

Labour Force Survey Principal Results 1998

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In spring 1998 the population of the European Union was measured at 369 million people, taking into account only private households.

- 152 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving, for the population aged 15 to 64 years, an employment rate of 61% for the whole EU, with the lowest rate in Spain at 50% and the highest in Denmark at 75%;

- 17% of people with jobs said that they worked part-time, 80% of these part-time workers being women;

- 13% of employees had a work-contract of limited duration (33% of employees in Spain)

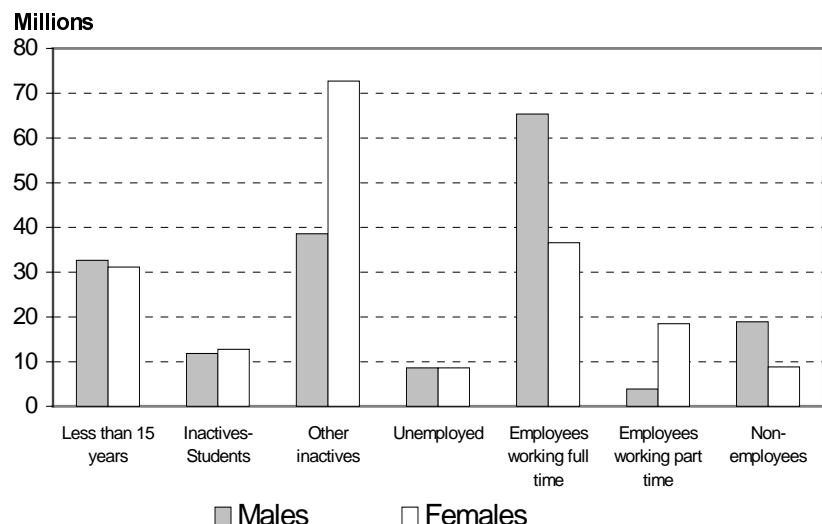
- the employees working full-time, work in average 40.5 hours per week (41.3 hours per week for males - 39.0 for females);

- 17 million people had no job but were available for work and looking for work, giving an unemployment rate of 10.2% for the whole EU, reaching 13.2% in Finland and 18.9% in Spain;

- 49% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year;

- 21% of unemployed persons were looking for their first job (the figure for Italy being over 50%).

Figure 1:
Population by sex and activity status, EU-15, 1998



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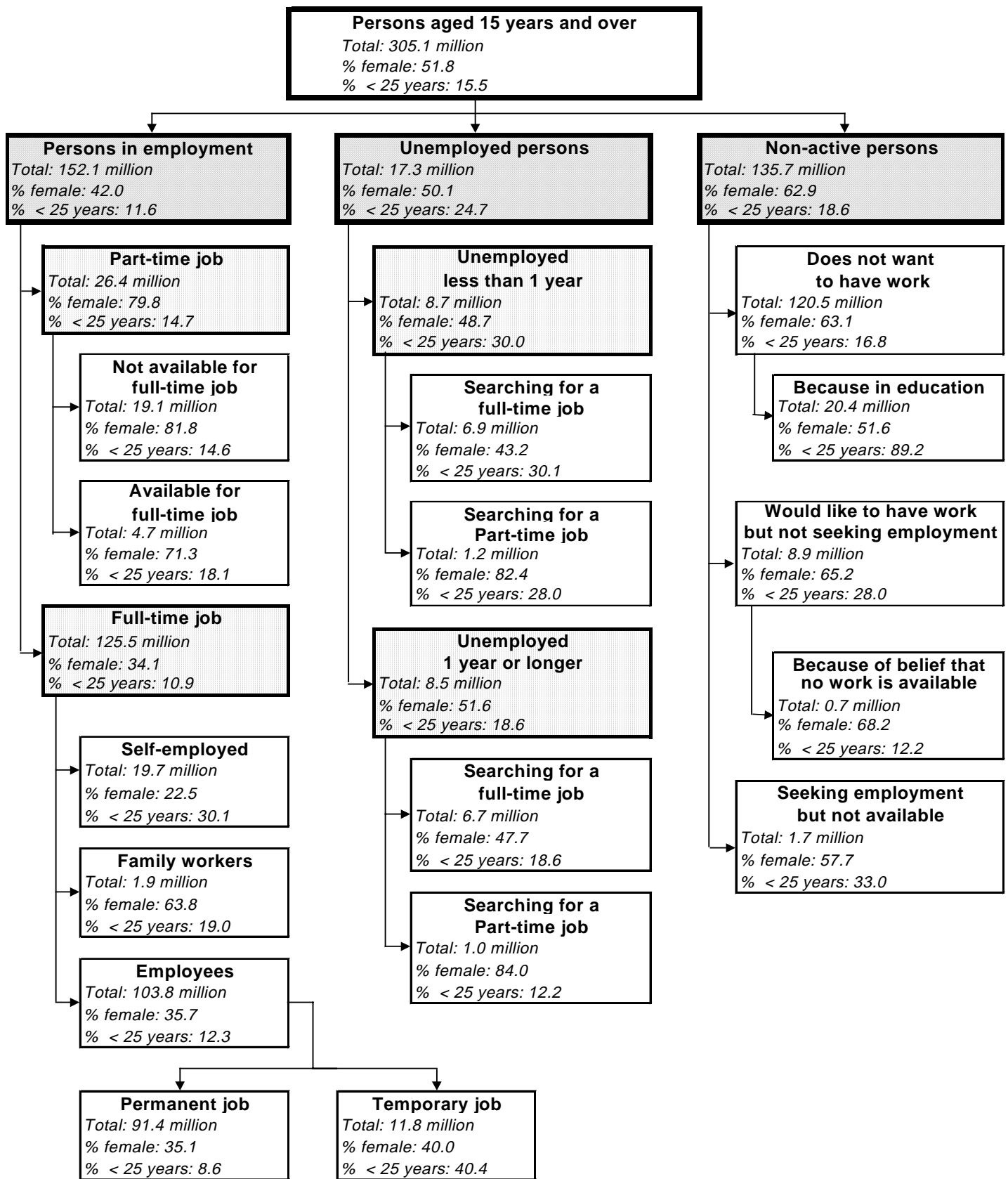
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Work status of persons aged of 15 years and more, EU-15, 1998 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾



⁽¹⁾ In certain cases, because of non-response, the sum of sub-categories does not equal the total for that category

⁽²⁾ 1997 for Ireland

Figure 2:
Activity by sex and age group, EU-15, 1998



Explanatory notes

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 1998 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998.

A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common Community coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication *Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 1998*.

Basic concepts and definitions

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. Persons carrying out obligatory military service are not included.

The survey does not cover persons living in collective households such as hostels, halls of residence, medical care establishments, religious institutions, collective workers' accommodation, etc.

Persons in employment are those who during the reference week did any work for pay or profit for at least one hour, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Family workers are also included.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week :

- (a) had no employment, and
- (b) were available to start work within the next two weeks, and
- (c) had actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.

In addition, unemployed persons include those who had no employment and had already found a job to start later.

Duration of unemployment is defined as:

- (a) the duration of search for a job, or
- (b) the length of the period since the last job was held (if this period is shorter than the duration of search for a job).

The active population is defined as the sum of persons in employment and unemployed persons.

Inactive persons are those who are not classified as persons in employment nor as unemployed persons.

Employees are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included.

The **number of usual hours worked per week** corresponds to the number of hours the person normally work including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal breaks.

Activity rates represent the labour force as a percentage of the population aged 15 to 64 years living in private households.

Employment rates represent persons in employment as a percentage of the population aged 15 to 64 years living in private households.

