

Employment in EU regions

Employment grew in 9 out of 10 EU regions in 2017

In 2017, 253 of the EU regions (90%) saw their employment grow. In 26 other regions, the number of persons employed decreased and in a further 2 employment remained stable.

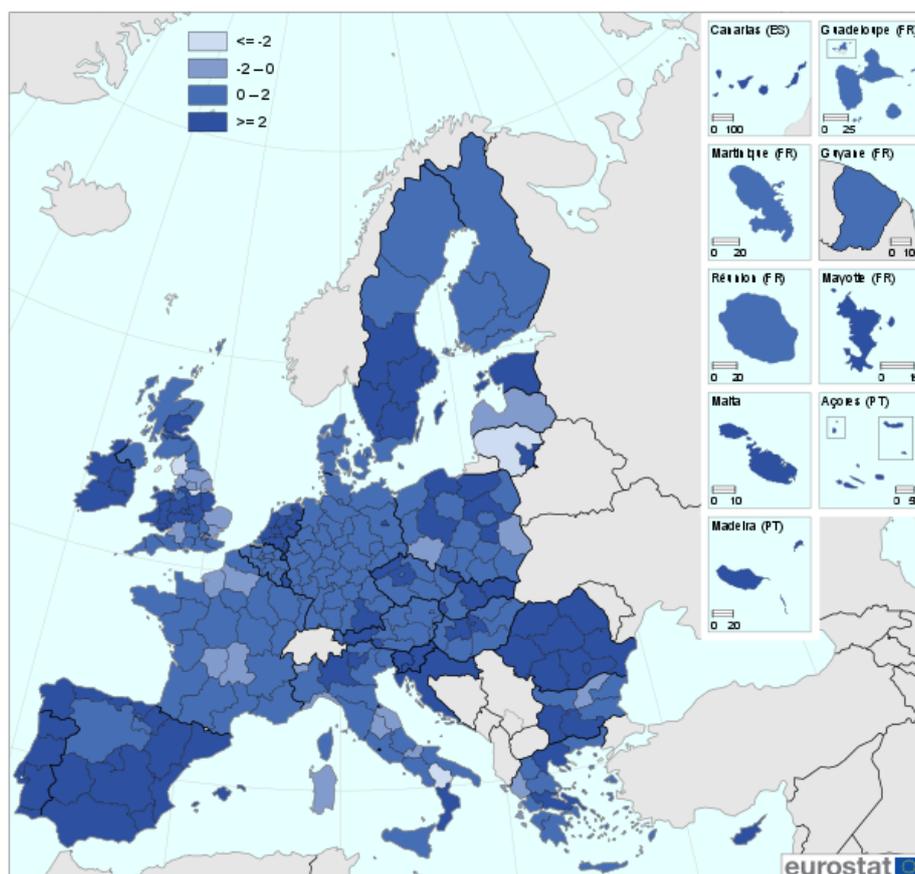
Growth in employment varied widely across the EU regions and within countries. The highest employment growth rates were recorded in **Mayotte** in France (+7.7%), **Malta**, **Algarve** in Portugal and **Central Bohemia** in Czechia (all +5.3%), followed by **Herefordshire**, **Worcestershire & Warwickshire** in the United Kingdom (+4.7%), **South-Central** in Bulgaria and **Lisbon Metropolitan Area** in Portugal (both +4.1%).

At the opposite end of the scale, the biggest decreases in employment were registered in **Basilicata** in Italy (-2.7%), **Cumbria** in the United Kingdom (-2.4%), **Central and Western Region** in Lithuania (-2.1%), **South Yorkshire** in the United Kingdom (-2.0%) and **Liguria** in Italy (-1.9%).

In the EU as a whole, employment grew by 1.6% in 2017.

These data on regional employment, compiled on the basis of the National Accounts, are published by **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union.

Regional employment growth in 2017
(%, compared with 2016)



Largest employment growth in Mayotte in France

In 19 EU regions, the employment growth exceeded 3%. Three each of these regions were located in Spain, Portugal and the United Kingdom, two in Romania and one each in Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovenia and Slovakia.

In 25 EU regions, the number of employed people decreased in 2017. In nine of these regions, the number of employed fell by more than 1%. Five of these regions were located in the United Kingdom, two in Italy and one in Lithuania and Poland.

Geographical information

These data are based on the **Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS 2016)** as set out in the amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2391 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017. NUTS 2016 (valid from 1 January 2018) provides an uniform, consistent breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the EU and lists 104 regions at NUTS 1, 281 regions at NUTS 2 and 1348 regions at NUTS 3 level.

