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Main indicators

ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2015

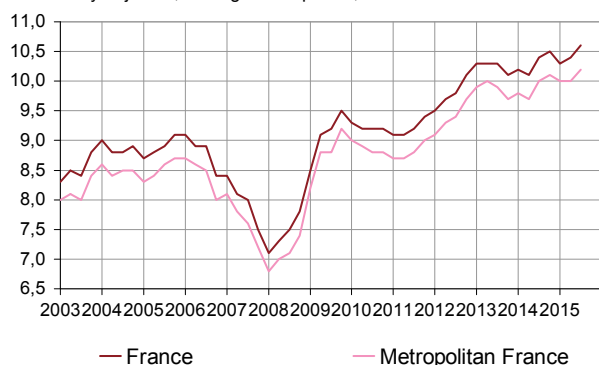
Increase in the unemployment rate in Q3 2015

The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 point over Q2 2015

In Q3 2015, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.6% of active population. In **metropolitan France** only, the number of unemployed has risen by 75,000 to 2.9 million people unemployed ; thus, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points q-o-q, standing at 10.2% of the active population. It increased across all age groups, but more particularly youth. Over a year, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation close to ± 0.3 points 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

Decline in the unemployment halo compared to previous quarter

In metropolitan France, among inactive people, 1.4 million wish to work but they are not considered as unemployed according to the ILO definition: they are part of the halo around unemployment. In Q3 2015, the number of people in this **unemployment halo** decreased sharply q-o-q (-64,000).

Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2015Q2 (p)*
	2015 Q2	2015Q3 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	10.0	10.2	0.2	0.2	2 941
15-24 years	23.6	24.6	1.0	0.8	659
25-49 years	9.3	9.5	0.2	0.1	1 694
50 years and more	7.0	7.2	0.2	0.5	588
Men	10.5	10.8	0.3	0.6	1 606
15-24 years	23.7	25.6	1.9	0.9	370
25-49 years	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.3	899
50 years and more	7.6	8.0	0.4	1.3	336
Women	9.4	9.7	0.3	-0.1	1 335
15-24 years	23.4	23.4	0.0	0.6	289
25-49 years	8.9	9.3	0.4	0.0	795
50 years and more	6.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.5	252

*(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 remained steady and the activity rate increased slightly

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.2% in Q3 2015, as in the previous quarter and in Q3 2015.

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)
	2015Q2	2015Q3 (p)*	quarter	year	2015Q3 (p)*
Employed people	64.2	64.2	0.0	0.0	25 497
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.4	59.5	0.1	0.2	23 598
Men	67.5	67.4	-0.1	-0.3	13 148
Women	61.1	61.2	0.1	0.4	12 348
15-24 years	28.3	28.0	-0.3	-0.2	2 023
25-49 years	79.9	79.9	0.0	-0.3	16 149
50-64 years	59.7	59.8	0.1	1.0	7 324
Included : 55-64 years	48.8	48.9	0.1	1.7	3 896
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	48.3	48.3	0.0	1.5	
Unemployed persons	7.2	7.4	0.2	0.2	2 935
Men	8.0	8.2	0.2	0.4	1 602
Women	6.4	6.6	0.2	-0.1	1 332
15-24 years	8.7	9.1	0.4	0.3	659
25-49 years	8.2	8.4	0.2	0.1	1 694
50-64 years	4.6	4.7	0.1	0.3	582
Included : 55-64 years	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.3	316
Active people	71.5	71.6	0.1	0.2	28 431
Men	75.5	75.6	0.1	0.2	14 750
Women	67.5	67.8	0.3	0.4	13 681
15-24 years	37.0	37.1	0.1	0.0	2 683
25-49 years	88.1	88.3	0.2	-0.2	17 843
50-64 years	64.3	64.5	0.2	1.3	7 906
Included : 55-64 years	52.8	52.9	0.1	2.0	4 211
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	5.2	5.2	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 slightly different of the data in the previous table (which covers the total population).

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Permanent contracts employment rate remained at 48.6% in Q3 2015. It decreased by 0.3 percentage points year-on-year. Temporary contracts employment rate stood at 7.4%. It increased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q, and by 0.6 percentage points y-o-y.

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.6% in Q3 2015. It increased by 0.1 percentage points quarter-on-quarter and by 0.2 percentage points year-on-year.

Underemployment increased slightly again

In Q3 2015, 6.7% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, increasing by 0.1 percentage points over the quarter. It mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. Slack work stood at 0.3% of the employed.

ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2015 Q2	2015 Q3 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2015 Q3 (p)*
Total	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.3	1 720
Included : slack work	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	87
Men	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.2	505
Women	9.8	9.8	0.0	0.4	1 214

*(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 Q2 2015 in metropolitan France remains unchanged, compared to the provisional result published in September 2015. It is revised upwards by 0.1 percentage points in France including 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/en/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>

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