

Informations

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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2018

The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 points in Q1 2018, after having decreased by 0.7 points in Q4 2017

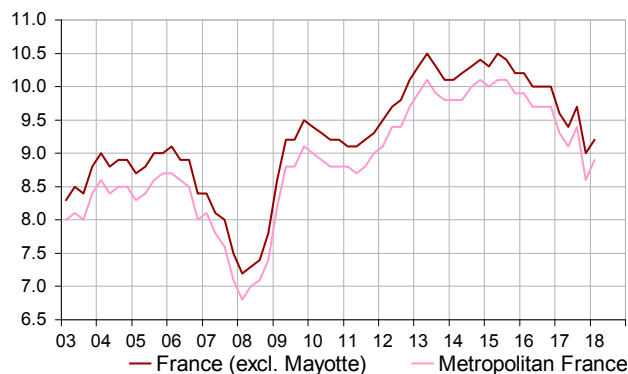
On average in Q1 2018, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.2% of the labour force, after 9.0% in Q4 2017. It increased by 0.2 percentage points quarter on quarter, after having decreased by 0.7 points in Q4 2017. Over a year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 points. In metropolitan France, the number of unemployed increased by 83,000 in early 2018 to 2.6 million people; thus, the unemployment rate increased by 0.3 points compared to Q4 2017, standing at 8.9% of the labour force. The employment rate was stable and the activity rate increased by 0.2 points. The unemployment rate increased across all age groups, particularly among women aged 15 to 49.

Long-term unemployment was almost steady

Among the unemployed, 1.1 million declared that they had been seeking a job for at least one year. The long-term unemployment rate stood at 3.6% of the labour force. This rate was almost steady compared to Q4 2017 (−0.1 points) and decreased by 0.5 points year on 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 2018Q1 (p)
	2017Q4	2018Q1 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	8.6	8.9	0.3	−0.4	2,586
15-24 years	20.6	20.8	0.2	−1.0	576
25-49 years	8.0	8.3	0.3	−0.3	1,470
50 years and more	6.1	6.3	0.2	−0.3	540
Men	8.8	8.8	0.0	−0.4	1,329
15-24 years	21.2	20.5	−0.7	−2.2	313
25-49 years	7.8	7.9	0.1	−0.4	722
50 years and more	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.0	294
Women	8.4	9.0	0.6	−0.3	1,257
15-24 years	19.9	21.1	1.2	0.3	263
25-49 years	8.1	8.8	0.7	−0.2	748
50 years and more	5.7	5.8	0.1	−0.8	246
Long-term unemployed persons	3.7	3.6	−0.1	−0.5	1,060

(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 fell by 22,000 in Q1 2018 and was almost steady year on year (−10,000).

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 was stable in Q1 2018, at its highest level since the early 1980s

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years remained at 65.7% in Q1 2018, as in Q4 2017 and at its highest level since the early 1980s. It rose by 1.0 percentage points year on year. It increased slightly for persons aged 50 to 64 and was almost stable among other age groups.

Full-time employment rate remained at 53.9% in Q1 2018. It increased by 0.9 percentage points compared to Q1 2017. **Part-time employment rate** stood at 11.8%, the same level as in Q4 2017, and close to its Q1 2017 level (+0.1 points).

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15 to 64 stood at 49.2% in Q1 2018, slightly above its Q4 2017 level (+0.1 points). It increased by 0.6 points over a year.

Fixed-term and temporary employment rate stood at 8.0%, close to its Q4 2017 level (-0.1 points). It rose by 0.2 points compared to Q1 2017.

In Q1 2018, 6.0% 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 0.4 points compared to Q4 2017, and was almost steady year on year (-0.1 points).

The activity rate increased by 0.2 points

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 72.2% in Q1 2018. It increased by 0.2 percentage points quarter-on-quarter and by 0.8 percentage points compared to Q1 2017.

Revisions

Compared to the provisional estimate published on 15 February 2017, the ILO unemployment rate in Q4 2017 has been upgraded by 0.1 percentage points in France (from 8.9 % to 9.0 %), due to seasonal adjustment coefficients recalculation. It is unchanged for metropolitan France. From this release on, results of the Labour Force Survey will not include those of the survey of non-respondents (see Abbreviated Methodology).

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	
	2017Q4	2018Q1 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	65.7	65.7	0.0	1.0
Men	69.3	69.4	0.1	1.0
Women	62.2	62.2	0.0	0.9
15-24 years	29.9	29.8	-0.1	1.2
25-49 years	81.0	81.0	0.0	0.8
50-64 years	62.1	62.4	0.3	1.5
Included : 55-64 years	52.2	52.3	0.1	1.5
Permanent employment	49.1	49.2	0.1	0.6
Fixed-term and temporary employment	8.1	8.0	-0.1	0.2
Full-time employment	53.9	53.9	0.0	0.9
Part-time employment	11.8	11.8	0.0	0.1
Full-time equivalent employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.0	0.9

(p) = provisional results

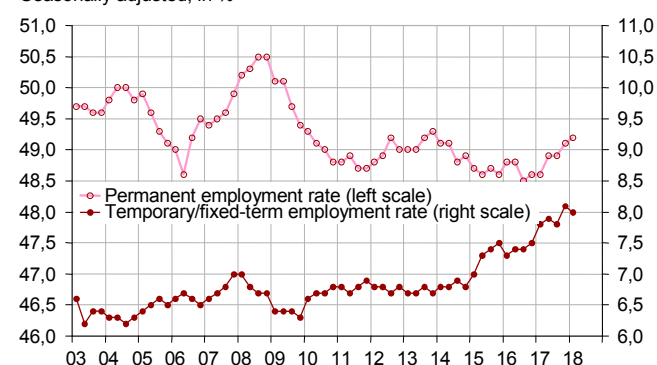
Scope: population of people living in households in metropolitan

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	
	2017Q4	2018Q1 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	72.0	72.2	0.2	0.8
Men	76.1	76.2	0.1	0.9
Women	68.0	68.4	0.4	0.8
15-24 years	37.6	37.7	0.1	1.1
25-49 years	88.0	88.4	0.4	0.6
50-64 years	66.3	66.6	0.3	1.3
Included : 55-64 years	55.6	56.0	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).

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