

Informations

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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2017

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 points in Q1 2017

In Q1 2017, the ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France decreased by 0.4 percentage points. The employment rate was stable and the activity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points

The unemployment rate in France stood at 9.6% of active population in Q1 2017

In Q1 2017, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.6% of active population, after 10.0% in Q4 2016.

In metropolitan France only, the number of unemployed decreased by 115,000 to 2.7 million people unemployed; thus, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points q-o-q, standing at 9.3% of active population. It decreased among youths and persons aged 25 to 49, whereas it was stable for those aged 50 and over. Over a year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage points.

Among unemployed, 1.2 million were seeking a job for at least one year. The **long-term unemployment rate** stood at 4.1% of active population in Q1 2017. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q4 2016, and by 0.2 percentage points over a year.

ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2017Q1 (p)
	2016 Q4	2017 Q1 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	9.7	9.3	-0.4	-0.6	2,674
15-24 years	23.3	21.8	-1.5	-2.6	582
25-49 years	9.1	8.7	-0.4	-0.6	1,533
50 years and more	6.6	6.6	0.0	0.1	559
Men	9.8	9.2	-0.6	-1.1	1,368
15-24 years	23.9	22.5	-1.4	-2.8	324
25-49 years	8.9	8.3	-0.6	-1.1	763
50 years and more	7.1	6.6	-0.5	-0.3	282
Women	9.5	9.4	-0.1	-0.1	1,306
15-24 years	22.5	20.9	-1.6	-2.3	259
25-49 years	9.3	9.1	-0.2	0.0	770
50 years and more	6.1	6.6	0.5	0.5	277
Long-term unemployed persons	4.2	4.1	-0.1	-0.2	1,180

(p) = provisional results

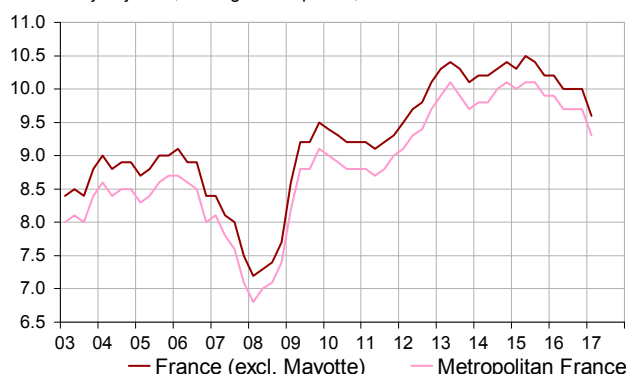
Scope : population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more in metropolitan France

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 Q1 2017, the number of people in this **unemployment halo** rose by 20,000 compared to the previous quarter, and by 58,000 over a year.

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

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 was stable in Q1 2017

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.7% in Q1 2017, as in previous quarter. It rose slightly among youths and for persons aged 25 to 49. It was stable for those aged 50 to 64. Over a year, the employment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points.

The **full-time equivalent employment rate** stood at 60.0% in Q1 2017. It rose by 0.1 percentage points compared to previous quarter, and by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q1 2016.

The fixed-term and temporary employment rate increased

Full-time employment rate stood at 53.0% in Q1 2017. It increased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q4 2016, and by 0.3 percentage points year on year. **Part-time employment rate** remained at 11.7% in Q1 2017. It decreased by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q1 2016.

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15-64 stood at 48.5% in Q1 2017. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points compared to previous quarter and by 0.3 percentage points year on year. **Fixed-term and temporary employment rate** rose by 0.3 percentage points, at 7.8%. It increased by 0.5 percentage points compared to Q1 2016.

Underemployment was stable

In Q1 2017, 6.2% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, as in previous quarter, a ratio decreasing by 0.2 percentage points over a year. Underemployment mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. Slack work stood at 0.3% of the employed.

The activity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points compared to Q4 2016

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.4% in Q1 2017. It decreased by 0.3 percentage points compared to the previous quarter and a year earlier.

Revisions

The ILO unemployment rate in Q4 2016 has not been revised, compared to the provisional estimate published on 16 February 2017.

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	
	2016 Q4	2017 Q1 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	64.7	64.7	0.0	0.1
Men	68.1	68.3	0.2	0.5
Women	61.3	61.2	-0.1	-0.2
15-24 years	28.5	28.7	0.2	0.4
25-49 years	80.1	80.2	0.1	0.0
50-64 years	60.8	60.8	0.0	0.4
Included : 55-64 years	50.2	50.7	0.5	1.1
Permanent employment	48.6	48.5	-0.1	-0.3
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.5	7.8	0.3	0.5
Full-time employment	52.9	53.0	0.1	0.3
Part-time employment	11.7	11.7	0.0	-0.2
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.9	60.0	0.1	0.2

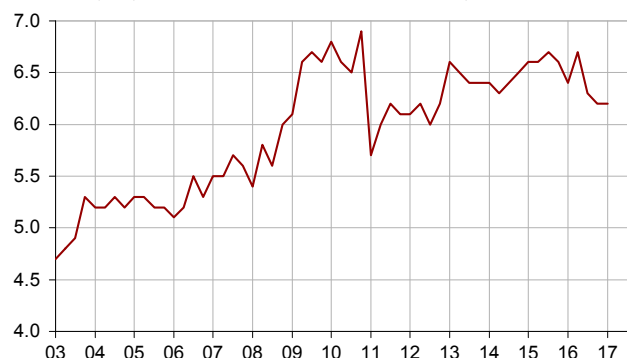
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Scope : population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15-64 years

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

ILO underemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, in % of the persons who have a job



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

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	
	2016 Q4	2017 Q1 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	71.7	71.4	-0.3	-0.3
Men	75.7	75.3	-0.4	-0.4
Women	67.8	67.7	-0.1	-0.2
15-24 years	37.1	36.7	-0.4	-0.7
25-49 years	88.1	87.8	-0.3	-0.6
50-64 years	65.2	65.3	0.1	0.5
Included : 55-64 years	54.1	54.5	0.4	1.2

(p) = provisional results

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

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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