

# EU Labour Force Survey

## Principal results 2004

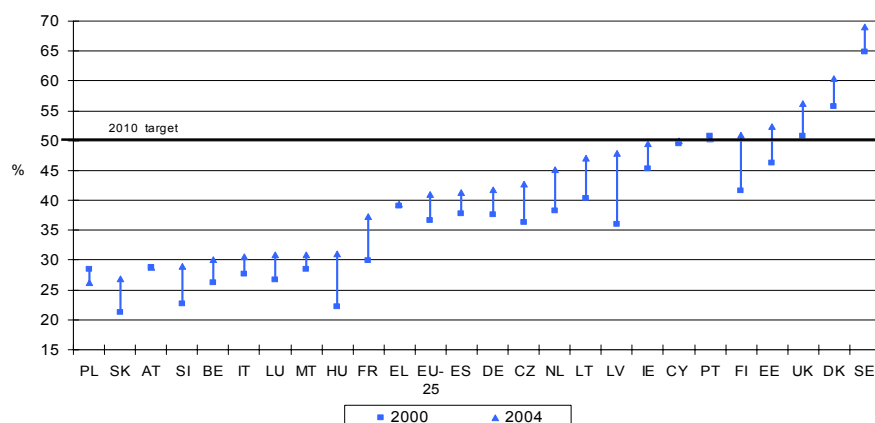
This publication gives the 2004 annual results<sup>1</sup> from the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS). Among the 377.5 million people aged 15 and more living in private households in the EU-25:

→ 194.5 million of people resident in European Union hold a job or a business activity during the reference week of the survey, of which 44.0% were women.

-The employment rate, which measures the share of employed people in the population aged 15 to 64 years, stood at 63.3% in 2004 in the EU-25, 3.7 points below the European Council target for 2005<sup>2</sup>. The rate reached 55.7% for women and 70.9% for men.

-The employment rate of older people (55 to 64 years old) was 41.0% in 2004, up by 4.4 percentage points from 2000, but 9.0 points below the 2010 target<sup>3</sup>. In Denmark, Estonia, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the rate was higher than 50%. In France, Latvia, Hungary, the Netherlands and Finland, the rates increased by at least 7 p. p. compared to 2000. Four countries remained below 30%: Poland (-2.2 p. p.), Austria (unchanged), Slovakia (+ 5.5 p. p.) and Slovenia (+ 6.3 p. p.).

Figure 1 – Employment rates of persons aged 55-64, EU-25, 2000 – 2004



Source: Eurostat, LFS<sup>4</sup>

- 10.9% of the persons aged 15-64 were part-timers. 17.2% of the women of the same age group worked part-time, with large disparities by country, from 2.0% in Slovakia to 49.1% in the Netherlands.

- 161.9 million workers were employees. Their average usual working hours were respectively 40.3 hours a week for those working full-time and 19.9 hours for those working part-time. 13.7% of them hold a contract with limited duration (17.8% in Slovenia, 19.8% in Portugal, 22.7% in Poland, 32.5% in Spain).

→ 19.4 million people were unemployed (of which 50.3% were women and 8.0% were persons aged 55-64).

- 8.5 million were in long term unemployment (one year and more).

- 8.3% of the total population aged 15-24 years was unemployed (more than 10% in Poland, Slovakia, Finland and Croatia).

→ 163.6 million people aged 15 years or more were economically inactive.

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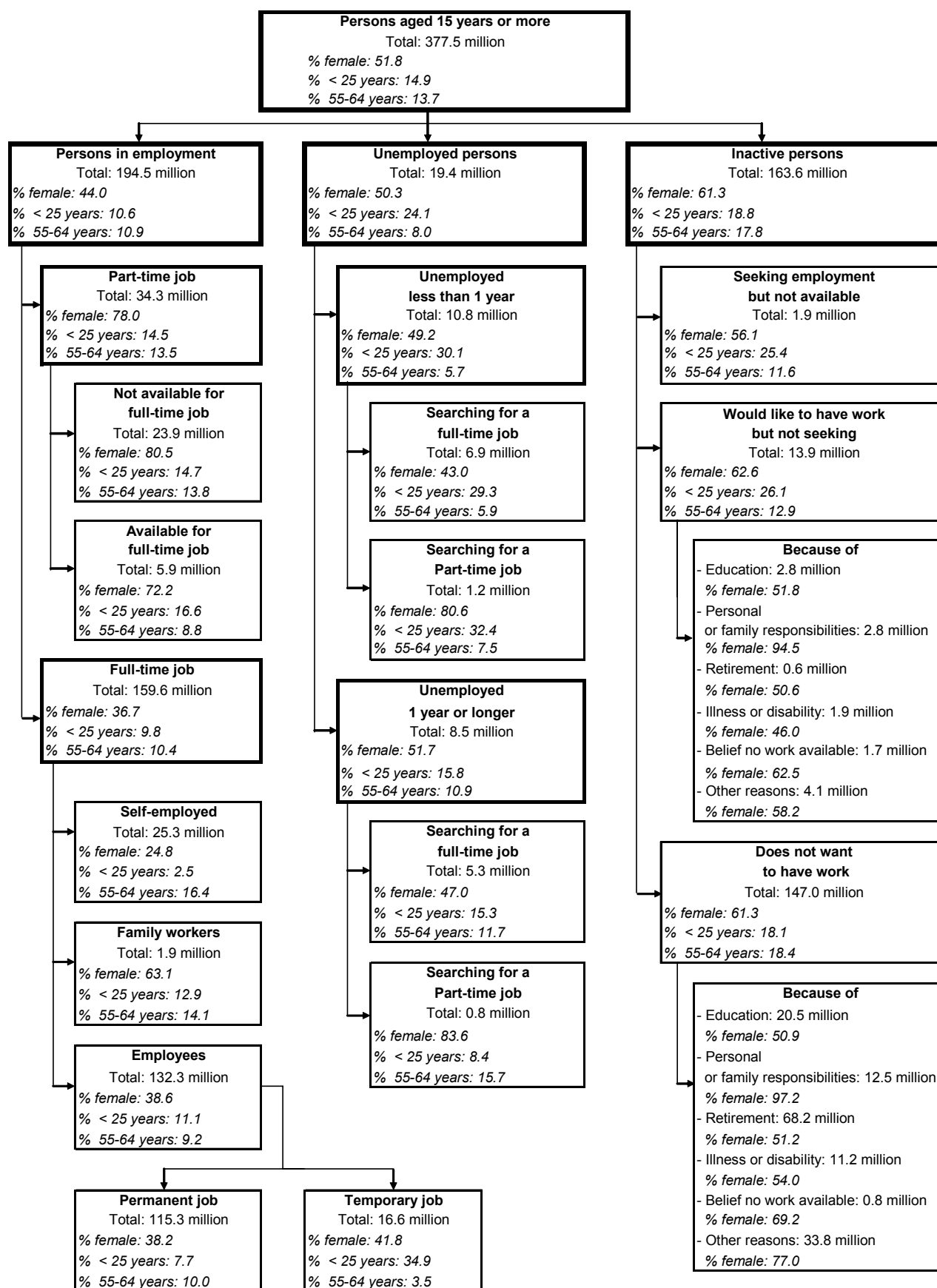
<sup>1</sup> Annual average of 4 quarters, as opposed to one reference quarter in spring for the publications prior to 2003.

