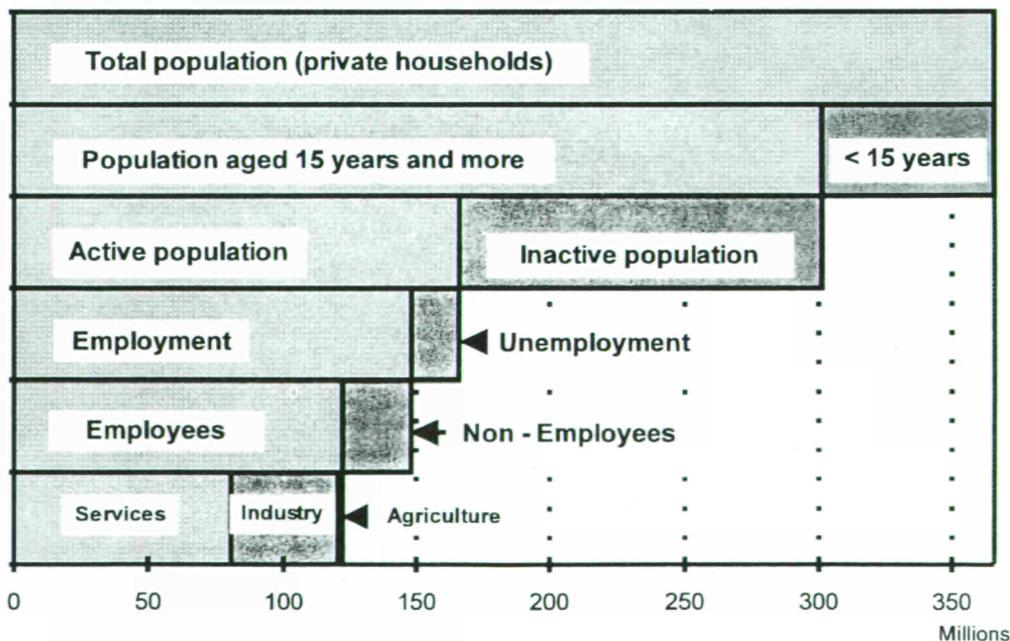


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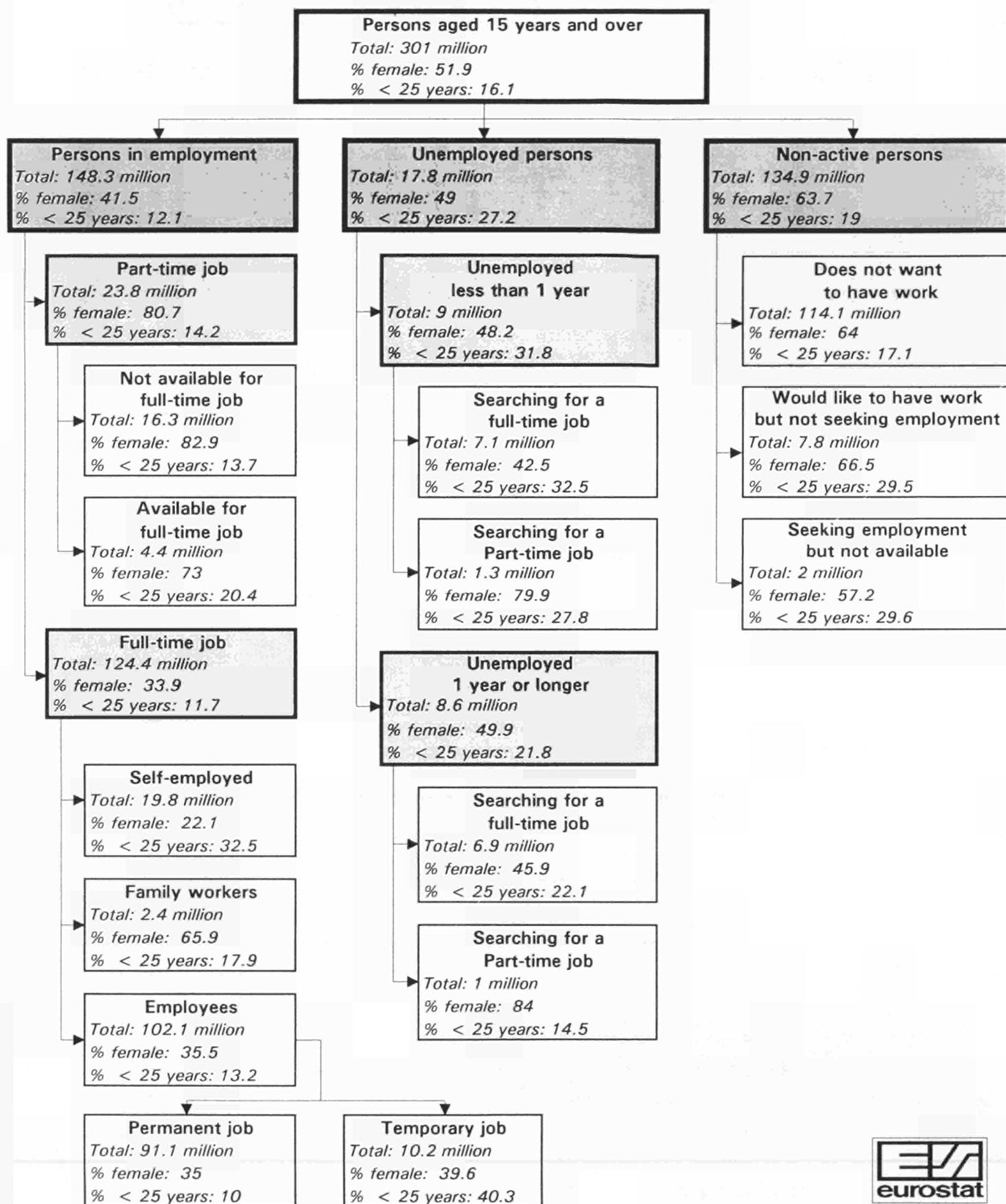
For the first time, the coverage of the Community Labour Force Survey has been extended to fifteen countries, with the inclusion of the three new EU Member States Austria, Finland and Sweden. In spring 1995 the population of the Union was measured at 366 million people, taking into account only private households. At that date :