Unemployment rates represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

Table 1 - Labour force survey 1998 - Males and females

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	368 878	286 435	10 171	5 259	80 919	10 289	38 982	57 117
- aged 15-64 (1000)	247 001	193 217	6 702	3 520	55 219	6 933	26 302	37 301
- aged >64 (1000)	58 102	45 139	1 662	808	13 072	1 787	6 636	8 789
Active population								
-1000	169 408	129 147	4 253	2 821	39 393	4 445	16 226	25 568
-Activity rate (15-64 years) - %	67,8	66,2	63,2	79,4	70,7	62,5	61,3	68,3
Total employment								
-1000	152 078	114 603	3 857	2 679	35 537	3 967	13 161	22 469
-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %	60,8	58,7	57,3	75,3	63,7	55,6	49,7	59,9
- Full-time - %	82,6	84,3	84,3	77,7	81,7	94,0	91,9	82,7
- Part-time - %	17,4	15,7	15,7	22,3	18,3	6,0	8,1	17,3
-In the agriculture - %	4,8	5,1	2,2	3,7	2,8	17,8	7,9	4,4
-In the industry - %	29,5	30,6	27,2	26,5	34,4	23,0	30,4	26,4
-In the services - %	65,7	64,3	70,5	69,8	62,8	59,2	61,7	69,2
Employees								
-1000	126 779	95 152	3 187	2 419	31 635	2 245	10 115	19 671
-% of total employment	83,4	83,0	82,6	90,3	89,0	56,6	76,9	87,5
-Contract of limited duration - %	12,8	14,2	7,8	10,1	12,3	13,0	32,9	13,9
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	87,2	85,8	92,2	89,9	87,7	87,0	67,1	86,1
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	40,5	39,7	38,6	38,7	40,1	40,8	40,7	39,7
- employees working part-time	19,7	20,0	21,8	19,2	18,3	21,3	17,7	22,9
Unemployment								
- 1000	17 330	14 544	397	142	3 856	478	3 065	3 099
-Unemployment rate - %	10,2	11,3	9,3	5,0	9,8	10,8	18,9	12,1
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	33,3	30,7	23,7	58,5	30,4	25,1	30,5	39,8
-6 to 11 months	17,3	17,5	14,6	14,2	17,0	19,9	19,5	18,5
-12 months and more	49,4	51,8	61,7	27,3	52,6	54,9	50,0	41,7
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	21,2	21,8	21,7	4,5	5,9	48,1	23,4	11,0
-seeking a part-time job	12,9	12,2	11,3	16,5	12,1	4,5	4,6	13,6
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	135 695	109 210	4 111	1 507	28 898	4 274	16 712	20 522
- In education - %	18,0	19,0	19,0	17,8	16,2	18,0	19,4	23,2

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Table 1 - Labour force survey 1998 - Males and females

IRL ⁽¹⁾	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
									Population
3 605	56 803	420	15 431	7 913	9 950	5 124	8 854	58 041	-Total (1000)
2 378	38 956	282	10 592	5 330	6 741	3 414	5 659	37 671	- aged 15-64 (1000)
380	9 166	60	1 958	1 192	1 473	751	1 541	8 828	- aged >64 (1000)
									Active population
1 529	22 915	175	7 742	3 838	4 996	2 511	4 333	28 661	-1000
62.9	58.1	61.9	72.6	71.4	70.2	73.1	75.5	74.9	-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%
									Total employment
1 373	20 065	171	7 402	3 626	4 763	2 179	3 946	26 883	-1000
56.4	50.8	60.2	69.4	67.4	66.8	63.4	68.6	70.2	-Employment rate (15-64 years) -%
87.7	92.7	90.5	61.2	84.2	88.9	88.3	76.1	75.1	- Full-time - %
12.3	7.3	9.5	38.8	15.8	11.1	11.7	23.9	24.9	- Part-time - %
10.9	6.4	2.9	3.5	6.5	13.7	7.1	3.1	1.7	-In the agriculture - %
28.6	31.6	21.6	22.8	29.6	36.0	28.3	25.9	26.7	-In the industry - %
60.5	61.9	75.5	73.8	64.0	50.2	64.6	71.0	71.6	-In the services - %
									Employees
1 088	14 395	154	6 539	3 126	3 382	1 861	3 495	23 467	-1000
79.2	71.7	90.5	88.3	86.2	71.0	85.4	88.6	87.3	-% of total employment
9.4	8.6	2.9	12.7	7.8	17.3	17.7	12.9	7.1	-Contract of limited duration - %
90.6	91.4	97.1	87.3	92.2	82.7	82.3	87.1	92.9	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
									Usual hours worked per week
40.1	38.5	39.3	39.0	40.1	41.0	39.2	40.1	44.0	- employees working full time
18.4	23.7	20.3	18.7	22.1	19.3	20.0	24.3	18.1	- employees working part-time
									Unemployment
156	2 849	5	340	212	233	332	387	1 778	- 1000
10.2	12.4	2.8	4.4	5.5	4.7	13.2	8.9	6.2	-Unemployment rate - %
									Unemployment by duration (%):
26.5	17.9	44.7	16.4	55.7	42.8	57.9	42.6	52.5	-less than 6 months
16.6	14.2	23.9	35.7	14.8	14.9	14.0	19.6	14.7	-6 to 11 months
57.0	67.9	31.3	47.9	29.5	42.3	28.1	37.8	32.8	-12 months and more
									Unemployed (%):
16.8	53.9	26.6	28.7	7.7	17.3	25.6	4.5	13.4	-seeking a first job
15.1	14.3	14.0	58.5	18.1	-	9.9	8.9	21.7	-seeking a part-time job
									Total of non-actives
1 229	25 207	166	4 808	2 684	3 218	1 655	2 867	17 838	- 1000
27.4	19.2	18.9	15.6	-	25.1	21.7	26.1	10.7	- In education - %