<sup>2</sup> The Lisbon European Council (March 2000) set long-term targets for employment rates for 2010: 70% for the population aged 15-64 and 60% for women of the same age group. The 2001 Stockholm European Council set mid-term targets to be reached in 2005: 67% for the total employment rate and 57% for the female employment rate.

<sup>3</sup> The Stockholm European Council of 2001 set also a long-term target for the employment rate of persons aged 55-64: 50% to be reached in 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Missing quarters are estimated by Eurostat for the production of the 2000 annual averages.

**Figure 2 - Work status of persons aged 15 years or more, EU – 25, 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>**



Notes : EU-25 annual average based on estimates for DE, and UK, CY: 2004 – March 2005.

(1) Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate

**Table 1 – Population by age, 2004**

(thousands)	Total			Age 15-24			Age 25-54			Age 55-64		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	451 703	220 038	231 664	56 086	28 348	27 738	195 179	97 524	97 655	51 892	25 236	26 656
<b>EU-15</b>	378 382	184 826	193 555	45 043	22 768	22 275	163 052	81 535	81 517	44 109	21 653	22 456
<b>Euro-zone</b>	305 712	149 297	156 415	36 151	18 282	17 869	132 865	66 628	66 237	35 409	17 357	18 052
BE	10 396	5 086	5 310	1 256	640	616	4 436	2 246	2 190	1 127	558	569
CZ	10 196	4 959	5 237	1 372	695	677	4 542	2 293	2 249	1 317	628	689
DK	5 379	2 662	2 717	586	296	290	2 286	1 157	1 129	687	345	342
DE	81 589	39 947	41 642	9 261	4 682	4 578	34 860	17 627	17 233	10 329	5 141	5 187
EE	1 348	619	729	202	101	100	559	268	291	149	64	85
EL	10 616	5 207	5 409	1 272	637	635	4 655	2 335	2 320	1 202	573	629
ES	42 440	20 894	21 547	5 329	2 729	2 600	19 509	9 865	9 644	4 388	2 132	2 256
FR	58 850	28 564	30 286	7 433	3 756	3 677	24 700	12 166	12 534	6 317	3 082	3 235
IE	4 059	2 018	2 041	642	325	317	1 737	869	868	382	193	189
IT	57 442	27 830	29 612	6 048	3 037	3 011	25 303	12 647	12 656	6 941	3 363	3 579
CY	714	347	367	91	43	48	315	153	162	74	36	38
LV	2 319	1 068	1 251	357	182	175	968	470	498	262	112	150
LT	3 434	1 601	1 832	521	264	257	1 437	698	740	352	151	200
LU	447	222	226	51	26	25	204	103	101	46	24	23
HU	9 944	4 703	5 241	1 296	653	643	4 349	2 145	2 205	1 181	532	649
MT	400	198	202	60	31	29	171	86	85	41	19	21
NL	16 119	8 012	8 107	1 935	984	951	7 125	3 602	3 524	1 900	957	943
AT	8 045	3 898	4 147	963	477	485	3 559	1 784	1 775	963	467	496
PL	37 601	18 139	19 461	5 985	3 024	2 961	16 481	8 214	8 267	3 676	1 702	1 975
PT	10 504	5 083	5 421	1 332	676	656	4 611	2 287	2 325	1 141	535	605
SI	1 997	977	1 020	276	142	134	906	462	443	223	108	115
SK	5 370	2 601	2 768	883	445	437	2 400	1 201	1 199	509	231	278
FI	5 205	2 536	2 669	629	312	317	2 165	1 098	1 067	673	332	341
SE	9 006	4 463	4 543	1 084	554	529	3 600	1 830	1 770	1 171	589	582
UK	58 285	28 405	29 880	7 222	3 635	3 587	24 301	11 920	12 381	6 841	3 362	3 479
BG	7 786	3 775	4 010	1 062	538	524	3 283	1 643	1 640	960	442	519
HR	4 216	2 003	2 213	536	274	262	1 726	857	869	509	230	279
RO	21 638	10 527	11 111	3 320	1 672	1 649	9 479	4 743	4 736	2 164	1 008	1 156
IS	199	100	99	36	18	18	119	60	59	26	13	13
NO	3 273	1 646	1 627	519	261	258	1 931	981	949	514	258	256
<b>EEA</b>	448 697	218 477	230 220	56 641	28 627	28 014	197 229	98 566	98 663	52 432	25 507	26 925
CH	6 151	2 978	3 172	865	439	426	3 265	1 636	1 629	864	427	436

Notes: - DE: annual average (estimate). CY: April 2004 – March 2005

- The results refer only to the population 15-74 in NO, 16-74 in IS and 15+ in CH. PL (total) : estimate.