- 148 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving an employment rate of 49.3% for the whole EU, with the lowest rate in Spain at 37% and the highest in Denmark at 60%
- 16% of people with jobs said that they worked part-time, 81% of these part-time workers being women
- 14% of employees had a work-contract of limited duration (35% of employees in Spain)
- 18 million people had no job but were available for work and looking for work, giving an unemployment rate of 10.7% for the whole EU, reaching 17% in Finland and 22.7% in Spain
- 49% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year, and the same proportion had not completed upper-secondary level education
- 20% of unemployed persons were looking for their first job (the figure for Italy being over 50%).

Population, activity and inactivity - EUR 15 - 1995

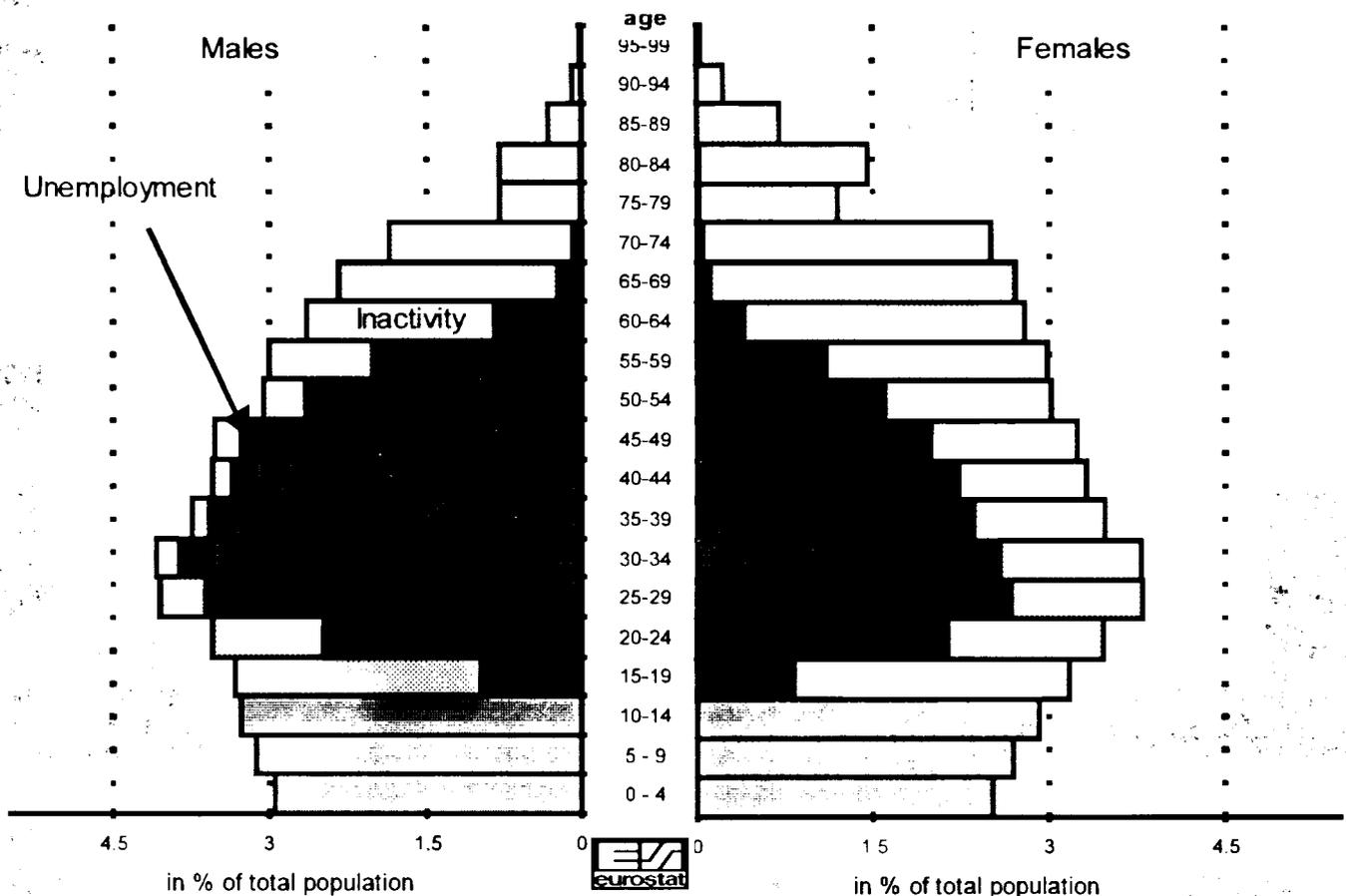


Work status of persons aged of 15 years and more, EUR15 - 1995



In certain cases, because of non-response, the sum of sub-categories does not equal the total for that category.

Activity by sex and age group, EUR15 - 1995



64.5% of jobs are in services

In 1995 the services sector provided 54% of male employment and 79% of female employment in the EU. Only in this sector was employment equally distributed between men (49%) and women (51%).

Agriculture, forestry and fishing account for only 5.3% of employment in the EU, although this proportion is still as high as 20% in Greece, 13% in Ireland and 12% in Portugal

Part-time work on the increase

The proportion of part-time workers in the EU is rising, although there are noticeable differences here between the Member States. Part-time working remains unusual in the southern countries, where it accounts for less than 10% of jobs, but this figures reaches 37% in the Netherlands. In the EU as a whole, part-time work is largely a preserve of women (31% of total female employment) and young people (19% of total youth employment). Two-thirds of the women working

part-time said they did so voluntarily, compared with only one-third of the men.

14% of employees have a fixed-term contract

The proportion of employees with a work-contract of limited duration:

- is particularly significant among young people (34.9% of young employees); often these contracts cover a training period;

- forms a larger proportion of female employment (14.7%) than male (13.5%);

- still accounts for less than 20% of total employment in every Member State except Spain (35%), where, despite the introduction of restrictions on the use of such contracts in 1994, the proportion of employees with a limited-term contract increased by 4% in 1995.

