

Latvia

Methodological summary on recalculation of LFS back series 2009Q1-2020Q4

After revision of Latvian LFS in line with IESS requirements there were 2 groups which had to be analysed – persons involved in own-use production work and seasonal workers during off- season.

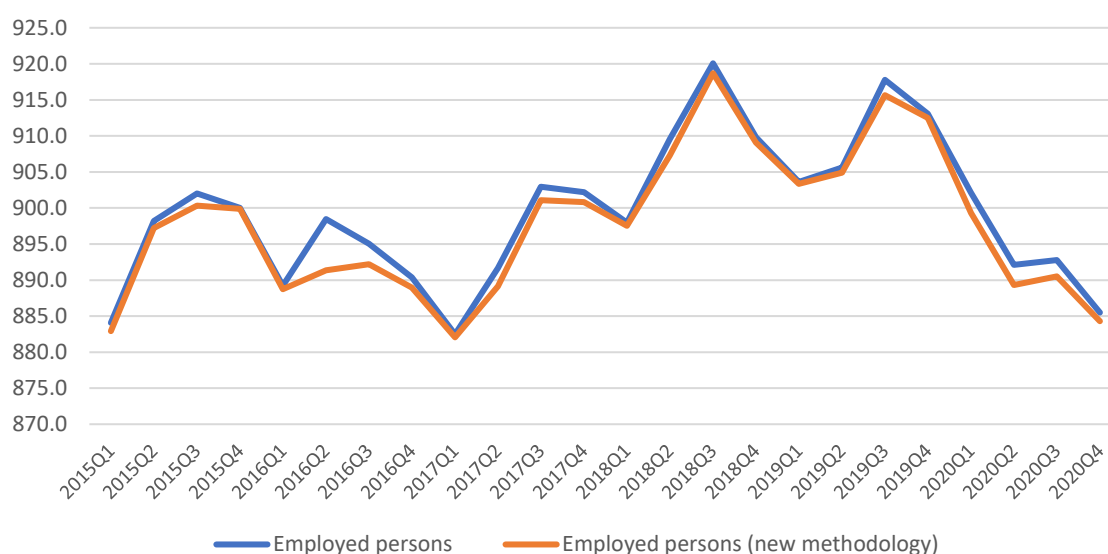
Changes caused by the ILO resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization from 2013 were evaluated. This resolution involved the change that persons in own-use production work in the form of subsistence foodstuff producers should not longer be classified as persons in employment. Resolution stated also clarifications according to the treatment of persons on off season period.

As far number of persons in own use production is not significant and was reducing during last years decision was made to recalculate back data using LFS interview results.

Back data recalculation for period 2009 Q1 -2020 Q2 done with shifting persons in own-use production work from employment into unemployment or inactivity.

Differences between new and old classification of own-use producers for employment, unemployment and inactive totals are not significant and this change have no perceptible influence on Latvian LFS results and does not create break in time series.

Employed persons (aged 15-74) by quarter, 2015-2020
(thousand)



Unemployed persons (aged 15-74) by quarter, 2015-2020
(thousand)



As regards seasonal workers during off- season number of persons answered *I have seasonal occupation, but during the reference week it was not the season* for the 2019 and 2020 was analysed.

There are only few inactive persons waiting for start of seasonal work.

Finally persons possibly regularly carrying out work-related activities/tasks during off-season period can not make significant change in number of employed.

Back data for 14 mandatory indicators were calculated taking into account reclassification of own-use producers.