**Table 2 – Population aged 15 and more by working status, 2004**

	(thousands) Employed			Unemployed			Inactive		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	194 514	108 892	85 622	19 405	9 645	9 760	163 603	63 288	100 315
<b>EU-15</b>	165 485	93 012	72 473	14 556	7 142	7 414	136 422	52 732	83 690
<b>Euro-zone</b>	130 437	74 256	56 181	12 724	6 096	6 628	114 061	43 871	70 190
BE	4 139	2 354	1 785	379	191	188	4 077	1 617	2 460
CZ	4 691	2 647	2 044	426	201	225	3 541	1 321	2 220
DK	2 738	1 464	1 274	160	78	81	1 491	612	879
DE	35 841	19 723	16 118	3 931	1 975	1 956	29 982	11 955	18 026
EE	596	299	296	64	35	29	464	170	295
EL	4 313	2 671	1 642	506	188	317	4 245	1 550	2 695
ES	17 971	10 934	7 037	2 214	971	1 243	16 067	5 810	10 257
FR	24 380	13 173	11 207	2 460	1 194	1 266	20 944	8 546	12 398
IE	1 865	1 080	785	89	55	33	1 260	449	811
IT	22 404	13 622	8 783	1 960	925	1 036	24 862	9 065	15 798
CY	340	192	147	18	7	10	210	72	138
LV	1 018	521	497	118	62	56	826	302	524
LT	1 433	732	701	184	90	94	1 211	469	743
LU	186	111	76	9	4	6	167	64	103
HU	3 900	2 117	1 783	252	137	116	4 208	1 639	2 570
MT	148	103	45	11	7	4	161	46	115
NL	8 106	4 513	3 592	387	204	183	4 607	1 750	2 857
AT	3 744	2 062	1 682	195	98	97	2 786	1 062	1 724
PL	13 794	7 565	6 229	3 230	1 681	1 550	14 099	5 586	8 512
PT	5 123	2 784	2 339	365	173	192	3 370	1 281	2 089
SI	943	513	430	63	32	31	701	283	418
SK	2 168	1 191	977	483	251	232	1 759	667	1 092
FI	2 365	1 229	1 136	229	118	111	1 694	721	973
SE	4 290	2 234	2 056	299	165	134	2 804	1 236	1 568
UK	28 020	15 057	12 963	1 373	803	570	18 066	7 014	11 052
BG	2 923	1 550	1 372	400	222	178	3 357	1 435	1 922
HR	1 583	879	704	251	124	127	1 751	678	1 073
RO	9 103	4 926	4 178	800	491	309	8 202	3 301	4 901
IS	155	82	73	5	3	2	39	15	24
NO	2 267	1 192	1 074	99	57	42	908	397	511
<b>EEA</b>	196 936	110 166	86 769	19 509	9 705	9 804	164 550	63 700	100 850
CH	3 959	2 173	1 786	178	89	89	2 013	715	1 298

Notes: - DE: annual average (estimate). CY: April 2004-March 2005

**Employment rates, 2004 - Table 3**

Total employment rates						Part-time employment rates			(%)
Age 15-64			Age 55-64			Age 15-64			
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	
63.3	70.9	55.7	41.0	50.7	31.7	10.9	4.5	17.2	<b>EU-25</b>
64.7	72.7	56.8	42.5	52.2	33.2	12.2	4.7	19.7	<b>EU-15</b>
63.0	71.6	54.5	38.6	48.6	29.0	11.0	4.1	17.8	<b>Euro-zone</b>
60.3	67.9	52.6	30.0	39.1	21.1	12.8	4.5	21.3	BE
64.2	72.3	56.0	42.7	57.2	29.4	2.8	1.2	4.3	CZ
75.7	79.7	71.6	60.3	67.3	53.3	16.3	8.9	23.8	DK
65.0	70.8	59.2	41.8	50.7	33.0	14.0	4.1	24.1	DE
63.0	66.4	60.0	52.4	56.4	49.4	4.4	3.2	5.4	EE
59.4	73.7	45.2	39.4	56.4	24.0	2.6	1.5	3.7	EL
61.1	73.8	48.3	41.3	58.9	24.6	5.3	2.0	8.6	ES
63.1	69.0	57.4	37.3	41.0	33.8	10.4	3.5	17.2	FR
66.3	75.9	56.5	49.5	65.0	33.7	10.9	4.3	17.6	IE
57.6	70.1	45.2	30.5	42.2	19.6	7.2	3.1	11.3	IT
68.9	79.8	58.7	49.9	70.8	30.0	5.2	2.6	7.6	CY
62.3	66.4	58.5	47.9	55.8	41.9	6.0	4.7	7.2	LV
61.2	64.7	57.8	47.1	57.6	39.3	5.1	4.1	5.9	LT
61.6	72.4	50.6	30.8	38.5	22.9	10.9	1.6	20.4	LU
56.8	63.1	50.7	31.1	38.4	25.0	2.5	1.9	3.1	HU
54.1	75.2	32.8	30.9	52.2	(11.4)	4.5	2.8	6.3	MT
73.1	80.2	65.8	45.2	56.9	33.4	33.0	17.3	49.1	NL
67.8	74.9	60.7	28.8	38.9	19.3	13.4	3.5	23.3	AT
51.7	57.2	46.2	26.2	34.1	19.4	5.1	4.1	6.0	PL
67.8	74.2	61.7	50.3	59.1	42.5	5.6	2.9	8.2	PT
65.3	70.0	60.5	29.0	40.9	17.8	5.2	4.5	5.8	SI
57.0	63.2	50.9	26.8	43.8	12.6	1.4	0.8	2.0	SK
67.6	69.7	65.6	50.9	51.4	50.4	8.9	5.9	12.0	FI
72.1	73.6	70.5	69.1	71.2	67.0	16.4	8.0	25.2	SE
71.6	77.8	65.6	56.2	65.7	47.0	17.8	7.1	28.3	UK
54.2	57.9	50.6	32.5	42.2	24.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	BG
54.9	62.3	47.8	29.9	40.6	21.0	3.6	3.2	4.0	HR
57.7	63.4	52.1	36.9	43.1	31.4	5.5	5.9	5.1	RO
82.3	85.8	78.8	81.8	86.9	76.7	17.8	7.3	28.4	IS
75.1	77.9	72.2	65.8	71.0	60.6	21.5	10.7	32.5	NO
63.4	71.0	55.9	41.2	51.0	32.0	11.0	4.5	17.4	<b>EEA</b>
77.4	84.5	70.3	65.1	76.6	53.9	24.8	8.7	41.0	CH

