

The **labour force** or **workforce** or **economically active population** , also shortened to **active population** , includes both **employed** (employees and self-employed) and **unemployed** people, but not the economically **inactive** , such as pre-school children, school children, students and pensioners.

Further information

- [The European Union Labour Force Survey: main characteristics of the national surveys](#)

Related concepts

- [Employed person](#)
- [Employee](#)
- [Labour force survey \(LFS\)](#)
- [Unemployed](#)

Statistical data

- [Employment statistics](#)