

A person is economically **inactive** , according to the [International Labour Organisation](#) definition, if he or she is not part of the [labour force](#) . So inactive people are neither [employed](#) nor [unemployed](#) . The inactive population can include pre-school children, school children, students, pensioners and housewives or -men, for example, provided that they are not working at all and not available or looking for work either; some of these may be of working-age.

The inactivity rate is the proportion of inactive persons in the total population of the same age group.

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