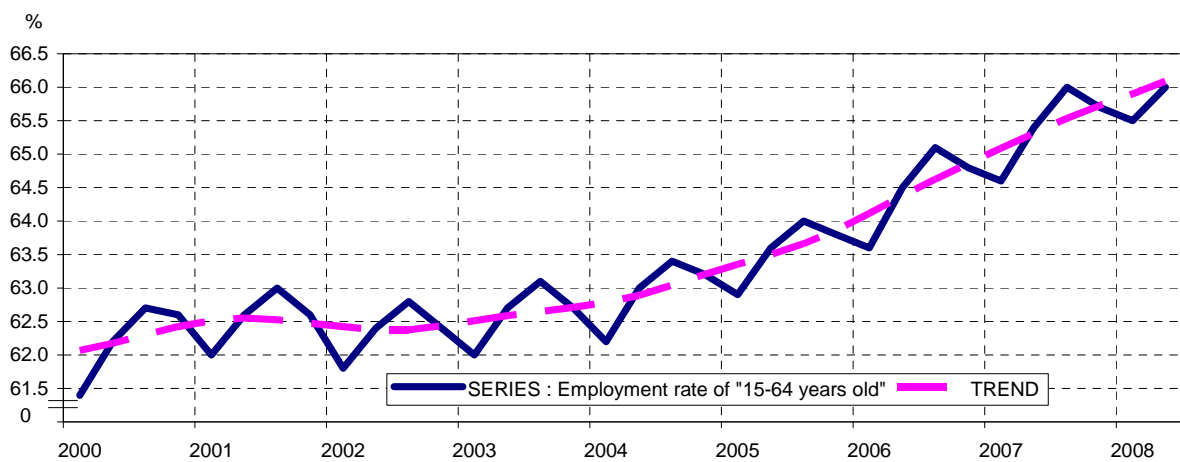


## Labour Market Latest Trends- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008 data<sup>1</sup>

Chart 1: Employment rate<sup>2</sup> (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2008Q2



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Chart 2: Changes in selected indicators for EU-27 from 2007Q2 to 2008Q2



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup> This publication belongs to a quarterly series presenting the main results of the EU Labour Force Survey for the EU-27 and for all Member States. Harmonised unemployment rates are published separately on a monthly basis (press release calendar available on Eurostat website).

<sup>2</sup> Number of people in employment aged 15 to 64 years divided by the total population aged 15 to 64 years. The trend is calculated at an EU-27 level using moving averages.

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of education, age and sex, 2nd quarter 2008, %**

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>48.2</b>
Less than upper secondary	56.7	34.2	75.9	36.6	54.2	31.1	74.3	37.5
Upper secondary level	77.1	56.9	87.5	51.2	75.8	57.3	86.3	50.5
Tertiary level	87.1	64.8	92.5	66.8	87.3	70.6	92.5	66.8
<b>Men</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>58.0</b>
Less than upper secondary	67.9	39.0	89.7	47.8	64.7	35.8	87.5	48.8
Upper secondary level	83.2	61.1	93.8	57.1	82.2	61.9	92.6	58.5
Tertiary level	90.3	60.5	96.2	72.1	90.6	68.4	96.2	72.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>
Less than upper secondary	45.5	28.8	61.5	28.0	44.1	25.9	61.1	29.4
Upper secondary level	70.9	52.8	80.9	45.1	69.1	52.7	79.7	42.0
Tertiary level	83.9	67.6	89.0	59.2	84.1	72.0	89.1	59.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %**

