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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2016

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 points in Q4 2016

The unemployment rate in France decreased by 0.1 points, at 10.0% of active population in Q4 2016

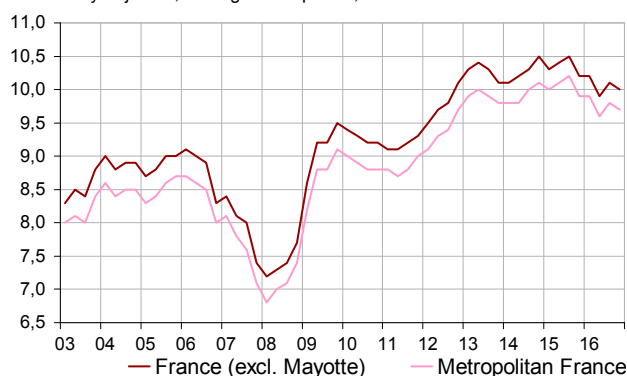
In Q4 2016, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.0% of active population, after 10.1% in Q3 2016.

In metropolitan France only, the number of unemployed decreased by 31,000 to 2.8 million people unemployed; thus, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q, standing at 9.7% of active population. It decreased among youths and persons aged 50 and over, whereas it increased for those aged 25 to 49. Over a year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points.

Among unemployed, 1.2 million were seeking a job for at least one year. The **long-term unemployed rate** stood at 4.2% of active population in Q4 2016. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q3 2016 and Q4 2015.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



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

ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2016 Q4 (p)
	2016 Q3	2016 Q4 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	9.8	9.7	-0.1	-0.2	2,783
15-24 years	25.0	23.3	-1.7	-0.7	627
25-49 years	8.8	9.0	0.2	-0.2	1,597
50 years and more	7.1	6.7	-0.4	0.0	559
Men	9.8	9.8	0.0	-0.6	1,472
15-24 years	24.8	24.0	-0.8	-1.5	352
25-49 years	8.5	8.8	0.3	-0.7	814
50 years and more	7.5	7.2	-0.3	0.0	306
Women	9.8	9.5	-0.3	0.1	1,311
15-24 years	25.1	22.5	-2.6	0.3	275
25-49 years	9.1	9.2	0.1	0.2	783
50 years and more	6.6	6.1	-0.5	-0.2	252
Long-term unemployed persons	4.3	4.2	-0.1	-0.1	1,223

(p) = provisional results

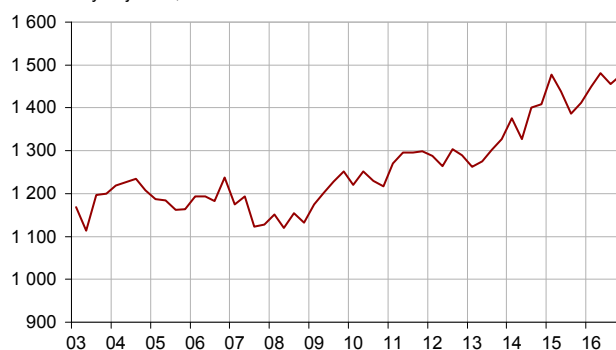
Scope : population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more in metropolitan France

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 Q4 2016, the number of people in this **unemployment halo** rose by 21,000 compared to the previous quarter, and by 65,000 over a year.

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 increased by 0.1 points in Q4 2016

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.7% in Q4 2016. It increased by 0.1 percentage points compared to the previous quarter. It recovered among youths and rose slightly for persons aged 50 and over. Nevertheless, it decreased for those aged 25 to 49. Over a year, the employment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points.

The **full-time-equivalent employment rate** was stable in Q4 2016, at 59.9%.

The permanent employment rate increased

Full-time employment rate remained at 53.0% in Q4 2016. It increased by 0.4 percentage points year on year. **Part-time employment rate** hold steady, at 11.7% in Q4 2016. It decreased by 0,1 percentage points compared to Q4 2015.

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15-64 stood at 48.7% in Q4 2016. It increased by 0.2 percentage points quarter on quarter and by 0.1 percentage points year on year. **Fixed-term and temporary** employment rate stood at 7.5%. It rose by 0.1 percentage points compared to the previous quarter and a year earlier.

Underemployment decreased again

In Q4 2016, 6.2% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, a ratio decreasing by 0.1 percentage points quarter on quarter, and by 0.4 percentage points over a year. Underemployment mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. Slack work stood at 0.2% of the employed.

The activity rate hold steady in Q4 2016

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.7% in Q4 2016, as in previous quarter. It increased by 0.1 percentage points over the year.

Revisions

The ILO unemployment rate in Q3 2016 has been revised upwards by 0.1 percentage points, compared to the provisional estimate published on 17 November 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	
	2016Q3	2016Q4 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	64.6	64.7	0.1	0.3
Men	68.1	68.2	0.1	0.6
Women	61.3	61.4	0.1	0.1
15-24 years	27.5	28.5	1.0	0.1
25-49 years	80.4	80.1	-0.3	0.0
50-64 years	60.7	60.8	0.1	0.9
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>
Permanent employment	48.5	48.7	0.2	0.1
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.4	7.5	0.1	0.1
Full-time employment	53.0	53.0	0.0	0.4
Part-time employment	11.7	11.7	0.0	-0.1
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.9	59.9	0.0	0.3

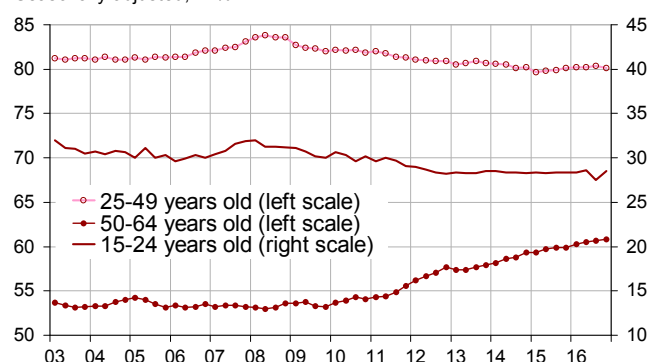
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Scope : population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15-64 years

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Employment rate by age group

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	
	2016Q3	2016Q4 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	71.7	71.7	0.0	0.1
Men	75.5	75.7	0.2	0.1
Women	68.0	67.8	-0.2	0.0
15-24 years	36.7	37.1	0.4	-0.3
25-49 years	88.1	88.1	0.0	-0.1
50-64 years	65.4	65.3	-0.1	0.9
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	<i>54.0</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.3</i>

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Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

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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