

Labour market indicators: European Union 15

All	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1. Total population (000)	369 708	371 160	373 352	375 166	377 507	379 334	381 777	383 958	386 171	388 391	389 998
2. Population aged 15-64	248 341	248 630	249 702	250 689	252 226	252 909	254 923	256 288	257 616	258 787	259 254
3. Total employment (000)	163 342	166 912	169 286	170 459	171 245	172 606	174 243	176 851	179 740	181 041	177 696
4. Population in employment aged 15-64	155 322	157 710	159 967	160 995	162 589	164 018	166 687	169 571	172 433	174 094	170 884
5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	62.5	63.4	64.1	64.2	64.5	64.9	65.4	66.2	66.9	67.3	65.9
6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)	66.4	67.3	67.9	68.1	68.4	68.9	69.5	70.3	71.1	71.5	70.1
7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)	39.6	40.5	40.9	40.6	40.1	40.1	40.0	40.4	41.0	41.0	38.2
8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)	75.7	76.5	77.0	77.1	77.3	77.7	78.2	79.0	79.7	80.0	78.5
9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)	37.1	37.8	38.8	40.2	41.7	42.6	44.2	45.3	46.5	47.4	48.0
10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	:	58.0	58.7	58.8	58.8	58.6	58.9	59.6	60.3	60.7	59.2
11. Self-employed (% total employment)	14.6	14.4	14.3	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.3	14.3	14.1	14.0	14.0
12. Part-time employment (% total employment)	17.6	17.7	17.9	18.1	18.5	19.4	20.2	20.8	20.9	21.0	21.6
13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)	13.4	13.7	13.5	13.1	13.2	13.7	14.3	14.7	14.8	14.4	13.7
14. Employment in Services (% total employment)	69.6	70.1	70.5	71.1	71.7	72.2	72.5	72.9	73.1	73.4	74.4
15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)	26.1	25.7	25.4	25.0	24.5	24.1	23.9	23.6	23.5	23.2	22.3
16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)	68.9	69.2	69.2	69.7	70.2	70.7	71.2	71.8	72.0	72.5	72.5
18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)	48.2	48.2	47.9	47.8	47.6	47.6	48.0	48.1	48.2	48.4	47.5
19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)	82.2	82.4	82.4	82.8	83.3	83.8	84.2	84.7	84.9	85.3	85.4
20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)	40.3	40.8	41.5	42.9	44.6	45.5	47.2	48.3	49.3	50.0	51.2
21. Total unemployment (000)	14 884	13 543	12 928	13 727	14 517	14 911	15 162	14 528	13 323	13 677	17 401
22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)	8.5	7.7	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.0	7.1	9.0
23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)	16.4	14.8	14.2	14.7	15.3	16.0	16.3	15.7	14.7	15.3	19.2
24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.4	:	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.0
25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24)	8.5	7.7	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.2	7.5	9.2

