

Informations

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Conjoncture

Main indicators

ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2018

The unemployment rate was stable in Q3 2018

The unemployment rate in France stood at 9.1% of active population in Q3 2018

On average in Q3 2018, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and the overseas departments (excluding Mayotte) stood at 9.1% of the labour force, as in the previous quarter. The unemployment rate is now 0.5 points lower than a year ago.

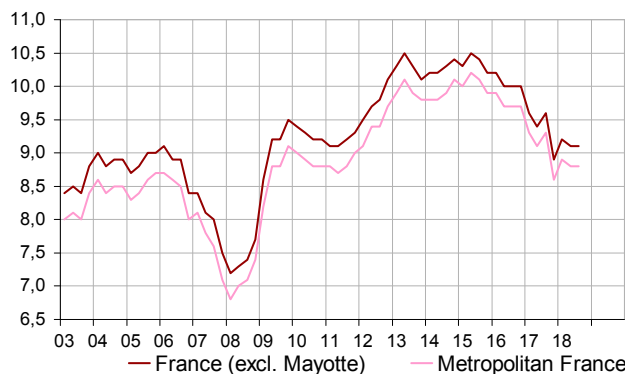
In metropolitan France, the number of unemployed increased by 22,000 in Q3 2018 to 2.6 million people; the unemployment rate was stable over a quarter, standing at 8.8% of the labour force. The unemployment rate rose among youths, especially among young men (+1.0 points). It was stable for persons aged 25 to 49 and edged down for those aged 50 and over.

Long-term unemployment declined slightly

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 3.4% of the labour force in Q3 2018. This rate decreased by 0.2 points over the quarter and 0.8 points over a year.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation within +/-0.3 points 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 2018Q3 (p)
	2018Q2	2018Q3 (p)	over quarter	over year	
Unemployed persons	8.8	8.8	0.0	-0.5	2,567
15-24 years	20.2	20.6	0.4	-0.9	581
25-49 years	8.2	8.2	0.0	-0.7	1,456
50 years and more	6.3	6.1	-0.2	-0.3	530
Men	8.8	8.9	0.1	-0.5	1,341
15-24 years	21.4	22.4	1.0	-0.2	350
25-49 years	7.8	7.9	0.1	-0.5	716
50 years and more	6.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.7	275
Women	8.8	8.7	-0.1	-0.5	1,225
15-24 years	18.7	18.4	-0.3	-1.7	231
25-49 years	8.6	8.7	0.1	-0.7	740
50 years and more	6.2	6.0	-0.2	0.2	255
Long-term unemployed persons	3.6	3.4	-0.2	-0.8	998

(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 was virtually stable quarter on quarter (+ 8 000), and increased by 48,000 over a year.

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 youths' employment rate went up sharply

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased slightly (+0.1 points) in Q3 2018. It stood at 65.9%, its highest level since the early 1980s. It increased by 0.8 percentage points year on year. Over the quarter, it went up by 0.5 points for persons aged 15 to 24 and was almost unchanged among other age groups.

Permanent employment rate for people aged 15 to 64 stood at 49.4% in Q3 2018. It increased a little over the quarter (+0.1 points) and by 0.6 points over a year. **Fixed-term and temporary employment rate** was practically stable (-0.1 points). It stood at 7.7%, 0.4 point below its higher level (-0.2 points), reached at the end of 2017.

More full-time jobs, fewer part-time jobs

Full-time employment rate remained at 54.1% in Q3 2018. It increased by 0.3 points over a quarter and 0.9 points over a year. **Part-time employment rate** reached 11.7%. It fell by 0.3 percentage points compared to Q2 2018 and 0.2 point compared to Q3 2017.

The underemployment rate diminished

In Q3 2018, 5.6% of the employed persons were **underemployed**. It mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. This share decreased by 0.2 points compared to Q2 2018, and 0.6 points over a year.

The activity rate increased slightly in Q3 2018

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 increased slightly (+0.1 points) at 72.3% in Q3 2018, its highest level since the beginning of the series (1975). It increased by 0.4 percentage points compared to Q3 2017.

Revisions

Compared to the provisional estimate published on 14 August 2018, ILO unemployment in Q2 2018 is unchanged in France. It has been upgraded by 0.1 percentage points in metropolitan France (from 8.7% to 8.8%), due to seasonal adjustment coefficients recalculation.

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	
	2018Q2	2018Q3 (p)	quarter	year
Employed people	65.8	65.9	0.1	0.8
Men	69.3	69.3	0.0	0.4
Women	62.4	62.5	0.1	1.0
15-24 years	29.9	30.4	0.5	1.3
25-49 years	81.2	81.1	-0.1	0.5
50-64 years	62.3	62.4	0.1	1.1
Included : 55-64 years	51.9	52.3	0.4	1.1
Permanent employment	49.3	49.4	0.1	0.6
Fixed-term and temporary employment	7.8	7.7	-0.1	-0.2
Full-time employment	53.8	54.1	0.3	0.9
Part-time employment	12.0	11.7	-0.3	-0.2
Full-time equivalent employment rate	60.9	61.1	0.2	0.8

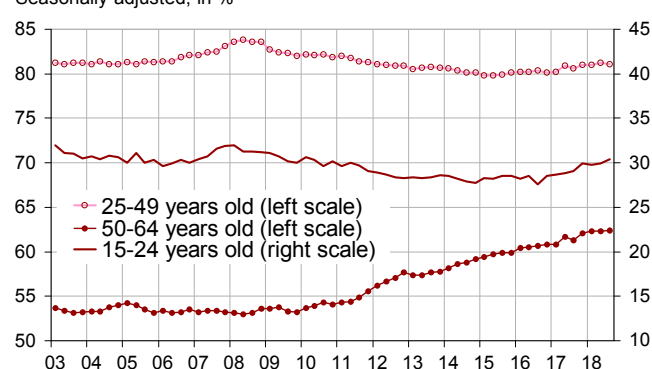
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Scope: population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15-64 years

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Employment rate by age group

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	
	2018Q2	2018Q3 (p)	quarter	year
Active people	72.2	72.3	0.1	0.4
Men	76.1	76.2	0.1	0.1
Women	68.5	68.6	0.1	0.8
15-24 years	37.5	38.2	0.7	1.1
25-49 years	88.5	88.4	-0.1	0.0
50-64 years	66.6	66.7	0.1	1.1
Included : 55-64 years	55.6	56.0	0.4	1.4

(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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