15-64 years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>233,992</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.2</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>150,863</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>63.3</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>150,309</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>63.3</b>
Belgium	4,680	66.3	67.3	66.7	72.7	73.6	73.2	59.7	61.0	60.2
Bulgaria	3,522	67.9	67.0	66.1	72.5	71.5	70.3	63.3	62.6	62.0
Czech Republic	5,154	69.6	69.4	69.7	78.0	77.8	77.9	61.1	60.9	61.5
Denmark	2,910	80.9	79.7	80.3	84.6	83.2	84.0	77.3	76.1	76.4
Germany	41,077	76.3	76.3	75.6	81.9	82.1	81.4	70.5	70.5	69.8
Estonia	661	72.8	72.5	73.5	77.3	77.3	77.9	68.7	68.0	69.5
Ireland	2,178	71.9	72.0	72.2	80.7	80.8	81.2	63.0	63.0	63.1
Greece	4,854	67.2	66.9	67.0	79.2	79.1	78.9	55.1	54.7	55.1
Spain	22,648	72.6	72.1	71.5	81.9	81.6	81.6	63.0	62.3	61.2
France	27,830	70.1	70.0	70.0	74.7	74.7	74.7	65.6	65.5	65.4
Italy	24,865	63.5	62.8	62.5	74.9	74.0	74.5	52.1	51.6	50.6
Cyprus	384	73.5	73.7	73.8	81.5	81.9	82.9	65.9	65.9	65.1
Latvia	1,165	74.3	74.7	72.0	78.0	78.8	76.4	70.9	70.9	68.0
Lithuania	1,566	67.6	67.3	68.2	71.7	70.1	71.2	63.8	64.6	65.5
Luxembourg	220	68.0	65.4	66.2	75.8	72.3	76.0	60.4	58.6	56.5
Hungary	4,157	61.2	61.0	61.9	68.2	67.7	69.2	54.4	54.7	55.0
Malta	169	58.8	58.2	59.0	76.2	77.0	77.7	41.0	38.8	39.6
Netherlands	8,709	79.4	78.8	78.5	85.5	84.9	84.7	73.2	72.7	72.2
Austria	4,181	74.9	74.1	74.9	81.6	80.4	82.1	68.3	67.9	67.7
Poland	16,644	63.5	63.2	62.9	70.6	70.3	69.9	56.5	56.3	56.1
Portugal	5,311	74.4	74.1	73.7	79.6	79.6	79.0	69.2	68.7	68.6
Romania	9,550	63.5	61.8	63.9	71.2	70.0	71.0	55.8	53.6	56.9
Slovenia	1,012	71.3	70.8	71.7	75.3	74.9	76.0	67.0	66.4	67.2
Slovakia	2,663	68.6	68.5	68.0	76.1	75.9	75.5	61.1	61.2	60.6
Finland	2,743	78.1	74.6	77.3	80.5	76.2	79.3	75.7	72.9	75.3
Sweden	4,856	80.4	78.4	79.9	82.7	80.7	82.0	78.0	76.0	77.7
United Kingdom	30,280	75.6	75.5	75.2	82.1	82.1	81.9	69.2	69.1	68.6
Croatia	:	:	62.4	62.7	:	69.1	69.5	:	55.8	56.0
Turkey	23,578	51.6	48.3	51.3	75.2	72.7	75.1	28.1	24.1	27.6
Iceland	180	88.3	84.7	88.8	92.7	89.0	92.5	83.4	80.1	84.8
Norway	2,536	80.6	79.6	78.8	83.5	82.1	81.7	77.5	76.9	75.9
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>236,707</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>63.4</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	81.6	:	:	88.2	:	:	75.0

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15-64 in the labour force

**Table 3. Employment rates by level of education, age and sex, 2nd quarter 2008, %**

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>45.8</b>
Less than upper secondary	50.3	27.5	68.1	34.0	48.1	24.6	66.8	35.1
Upper secondary level	71.9	50.1	82.3	48.0	71.0	50.3	81.5	47.9
Tertiary level	83.5	57.8	88.9	64.6	84.1	63.4	89.4	64.9
<b>Men</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>55.1</b>
Less than upper secondary	61.1	31.8	81.8	44.5	57.8	28.6	79.6	45.6
Upper secondary level	78.2	54.4	89.0	53.7	77.5	54.7	88.0	55.5
Tertiary level	87.2	53.6	93.2	69.5	87.7	61.1	93.4	70.2
<b>Women</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>37.0</b>
Less than upper secondary	39.5	22.6	53.8	25.9	38.7	20.1	54.0	27.6
Upper secondary level	65.5	45.9	75.4	42.1	64.3	46.1	74.6	39.8
Tertiary level	79.9	60.5	84.9	57.6	80.8	65.0	85.8	58.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %**

