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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2016

The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 points in Q3 2016

The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 points compared to Q2 2016

In Q3 2016, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.0% of active population, after 9.9% in Q2 2016.

In **metropolitan France** only, the number of unemployed increased by 31,000 to 2.8 million people unemployed; thus, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q, standing at 9.7% of active population. It increased among youths and persons aged 50 and over, whereas it decreased for men aged 25 to 49. Over a year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points.

Among unemployed, 1.2 million were seeking a job for at least one year. The **long-term unemployed rate** stood at 4.3% of active population in Q3 2016, as in the previous quarter and a year earlier.

ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2016Q3 (p)
	2016Q 2	2016Q 3 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	9.6	9.7	0.1	-0.4	2,805
15-24 years	23.9	25.1	1.2	0.8	667
25-49 years	8.9	8.7	-0.2	-0.8	1,546
50 years and more	6.5	7.0	0.5	0.0	592
Men	9.9	9.7	-0.2	-1.0	1,453
15-24 years	24.2	25.0	0.8	-0.5	358
25-49 years	9.1	8.4	-0.7	-1.3	776
50 years and more	6.9	7.5	0.6	-0.3	319
Women	9.3	9.7	0.4	0.2	1,353
15-24 years	23.5	25.3	1.8	2.5	310
25-49 years	8.8	9.0	0.2	-0.2	770
50 years and more	6.1	6.6	0.5	0.4	273
Long-term unemployed persons	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0	1,241

(p) = provisional results

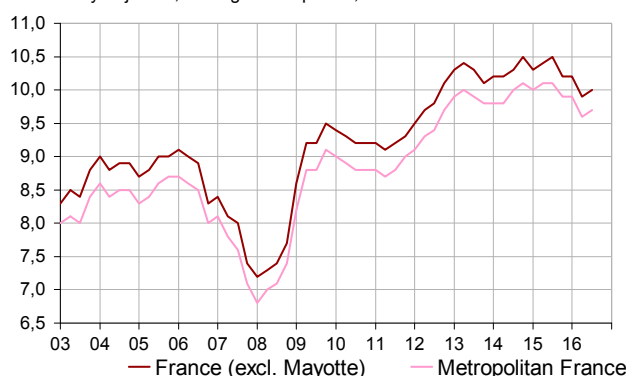
Scope : population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more in metropolitan France

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

In metropolitan France, among inactive people, 1.5 million persons wished to work without being considered as unemployed according to the ILO definition: they made up the halo around unemployment. In Q3 2016, the number of people in this **unemployment halo** decreased by 26,000 q-o-q. Over a year, it rose by 70,000.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation within +/-0.3 points of the level of unemployment rate and of its quarterly variations

Scope : population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more

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People in the unemployment halo

Seasonally adjusted, thousands



Scope : population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or over

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

The employment rate decreased slightly in Q3 2016

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.6% in Q3 2016. It fell by 0.1 percentage points compared to previous quarter: it decreased among youths whereas it increased slightly for other age groups. Over a year, the employment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points.

The **full-time-equivalent employment rate** was stable in Q3 2016, at 59.9%.

Slight decrease in the part-time employment rate

Full-time employment rate stood at 53.0% in Q3 2016. It increased by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q2 2016, and by 0.4 percentage points year-on-year.

Part-time employment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points from the previous quarter, standing at 11.7% in Q3 2016. It decreased for women but remained much higher for women (18.1%) than for men (5.0%).

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15-64 stood at 48.5% in Q3 2016. It decreased by 0.3 percentage points q-o-q and by 0.1 percentage points year-on-year. **Fixed-term and temporary employment rate** stood at 7.4%, as in previous quarter and in Q3 2015.

Underemployment decreased

In Q3 2016, 6.3% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, a ratio decreasing by 0.4 percentage points over the quarter. Underemployment mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. Slack work stood at 0.3% of the employed (-0.2 percentage points q-o-q).

The activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q2 2016

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 increased by 0.1 percentage points quarter-on-quarter, standing at 71.7% in Q3 2016, which was its Q3 2015 level.

Revisions

The ILO unemployment rate in Q2 2016 remains unchanged, compared to the provisional estimate published on 18 August 2016.

ILO employment rate in the population aged 15-64 years

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	% of people in the age group		Variation in points over	
	2016Q2	2016Q3 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	64.7	64.6	-0.1	0.2
Men	68.0	68.1	0.1	0.6
Women	61.5	61.3	-0.2	0.0
15-24 years	28.5	27.5	-1.0	-0.8
25-49 years	80.2	80.4	0.2	0.4
50-64 years	60.5	60.7	0.2	0.8
Included : 55-64 years	49.6	50.1	0.5	1.1
Permanent employment	48.8	48.5	-0.3	-0.1
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Full-time employment	52.8	53.0	0.2	0.4
Part-time employment	11.8	11.7	-0.1	-0.1
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.9	59.9	0.0	0.4

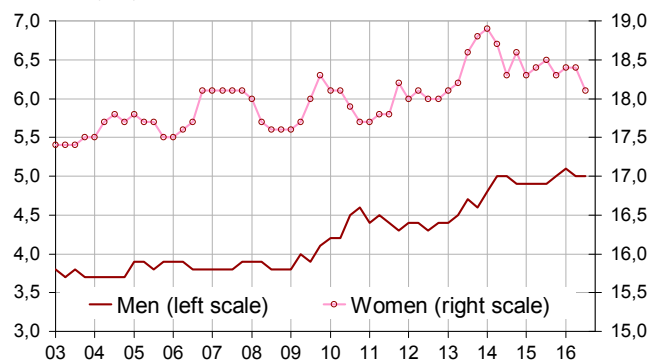
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Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Part-time employment rate by sex

Seasonally adjusted, in %



Scope : population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15-64 years

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

ILO activity rate in the population aged 15-64 years

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	% of people in the age group		Variation in points over	
	2016Q2	2016Q3 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	71.6	71.7	0.1	0.0
Men	75.5	75.5	0.0	-0.2
Women	67.8	68.0	0.2	0.2
15-24 years	37.5	36.7	-0.8	-0.7
25-49 years	88.1	88.1	0.0	-0.2
50-64 years	64.8	65.3	0.5	0.8
Included : 55-64 years	53.3	54.0	0.7	1.1

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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).

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