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1998 - Males

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	179 811	139 240	4 975	2 588	39 429	5 014	18 928	27 653
- aged 15-64 (1000)	123 273	96 273	3 375	1 781	27 884	3 387	12 993	18 389
- aged >64 (1000)	23 869	18 354	676	339	5 084	821	2 820	3 632
Active population								
-1000	96 842	74 352	2 456	1 507	22 292	2 693	9 871	13 879
-Activity rate (15-64 years) - %	77,6	76,4	72,5	83,5	79,2	77,2	75,5	75,1
Total employment								
-1000	88 187	67 268	2 270	1 449	20 222	2 504	8 497	12 434
-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %	70,5	69,0	67,0	80,2	71,7	71,6	64,9	67,2
- Full-time - %	93,9	94,7	96,5	89,1	95,3	96,7	97,0	94,3
- Part-time - %	6,1	5,3	3,5	10,9	4,7	3,3	3,0	5,7
-In the agriculture - %	5,5	5,8	2,7	5,3	3,1	16,2	9,2	5,5
-In the industry - %	39,3	40,2	37,4	36,4	46,1	29,3	39,5	36,0
-In the services - %	55,2	54,0	59,9	58,2	50,8	54,4	51,3	58,5
Employees								
-1000	70 876	54 052	1 838	1 267	17 570	1 383	6 401	10 558
-% of total employment	80,4	80,4	81,0	87,4	86,9	55,2	75,3	84,9
-Contract of limited duration - %	12,0	13,5	5,9	9,3	12,1	12,0	32,1	13,0
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	88,0	86,5	94,1	90,7	87,9	88,0	67,9	87,0
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	41,3	40,3	39,1	39,3	40,4	41,7	41,2	40,3
- employees working part-time	19,0	19,9	21,5	13,8	15,4	22,5	18,7	23,1
Unemployment								
- 1000	8 655	7 084	186	58	2 071	188	1 374	1 445
-Unemployment rate - %	8,9	9,5	7,6	3,8	9,3	7,0	13,9	10,4
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	35,2	33,2	25,0	58,8	34,0	31,0	35,4	40,9
-6 to 11 months	16,8	16,7	15,4	16,9	16,1	24,2	20,2	17,6
-12 months and more	48,0	50,0	59,5	24,3	49,9	44,7	44,4	41,5
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	18,6	19,6	21,0	3,6	5,5	39,3	19,2	10,0
-seeking a part-time job	4,4	3,9	2,4	10,5	3,1	3,5	1,6	3,9
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	50 300	40 275	1 594	613	10 676	1 515	5 941	8 142
- In education - %	23,4	24,9	24,2	19,9	22,1	25,2	25,4	28,2

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Table 2 - Labour force survey 1998 - Males