15-64 years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women			
			2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>217,936</b>	<b>±677</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>±0.2</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>58.3</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>139,779</b>	<b>±561</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>±0.3</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>58.0</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>139,248</b>	<b>±561</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>±0.3</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>58.0</b>
Belgium	4,382	±59	62.0	±0.8	62.6	61.6	68.3	68.7	68.2	55.7	56.4	54.9
Bulgaria	3,316	±83	63.9	±1.6	62.6	61.6	68.4	66.9	65.5	59.5	58.4	57.7
Czech Republic	4,934	±42	66.6	±0.6	66.1	66.0	75.3	74.9	74.5	57.8	57.2	57.5
Denmark	2,820	±28	78.4	±0.8	77.0	77.3	82.4	80.6	81.3	74.4	73.3	73.3
Germany	37,858	±493	70.3	±0.9	70.0	69.1	75.6	75.1	74.4	65.0	64.8	63.7
Estonia	634	±19	69.8	±2.0	69.5	69.7	73.8	74.6	73.2	66.1	64.8	66.4
Ireland	2,062	±20	68.1	±0.7	68.6	68.9	75.6	76.3	77.2	60.5	60.7	60.3
Greece	4,498	±86	62.2	±1.2	61.3	61.5	75.4	74.6	74.9	49.0	47.9	48.1
Spain	20,271	±123	65.0	±0.4	65.1	65.8	74.4	75.1	76.6	55.2	54.8	54.8
France	25,887	±182	65.2	±0.4	64.8	64.6	69.9	69.4	69.3	60.7	60.4	59.9
Italy	23,168	±118	59.2	±0.3	58.3	58.9	70.8	69.7	71.1	47.5	46.9	46.8
Cyprus	372	±9	71.1	±1.8	70.2	71.2	79.3	78.4	80.1	63.3	62.5	62.7
Latvia	1,089	±19	69.5	±1.2	69.6	67.6	72.9	73.2	71.5	66.2	66.3	64.0
Lithuania	1,495	±44	64.6	±1.9	63.9	65.4	68.0	66.8	68.2	61.3	61.2	62.7
Luxembourg	210	±4	65.0	±1.3	62.6	63.6	72.9	70.6	72.8	57.2	54.8	54.5
Hungary	3,838	±33	56.5	±0.5	56.1	57.6	63.1	62.5	64.4	50.1	50.1	51.0
Malta	159	±5	55.2	±1.6	54.7	55.2	71.6	72.8	73.4	38.5	36.0	36.3
Netherlands	8,463	±50	77.2	±0.5	76.4	76.0	83.3	82.5	82.3	70.9	70.3	69.6
Austria	4,035	±47	72.3	±0.9	71.0	71.5	79.0	77.0	78.9	65.7	65.0	64.2
Poland	15,452	±151	58.9	±0.6	58.0	56.8	66.0	64.9	63.4	52.1	51.3	50.4
Portugal	4,902	±51	68.6	±0.7	68.1	67.6	74.3	74.2	73.6	63.1	62.2	61.7
Romania	8,984	±296	59.7	±2.0	57.7	59.6	66.4	64.6	65.6	53.1	50.8	53.6
Slovenia	969	±19	68.3	±1.3	67.1	68.3	72.6	71.3	73.2	63.7	62.7	63.3
Slovakia	2,365	±23	61.7	±0.6	61.3	60.4	69.2	69.0	67.9	54.2	53.8	52.9
Finland	2,541	±17	72.3	±0.5	69.5	71.3	74.7	71.2	73.4	70.0	67.8	69.2
Sweden	4,518	±20	74.8	±0.3	73.4	74.3	77.2	75.8	76.7	72.3	70.9	71.9
United Kingdom	28,682	±137	71.6	±0.3	71.6	71.2	77.4	77.4	77.3	65.9	65.9	65.2
Croatia	:	:	:	:	56.0	56.9	:	63.2	63.6	:	49.1	50.2
Turkey	21,698	±255	47.4	±0.6	43.3	47.2	69.2	65.0	69.1	25.9	21.7	25.5
Iceland	174	±3	85.5	±1.5	82.8	86.0	89.6	87.0	89.4	81.1	78.4	82.2
Norway	2,466	±15	78.3	±0.5	77.5	76.7	81.0	79.9	79.4	75.5	75.2	73.8
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>220,576</b>	<b>±677</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>±0.2</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>58.5</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	78.6		:	:	85.6	:	:	71.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