Methods and definitions

Employment is defined as the number of people engaged in productive activities in an economy. The concept includes both employees and the self-employed and covers both the residents and the non-residents working in the country.

More detailed data by NUTS 3 area and 10 NACE economic activities is available up to the year 2016 at Eurostat's database.

Extra-regio territory is made up of parts of the economic territory of a country which cannot be assigned to a single region. It consists of the national air-space, territorial waters and the continental shelf lying in international waters over which the country enjoys exclusive rights, territorial exclaves, deposits of oil, natural gas etc. worked by resident units.

In the text of this News Release, the names of the regions are in English, while the tables in the annex list regions in the national language as set out in the NUTS.

Country notes

Data not available for regions of Croatia

For more information

Overview of NUTS classification of regions

Eurostat website section dedicated to regional data

Eurostat website section dedicated to employment data in national accounts

Eurostat database on regional statistics

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Regional employment in the European Union, 2017

Region (NUTS 2016)	Employment 1000 persons	Change in 1000 persons 2017/2016	Change in % 2017/2016
EU	235 910	3.682	1.6
BELGIUM	4 724	65	1.4
<i>Brussels Region</i>	697	3	0.5
<i>Vlaams Gewest</i>	2 764	44	1.6
Prov. Antwerpen	817	12	1.5
Prov. Limburg (BE)	346	6	1.7
Prov. Oost-Vlaanderen	608	10	1.7
Prov. Vlaams Brabant	462	7	1.5
Prov. West-Vlaanderen	531	9	1.6
<i>Région Wallonne</i>	1 261	17	1.4
Prov. Brabant Wallon	164	3	1.9
Prov. Hainaut	437	4	1.0
Prov. Liège	391	6	1.7
Prov. Luxembourg (BE)	97	1	1.4
Prov. Namur	171	2	1.3
<i>Extra-regio</i>	2	0	
BULGARIA	3 525	62	1.8
<i>Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria</i>	1 564	5	0.3
Severozapaden	297	2	0.7
Severen tsentralen	363	0	-0.1
Severoiztochen	428	0	0.1
Yugoiztochen	476	3	0.7
<i>Yugozapadna i Yuzhna Tsentralna Bulgaria</i>	1 961	57	3.0
Yugozapaden	1 284	30	2.4
Yuzhen tsentralen	677	27	4.1
CZECHIA	5 346	82	1.6
Praha	921	15	1.7
Střední Čechy	615	31	5.3
Jihozápad	597	4	0.7
Severozápad	510	11	2.2
Severovýchod	713	5	0.7
Jihovýchod	839	4	0.5
Střední Morava	582	1	0.2
Moravskoslezsko	569	12	2.2
DENMARK	2 919	48	1.7
Hovedstaden	1 062	20	1.9
Sjaelland	325	5	1.4
Syddanmark	589	9	1.5
Midtjylland	655	11	1.7
Nordjylland	282	4	1.5
<i>Extra-regio</i>	7	0	

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EU	235 910	3 682	1.6
GERMANY	44 269	627	1.4
Baden-Württemberg	6 255	92	1.5
Stuttgart	2 406	38	1.6
Karlsruhe	1 567	20	1.3
Freiburg	1 240	20	1.6
Tübingen	1 041	14	1.4
Bayern	7 532	127	1.7
Oberbayern	2 838	56	2.0
Niederbayern	674	10	1.5
Oberpfalz	639	12	1.9
Oberfranken	589	8	1.4
Mittelfranken	1 041	15	1.4
Unterfranken	727	9	1.3
Schwaben	1 024	17	1.7
Berlin	1 955	55	2.9
Brandenburg	1 115	13	1.1
Bremen	431	6	1.5
Hamburg	1 245	20	1.6
Hessen	3 431	53	1.6
Darmstadt	2 259	39	1.8
Gießen	520	7	1.3
Kassel	652	7	1.1
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	753	7	0.9
Niedersachsen	4 061	51	1.3
Braunschweig	827	8	1.0
Hannover	1 129	11	1.0
Lüneburg	743	9	1.2
Weser-Ems	1 361	23	1.7
Nordrhein-Westfalen	9 424	128	1.4
Düsseldorf	2 774	34	1.2
Köln	2 406	35	1.5
Münster	1 297	17	1.3
Detmold	1 114	19	1.7
Arnsberg	1 833	23	1.3
Rheinland-Pfalz	2 021	19	1.0
Koblenz	747	7	0.9
Trier	264	3	1.1
Rheinhessen-Pfalz	1 010	10	1.0
Saarland	530	4	0.8
Sachsen	2 056	22	1.1
Dresden	810	10	1.2
Chemnitz	714	3	0.4
Leipzig	533	10	1.8
Sachsen-Anhalt	1 009	2	0.2
Schleswig-Holstein	1 401	23	1.6
Thüringen	1 050	6	0.6
ESTONIA	642	17	2.7
IRELAND	2 137	60	2.9
Northern & Western	341 *	10 *	2.9 *
Southern	689 *	19 *	2.9 *
Eastern & Midland	1 107 *	31 *	2.9 *
GREECE	4 146	63	1.5
Voreia Ellada	1 090	19	1.8
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	211	1	0.3
Kentriki Makedonia	672	17	2.7
Dytiki Makedonia	91	1	1.2
Ipeiros	116	0	-0.1
Kentriki Ellada	1 000	15	1.6
Thessalia	268	5	1.8
Ionia Nisia	83	0	-0.1
Dytiki Ellada	232	3	1.1
Stereia Ellada	198	5	2.8
Peloponnisos	219	3	1.3
Attiki	1 593	27	1.7
Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	464	2	0.5
Voreio Aigaio	69	1	0.8
Notio Aigaio	146	0	0.2
Kriti	248	1	0.5

