

The **employment** level is defined as the number people engaged in productive activities in an economy. The concept includes both [employees](#) and the [self-employed](#) . The two main measures used for employment are the number of [persons employed](#) or the number of employees.

More complex measures of employment are sometimes produced by measuring the number of hours worked or by converting the number of hours into full-time equivalent units. In addition, some particular categories of employment are measured, such as part-time employment, female employment, self-employment, apprenticeships, homeworkers and unpaid employment (unpaid family workers and working proprietors).

Related concepts

- [Employee](#)
- [Employed person](#)
- [Employment rate](#)
- [Self-employed](#)
- [Unemployment](#)

Statistical data

- [Employment - annual statistics](#)