**Table 5. Part-time employment (% of total employment), by economic activity, age and sex, 2nd quarter 2008**

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>25.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	20.3	27.5	13.1	34.6	21.3	31.2	15.2	32.2
Industry, incl. Energy	9.3	12.1	8.2	14.9	7.5	9.9	6.3	13.7
Construction	6.2	5.8	5.4	13.0	5.8	5.6	4.8	12.9
Trade, transport and communication services	21.2	35.2	18.2	24.5	20.1	36.8	15.9	25.6
Business activities and financial services	20.9	25.5	19.2	29.9	19.0	22.9	16.8	30.5
Other services	28.1	34.4	27.4	29.1	26.2	33.2	24.4	31.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	13.4	26.2	6.0	26.8	15.7	28.8	9.3	26.3
Industry, incl. Energy	3.6	9.5	2.1	8.8	3.3	8.0	1.7	8.8
Construction	3.3	5.0	2.2	9.3	3.4	4.8	2.2	9.5
Trade, transport and communication services	9.3	28.0	5.7	13.7	9.7	30.1	5.2	15.1
Business activities and financial services	9.0	24.8	6.1	17.6	8.8	21.8	5.5	19.7
Other services	11.7	29.7	9.4	14.6	11.7	29.8	8.5	18.0
<b>Women</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>40.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.1	31.0	27.4	48.6	30.4	36.7	24.8	41.0
Industry, incl. Energy	24.1	19.1	23.5	34.6	17.4	14.8	16.3	29.5
Construction	38.6	0.0	39.4	52.9	33.1	16.6	32.7	48.8
Trade, transport and communication services	36.4	42.3	34.5	41.5	33.2	43.4	29.7	42.3
Business activities and financial services	34.4	26.2	33.6	49.1	30.8	24.0	29.4	47.8
Other services	37.3	36.6	36.9	39.8	33.9	34.7	32.6	40.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 6. Part-time employment (% of total employment) by country and sex**

15+ years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>40,320</b>	<b>±308</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>27,927</b>	<b>±244</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>35.3</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>27,879</b>	<b>±244</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Belgium	998	±43	22.6	22.9	22.7	7.4	8.6	7.5	41.5	40.6	41.9
Bulgaria	81	±11	2.4	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.3
Czech Republic	248	±14	5.0	4.9	5.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	8.6	8.4	8.7
Denmark	707	±30	24.7	24.3	24.3	14.3	13.7	13.6	36.5	36.2	36.5
Germany	10,085	±173	26.2	26.1	26.3	9.7	9.6	9.5	45.8	45.6	46.2
Estonia	42	±7	6.4	7.9	7.9	3.8	5.1	4.3u	9.1	10.7	11.6
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	250	±16	5.5	5.8	5.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	9.7	10.2	10.5
Spain	2,449	±65	12.0	12.0	12.0	4.2	4.1	4.3	22.8	23.1	23.0
France	4,358	±111	16.8	17.3	17.3	5.8	5.9	5.7	29.3	30.0	30.4
Italy	3,460	±85	14.7	14.2	13.5	5.7	5.2	4.9	28.2	27.8	26.6
Cyprus	30	±3	7.7	7.8	7.0	5.0	5.0	4.2	11.2	11.3	10.4
Latvia	73	±10	6.4	6.0	7.3	4.4	4.4	5.4	8.5	7.7	9.2
Lithuania	99	±11	6.5	7.3	8.3	4.6	5.2	6.5	8.4	9.5	10.3
Luxembourg	33	±3	15.8	18.1	17.4	2.5u	2.0u	1.9u	32.5	38.4	38.2
Hungary	173	±12	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.2	3.1	2.7	6.0	5.9	5.7
Malta	19	±2	11.7	11.0	10.8	4.9	4.9	4.2	24.8	23.7	24.8
Netherlands	3,840	±38	47.1	47.5	46.7	23.7	23.9	23.4	75.3	75.6	74.8
Austria	968	±27	23.6	23.3	22.7	8.3	8.1	7.4	41.9	41.2	41.5
Poland	1,300	±79	8.3	8.9	9.3	6.1	6.1	6.8	11.0	12.3	12.4
Portugal	631	±39	12.1	12.1	12.2	7.4	7.6	8.2	17.4	17.4	16.9
Romania	961	±121	10.1	8.9	9.6	9.1	8.6	9.0	11.3	9.3	10.3
Slovenia	90	±7	9.0	9.3	9.9	7.2	7.3	8.1	11.3	11.7	12.1
Slovakia	53	±6	2.2	2.3	2.7	1.0	0.9	1.1	3.8	4.1	4.7
Finland	329	±12	12.9	14.2	13.6	8.6	9.5	9.0	17.6	19.4	18.7
Sweden	1,248	±25	27.0	27.0	25.1	13.9	13.4	11.6	41.6	42.2	40.4
United Kingdom	7,408	±110	25.3	25.4	25.2	11.2	11.1	10.7	41.9	42.1	42.4
Croatia	:	:	:	8.0	7.9	:	6.2	5.9	:	10.1	10.4
Turkey	2,127	±67	9.5	11.0	8.7	5.4	6.6	4.8	20.6	24.0	19.2
Iceland	33	±2	18.6	22.4	20.5	8.4	11.9	7.9	31.0	35.0	35.3
Norway	719	±19	28.6	28.7	28.4	14.4	14.3	13.8	44.4	44.7	44.6
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>41,073</b>	<b>±308</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	33.5	:	:	12.4	:	:	59.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15 years and more in part-time employment