IRL ⁽¹⁾	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1 797	27 494	208	7 664	3 821	4 784	2 486	4 377	28 593	Population
1 194	19 263	142	5 370	2 661	3 289	1 714	2 876	18 956	-Total (1000)
168	3 787	26	822	449	606	284	652	3 703	- aged 15-64 (1000)
									- aged >64 (1000)
933	14 124	109	4 470	2 154	2 747	1 315	2 314	15 977	Active population
76.0	72.3	76.0	82.4	80.3	79.0	76.1	78.7	82.8	-1000
									-Activity rate (15-64 years) - %
838	12 755	107	4 320	2 037	2 643	1 146	2 088	14 879	Total employment
68.0	65.1	74.6	79.6	75.9	75.8	66.2	70.8	77.0	-1000
									-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %
94.6	96.6	98.2	81.9	95.6	93.8	93.1	90.8	91.2	- Full-time - %
5.4	3.4	1.8	18.1	4.4	6.2	6.9	9.2	8.8	- Part-time - %
15.6	6.8	3.7	4.2	5.9	12.4	9.4	4.4	2.4	-In the agriculture - %
35.8	37.7	30.5	31.6	41.5	44.9	40.1	37.7	37.8	-In the industry - %
48.5	55.6	65.8	64.2	52.6	42.7	50.6	57.9	59.9	-In the services - %
604	8 720	95	3 754	1 745	1 850	919	1 761	12 414	Employees
72.0	68.4	89.0	86.9	85.7	70.0	80.2	84.3	83.4	-1000
									-% of total employment
7.1	7.5	2.4	10.2	8.0	16.2	13.3	10.6	6.0	-Contract of limited duration - %
92.9	92.5	97.6	89.8	92.0	83.8	86.7	89.4	94.0	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
41.6	39.7	40.3	39.2	40.2	42.1	40.1	40.2	45.7	Usual hours worked per week
19.2	27.9	24.2	18.9	23.0	21.0	16.8	18.9	17.2	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
95	1 370	2	150	118	103	169	225	1 099	Unemployment
10.2	9.7	1.9	3.4	5.5	3.8	12.9	9.7	6.9	- 1000
									-Unemployment rate - %
22.1	19.1	42.8	18.9	61.0	46.0	53.1	39.2	46.6	Unemployment by duration (%):
14.6	13.3	19.2	29.7	12.1	11.7	14.1	19.8	15.3	-less than 6 months
63.3	67.5	38.0	51.4	26.9	42.3	32.8	41.0	38.1	-6 to 11 months
									-12 months and more
15.5	50.9	29.5	34.0	5.8	15.3	23.6	5.0	12.2	Unemployed (%):
3.4	3.9	6.8	33.0	5.2	-	8.1	4.5	8.0	-seeking a first job
									-seeking a part-time job
429	8 926	60	1 722	955	1 149	682	1 214	6 682	Total of non-actives
38.4	25.9	26.3	19.8	-	33.3	25.7	29.1	13.5	- 1000
									- In education - %

Table 3 - Labour force survey 1998 - Females

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	189 067	147 195	5 196	2 671	41 491	5 275	20 054	29 464
- aged 15-64 (1000)	123 728	96 944	3 327	1 740	27 335	3 546	13 309	18 913
- aged >64 (1000)	34 233	26 786	987	469	7 988	966	3 816	5 157
Active population								
-1000	72 566	54 795	1 797	1 314	17 100	1 753	6 354	11 690
-Activity rate (15-64 years) - %	58,1	56,1	53,8	75,1	62,1	48,5	47,5	61,6
Total employment								
-1000	63 891	47 335	1 587	1 230	15 315	1 463	4 664	10 035
-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %	51,1	48,4	47,5	70,3	55,6	40,3	34,8	52,9
- Full-time - %	67,0	69,7	66,7	64,2	63,6	89,5	82,8	68,4
- Part-time - %	33,0	30,3	33,3	35,8	36,4	10,5	17,2	31,6
-In the agriculture - %	3,8	4,2	1,6	1,8	2,3	20,3	5,5	3,1
-In the industry - %	16,0	17,0	12,8	14,7	18,9	12,3	13,8	14,4
-In the services - %	80,2	78,8	85,7	83,5	78,7	67,4	80,7	82,5
Employees								
-1000	55 902	41 100	1 349	1 152	14 066	862	3 715	9 112
-% of total employment	87,5	86,8	85,0	93,7	91,8	58,9	79,7	90,8
-Contract of limited duration - %	13,7	15,2	10,4	11,0	12,5	14,7	34,4	15,0
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	86,3	84,8	89,6	89,0	87,5	85,3	65,6	85,0
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	39,0	38,6	37,5	37,7	39,3	39,3	39,6	38,7
- employees working part-time	19,8	20,0	21,8	21,0	18,7	20,6	17,4	22,9
Unemployment								
- 1000	8 675	7 460	210	84	1 785	290	1 691	1 655
-Unemployment rate - %	12,0	13,6	11,7	6,4	10,4	16,5	26,6	14,2
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	31,3	28,2	22,5	58,3	26,3	21,3	26,5	38,8
-6 to 11 months	17,8	18,2	13,9	12,4	18,1	17,1	19,0	19,2
-12 months and more	50,9	53,5	63,5	29,4	55,6	61,6	54,5	42,0
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	23,7	24,0	22,4	5,1	6,4	53,9	26,9	11,8
-seeking a part-time job	21,4	20,2	19,2	20,7	22,6	5,1	7,0	22,1
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	85 395	68 934	2 517	894	18 223	2 759	10 770	12 380
- In education - %	14,9	15,6	15,7	16,4	12,8	14,0	16,1	19,9

