitan France, among inactive people, 1.5 million wish to work but they are not considered as unemployed: they are part of the halo around unemployment. The number of people in this **unemployment halo** rose by 71,000 in Q1 2015. This increase mainly concerns persons who wish to work, are available to take a job, but didn't seek one. Over the year, the unemployment halo rose by 104,000 persons.

Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thous ands 2015Q 1 (p)*
	2014 Q4	2015Q 1 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	10.1	10.0	-0.1	0.2	2,858
15-24 years	23.9	24.1	0.2	1.2	648
25-49 years	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.4	1,690
50 years and more	6.8	6.4	-0.4	-0.4	520
Men	10.5	10.4	-0.1	0.3	1,544
15-24 years	25.5	25.6	0.1	2.4	374
25-49 years	9.5	9.6	0.1	0.1	892
50 years and more	7.2	6.7	-0.5	0.0	278
Women	9.7	9.6	-0.1	0.2	1,314
15-24 years	21.9	22.4	0.5	-0.2	274
25-49 years	9.5	9.3	-0.2	0.6	798
50 years and more	6.3	6.1	-0.2	-0.8	242

*(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

People in unemployment's halo

Seasonally adjusted, thousands



Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

The employment rate and the activity rate decreased

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.1% in Q1 2015. It decreased by 0.2 percentage points quarter-on-quarter.

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

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	% of people in the age group		Variation in point over		Thousands (1)
	2014Q4	2015Q1 (p)*	quarter	year	2015Q1 (p)*
Employed people	64.3	64.1	-0.2	-0.2	25 463
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.4	59.3	-0.1	-0.1	23 545
Men	67.7	67.5	-0.2	-0.2	13 168
Women	61.0	60.9	-0.1	-0.1	12 296
15-24 years	28.3	28.3	0.0	-0.3	2 038
25-49 years	80.2	79.8	-0.4	-0.9	16 152
50-64 years	59.2	59.4	0.2	1.2	7 273
Included : 55-64 years	47.9	48.3	0.4	2.1	3 852
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	47.5	48.0	0.5	2.0	
Unemployed persons	7.3	7.2	-0.1	0.2	2 852
Men	8.0	7.9	-0.1	0.2	1 538
Women	6.6	6.5	-0.1	0.1	1 313
15-24 years	8.9	9.0	0.1	0.5	648
25-49 years	8.4	8.3	-0.1	0.2	1 690
50-64 years	4.4	4.2	-0.2	-0.1	513
Included : 55-64 years	3.8	3.5	-0.3	-0.2	278
Active people	71.6	71.3	-0.3	0.0	28 315
Men	75.7	75.4	-0.3	0.0	14 706
Women	67.6	67.4	-0.2	0.0	13 609
15-24 years	37.2	37.3	0.1	0.2	2 687
25-49 years	88.6	88.1	-0.5	-0.7	17 842
50-64 years	63.6	63.5	-0.1	1.0	7 786
Included : 55-64 years	51.6	51.8	0.2	1.9	4 131
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.1	

*(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 the previous table (which covers the total population).

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Permanent contracts employment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points in Q1 2015, at 48.8% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts employment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points, at 7.0%.

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.3% in Q1 2015. It decreased by 0.3 percentage points quarter-on-quarter, and remained stable year-on-year.

Underemployment concerns 6.5% of employed people

In Q1 2015, 6.5% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, as in Q4 2014. Slack work stood at 0.2% of the employed, decreasing by 0.1 points quarter-on-quarter.

ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2014Q4	2015Q1 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2015Q1 (p)*
Total	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.2	1 682
Included : slack work	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	63
Men	3.7	3.6	-0.1	0.5	480
Women	9.5	9.6	0.1	0.0	1 202

*(p) = provisional results

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Source : INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q1, Q3 and Q4 2014 are revised upwards by 0.1 points, compared to the temporary publication of March 2015. For those quarters, besides the usual revisions, the weighting of the Labour Force Survey has been revised to include the results of the census 2012, as well as the results of the continuous Labour Force Survey in overseas departments.

For more information:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is someone 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 people 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 **permanent contract employment rate (resp. temporary contract)** is the ratio between people employed on permanent contracts (resp. temporary contracts) and the total population.
- The **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population.
- The **unemployment halo** is composed of inactive people who seek a job but are not available, people who wish to work but don't seek a job, being available or not.
- **Underemployment for the ILO** covers the people 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 people who have unintentionally worked less than usual (slack work).
 - Some additional indicators are available on the internet (historical data, methodology, etc.): see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>
 - Historical data are available on the BDM: [G1533](#), [G1534](#), [G1535](#), [G1536](#), [G1537](#), [G1539](#)
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