**Table 7. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs by economic activity, full-time/part-time distinction and sex, 2nd quarter 2008**

	EA-15			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	42.4	48.5	19.0	40.4	45.4	22.9
Industry, incl. Energy	38.2	40.1	19.7	38.7	40.3	19.8
Construction	39.7	41.1	19.6	40.4	41.7	20.0
Trade, transport and communication services	37.8	42.8	19.4	37.6	42.6	19.0
Business activities and financial services	36.5	41.1	19.5	36.9	41.0	19.3
Other services	33.0	38.2	20.1	33.6	38.6	20.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>19.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.6	49.7	19.4	43.5	47.3	23.9
Industry, incl. Energy	39.7	40.5	18.8	40.0	40.7	19.1
Construction	40.5	41.2	21.0	41.2	41.8	22.2
Trade, transport and communication services	41.4	43.8	18.4	41.1	43.6	18.2
Business activities and financial services	40.4	42.4	19.3	40.5	42.4	19.1
Other services	37.3	39.6	20.1	37.6	40.0	19.7
<b>Women</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.5	44.9	18.8	34.9	41.3	22.0
Industry, incl. Energy	34.1	38.7	20.0	35.4	39.1	20.1
Construction	30.9	39.0	18.4	31.7	39.2	18.0
Trade, transport and communication services	33.0	41.0	19.7	33.2	40.8	19.3
Business activities and financial services	32.0	38.8	19.5	32.6	38.9	19.4
Other services	30.6	37.0	20.1	31.4	37.6	20.0

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 8. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs by country and sex**

15+ years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>207,658</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>±0.1</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>32.9</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>130,407</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>±0.1</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.8</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>129,887</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>±0.1</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.8</b>
Belgium	4,016	36.7	±0.5	36.6	36.5	40.4	40.1	40.0	32.0	32.4	32.2
Bulgaria	3,109	40.9	±0.2	40.6	40.5	41.5	41.1	41.1	40.2	40.1	39.9
Czech Republic	4,803	41.3	±0.1	41.1	40.9	43.3	42.8	42.9	38.6	38.8	38.4
Denmark	2,594	34.6	±0.3	33.9	33.8	37.3	36.2	36.7	31.2	31.2	30.4
Germany	35,477	35.8	±0.1	35.6	35.5	40.4	40.2	40.3	30.1	30.1	29.7
Estonia	634	39.5	±0.3	39.1	39.8	40.4	40.0	41.3	38.6	38.1	38.3
Ireland	1,967	36.2	:	36.0	36.4	40.3	40.0	40.7	30.5	30.4	30.5
Greece	4,749	41.0	±0.3	40.2	40.9	42.9	42.0	42.9	38.0	37.2	37.6
Spain	18,506	38.5	±0.2	37.6	38.2	41.2	40.2	40.8	34.7	34.0	34.4
France	23,186	36.3	±0.1	36.7	35.7	39.2	39.6	38.7	33.0	33.3	32.2
Italy	22,568	37.6	±0.2	37.4	37.8	40.6	40.4	40.9	32.9	32.8	33.0
Cyprus	365	38.2	±0.3	38.5	38.2	40.0	40.1	40.0	35.9	36.4	36.0
Latvia	1,098	39.2	±0.4	39.0	40.5	40.3	40.0	41.7	38.0	37.9	39.2
Lithuania	1,460	39.3	±0.2	38.7	38.3	40.3	39.4	39.4	38.2	38.0	37.1
Luxembourg	188	37.0	±0.7	37.5	36.4	40.2	40.7	39.6	33.0	33.4	31.7
Hungary	3,784	39.9	±0.1	39.9	39.5	40.9	40.8	40.7	38.7	38.9	38.1
Malta	156	39.0	±0.6	38.6	38.6	41.2	40.6	40.9	34.7	34.4	33.8
Netherlands	7,216	31.4	±0.1	31.1	31.2	36.6	36.3	36.4	25.0	24.8	24.6
Austria	3,818	37.5	±0.3	37.5	37.3	41.5	41.5	41.5	32.4	32.5	32.1
Poland	16,710	40.3	±0.3	39.6	40.2	42.4	41.6	42.3	37.7	37.0	37.4
Portugal	4,953	37.5	±0.4	37.4	37.4	39.3	39.2	39.0	35.4	35.3	35.4
Romania	9,385	40.0	±0.3	39.0	40.4	41.0	39.7	41.4	38.7	38.0	39.3
Slovenia	1,010	39.3	±0.3	39.2	39.0	40.3	40.3	40.2	38.0	37.9	37.5
Slovakia	2,356	40.3	±0.2	39.6	39.5	41.4	40.7	40.8	38.7	38.1	37.9
Finland	2,232	36.9	±0.2	36.7	35.7	39.0	37.7	37.9	34.4	33.4	33.1
Sweden	5,475	35.2	±0.2	34.6	34.3	37.7	37.2	36.7	32.3	31.6	31.5
United Kingdom	25,842	35.6	±0.1	34.9	35.5	40.0	39.2	40.0	30.3	29.7	30.0
Croatia	:	:	:	38.9	40.2	:	39.9	41.4	:	37.6	38.7
Turkey	21,905	49.7	±0.3	48.3	50.4	52.8	51.1	53.4	41.5	39.9	42.3
Iceland	201	41.4	±0.7	39.6	40.7	46.2	44.2	45.9	35.1	34.0	34.4
Norway	2,205	34.4	±0.3	32.8	32.9	37.8	36.0	36.1	30.5	29.2	29.0
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>210,065</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>±0.1</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>32.9</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	36.9	:	:	:	42.7	:	:	29.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of employed persons aged 15 years and more who have worked at least one hour during the reference week

**Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by economic activity, age group and sex, 2nd quarter 2008, %**

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.4	59.4	32.6	32.5	28.7	51.5	25.8	23.4
Industry, incl. Energy	12.5	49.0	8.8	4.6	11.4	40.1	8.6	5.2
Construction	22.4	46.5	19.4	10.4	18.8	36.7	16.7	9.8
Trade, transport and communication services	16.1	45.6	11.3	5.5	13.8	34.7	10.0	5.7
Business activities and financial services	13.8	46.4	11.0	5.5	12.0	36.5	9.5	7.1
Other services	18.0	58.1	16.0	7.1	15.2	47.7	13.3	8.5
<b>Men</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	33.3	54.8	29.4	29.9	26.2	48.3	23.2	21.4
Industry, incl. Energy	11.7	48.4	7.8	4.4	10.7	39.8	7.7	4.8
Construction	23.3	46.2	20.4	11.2	19.6	36.5	17.5	10.5
Trade, transport and communication services	14.3	45.2	9.8	5.1	12.0	33.7	8.5	5.0
Business activities and financial services	13.1	48.6	10.2	6.0	11.3	37.0	8.8	7.4
Other services	16.2	60.0	14.3	6.4	14.2	48.7	12.2	8.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	43.8	72.2	39.7	39.9	35.0	60.2	32.0	29.8
Industry, incl. Energy	14.6	50.5	11.2	5.4	12.9	40.5	10.5	6.3
Construction	13.5	49.6	9.6	:	10.6	37.0	8.1	:
Trade, transport and communication services	18.2	45.9	13.2	6.1	15.8	35.6	11.8	6.7
Business activities and financial services	14.4	44.6	11.7	5.1	12.6	36.2	10.2	6.7
Other services	18.9	57.3	16.9	7.7	15.7	47.3	13.8	8.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 10. Share of employees with temporary contracts by country and sex, %**

