

# Informations *Rapides*

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Main indicators



■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2018

## The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 points in Q2 2018

**The unemployment rate in France stood at 9.1% of active population in Q2 2018**

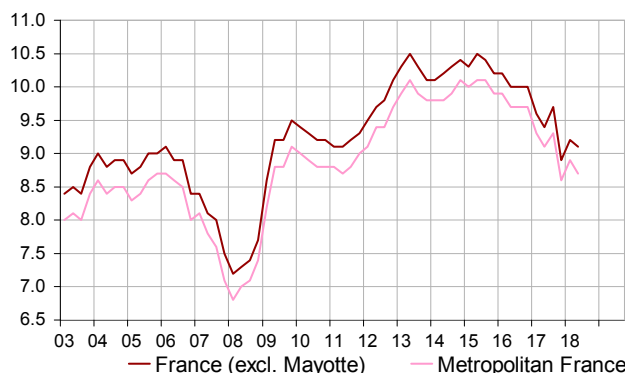
On average in Q2 2018, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.1% of the labour force, after 9.2% in Q1 2018. Over a year, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 points. In metropolitan France, the number of unemployed fell by 48,000 in Q2 2018 to 2.5 million people; thus, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 points compared to previous quarter (after having increased by 0.3 points in Q1 2018), standing at 8.7% of the labour force. At the same time, the employment rate rose by 0.1 percentage points and the activity rate was stable. The unemployment rate declined among youths and persons aged 25 to 49, whereas it was stable for those aged 50 and over.

### Long-term unemployment was stable

Among the unemployed, 1.0 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 in Q2 2018, as in previous quarter. This rate decreased by 0.4 points compared to Q2 2017.

### 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 2018Q2 (p) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|                              | 2018Q1                    | 2018Q2 (p) | over quarter        | over year   |                      |
| <b>Unemployed persons</b>    | <b>8.9</b>                | <b>8.7</b> | <b>-0.2</b>         | <b>-0.4</b> | <b>2,538</b>         |
| 15-24 years                  | 20.8                      | 20.1       | -0.7                | -2.6        | 554                  |
| 25-49 years                  | 8.3                       | 8.1        | -0.2                | -0.3        | 1,440                |
| 50 years and more            | 6.3                       | 6.3        | 0.0                 | 0.0         | 544                  |
| <b>Men</b>                   | <b>8.8</b>                | <b>8.7</b> | <b>-0.1</b>         | <b>-0.5</b> | <b>1,312</b>         |
| 15-24 years                  | 20.6                      | 21.2       | 0.6                 | -2.0        | 322                  |
| 25-49 years                  | 7.9                       | 7.8        | -0.1                | -0.4        | 708                  |
| 50 years and more            | 6.6                       | 6.4        | -0.2                | -0.2        | 281                  |
| <b>Women</b>                 | <b>9.0</b>                | <b>8.7</b> | <b>-0.3</b>         | <b>-0.3</b> | <b>1,227</b>         |
| 15-24 years                  | 21.1                      | 18.7       | -2.4                | -3.3        | 232                  |
| 25-49 years                  | 8.8                       | 8.5        | -0.3                | -0.1        | 732                  |
| 50 years and more            | 5.8                       | 6.2        | 0.4                 | 0.2         | 263                  |
| Long-term unemployed persons | 3.6                       | 3.6        | 0.0                 | -0.4        | 1,040                |

(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 19,000 quarter on quarter, and by 25,000 compared to Q2 2017.

### 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 remained high in Q2 2018

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 65.8% in Q2 2018, its highest level since the early 1980s. It was virtually stable (+0.1 percentage points) compared to Q1 2018 and increased by 0.4 percentage points year on year. Over the quarter, it increased by 0.3 points for persons aged 25 to 49 and was practically stable among other age groups.

## The fixed-term and temporary employment rate decreased slightly

**Permanent employment rate** for people aged 15 to 64 stood at 49.3% in Q2 2018. It was virtually stable over the quarter (+0.1 points). It increased by 0.4 points over a year. **Fixed-term and temporary** employment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points. It stood at 7.8%, close to its Q2 2017 level (–0.1 points)

**Full-time employment rate** remained at 53.9% in Q2 2018. It is 0.6 points higher than its Q2 2017 level. **Part-time employment rate** rose by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q1 2018. It stood at 12.0%, its Q2 2017 level.

## Underemployment was virtually stable

In Q2 2018, 5.8% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, which mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. This share is close to that of Q1 2018 (–0.1 points) and decreased by 0.2 points year on year.

## The activity rate was stable in Q2 2018

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 was stable at 72.2% in Q1 2018, its highest level since the beginning of the series (1975). It increased by 0.2 percentage points compared to Q2 2017.

## Revisions

Compared to the provisional estimate published on 23 May 2018, ILO unemployment, employment and activity rates in Q1 2018 are unchanged.

## 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 |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                                      | 2018Q1                       | 2018Q2 (p)  | quarter                  | year       |
| <b>Employed people</b>               | <b>65.7</b>                  | <b>65.8</b> | <b>0.1</b>               | <b>0.4</b> |
| Men                                  | 69.4                         | 69.3        | –0.1                     | 0.4        |
| Women                                | 62.2                         | 62.5        | 0.3                      | 0.6        |
| 15-24 years                          | 29.8                         | 29.9        | 0.1                      | 1.1        |
| 25-49 years                          | 81.0                         | 81.3        | 0.3                      | 0.4        |
| 50-64 years                          | 62.3                         | 62.3        | 0.0                      | 0.6        |
| Included : 55-64 years               | 52.2                         | 51.9        | –0.3                     | 0.3        |
| Permanent employment                 | 49.2                         | 49.3        | 0.1                      | 0.4        |
| Fixed-term and temporary employment  | 8.0                          | 7.8         | –0.2                     | –0.1       |
| Full-time employment                 | 53.9                         | 53.9        | 0.0                      | 0.6        |
| Part-time employment                 | 11.8                         | 12.0        | 0.2                      | 0.0        |
| Full-time equivalent employment rate | 60.9                         | 60.9        | 0.0                      | 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

## 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 |            |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
|                        | 2018Q1                       | 2018Q2 (p)  | quarter                  | year       |
| <b>Active people</b>   | <b>72.2</b>                  | <b>72.2</b> | <b>0.0</b>               | <b>0.2</b> |
| Men                    | 76.1                         | 76.0        | –0.1                     | 0.0        |
| Women                  | 68.4                         | 68.5        | 0.1                      | 0.4        |
| 15-24 years            | 37.7                         | 37.4        | –0.3                     | 0.1        |
| 25-49 years            | 88.4                         | 88.5        | 0.1                      | 0.2        |
| 50-64 years            | 66.6                         | 66.6        | 0.0                      | 0.7        |
| Included : 55-64 years | 55.9                         | 55.7        | –0.2                     | 0.8        |

(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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