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.

- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except part-time employment rates (quarter 2). CY: April 2004 – March 2005

**Table 4 - Employed persons aged 15 and more by economic activity in the main job, 2004**

(%)	Total				Men				Women			
	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services
<b>EU-25</b>	5.0	27.9	37.2	29.9	5.8	38.3	36.9	19.0	4.0	14.6	37.6	43.8
<b>EU-15</b>	3.8	27.1	38.2	30.9	4.6	37.7	38.0	19.8	2.8	13.6	38.5	45.2
<b>Euro-zone</b>	4.4	28.4	37.4	29.8	5.1	38.7	36.7	19.5	3.4	14.7	38.4	43.6
BE	2.0	24.9	37.2	35.9	2.5	35.3	38.7	23.5	1.4	11.2	35.3	52.2
CZ	4.3	39.3	32.9	23.4	5.3	49.2	31.2	14.3	3.0	26.6	35.1	35.3
DK	3.3	23.5	36.6	36.7	4.7	33.6	40.1	21.6	1.6	11.9	32.5	54.0
DE	2.4	31.3	35.7	30.7	2.9	42.9	33.8	20.5	1.7	17.0	38.0	43.3
EE	5.9	34.9	32.8	26.5	8.1	44.2	32.7	15.1	3.6	25.5	32.8	38.0
EL	12.6	22.4	39.2	25.7	11.7	29.8	38.6	19.9	14.1	10.5	40.3	35.2
ES	5.5	30.4	39.1	25.0	6.7	41.7	36.1	15.6	3.7	12.9	43.9	39.5
FR	4.0	24.6	36.3	35.1	5.0	35.0	37.6	22.4	2.8	12.5	34.6	50.1
IE	6.3	27.6	39.3	26.8	9.8	38.5	36.2	15.5	1.4	12.7	43.5	42.4
IT	4.4	30.7	38.7	26.2	5.0	38.9	38.0	18.1	3.5	17.9	39.8	38.8
CY	4.8	24.2	43.5	27.6	5.7	34.5	40.9	18.9	3.6	10.7	46.7	38.9
LV	13.2	27.3	32.6	26.9	16.2	36.0	31.2	16.6	10.1	18.2	34.1	37.6
LT	15.8	28.2	29.6	26.4	18.2	35.8	30.4	15.6	13.4	20.3	28.7	37.6
LU	2.1	19.9	40.1	37.9	2.5	29.0	40.1	28.4	(1.6)	6.6	40.2	51.7
HU	5.1	32.9	34.7	27.3	7.3	41.6	34.1	17.0	2.6	22.6	35.4	39.5
MT	2.1	29.4	39.1	29.4	(2.8)	34.4	39.6	23.3	.	17.8	37.9	43.7
NL	3.1	20.3	42.0	34.6	4.1	29.8	43.7	22.4	2.0	8.3	39.8	49.9
AT	5.0	27.7	40.7	26.5	4.8	39.4	37.4	18.3	5.3	13.3	44.8	36.7
PL	18.0	28.8	30.0	23.2	18.6	38.4	29.1	13.8	17.2	17.1	31.0	34.6
PT	12.1	31.2	32.2	24.6	11.5	40.8	33.1	14.5	12.7	19.7	31.1	36.5
SI	9.9	36.7	30.7	22.7	10.0	46.1	29.7	14.3	9.8	25.5	32.0	32.7
SK	5.1	39.1	30.1	25.8	6.9	49.7	27.9	15.4	2.8	26.2	32.7	38.3
FI	4.9	25.7	36.2	33.1	6.7	38.0	37.8	17.5	3.0	12.4	34.6	50.0
SE	2.5	22.4	36.9	38.2	3.8	34.1	41.9	20.2	1.0	9.8	31.5	57.7
UK	1.3	22.5	42.1	34.1	1.9	33.6	43.6	21.0	0.6	9.6	40.5	49.3
BG	9.7	33.2	32.7	24.5	11.7	37.3	33.1	17.9	7.4	28.5	32.2	31.9
HR	17.0	29.6	31.9	21.5	16.0	38.8	30.6	14.6	18.2	18.2	33.4	30.2
RO	31.8	31.4	20.5	16.3	31.4	35.9	20.1	12.7	32.3	26.1	20.9	20.6
IS	6.3	22.5	36.8	34.4	9.3	32.9	38.0	19.8	3.0	10.7	35.4	50.8
NO	3.5	20.9	36.9	38.7	5.1	32.2	40.6	22.0	1.7	8.3	32.7	57.3
<b>EEA</b>	5.0	27.8	37.2	30.0	5.8	38.2	36.9	19.1	4.0	14.6	37.5	43.9
CH	4.0	22.8	41.5	31.8	4.8	32.0	42.6	20.6	3.0	11.6	40.1	45.4

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol “.” is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.