15+ years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>25,983</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>15.3</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>19,474</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>19,424</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Belgium	289	7.6	8.4	8.8	5.9	6.4	6.7	9.7	10.7	11.3
Bulgaria	152	5.1	4.2	5.8	6.0	4.4	5.6	4.2	3.9	6.0
Czech Republic	345	8.2	7.7	8.7	6.7	6.3	7.2	10.1	9.4	10.4
Denmark	224	8.6	8.2	9.1	7.8	7.4	7.8	9.4	9.0	10.3
Germany	4,955	14.6	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.9	14.2	14.9	14.4	14.2
Estonia	10u	1.7u	2.2u	2.2u	2.2u	3.0u	3.2u	:	:	:
Ireland	138	8.0	8.0	9.0	6.6	6.4	7.2	9.4	9.7	10.9
Greece	343	11.5	10.3	11.1	9.9	8.8	9.5	13.7	12.5	13.4
Spain	4,952	29.4	30.1	31.8	27.9	28.7	30.8	31.2	32.0	33.3
France	3,256	14.2	14.2	14.4	13.2	13.0	13.2	15.3	15.4	15.6
Italy	2,443	14.0	12.8	13.4	12.1	10.8	11.1	16.4	15.4	16.6
Cyprus	44	14.3	13.6	12.9	8.6	7.3	7.0	20.4	20.1	19.1
Latvia	30	3.0	2.7	5.2	3.9	3.8	6.4	2.0	1.5	4.0
Lithuania	36	2.7	2.1	3.7	3.5u	2.4u	5.4	1.9u	1.7u	2.1u
Luxembourg	15	7.6	6.2	6.9	7.7	5.6	7.0	7.5	7.0	6.8
Hungary	268	7.9	7.2	7.5	8.7	7.6	8.0	7.0	6.7	6.9
Malta	6	4.2	3.5	5.5	3.2u	2.8u	3.8	5.8u	4.7u	8.8
Netherlands	1,279	18.0	17.7	17.6	16.6	16.2	16.2	19.7	19.3	19.1
Austria	306	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.7	9.2	8.7
Poland	3,237	27.0	26.5	28.1	26.1	25.5	28.6	27.9	27.6	27.7
Portugal	925	23.2	22.9	22.2	21.8	21.9	21.7	24.8	24.1	22.6
Romania	81	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.6
Slovenia	144	17.0	17.0	18.4	15.0	14.4	16.5	19.2	19.9	20.6
Slovakia	87	4.2	4.1	5.4	4.0	3.9	5.1	4.4	4.3	5.7
Finland	379	17.0	12.8	17.3	13.2	9.0	13.5	20.7	16.6	21.1
Sweden	692	16.7	15.4	17.8	14.2	12.8	15.4	19.2	18.1	20.2
United Kingdom	1,347	5.3	5.3	5.8	4.7	4.8	5.2	6.0	5.9	6.4
Croatia	:	:	11.7	13.0	:	11.1	12.5	:	12.4	13.7
Turkey	1,688	12.9	8.6	13.8	12.8	8.8	13.9	13.4	7.8	13.5
Iceland	17	10.9	8.4	14.4	9.9	7.6	13.3	12.0	9.3	15.5
Norway	218	9.4	9.0	9.7	7.5	6.7	7.8	11.4	11.3	11.7
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>26,218</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	12.9	:	:	12.7	:	:	13.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of employees with temporary contracts

**Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months by economic activity, age group and sex, 2nd quarter 2008, %**

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.1	14.0	5.5	2.0	4.2	11.4	4.2	2.2
Industry, incl. Energy	4.0	12.8	3.4	1.3	3.7	11.9	3.1	1.4
Construction	6.4	11.9	6.0	2.7	6.2	12.3	5.7	2.8
Trade, transport and communication services	5.6	15.8	4.6	1.7	5.3	14.1	4.2	1.9
Business activities and financial services	5.0	17.2	4.4	1.5	4.8	15.2	4.2	1.7
Other services	3.6	13.7	3.1	1.5	3.6	13.5	3.0	1.6
<b>Men</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	4.6	11.3	4.8	2.4	4.1	10.9	3.9	2.4
Industry, incl. Energy	3.8	12.9	3.1	1.2	3.5	11.8	2.9	1.2
Construction	6.5	12.0	6.1	2.8	6.3	12.2	5.9	3.0
Trade, transport and communication services	4.9	14.0	4.2	1.5	4.7	12.8	3.8	1.8
Business activities and financial services	4.9	19.9	4.2	1.7	4.7	17.1	4.0	1.7
Other services	3.2	14.3	2.7	1.7	3.3	13.4	2.7	1.9
<b>Women</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	6.0	:	7.0	:	4.3	12.4	4.7	1.8
Industry, incl. Energy	4.6	12.8	4.0	:	4.1	12.3	3.6	1.7
Construction	5.1	:	4.8	:	5.1	:	4.5	:
Trade, transport and communication services	6.6	17.5	5.2	1.9	6.1	15.3	4.7	2.0
Business activities and financial services	5.1	14.7	4.6	:	4.9	13.4	4.3	1.6
Other services	3.8	13.3	3.4	1.3	3.7	13.5	3.2	1.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 12. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months by country and sex, %**