Male	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1. Total population (000)	180 510	180 986	182 231	183 258	184 440	185 333	186 646	187 852	189 022	190 150	190 998
2. Population aged 15-64	124 227	124 114	124 742	125 286	126 045	126 372	127 373	128 147	128 806	129 375	129 582
3. Total employment (000)	94 271	95 738	96 691	96 782	96 778	97 013	97 429	98 618	99 928	100 085	97 232
4. Population in employment aged 15-64	89 549	90 310	91 196	91 241	91 691	91 944	92 953	94 302	95 596	95 948	93 229
5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	72.1	72.8	73.1	72.8	72.7	72.8	73.0	73.6	74.2	74.2	71.9
6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)	76.7	77.4	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.5	77.7	78.4	79.1	79.0	76.7
7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)	43.1	44.0	44.3	43.6	43.0	43.0	42.9	43.3	43.8	43.5	39.8
8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)	86.5	87.2	87.3	86.8	86.6	86.5	86.7	87.3	87.8	87.6	85.1
9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)	47.5	48.0	48.9	50.1	51.6	52.2	53.2	54.1	55.3	56.2	56.2
10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	:	71.1	71.5	71.2	70.8	70.4	70.6	71.1	71.7	71.6	69.3
11. Self-employed (% total employment)	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.4
12. Part-time employment (% total employment)	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.9
13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.9	13.7	14.0	14.0	13.5	12.7
14. Employment in Services (% total employment)	59.4	59.9	60.3	60.7	61.2	61.6	61.8	62.0	62.2	63.9	64.9
15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)	35.5	35.2	35.0	34.6	34.2	33.9	33.7	33.6	33.6	32.1	31.1
16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.0
17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)	78.3	78.3	78.3	78.4	78.6	78.6	79.0	79.2	79.3	79.5	79.2
18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)	51.7	51.6	51.4	51.2	51.0	50.9	51.2	51.3	51.3	51.5	50.2
19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)	92.7	92.7	92.4	92.4	92.5	92.4	92.6	92.8	92.8	92.8	92.5
20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)	51.5	51.7	52.2	53.4	55.1	55.9	56.9	57.6	58.5	59.2	60.1
21. Total unemployment (000)	7 366	6 645	6 433	6 956	7 412	7 591	7 761	7 339	6 677	7 045	9 545
22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)	7.5	6.7	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.4	6.7	9.1
23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)	15.3	13.7	13.5	14.4	15.3	15.7	16.2	15.6	14.6	15.6	20.5
24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.1	:	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.9
25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24)	8.6	7.7	7.1	7.6	8.0	7.9	8.4	8.0	7.5	8.0	10.3

Female	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1. Total population (000)	189 197	190 174	191 121	191 909	193 067	194 001	195 131	196 106	197 148	198 241	199 000
2. Population aged 15-64	124 113	124 516	124 960	125 404	126 182	126 537	127 550	128 141	128 810	129 412	129 673
3. Total employment (000)	69 071	71 175	72 596	73 677	74 468	75 593	76 813	78 233	79 812	80 957	80 464
4. Population in employment aged 15-64	65 774	67 401	68 771	69 754	70 898	72 074	73 734	75 270	76 838	78 145	77 655
5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	53.0	54.1	55.0	55.6	56.2	57.0	57.8	58.7	59.7	60.4	59.9
6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)	56.1	57.3	58.2	58.8	59.5	60.4	61.3	62.3	63.2	64.0	63.5
7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)	36.0	37.0	37.4	37.5	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.4	38.1	38.4	36.5
8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)	64.7	65.8	66.7	67.3	68.0	68.9	69.6	70.6	71.6	72.4	71.8
9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)	27.1	28.0	29.1	30.7	32.2	33.2	35.5	36.8	38.1	39.0	40.1
10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)	:	45.4	46.2	46.8	47.2	47.2	47.7	48.5	49.4	50.1	49.6
11. Self-employed (% total employment)	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.9
12. Part-time employment (% total employment)	33.2	33.2	33.3	33.3	33.8	35.1	36.1	36.7	36.7	36.6	37.0
13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)	14.3	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.3	14.6	15.1	15.6	15.7	15.4	14.7
14. Employment in Services (% total employment)	83.1	83.5	83.8	84.4	84.9	85.4	85.8	86.2	86.4	86.0	86.8
15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)	13.6	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.3	11.1	11.4	10.7
16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5
17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)	59.5	60.0	60.2	61.0	61.7	62.7	63.5	64.3	64.7	65.4	65.9
18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)	44.6	44.8	44.2	44.3	44.1	44.3	44.6	44.7	44.9	45.2	44.6
19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)	71.6	72.1	72.3	73.1	74.0	75.2	75.8	76.5	77.0	77.8	78.2
20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)	29.6	30.3	31.1	32.8	34.4	35.6	37.9	39.4	40.4	41.2	42.7
21. Total unemployment (000)	7 518	6 898	6 495	6 771	7 105	7 320	7 402	7 189	6 646	6 632	7 856
22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)	9.9	8.9	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.5	7.8	7.6	9.0
23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)	17.7	16.0	15.0	15.0	15.4	16.3	16.5	16.0	14.9	14.9	17.8
24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	:	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.1
25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24)	8.5	7.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.3	6.8	6.8	8.1