- The distributions of employed persons by economic activity are based on the classification NACE Rev 1 (sections A and B for agriculture, C to F for industry, G to K for market services, and L to Q for non market services).
- DE: quarter 2. CY: April 2004 – March 2005
- BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation, the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector.

**Employed persons aged 15 and more by occupation in the main job, 2004 - Table 5**

Total				Men				Women				(%)
Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	
38.4	24.8	27.1	9.7	37.3	13.6	40.6	8.5	39.8	39.0	10.1	11.2	<b>EU-25</b>
39.2	25.7	25.1	10.0	38.9	13.9	38.5	8.8	39.7	40.7	8.1	11.5	<b>EU-15</b>
38.7	24.5	26.9	9.9	37.7	13.9	40.3	8.1	40.0	38.2	9.4	12.3	<b>Euro-zone</b>
43.5	26.5	20.6	9.4	43.5	16.5	32.0	8.1	43.5	39.5	5.8	11.2	<b>BE</b>
37.7	20.3	36.4	5.6	34.8	10.5	50.7	4.0	41.5	32.9	17.8	7.8	<b>CZ</b>
43.2	25.3	20.5	11.1	42.5	11.9	34.0	11.6	43.9	40.5	5.1	10.5	<b>DK</b>
41.8	24.9	25.2	8.1	40.2	13.2	40.1	6.6	43.9	39.0	7.2	9.9	<b>DE</b>
39.0	16.5	32.5	12.0	33.5	7.6	49.6	9.3	44.4	25.4	15.4	14.8	<b>EE</b>
32.6	25.6	35.4	6.4	31.5	18.3	45.5	4.7	34.4	37.2	19.2	9.3	<b>EL</b>
30.7	23.7	30.3	15.3	28.5	14.4	44.5	12.6	34.1	38.1	8.2	19.6	<b>ES</b>
38.6	25.2	26.8	9.5	39.5	11.9	41.9	6.6	37.5	40.4	9.3	12.7	<b>FR</b>
40.1	28.7	22.5	8.8	40.3	14.8	35.2	9.7	39.8	47.7	5.0	7.5	<b>IE</b>
39.2	22.5	28.6	9.7	37.0	15.3	39.3	8.4	42.7	33.4	12.3	11.6	<b>IT</b>
28.2	30.4	24.5	16.9	28.9	19.6	40.4	11.1	27.2	44.3	4.2	24.3	<b>CY</b>
33.8	19.6	34.0	12.5	28.2	9.0	49.9	12.9	39.7	30.7	17.4	12.2	<b>LV</b>
33.0	15.5	40.7	10.8	24.5	8.8	56.0	10.7	41.8	22.4	24.8	10.9	<b>LT</b>
45.4	22.9	19.3	12.4	45.3	16.5	30.4	7.8	45.6	32.1	3.1	19.2	<b>LU</b>
34.2	23.1	34.4	8.2	28.7	14.0	50.6	6.7	40.8	33.8	15.5	9.9	<b>HU</b>
34.0	26.9	26.6	12.5	33.1	20.2	32.9	13.7	36.0	42.0	12.3	9.7	<b>MT</b>
49.4	24.8	16.7	9.1	50.4	13.7	27.1	8.7	48.1	38.7	3.6	9.5	<b>NL</b>
37.6	27.8	24.7	9.9	39.1	15.6	37.5	7.8	35.8	42.6	9.2	12.4	<b>AT</b>
31.7	18.7	42.1	7.5	25.8	11.8	56.2	6.2	38.9	27.1	25.0	9.0	<b>PL</b>
25.9	23.4	38.3	12.4	26.8	14.6	50.1	8.5	24.8	33.9	24.5	16.9	<b>PT</b>
36.1	20.6	37.7	5.6	31.7	13.5	50.3	4.4	41.3	28.9	22.8	7.0	<b>SI</b>
35.2	20.6	35.2	9.0	28.6	12.0	50.9	8.5	43.3	31.1	16.1	9.5	<b>SK</b>
43.4	22.9	25.5	8.2	43.4	9.2	40.9	6.4	43.4	37.6	8.8	10.1	<b>FI</b>
44.1	28.2	22.0	5.6	43.5	14.3	37.1	5.1	44.7	43.3	5.8	6.2	<b>SE</b>
40.6	31.1	17.6	10.8	43.7	13.8	30.0	12.5	36.9	51.0	3.2	8.9	<b>UK</b>
30.5	21.0	35.5	12.9	26.7	13.1	46.0	14.2	34.8	29.8	23.9	11.4	<b>BG</b>
28.1	25.1	39.1	7.8	27.2	16.1	49.8	6.8	29.1	36.1	25.8	8.9	<b>HR</b>
20.4	13.7	56.0	9.9	17.6	7.9	64.1	10.3	23.6	20.5	46.4	9.4	<b>RO</b>
39.6	26.6	24.8	8.9	37.4	13.8	40.5	8.3	42.2	41.0	7.2	9.7	<b>IS</b>
42.9	30.7	21.4	5.1	43.5	17.3	36.1	3.1	42.2	45.5	5.1	7.3	<b>NO</b>
38.5	24.9	27.1	9.6	37.4	13.6	40.6	8.4	39.8	39.0	10.1	11.1	<b>EEA</b>
44.3	26.6	23.5	5.5	46.0	15.1	35.2	3.7	42.4	40.6	9.4	7.7	<b>CH</b>

Notes: - The distributions of employed persons by occupation are based on the classification ISCO 88-COM (groups 1 to 3 for highly skilled non manual, 4 to 5 for low skilled non manual, 6 to 8 for skilled manual and 9 for elementary occupations).