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Table 3 - Labour force survey 1998 - Females

IRL ⁽¹⁾	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1 808	29 308	212	7 767	4 092	5 166	2 638	4 478	29 448	Population
1 184	19 693	140	5 222	2 670	3 452	1 701	2 784	18 715	-Total (1000)
212	5 379	34	1 136	743	867	468	889	5 125	- aged 15-64 (1000)
									- aged >64 (1000)
596	8 791	67	3 272	1 684	2 249	1 195	2 020	12 683	Active population
49.8	44.3	47.6	62.5	62.5	61.9	70.0	72.2	66.9	-1000
									-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%
535	7 311	64	3 082	1 590	2 120	1 033	1 858	12 005	Total employment
44.7	36.7	45.6	58.9	59.0	58.1	60.5	66.4	63.2	-1000
									-Employment rate (15-64 years) -%
76.8	85.9	77.5	32.1	69.7	82.7	83.0	59.3	55.2	- Full-time - %
23.2	14.1	22.5	67.9	30.3	17.3	17.0	40.7	44.8	- Part-time - %
3.5	5.9	1.7	2.4	7.2	15.4	4.6	1.5	0.9	-In the agriculture - %
17.2	21.1	6.8	10.0	14.3	25.0	15.1	12.6	13.0	-In the industry - %
79.3	73.0	91.5	87.6	78.5	59.6	80.3	85.9	86.1	-In the services - %
484	5 675	59	2 785	1 381	1 532	942	1 735	11 053	Employees
90.5	77.6	92.9	90.4	86.9	72.3	91.2	93.4	92.1	-1000
									-% of total employment
12.1	10.3	3.7	16.1	7.7	18.6	21.9	15.2	8.3	-Contract of limited duration - %
87.9	89.7	96.3	83.9	92.3	81.4	78.1	84.8	91.7	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
37.9	36.3	37.4	38.5	39.8	39.6	38.2	40.0	40.7	Usual hours worked per week
18.1	22.3	19.8	18.6	22.0	18.9	20.9	25.4	18.3	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
61	1 480	3	190	94	129	162	162	679	Unemployment
10.2	16.8	4.2	5.8	5.6	5.8	13.6	8.0	5.4	- 1000
									-Unemployment rate - %
33.4	16.8	46.4	14.4	49.2	40.2	62.9	47.2	62.1	Unemployment by duration (%):
19.7	14.9	27.3	40.4	18.2	17.5	13.9	19.5	13.7	-less than 6 months
46.9	68.3	26.3	45.2	32.6	42.4	23.2	33.3	24.2	-6 to 11 months
									-12 months and more
18.8	56.6	24.5	24.5	10.1	18.9	27.7	3.6	15.4	Unemployed (%):
33.7	23.8	19.4	78.6	34.2	-	11.7	15.0	43.9	-seeking a first job
									-seeking a part-time job
800	16 281	107	3 086	1 729	2 069	973	1 653	11 156	Total of non-actives
21.5	15.5	14.8	13.3	-	20.6	19.0	23.8	9.0	- 1000
									- In education - %

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1998 - Population aged under 25 years

