

# Informations

## Rapides

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Main indicators



### ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2017

## The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 points in Q3 2017

**The unemployment rate in France stood at 9.7% of active population in Q3 2017**

On average in Q3 2017, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.7% of the labour force, after 9.5% in Q2 2017. Over a year, it fell by 0.3 percentage points.

**In metropolitan France, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points**

In metropolitan France, the number of unemployed increased by 62,000 to 2.7 million people; thus, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points quarter on quarter, standing at 9.4% of the labour force. The employment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points and the activity rate was almost steady. The unemployment rate increased among persons aged 25 to 49 and those aged 50 and over, whereas it decreased for youths.

Among the unemployed, 1.2 million declared that they had been seeking a job for at least one year. The **long-term unemployment rate** stood at 4.2% of active population in Q3 2017. It rose by 0.2 percentage points q-o-q and was almost stable y-o-y (-0.1 points).

### ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2017Q3 (p)
	2017 Q2	2017 Q3 (p)	over quarter	over year	
<b>Unemployed persons</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2,715</b>
15-24 years	22.6	21.9	-0.7	-3.0	593
25-49 years	8.5	8.9	0.4	0.2	1,576
50 years and more	6.3	6.4	0.1	-0.6	545
<b>Men</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1,435</b>
15-24 years	23.3	23.2	-0.1	-1.6	354
25-49 years	8.3	8.5	0.2	0.1	781
50 years and more	6.6	6.9	0.3	-0.4	300
<b>Women</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>1,280</b>
15-24 years	21.8	20.1	-1.7	-4.9	239
25-49 years	8.7	9.3	0.6	0.2	795
50 years and more	6.0	5.9	-0.1	-0.8	246
Long-term unemployed persons	4.0	4.2	0.2	-0.1	1,213

(p) = provisional results

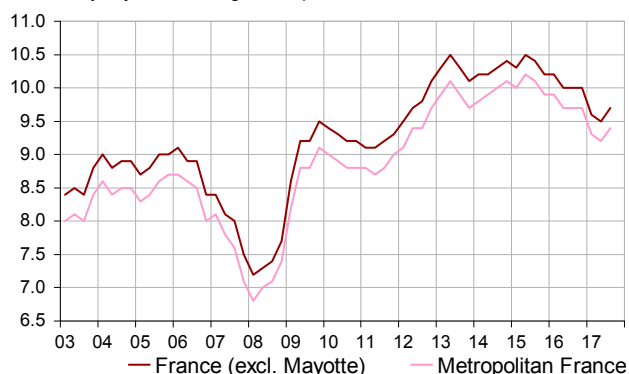
Scope: population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more in metropolitan France

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

In metropolitan France, among inactive people as defined by the ILO, 1.4 million persons wished to work without being considered as unemployed according to the ILO definition: they made up the **halo of unemployment**. Their number fell by 59,000 compared to Q2 2017 and by 62,000 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 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 decreased slightly compared to Q2 2017

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 65.1%, decreasing by 0.2 percentage points compared to the Q2 2017 peak. It decreased among those aged 25 to 49 and those aged 50 to 64, and held firm for youths. Over a year, the employment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points.

The **full-time equivalent employment rate** stood at 60.2% in Q3 2017. It fell by 0.2 percentage points q-o-q, and rose by 0.3 percentage points over a year.

**Full-time employment rate** stood at 53.2% in Q3 2017. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points compared to the previous quarter, and increased by 0.3 percentage points year on year. **Part-time employment rate** decreased by 0.1 percentage points, at 11.9%. It rose by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q3 2016. Women more often work part-time (18.2%) than men (5.4%).

**Permanent employment rate** for people aged 15-64 decreased slightly to 48.8% in Q3 2017. It rose by 0.3 percentage points compared to Q3 2016. **Fixed-term and temporary employment rate** stood at 7.8%. It fell by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q2 2017 and increased by 0.4 percentage points year on year.

### Underemployment barely changed over a year

In Q3 2017, 6.2% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, which mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. This ratio increased by 0.1 percentage points compared to Q2 2017, and decreased by 0.1 percentage points year on year.

### The activity rate was almost steady in Q3 2017

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.9% in Q3 2017, slightly below its Q2 2017 peak (-0.1 percentage points). It increased by 0.3 percentage points compared to Q3 2016.

### Revisions

The ILO unemployment rate in Q2 2017 is unchanged, compared to the provisional estimate published on 17 August 2017.

### ILO employment rate in the population aged 15-64 years

*Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter*

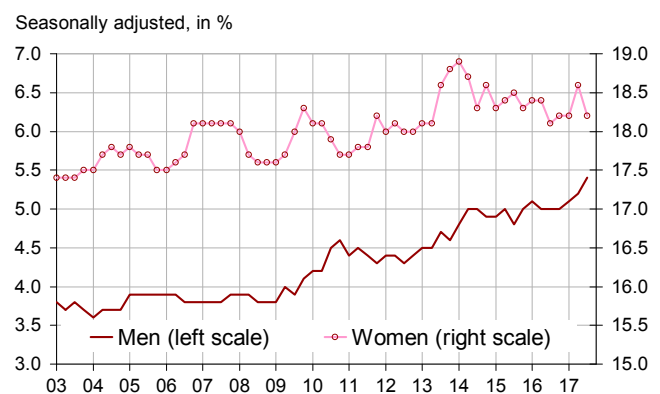
	% of people in the age group		Variation in points over	
	2017Q2	2017Q3 (p)	quarter	year
<b>Employed people</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Men	68.9	68.8	-0.1	0.8
Women	61.9	61.5	-0.4	0.2
15-24 years	28.9	29.0	0.1	1.5
25-49 years	80.8	80.5	-0.3	0.2
50-64 years	61.6	61.4	-0.2	0.7
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	<i>51.5</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Permanent employment	48.9	48.8	-0.1	0.3
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.9	7.8	-0.1	0.4
Full-time employment	53.3	53.2	-0.1	0.3
Part-time employment	12.0	11.9	-0.1	0.2
Full-time equivalent employment rate	60.4	60.2	-0.2	0.3

(p) = provisional results

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### Part-time employment rate by sex



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	
	2017Q2	2017Q3 (p)	quarter	year
<b>Active people</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Men	76.0	76.1	0.1	0.8
Women	68.1	67.8	-0.3	-0.2
15-24 years	37.3	37.1	-0.2	0.5
25-49 years	88.3	88.3	0.0	0.3
50-64 years	65.8	65.7	-0.1	0.3
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>54.6</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.7</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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