- DE: annual average (estimate). CY: April 2004 – March 2005. NL: 2003 data

**Table 6 – Employees aged 15 and more, 2004**

	Total (1000)			Usual hours worked per week						% employees with limited duration contract		
	Total	Men	Women	Full time			Part time			Total	Men	Women
				Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
<b>EU-25</b>	161 860	86 968	74 892	40.3	41.2	39.0	19.9	19.1	20.0	13.7	13.2	14.4
<b>EU-15</b>	138 832	74 840	63 992	40.2	41.0	38.8	19.7	18.8	19.9	13.6	12.9	14.4
<b>Euro-zone</b>	108 209	59 298	48 911	39.7	40.4	38.5	19.8	19.2	20.0	15.4	14.5	16.4
BE	3 521	1 950	1 570	39.1	39.7	37.8	23.1	24.1	22.9	8.7	6.4	11.7
CZ	3 899	2 078	1 820	41.3	42.1	40.4	24.0	23.6	24.2	9.1	7.8	10.7
DK	2 492	1 286	1 207	39.2	40.2	37.7	18.9	14.4	20.6	9.5	8.7	10.3
DE	31 412	16 768	14 644	39.8	40.2	39.1	17.7	15.6	18.1	12.6	12.8	12.3
EE	538	260	278	41.1	41.9	40.3	21.0	21.2	20.9	2.6	3.5	1.8
EL	2 730	1 615	1 115	40.9	41.7	39.6	20.9	22.1	20.4	11.9	10.5	14.0
ES	14 721	8 695	6 025	40.4	41.0	39.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	32.5	30.6	35.2
FR	21 760	11 404	10 356	38.9	39.7	37.7	23.1	22.8	23.2	12.9	11.8	14.0
IE	1 535	810	726	39.2	40.5	37.4	18.9	18.8	18.9	4.1	3.7	4.6
IT	16 117	9 285	6 832	39.2	40.6	37.0	21.6	21.7	21.6	11.8	9.9	14.5
CY	260	136	124	40.4	40.8	39.8	21.9	21.1	22.2	12.9	8.5	17.7
LV	884	447	437	42.6	43.7	41.5	22.9	24.0	22.4	9.5	11.6	7.3
LT	1 167	579	588	39.4	40.1	38.6	20.5	20.7	20.4	6.3	8.7	3.9
LU	171	100	71	40.1	40.2	39.9	21.0	23.3	20.8	4.9	4.1	6.0
HU	3 348	1 745	1 603	40.8	41.4	40.2	24.0	23.6	24.2	6.8	7.5	6.1
MT	127	85	42	40.6	41.4	38.7	20.6	21.0	20.4	3.9	(3.0)	(5.8)
NL	7 130	3 881	3 249	38.8	39.0	38.0	19.3	19.4	19.3	14.8	13.4	16.5
AT	3 266	1 757	1 509	42.4	43.1	41.1	21.1	19.4	21.3	9.6	10.2	9.0
PL	10 107	5 376	4 731	41.5	43.1	39.5	22.7	23.3	22.4	22.7	23.7	21.5
PT	3 782	2 006	1 776	40.1	40.9	39.1	20.0	20.6	19.8	19.8	18.7	21.1
SI	797	423	374	41.7	42.2	41.1	18.4	17.8	18.7	17.8	16.7	19.1
SK	1 902	998	903	40.5	41.0	40.0	21.7	21.3	21.9	5.5	6.0	5.1
FI	2 063	1 025	1 038	39.2	40.1	38.2	20.4	19.5	20.8	16.1	12.6	19.5
SE	3 834	1 893	1 941	39.9	40.1	39.6	22.8	19.2	23.8	15.5	13.5	17.5
UK	24 297	12 364	11 933	42.7	44.3	40.2	19.0	18.2	19.2	6.0	5.5	6.5
BG	2 478	1 266	1 212	41.1	41.3	40.9	20.8	21.2	20.6	7.4	7.7	7.0
HR	1 201	660	541	41.7	42.2	41.0	(21.1)	(20.4)	(21.4)	12.4	12.4	12.3
RO	5 982	3 220	2 761	41.7	42.0	41.3	26.5	27.4	25.8	2.5	2.9	2.0
IS	132	66	66	46.0	48.6	42.2	21.3	17.2	22.3	6.7	5.5	7.9
NO	2 096	1 069	1 027	38.6	39.0	38.0	19.5	17.2	20.2	10.0	8.4	11.8
<b>EEA</b>	164 088	88 102	75 985	40.3	41.1	39.0	19.9	19.1	20.0	13.7	13.1	14.3
CH	3 318	1 767	1 551	40.9	41.2	40.3	20.4	22.3	20.0	12.2	11.8	12.6

Notes: Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.

- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except 'usual hours worked per week' (quarter 2). CY: April 2004 – March 2005.