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	110 915	85 281	3 063	1 573	21 361	2 988	12 340	18 246
- aged 15-24 (1000)	47 140	37 203	1 256	642	8 732	1 419	6 295	7 219
Active population								
-1000	21 849	16 028	410	460	4 366	567	2 568	2 467
-Activity rate (15-24 years) - %	46,3	43,1	32,6	71,6	50,0	40,0	40,8	34,2
Total employment								
-1000	17 576	12 571	326	427	3 939	399	1 651	1 820
-Employment rate (15-24 years) - %	37,3	33,8	26,0	66,4	45,1	28,1	26,2	25,2
- Full-time - %	77,9	81,9	82,1	51,5	89,5	90,2	86,3	72,8
- Part-time - %	22,1	18,1	17,9	48,5	10,5	9,8	13,7	27,2
-In the agriculture - %	3,7	4,1	2,0	2,9	2,3	13,4	6,8	3,6
-In the industry - %	32,4	35,9	35,6	23,5	35,4	27,3	36,6	29,3
-In the services - %	63,9	60,0	62,3	73,6	62,4	59,3	56,6	67,1
Employees								
-1000	16 442	11 733	303	422	3 863	271	1 458	1 772
-% of total employment	93,5	93,3	92,9	99,0	98,1	68,0	88,3	97,4
-Contract of limited duration - %	37,6	45,7	27,7	27,2	52,2	25,8	73,1	53,8
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	62,4	54,3	72,3	72,8	47,8	74,2	26,9	46,2
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	40,3	39,9	38,4	37,6	39,2	42,9	41,2	39,4
- employees working part-time	15,9	17,0	21,7	11,6	12,9	22,3	17,9	22,5
Unemployment								
- 1000	4 273	3 457	84	33	427	169	916	646
-Unemployment rate - %	19,6	21,6	20,4	7,2	9,8	29,7	35,7	26,2
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	40,1	35,7	32,3	80,5	46,7	25,8	34,9	49,8
-6 to 11 months	22,2	23,1	24,0	11,4	23,4	22,7	26,6	27,2
-12 months and more	37,7	41,2	43,7	8,1	29,9	51,5	38,5	23,0
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	50,8	52,8	62,4	15,7	28,0	79,0	48,5	35,4
-seeking a part-time job	11,4	9,2	7,6	41,1	5,0	4,3	5,1	7,7
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	25 292	21 175	846	183	4 366	851	3 727	4 753
- In education - %	84,6	86,4	87,7	90,6	90,3	87,3	78,8	94,4

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The euro-zone (EUR-11) consists of the following countries: Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1998 - Population aged under 25 years

IRL ⁽¹⁾	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1 484	16 667	126	4 766	2 311	3 333	1 584	2 701	18 371	Population
637	7 986	48	1 886	921	1 597	626	1 047	6 829	-Total (1000)
									- aged 15-24 (1000)
290	3 057	17	1 247	539	756	311	425	4 368	Active population
45.6	38.3	35.3	66.1	58.5	47.4	49.7	40.6	64.0	-1000
									-Activity rate (15-24 years)-%
244	2 050	16	1 137	499	685	204	351	3 829	Total employment
38.3	25.7	33.1	60.3	54.2	42.9	32.5	33.5	56.1	-1000
									-Employment rate (15-24 years) - %
84.3	91.1	92.3	38.4	91.1	93.3	63.6	60.0	67.8	- Full-time - %
15.7	8.9	7.7	61.6	8.9	6.7	36.4	40.0	32.2	- Part-time - %
5.7	6.1	2.3	4.0	2.7	4.6	3.4	2.6	1.5	-In the agriculture - %
34.8	46.4	20.3	19.4	36.5	49.7	30.4	24.7	23.3	-In the industry - %
59.5	47.4	77.4	76.6	60.7	45.7	66.2	72.7	75.2	-In the services - %
232	1 708	15	1 093	485	611	193	338	3 678	Employees
95.2	83.3	96.1	96.1	97.1	89.2	94.6	96.3	96.1	-1000
									-% of total employment
17.3	22.4	13.4	34.2	29.1	35.7	46.0	42.6	12.5	-Contract of limited duration - %
82.7	77.6	86.6	65.8	70.9	64.3	54.0	57.4	87.5	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
40.2	40.3	39.3	39.1	39.6	41.9	38.1	39.8	41.8	Usual hours worked per week
17.0	24.3	27.3	13.1	21.9	20.4	14.6	16.4	14.5	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
46	1 007	1	109	40	72	108	74	540	Unemployment
15.9	32.9	6.4	8.8	7.5	9.5	34.6	17.5	12.4	- 1000
									-Unemployment rate - %
34.8	17.5	46.8	14.0	66.7	51.8	83.1	62.2	66.4	Unemployment by duration (%):
21.1	16.1	24.8	59.5	18.5	19.7	10.2	23.7	16.8	-less than 6 months
44.2	66.5	28.4	26.5	14.8	28.4	6.8	14.1	16.8	-6 to 11 months
									-12 months and more
43.8	77.7	55.0	57.6	29.2	39.9	66.9	10.8	37.1	Unemployed (%):
8.2	8.9	9.2	69.7	10.8	-	17.0	13.8	25.8	-seeking a first job
									-seeking a part-time job
346	4 929	31	639	382	841	315	622	2 461	Total of non-actives
91.9	83.2	90.7	82.6	-	89.8	93.4	87.9	66.2	- 1000
									- In education - %

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