

Glossary: People outside the labour force

Statistics Explained

A person is **outside the labour force**, according to the definitions set up by the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), organised by [International Labour Organisation](#) (ILO), if he or she is not part of the [labour force](#), meaning he or she is neither [employed](#) nor [unemployed](#). The set of people outside the labour force was also called the "inactive population", but this term is not in use any more according to the 19th ICLS resolution.

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