

Informations *Rapides*

17 août 2017 - n° 215

Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2017

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 points in Q2 2017

In Q2 2017, the ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France decreased slightly, by 0.1 percentage points. The employment rate and the activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage points.

The unemployment rate in France stood at 9.5% of active population in Q2 2017

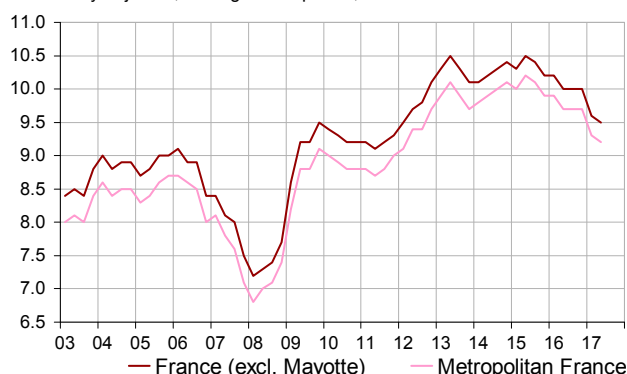
On average in Q2 2017, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.5% of active population, after 9.6% in Q1 2017. It has returned to its early 2012 level.

In metropolitan France, the number of unemployed decreased by 20,000 to 2.7 million people unemployed; thus, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points quarter on quarter, standing at 9.2% of active population. It decreased among persons aged 25 to 49 and those aged 50 and over, whereas it increased for youths. Over a year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points.

Among unemployed, 1.2 million were seeking a job for at least one year. The **long-term unemployment rate** stood at 4.0% of active population in Q2 2017. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q1 2017 and by 0.3 percentage points 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

ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2017 Q2 (p)
	2017 Q1	2017 Q2 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	9.3	9.2	-0.1	-0.5	2,651
15-24 years	21.8	22.7	0.9	-1.1	616
25-49 years	8.7	8.4	-0.3	-0.6	1,499
50 years and more	6.6	6.3	-0.3	-0.3	536
Men	9.2	9.2	0.0	-0.8	1,391
15-24 years	22.4	23.4	1.0	-0.9	349
25-49 years	8.3	8.2	-0.1	-0.9	763
50 years and more	6.6	6.5	-0.1	-0.4	280
Women	9.4	9.0	-0.4	-0.4	1,260
15-24 years	21.0	21.8	0.8	-1.5	268
25-49 years	9.1	8.7	-0.4	-0.2	736
50 years and more	6.6	6.1	-0.5	-0.1	257
Long-term unemployed persons	4.1	4.0	-0.1	-0.3	1,167

(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 as defined by the ILO, 1.5 million persons wished to work without being considered as unemployed according to the ILO definition: they made up the **halo of unemployment**. Their number decreased by 22,000 compared to Q1 2017 and was almost steady over a year (+2,000).

People in the halo of unemployment

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 0.5 points in Q2 2017

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased by 0.5 percentage points in Q2 2017 and stood at 65.3%, its highest level since 1980. It rose across all age groups, but more particularly among persons aged 50 to 64. Over a year, the employment rate increased by 0.7 percentage points.

The **full-time equivalent employment rate** stood at 60.4% in Q2 2017. It rose by 0.4 percentage points quarter on quarter, and by 0.5 percentage over a year.

The permanent employment rate increased by 0.3 points

Full-time employment rate stood at 53.3% in Q2 2017. It rose by 0.3 percentage points over a quarter, and by 0.5 percentage points year on year. **Part-time employment rate** stood at 12.0% in Q2 2017, increasing by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q1 2017 and Q2 2016.

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15-64 reached 48.9% in Q2 2017. It rose by 0.3 percentage points over a quarter and by 0.1 percentage points year on year. **Fixed-term and temporary employment rate** remained at 7.8% in Q2 2017. It increased by 0.4 percentage points compared to Q2 2016.

Underemployment was stable quarter on quarter

In Q2 2017, 6.1% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, as in previous quarter, a ratio decreasing by 0.6 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 increased by 0.5 percentage points compared to Q1 2017

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 72.0% in Q2 2017, its highest level since 1975. It increased by 0.5 percentage points compared to the previous quarter and by 0.4 percentage points compared to Q2 2016.

Revisions

The ILO unemployment rate in Q1 2017 is unchanged and the employment rate has been revised upwards by 0.1 percentage points, compared to the provisional estimate published on 18 May 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	
	2017 Q1	2017 Q2 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	64.8	65.3	0.5	0.7
Men	68.3	68.9	0.6	0.9
Women	61.3	61.8	0.5	0.4
15-24 years	28.8	28.9	0.1	0.3
25-49 years	80.2	80.8	0.6	0.6
50-64 years	60.8	61.6	0.8	1.2
Included : 55-64 years	50.8	51.5	0.7	1.9
Permanent employment	48.6	48.9	0.3	0.1
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.4
Full-time employment	53.0	53.3	0.3	0.5
Part-time employment	11.8	12.0	0.2	0.2
Full-time equivalent employment rate	60.0	60.4	0.4	0.5

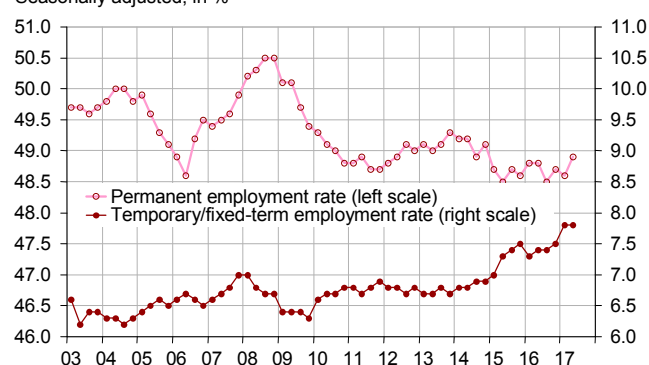
(p) = provisional results

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Permanent and temporary/fixed-term employment rate in the population aged 15-64 years

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	
	2017 Q1	2017 Q2 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	71.5	72.0	0.5	0.4
Men	75.3	76.0	0.7	0.4
Women	67.7	68.1	0.4	0.2
15-24 years	36.8	37.3	0.5	-0.2
25-49 years	87.8	88.3	0.5	0.2
50-64 years	65.3	65.8	0.5	1.0
Included : 55-64 years	54.5	54.9	0.4	1.6

(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).

- Complementary data (long series, monthly data) and metadata (methodology, linked internet pages, etc.) are available on the web page of this indicator: <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques?debut=0&theme=23&collection=5>
- Historical data are available on the BDM: <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques/series/103167923> ; <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques/series/102412458>
- Press contact: bureau-de-presse@insee.fr
- Follow us on Twitter @InseeFr_News : https://twitter.com/InseeFr_News

Next issue: 16 November 2017 at 07.30 am