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Main indicators



ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2014

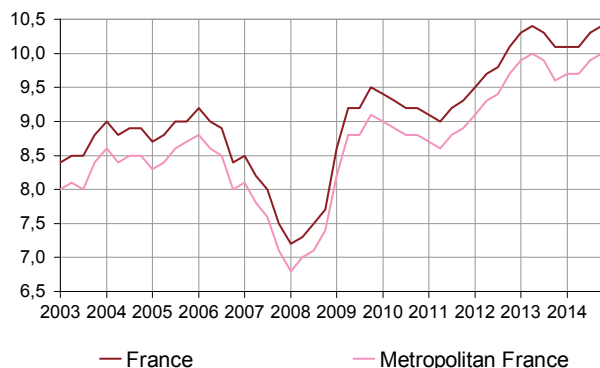
The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 point in Q4 2014

Increase in unemployment in Q4 2014

In Q4 2014, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.4%, after 10.3% in Q3 2014. It returned back to its Q2 2013 level. In **metropolitan France** only, the number of unemployed has risen by 36,000; with 2.9 million people, 10.0% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q in metropolitan France. Over a year, it increased by 0.4 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

Among inactive people, 1.4 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 20,000 in Q4 2014, and by 78,000 over the year.

Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

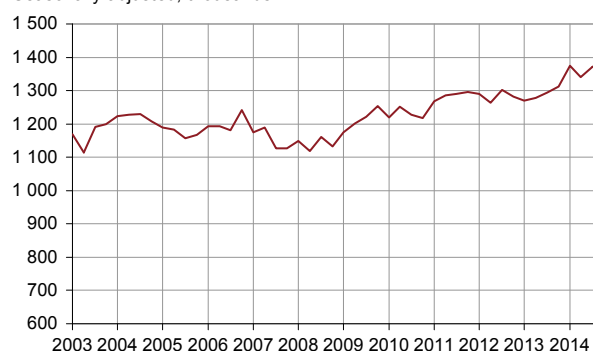
	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thous ands 2014 Q4 (p)*
	2014 Q3	2014 Q4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9.9	10.0	0.1	0.4	2,877
15-24 years	23.7	23.7	0.0	1.0	630
25-49 years	9.3	9.5	0.2	0.4	1,697
50 years and more	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.4	549
Men	10.1	10.4	0.3	0.8	1,542
15-24 years	24.5	25.3	0.8	2.9	367
25-49 years	9.4	9.4	0.0	0.3	879
50 years and more	6.7	7.2	0.5	0.9	297
Women	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0	1,334
15-24 years	22.8	21.8	-1.0	-1.3	263
25-49 years	9.2	9.5	0.3	0.3	819
50 years and more	6.8	6.4	-0.4	-0.1	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 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

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)
	2014Q3	2014Q4 (p)*	quarter	year	
Employed people	64.1	64.2	0.1	0.0	25 501
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.4	59.6	0.2	0.0	23,657
Men	67.5	67.5	0.0	-0.2	13,185
Women	60.7	61.0	0.3	0.3	12,316
15-24 years	27.8	27.8	0.0	-0.7	2,025
25-49 years	80.3	80.3	0.0	-0.5	16,247
50-64 years	58.8	59.2	0.4	1.4	7,228
Included: 55-64 years	47.1	47.9	0.8	2.2	3,812
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	46.8	47.5	0.7	2.0	
Unemployed persons	7.1	7.2	0.1	0.3	2,863
Men	7.7	7.9	0.2	0.6	1,537
Women	6.6	6.6	0.0	0.1	1,326
15-24 years	8.6	8.7	0.1	0.3	630
25-49 years	8.3	8.4	0.1	0.3	1,697
50-64 years	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.4	536
Included: 55-64 years	3.7	3.8	0.1	0.3	300
Active people	71.2	71.4	0.2	0.3	28,365
Men	75.2	75.4	0.2	0.4	14,722
Women	67.3	67.6	0.3	0.3	13,643
15-24 years	36.4	36.5	0.1	-0.4	2,656
25-49 years	88.6	88.7	0.1	-0.2	17,945
50-64 years	63.2	63.6	0.4	1.7	7,764
Included: 55-64 years	50.8	51.7	0.9	2.5	4,112
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.2	

*(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

The employment rate and the activity rate increased slightly

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.2% in Q4 2014. It increased by 0.1 percentage points quarter-on-quarter, and remained stable year-on-year.

Permanent contracts employment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points in Q4 2014, at 49.1% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts employment rate held steady, at 6.8%. The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.4% in Q4 2014, increasing by 0.2 percentage points q-o-q, and by 0.3 percentage points y-o-y.

Underemployment concerns 6.5% of employed people

In Q4 2014, 6.5% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, increasing by 0.1 percentage points over the quarter. Slack work stood at 0.4% of the employed.

ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2014 Q3	2014Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Total	6.4	6.5	0.1	0.2	1,685
<i>Included: slack work</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>92</i>
Men	3.7	3.8	0.1	0.6	501
Women	9.4	9.5	0.1	-0.2	1,184

*(p) = provisional results

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Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q3 2014 in metropolitan France remains unchanged, compared to the temporary publication of December 2014. It is revised down by 0.1 percentage points in France and 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 **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 details. The demographic weight of mixed age groups can therefore be erased.

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