* Data estimated.

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Region (NUTS 2016)	Employment 1000 persons	Change in 1000 persons 2017/2016	Change in % 2017/2016
EU	235 910	3.682	1.6
SPAIN	19 511	485	2.6
Noroeste	1 704	38	2.3
Galicia	1 082	24	2.3
Principado de Asturias	397	10	2.5
Cantabria	225	5	2.1
Noreste	2 083	46	2.3
País Vasco	1 046	21	2.1
Comunidad Foral de Navarra	307	7	2.4
La Rioja	135	2	1.7
Aragón	596	15	2.6
Comunidad de Madrid	3 338	82	2.5
Centro (ES)	2 067	43	2.1
Castilla y León	985	16	1.7
Castilla-La Mancha	720	17	2.5
Extremadura	363	9	2.7
Este	5 923	163	2.8
Cataluña	3 503	99	2.9
Comunidad Valenciana	1 912	49	2.6
Illes Balears	508	15	3.0
Sur	3 564	90	2.6
Andalucía	2 906	69	2.4
Región de Murcia	600	19	3.3
Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta	30	1	3.4
Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla	29	1	3.6
Canarias	818	23	2.9
Extra-regio	13	0	
FRANCE	27 881	294	1.1
Île de France	6 376	94	1.5
Centre-Val de Loire	1 003	5	0.5
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	1 080	7	0.7
Bourgogne	640	1	0.2
Franche-Comté	440	6	1.4
Normandie	1 269	-1	-0.1
Basse-Normandie	576	1	0.1
Haute-Normandie	693	-2	-0.3
Nord-Pas-de-Calais-Picardie	2 189	4	0.2
Nord-Pas-de-Calais	1 532	4	0.3
Picardie	657	0	0.0
Alsace-Champagne-Arenne-Lorraine	2 112	14	0.7
Alsace	772	9	1.2
Champagne-Ardenne	521	3	0.6
Lorraine	819	2	0.2
Pays-de-la-Loire	1 583	28	1.8
Bretagne	1 355	23	1.7
Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes	2 395	29	1.2
Aquitaine	1 414	22	1.6
Limousin	276	-1	-0.3
Poitou-Charentes	705	8	1.2
Languedoc-Roussillon-Midi-Pyrénées	2 288	26	1.1
Languedoc-Roussillon	1 016	10	1.0
Midi-Pyrénées	1 272	15	1.2
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	3 363	42	1.2
Auvergne	529	0	0.0
Rhône-Alpes	2 834	42	1.5
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	2 083	16	0.8
Corse	127	1	0.7
Région Ultrapériphériques Françaises	658	7	1.1
Guadeloupe	129	0	0.2
Martinique	135	0	0.1
Guyane	57	0	0.7
La Réunion	292	3	1.1
Mayotte	45	3	7.7
CROATIA	1 634	35	2.2
Jadranska Hrvatska	:	:	:
Kontinentalna Hrvatska	:	:	:

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EU	235 910	3.682	1.6
ITALY	25 113	287	1.2
<i>Nord Ovest</i>	7 389	102	1.4
Piemonte	1 880	21	1.1
Valle d'Aosta / Vallée d'Aoste	60	0	-0.2
Liguria	659	-13	-1.9
Lombardia	4 790	94	2.0
<i>Nord Est</i>	5 445	75	1.4
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano / Bozen	283	1	0.5
Provincia Autonoma di Trento	262	7	2.7
Veneto	2 255	40	1.8
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	538	5	0.8
Emilia-Romagna	2 108	23	1.1
<i>Centro (IT)</i>	5 418	67	1.3
Toscana	1 690	21	1.2
Umbria	363	-2	-0.5
Marche	648	-4	-0.6
Lazio	2 717	52	2.0
<i>Sud</i>	4 722	43	0.9
Abruzzo	524	5	1.0
Molise	108	0	-0.3
Campania	1 888	30	1.6
Puglia	1 362	1	0.1
Basilicata	196	-6	-2.7
Calabria	644	13	2.0
<i>Isole</i>	2 130	0	0.0
Sicilia	1 534	3	0.2
Sardegna	596	-4	-0.6
<i>Extra-regio</i>	8	0	
CYPRUS	400	15	3.9
LATVIA	886	0	0.0
LITHUANIA	1 354	-7	-0.5
Sostinės regionas	429	13	3.0
Vidurio ir vakarų Lietuvos regionas	925	-20	-2.1
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHY)	433	14	3.4
HUNGARY	4 537	90	2.0
<i>Közép Magyarország</i>	1 971	49	2.6
Budapest	1 508	38	2.6
Pest	463	11	2.5
<i>Dunántúl</i>	1 220	22	1.8
Közép Dunántúl	451	11	2.4
Nyugat Dunántúl	453	8	1.8
Dél Dunántúl	317	3	1.0
<i>Alföld es Észak</i>	1 345	18	1.4
Észak Magyarország	374	6	1.5
Észak-Alföld	506	6	1.3
Dél-Alföld	465	6	1.4
MALTA	215	11	5.3
NETHERLANDS	9 098	193	2.2
<i>Noord-Nederland</i>	825	17	2.1
Groningen	290	6	2.2
Friesland (NL)	308	6	2.0
Drenthe	228	5	2.1
<i>Oost-Nederland</i>	1 831	38	2.1
Overijssel	607	13	2.1
Gelderland	1 050	22	2.1
Flevoland	174	4	2.2
<i>West-Nederland</i>	4 464	93	2.1
Utrecht	751	15	2.1
Noord-Holland	1 659	35	2.1
Zuid-Holland	1 871	40	2.2
Zeeland	184	4	1.9
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	1 975	45	2.3
Noord-Brabant	1 404	32	2.4
Limburg (NL)	572	13	2.3
<i>Extra-regio</i>	3	0	

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EU	235 910	3.682	1.6
AUSTRIA	4 415	74	1.7
<i>Ostösterreich</i>	1 861	31	1.7
Burgenland	120	2	1.4
Niederösterreich	716	11	1.5
Wien	1 025	19	1.9
<i>Südösterreich</i>	881	15	1.7
Kärnten	262	3	1.1
Steiermark	619	12	2.0
<i>Westösterreich</i>	1 672	27	1.7
Oberösterreich	760	11	1.5
Salzburg	313	4	1.4
Tirol	405	8	2.0
Vorarlberg	195	4	2.0
<i>Extra-regio</i>	1	0	0.0
POLAND	16 281	182	1.1
<i>Makroregion Południowy</i>	3 294	37	1.1
Małopolskie	1 418	24	1.7
Śląskie	1 876	13	0.7
<i>Makroregion Północno-Zachodni</i>	2 666	49	1.9
Wielkopolskie	1 590	40	2.6
Zachodniopomorskie	667	8	1.2
Lubuskie	410	1	0.2
<i>Makroregion Południowo-Zachodni</i>	1 599	-13	-0.8
Dolnośląskie	1 217	-14	-1.1
Opolskie	382	1	0.3
<i>Makroregion Północny</i>	2 404	49	2.1
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	860	13	1.5
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	552	12	2.2
Pomorskie	992	25	2.6
<i>Makroregion Centralny</i>	1 636	19	1.2
Łódzkie	1 122	14	1.2
Świętokrzyskie	515	5	1.0
<i>Makroregion Wschodni</i>	2 180	9	0.4
Lubelskie	858	-6	-0.6
Podkarpackie	841	14	1.6
Podlaskie	481	1	0.2
<i>Makroregion Województwo Mazowieckie</i>	2 503	31	1.3
Warszawski stołeczny	1 389	3	0.2
Mazowiecki regionalny	1 114	28	2.6
PORTUGAL	4 802	152	3.3
<i>Continente</i>	4 577	146	3.3
Norte	1 651	47	2.9
Algarve	212	11	5.3
Centro (PT)	1 012	27	2.7
Area Metropolitana de Lisboa	1 406	55	4.1
Alentejo	296	8	2.7
<i>Região Autónoma dos Açores</i>	110	3	2.5
<i>Região Autónoma da Madeira</i>	112	3	3.1
<i>Extra-regio</i>	3	0	1.7
ROMANIA	8 668	239	2.8
<i>Macroregiunea Unu</i>	2 120	60	2.9
Nord-Vest	1 178	32	2.8
Centru	942	28	3.1
<i>Macroregiunea Doi</i>	2 570	66	2.6
Nord-Est	1 592	40	2.6
Sud-Est	978	25	2.7
<i>Macroregiunea Trei</i>	2 436	70	3.0
Sud - Muntenia	1 214	32	2.7
București - Ilfov	1 222	38	3.2
<i>Macroregiunea Patru</i>	1 543	43	2.8
Sud-Vest Oltenia	814	21	2.6
Vest	728	22	3.0
SLOVENIA	988	28	2.9
Vzhodna Slovenija	465	12	2.7
Zahodna Slovenija	522	16	3.2
SLOVAKIA	2 372	51	2.2
Bratislavský kraj	464	11	2.5
Západné Slovensko	789	8	1.0
Stredné Slovensko	554	13	2.3
Východné Slovensko	566	19	3.6