15+ years	2008Q2 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2	2008Q2	2008Q1	2007Q2
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>6,463</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Belgium	158	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.8
Bulgaria	133	4.0	4.0	5.2	4.4	4.3	5.1	3.4	3.7	5.3
Czech Republic	121	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.8	3.6	3.0
Denmark	209	7.4	7.6	8.1	6.4	7.1	7.3	8.4	8.2	8.9
Germany	1,627	4.3	3.8	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.2
Estonia	26	4.0	3.5	4.6	3.6	3.8u	4.6u	4.5	3.3u	4.6u
Ireland	81	3.9	4.5	5.1	3.4	4.1	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.8
Greece	110	2.4	1.5	2.6	2.1	1.4	2.4	2.8	1.8	2.9
Spain	1,330	6.5	6.7	7.3	5.9	6.1	6.8	7.4	7.7	7.9
France	1,525	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.6	5.7	6.1	5.9
Italy	855	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.9	4.6	4.3
Cyprus	20	5.1	3.4	5.4	4.7	3.2	5.2	5.7	3.7	5.6
Latvia	67	5.8	4.3	6.6	6.5	4.8	6.8	5.2	3.8	6.3
Lithuania	62	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.6	3.9	5.5	3.5	4.2	3.8
Luxembourg	6	2.7	1.5u	2.4	2.5u	:	2.1u	3.0u	2.5u	2.7u
Hungaria	123	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.6	3.1	2.8
Malta	5	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.7u	2.5u	2.7u	4.1u	4.8u	4.8u
Netherlands	133u	2.0u	2.0u	2.1u	1.8u	1.7u	1.9u	2.3u	2.3u	2.4u
Austria	194	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.2	4.6
Poland	694	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.8	4.6
Portugal	176	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.3
Romania	236	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.7	2.0	2.7	2.4
Slovenia	40	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.5	4.4
Slovakia	58	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.7
Finland	230	9.0	5.8	9.1	8.5	4.9	9.0	9.6	6.8	9.2
Sweden	398	8.7	7.5	8.9	8.1	6.7	8.5	9.3	8.4	9.3
United Kingdom	1,059	3.6	2.2	4.3	3.5	2.2	4.3	3.7	2.3	4.3
Croatia	:	:	2.7	4.3	:	2.5u	4.1	:	3.0u	4.4u
Turkey	2,070	9.3	7.8	8.5	9.7	7.7	9.2	8.3	8.0	6.7
Iceland	14	7.6	6.6	7.5	8.8	6.0	7.5	6.0	7.4	7.4
Norway	122	4.9	4.8	5.6u	4.6	4.7	5.8u	5.1	4.9	5.3u
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>9,809</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	3.9	:	:	3.2	:	:	4.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15 years or more whose job started within the past three months

## Methodology

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**Source:** The European Union Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) is a quarterly, large sample survey providing results for the population in private households in the EU, EFTA, and the Candidate Countries (excepted FYROM). Conscripts in military or community service are not included in the results. The sampling rates vary between 0.14% and 1.98%. The figures in this publication are not seasonally adjusted, due to the short times series available. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of International Labour Organisation.

Definitions of indicators presented in this publication are in the Eurostat website:

[http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs\\_series\\_sm.htm](http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm)

**Reference periods:** In Ireland, the data refer to seasonal quarter (December to February for Q1, March to May for Q2).

**Coverage:** The data for France exclude overseas regions. Icelandic data are provisional for 2008.

**Aggregates:** When data are unavailable for a country, the calculation of the corresponding aggregates takes into account the data for the same country one year before.

**Confidence limits:** All confidence limits are calculated at a level of confidence of 95%. The country limits are derived from coefficients of variation calculated by the National Statistic Institutes. When a coefficient is not available, the coefficient for the last quarter available is taken. For the calculation of limits of aggregates, we assume that the EU-LFS is a stratified sample with the country as the first stratum.

**Symbols:** Figures flagged with "u" lack reliability due to small sample size or the non-response for the underlying variable is more than 10%; ":" colons are used for unavailable or extremely unreliable data. Quarter 2 of the year 2008 is written as 2008Q2. European Union (27 countries) is written as EU-27, Euro Area(15 countries) as EA-15

**Economic activity:** In tables 5, 7, 9, 11 breakdowns are based on the industry of the main job. Revision 2 of the NACE started to be implemented in the EU-LFS in the first quarter of 2008, but for a transitory period, the classification used for the breakdown of EU aggregates by economic activity is version 1.1 of the NACE.

## Further information

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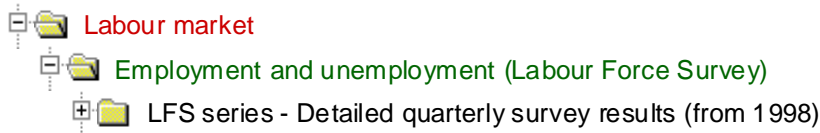
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