The **employment rate** is the percentage of **employed persons** in relation to the comparable total population. For the overall employment rate, the comparison is made with the population of working-age; but employment rates can also be calculated for a particular age group and/or gender in a specific geographical area (for example the males of age 15-24 employed versus total in one [European Union (EU)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat) Member State).

**Related concepts**
- Employed person - Labour force survey
- Employee
- Unemployment rate

**Statistical data**
- Employment - annual statistics