## Unemployed aged 15 and more, 2004 – Table 7

Long term unemployment rate (%)			% of unemployed for 1 year and +			Unemployed seeking a first job (%)	Youth unemployment ratio (%)	
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
4.0	3.5	4.6	44.2	43.1	45.4	17.4	8.3	<b>EU-25</b>
3.3	2.8	3.9	41.0	39.6	42.4	16.4	7.6	<b>EU-15</b>
3.9	3.2	4.8	44.0	42.3	45.6	16.0	7.7	<b>Euro-zone</b>
4.1	3.7	4.7	49.0	48.9	49.2	21.0	7.5	BE
4.2	3.4	5.3	51.0	48.4	53.3	15.9	7.4	CZ
1.2	1.1	1.3	21.5	21.0	21.9	12.2	5.6	DK
5.1	4.6	5.8	51.8	50.5	53.7	5.8	6.0	DE
5.0	5.6	4.4	52.2	54.2	49.7	16.1	7.5	EE
5.6	3.0	9.4	53.1	44.9	57.9	41.5	9.9	EL
3.5	2.3	5.3	32.0	27.8	35.2	15.2	9.9	ES
3.7	3.3	4.1	40.4	40.1	40.7	16.8	8.1	FR
1.6	2.0	1.0	34.9	41.7	23.6	17.8	4.7	IE
4.0	2.9	5.5	49.2	46.1	51.9	32.4	8.5	IT
1.3	0.9	1.7	26.2	25.1	27.0	13.6	4.9	CY
4.6	4.8	4.3	43.8	45.0	42.6	11.7	6.8	LV
5.8	5.5	6.2	51.2	50.2	52.2	13.2	5.9	LT
1.1	(0.8)	(1.5)	22.6	(24.1)	(21.6)	22.2	4.8	LU
2.7	2.8	2.6	44.0	45.7	41.9	14.9	4.3	HU
3.4	3.5	:	47.0	55.5	:	30.5	9.1	MT
1.6	1.5	1.6	34.2	35.6	32.6	16.1	5.7	NL
1.4	1.3	1.4	27.5	28.6	26.3	12.5	5.6	AT
10.3	9.6	11.0	54.0	52.7	55.5	22.5	14.2	PL
3.0	2.6	3.4	44.4	43.7	45.0	13.5	6.7	PT
3.2	3.1	3.4	51.5	53.4	49.5	29.3	6.5	SI
11.8	11.3	12.4	64.7	64.9	64.5	20.5	13.0	SK
2.1	2.3	2.0	24.0	25.9	22.0	8.7	10.3	FI
1.3	1.5	1.0	19.3	21.4	16.6	10.0	8.0	SE
1.0	1.2	0.6	20.6	24.3	15.3	21.3	7.6	UK
7.2	7.3	7.0	59.5	58.1	61.3	21.9	7.5	BG
7.3	6.1	8.8	53.6	49.3	57.9	30.0	13.1	HR
4.8	5.5	3.8	58.9	60.9	55.8	35.4	7.8	RO
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.9	IS
0.8	0.9	0.6	18.1	20.5	14.9	:	7.0	NO
4.0	3.5	4.6	44.0	42.9	45.3	17.4	8.3	<b>EEA</b>
1.4	1.2	1.7	33.1	31.0	35.1	12.7	5.2	CH

Notes: Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.

DE: Quarter 2 for all indicators except youth unemployment ratio (estimate, annual average). CY: April 2004- March 2005.

Long-term unemployed persons are persons who have been unemployed for one year or more, i.e. unemployed persons who have searched for employment for one year or longer of left last job one year or more ago, whichever period is shorter. Long-term unemployment rate represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

% of unemployed for 1 year or + represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the unemployed persons.

**Table 8- Education, spring 2004**

(%)	Participation in education or training (25-64 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (25-64 years)			Early school leavers (18-24 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (20-24 years)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	9.9	9.0	10.7	68.0	70.0	65.9	15.7	18.1	13.3	76.7	73.8	79.6
<b>EU-15</b>	10.6	9.8	11.4	65.0	67.1	62.9	17.8	20.4	15.3	73.8	70.7	77.0
<b>Euro-zone</b>	7.8	7.6	7.9	63.2	64.9	61.6	18.4	21.4	15.4	73.0	69.3	76.7
BE	9.5	9.7	9.3	63.6	63.8	63.5	11.9	15.6	8.3	82.1	77.4	86.8
CZ	6.3	6.0	6.5	89.0	93.3	84.8	6.1	5.8	6.5	90.9	90.5	91.2
DK	27.6	23.4	31.9	83.0	84.4	81.6	8.1	10.4	5.8	76.1	73.3	78.6
DE	7.4	7.8	7.0	83.9	87.5	80.2	12.1	12.2	11.9	72.8	71.5	74.2
EE	6.7	5.8	7.6	88.9	86.8	90.7	13.7	20.5	7.0	82.3	72.5	92.3
EL	2.0	2.0	2.1	58.7	60.0	57.4	14.9	18.3	11.6	81.9	78.2	85.6
ES	5.1	4.7	5.6	45.4	45.6	45.2	31.1	37.8	24.1	61.8	54.7	69.2
FR	7.8	7.6	7.9	65.1	67.2	63.2	14.2	16.1	12.3	79.8	78.2	81.3
IE	7.2	6.1	8.4	63.0	59.9	66.1	12.9	16.1	9.7	85.3	82.1	88.6
IT	6.8	6.5	7.2	48.9	48.7	49.1	22.3	26.2	18.4	72.9	67.6	78.2
CY	9.3	9.0	9.6	65.6	68.8	62.6	18.4	23.3	14.3	80.1	75.4	84.4
LV	9.1	6.1	11.8	84.0	81.2	86.5	15.6	20.5	10.7	76.9	70.7	83.4
LT	6.5	5.0	7.9	86.7	85.0	88.2	9.5	11.6	7.4	86.1	82.2	90.1
LU	9.4	9.3	9.5	61.6	66.1	57.1	17.0	14.4	19.6	69.8	74.0	65.5
HU	4.6	3.9	5.3	75.1	79.2	71.2	12.6	13.7	11.4	83.4	81.9	84.9
MT	5.0	5.5	4.4	23.0	26.6	19.4	45.0	46.6	43.1	47.9	47.1	48.7
NL	16.8	16.4	17.2	70.1	73.6	66.6	14.5	16.4	12.6	73.9	70.9	77.1
AT	12.0	11.5	12.5	80.2	85.3	75.1	8.7	9.5	7.9	86.3	86.2	86.3
PL	5.5	4.7	6.3	83.4	84.7	82.2	5.7	7.7	3.7	89.5	87.4	91.6
PT	4.8	4.4	5.1	25.3	23.5	27.0	39.4	47.9	30.6	49.0	39.4	58.8
SI	17.9	16.1	19.8	79.3	82.5	76.0	4.2	5.8	2.6	89.7	86.0	93.7
SK	4.6	3.9	5.2	86.6	90.4	83.1	7.1	7.8	6.4	91.3	91.1	91.5
FI	24.6	20.9	28.2	77.6	75.9	79.2	8.7	10.6	6.9	84.6	81.2	87.9
SE	35.8	31.5	40.3	82.9	80.8	85.1	8.6	9.3	7.9	86.3	85.1	87.6
UK	21.2	17.4	25.3	70.4	75.4	65.2	16.8	17.1	16.5	76.4	76.2	76.6
BG	1.3	1.1	1.4	71.6	71.0	72.2	21.4	22.1	20.7	76.0	74.8	77.2
HR	2.0	1.8	2.3	71.4	77.9	65.2	6.2	7.1	5.2	92.5	91.5	93.7
RO	1.6	1.6	1.6	71.2	77.2	65.2	23.6	24.9	22.4	74.8	73.8	75.8
IS	23.9	18.9	29.1	67.2	73.0	61.3	26.3	26.4	26.1	53.9	55.2	52.4
NO	18.9	18.0	19.7	87.3	87.4	87.1	4.5	5.2	3.7	95.3	94.2	96.5
<b>EEA</b>	10.0	9.1	10.8	68.2	70.2	66.1	15.6	18.0	13.3	76.9	74.0	79.8
CH	28.6	29.7	27.4	86.8	89.7	83.9	8.1	8.8	7.3	82.9	80.4	85.6