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EU	235 910	3.682	1.6
FINLAND	2 545	30	1.2
<i>Manner-Suomi</i>	2 526	30	1.2
Länsi-Suomi	608	6	1.0
Helsinki-Uusimaa	878	13	1.5
Etelä-Suomi	498	6	1.2
Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi	542	5	0.8
<i>Åland</i>	19	0	0.4
<i>Extra-regio</i>	1	0	
SWEDEN	5 011	114	2.3
<i>Östra Sverige</i>	2 085	51	2.5
Stockholm	1 311	31	2.4
Östra Mellansverige	774	20	2.7
<i>Södra Sverige</i>	2 122	51	2.5
Småland med öarna	423	9	2.2
Sydsverige	691	13	1.9
Västsverige	1 008	29	3.0
<i>Norra Sverige</i>	804	13	1.6
Norra Mellansverige	376	8	2.2
Mellersta Norrland	176	3	1.7
Övre Norrland	252	3	1.2
<i>Extra-regio</i>	1	0	
UNITED KINGDOM	32 058	333	1.0
<i>North East (England)</i>	1 078	6	0.6
Tees Valley & Durham	443	2	0.5
Northumberland and Tyne & Wear	635	3	0.5
<i>North West (England)</i>	3 354	23	0.7
Cumbria	245	-6	-2.4
Greater Manchester	1 319	31	2.4
Lancashire	647	-8	-1.2
Cheshire	511	3	0.6
Merseyside	632	3	0.5
<i>Yorkshire & the Humber</i>	2 465	-34	-1.4
East Yorkshire & Northern Lincolnshire	405	-5	-1.2
North Yorkshire	409	-4	-1.0
South Yorkshire	576	-12	-2.0
West Yorkshire	1 075	-12	-1.1
<i>East Midlands (England)</i>	2 214	59	2.7
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	1 002	21	2.1
Leicestershire, Rutland & Lincolnshire	896	31	3.6
	316	8	2.6
<i>West Midlands (England)</i>	2 716	79	3.0
Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Shropshire & Staffordshire	686	31	4.7
	726	17	2.4
West Midlands	1 305	32	2.5
<i>East of England</i>	2 897	13	0.5
East Anglia	1 157	-4	-0.3
Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire	965	18	1.9
Essex	774	-2	-0.3
<i>London</i>	5 327	49	0.9
Inner London - West	2 011	27	1.4
Inner London - East	1 295	8	0.6
Outer London - East & North East	588	12	2.1
Outer London - South	496	8	1.6
Outer London - West & North West	938	-5	-0.5
<i>South East (England)</i>	4 565	37	0.8
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire	1 429	10	0.7
Surrey, East & West Sussex	1 419	11	0.8
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	965	7	0.7
Kent	751	8	1.1
<i>South West (England)</i>	2 688	6	0.2
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Bristol/Bath	1 285	-4	-0.3
Dorset & Somerset	618	6	1.0
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	245	1	0.4
Devon	541	3	0.6
<i>Wales</i>	1 390	41	3.0
West Wales & The Valleys	787	20	2.6
East Wales	602	19	3.3
<i>Scotland</i>	2 562	50	2.0
North Eastern Scotland	282	1	0.4
Highlands & Islands	234	4	1.7
Eastern Scotland	925	24	2.7
West Central Scotland	760	20	2.7
Southern Scotland	360	1	0.3
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	803	7	0.9

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