Notes: - Participation in education and training refers to persons who answered they received education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey. Students who were on holidays in this period are not included.

- Early school leavers includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 who are not in education or training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).

- All the indicators presented on this page are based on spring data, i.e. quarter 2 for all countries, except:

- for participation in education and training : Denmark, Greece, France, Finland (quarter 1),
- for early school leavers : France and Finland (quarter 1),
- for population with at least ISCED 3-4 level: France and Finland (quarter 1),

- DE : participation in education and training and early school leavers are restricted to regular education and vocational training.

- CY: students usually living in the country but studying abroad are not covered by the survey.

## ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2004 European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS) was conducted in the 25 Member States of the European Union and 3 countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998. Three Candidate countries also participated in the 2004 survey.

The EU-LFS is a large household sample survey providing annual and quarterly results on labour participation of people aged 15 and over as well as on persons outside the labour force. Its sampling rates vary between 0.3% and 3.3%. The reference week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. In all of the countries providing quarterly data the quarterly sample is spread uniformly over all weeks of the quarter. The reference year is the calendar year except in Ireland and the United Kingdom (December 2003 to November 2004) and Cyprus (April 2004-March 2005).

The results on tables 1 to 8 consist of an annual average of the 2004 quarterly surveys. Annual estimates are provided by the Federal Statistical Institute of Germany for most indicators as indicated in the notes attached to each individual table.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004, the samples for the Austrian and Italian Labour Force Surveys have been spread over all weeks of the quarter. At the same time the sampling and weighting procedures in Greece were revised in order to improve coverage. In Spain, France, Ireland and the United Kingdom, the 2003 figures have been updated to take into account the results of the most recent population censuses. Accordingly estimates for 2004 are not fully comparable with previous publications.

### 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.

Employed persons were those aged 15 years and over (16 years and over in ES and UK, 15 to 74 years in DK, EE, HU, LV, SE, FI and NO, 16-74 in IS) who during the reference week did any work for pay, profit or family gain for at least one hour, or were not at work but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of, e.g., illness, holidays, industrial dispute and education or training. Unemployed persons comprise persons aged 15 to 74 (16 to 74 in ES, UK and IS) who were without work during the reference week, were currently available for work and were either actively seeking work or who found a job to start within the next three months.

Long-term unemployed persons are persons who have been unemployed for one year or more, i.e. unemployed persons who have searched for employment for one year or longer of left last job one year or more ago, whichever period is shorter.

The active population (labour force) is defined as the sum of employed and unemployed persons. Inactive persons are those who are neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.

Employees are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included. Employees with temporary contracts are those who declare themselves as having a fixed term employment contract or a job which will terminate if certain objective criteria are met, such as completion of an assignment or return of the employee who was temporarily replaced.

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. The full-time/part-time distinction is declared by the respondent except in NL, IS and NO where part-time is determined if the usual hours are fewer than 35 hours and full-time if the usual hours are 35 hours or more, and in SE where this criterion is applied to the self-employed.

Employment rates represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population. Part time employment rates represent persons employed part time as a percentage of the same age population.

Unemployment rates represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. Long-term unemployment rate represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. % of unemployed 1 year or + represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the unemployed persons. Youth unemployment ratio represents unemployed aged 15-24 years as a percentage of the total population of this age group.

All rates and ratios are calculated excluding non responses.

Country codes applied in this publication: BE (Belgium), CZ (Czech Republic), DK (Denmark), DE (Germany), EE (Estonia), EL (Greece), ES (Spain), FR (Metropolitan France, excluding the 'Département d'Outre-Mer', i.e. Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyane and Réunion), IE (Ireland), IT (Italy), CY (Republic of Cyprus), LV (Latvia), LT (Lithuania), LU (Luxembourg), HU (Hungary), MT (Malta), NL (Netherlands), AT (Austria), PL (Poland), PT (Portugal), SI (Slovenia), SK (Slovakia), FI (Finland), SE (Sweden), UK (United Kingdom), EU-25 (European Union), EU-15 (former European Union of 15 Member States), Euro-zone (EU-15 less DK, SE and UK), BG (Bulgaria), HR (Croatia), RO (Romania), IS (Iceland), NO (Norway), EEA (European Economic Area: includes all EU-25 countries, Iceland and Norway, excludes Liechtenstein), CH (Switzerland), EFTA (European Free Trade Association: includes Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, excludes Liechtenstein).

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