Table 1 - Labour force survey 1995 - Males and females ⁽¹⁾

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
Total population								
-1000	365736	10105	5207	80570	10238	38749	56336	3536
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	301047	8278	4328	67503	8538	32313	45158	2659
-% of total population	82.3	81.9	83.1	83.8	83.4	83.4	80.2	75.2
Active population								
-1000	166155	4183	2796	38961	4201	15561	25033	1434
-Activity rate -%	55.2	50.5	64.6	57.7	49.2	48.2	55.4	53.9
Total employment								
-1000	148326	3793	2601	35782	3821	12027	22057	1262
-Employment rate-%	49.3	45.8	60.1	53.0	44.7	37.2	48.8	47.5
- Full-time - %	83.9	86.4	78.4	83.7	95.2	92.5	84.4	87.9
- Part-time - %	16.1	13.6	21.6	16.3	4.8	7.5	15.6	12.1
-In the agriculture - %	5.3	2.7	4.4	3.2	20.4	9.3	4.9	12.0
-In the industry - %	30.2	28.3	27.1	36.0	23.2	30.2	27.0	27.8
-In the services - %	64.5	69.1	68.5	60.8	56.4	60.5	68.1	60.2
Employees								
-1000	122626	3112	2353	31946	2059	8938	19054	983
-% of total employment	82.7	82.1	90.5	89.3	53.9	74.3	86.4	77.9
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.1	5.3	12.1	10.4	10.2	35.0	12.3	10.2
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	85.9	94.7	87.9	89.6	89.8	65.0	87.7	89.8
Usual hours worked per week	36.9	35.7	34.5	36.4	39.8	39.0	37.0	37.4
Unemployment								
- 1000	17828	391	196	3179	381	3533	2977	172
-Unemployment rate - %	10.7	9.3	7.0	8.2	9.1	22.7	11.9	12.0
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	32.7	22.3	53.2	34.1	27.6	27.1	40.6	22.1
-6 to 11 months	18.3	15.3	18.7	17.2	21.2	18.2	19.3	16.5
-12 months and more	49.0	62.4	28.1	48.7	51.2	54.6	40.2	61.4
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	20.1	21.4	4.2	4.9	43.8	22.2	10.5	17.2
-seeking a part-time job	12.9	9.2	14.9	14.3	3.9	5.1	13.9	14.0
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾	48.9	53.6	26.0	23.1	45.8	67.8	46.6	26.1
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	134892	4095	1532	28542	4337	16753	20124	1225
- In education - %	18.9	20.8	14.0	15.7	18.1	22.4	23.2	26.1

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data

⁽²⁾ Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59



Table 1 - Labour force survey 1995 - Males and females ⁽¹⁾

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
56413	403	15199	7883	9807	4929	8838	57525	Total population -1000
47734	328	12364	6464	8174	3977	7070	46159	Population older than 15 years -1000
84.6	81.6	81.3	82.0	83.4	80.7	80.0	80.2	-% of total population
22607	167	7337	3841	4753	2429	4449	28404	Active population -1000
47.4	50.8	59.3	59.4	58.1	61.1	62.9	61.5	-Activity rate -%
								Total employment
19943	162	6785	3674	4417	2016	4051	25936	-1000
41.8	49.3	54.9	56.8	54.0	50.7	57.3	56.2	-Employment rate-%
93.6	92.1	62.6	86.1	92.5	88.2	73.0	75.9	- Full-time - %
6.4	7.9	37.4	13.9	7.5	11.8	27.0	24.1	- Part-time - %
7.5	3.9	3.7	7.3	11.5	7.8	3.5	2.1	-In the agriculture - %
32.1	25.3	22.8	32.1	32.2	27.6	25.2	27.4	-In the industry - %
60.4	70.9	73.5	60.6	56.3	64.6	71.3	70.5	-In the services - %
								Employees
14162	144	5930	3152	3191	1697	3555	22351	-1000
71.0	88.7	87.4	85.8	72.3	84.2	87.8	86.2	-% of total employment
7.2		11.4	6.0	10.0	16.5	13.6	7.0	-Contract of limited duration - %
92.8		88.6	94.0	90.0	83.5	86.4	93.0	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
37.6	38.0	31.5	37.1	40.4	36.9	37.0	37.5	Usual hours worked per week
								Unemployment
2663	5	552	167	336	413	398	2468	- 1000
11.8	2.9	7.5	4.3	7.1	17.0	8.9	8.7	-Unemployment rate - %
19.8	50.8	19.6	57.0	34.9	45.7	60.4	39.2	Unemployment by duration (%):
16.7	25.9	33.8	15.4	14.2	17.3	22.4	17.2	-less than 6 months
63.6	23.2	46.6	27.6	50.9	37.0	16.7	43.6	-6 to 11 months
								-12 months and more
52.6	19.0	28.0	6.8	17.5	28.4	8.3	10.7	Unemployed (%):
13.0	17.2	48.0	13.8	1.3	6.2	9.4	18.4	-seeking a first job
60.5	61.8	26.5	37.1	78.6	36.8	29.7	55.6	-seeking a part-time job
								-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾
								Total of non-actives
25127	162	5027	2623	3422	1549	2621	17756	- 1000
20.1	17.7	14.6	16.3	25.8	19.5	25.4	13.1	- In education - %

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1995 - Males ⁽¹⁾

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
Total population								
-1000	178144	4945	2569	39167	4932	18898	27256	1758
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	144837	4010	2117	32428	4055	15527	21538	1308
-% of total population	81.3	81.1	82.4	82.8	82.2	82.2	79.0	74.4
Active population								
-1000	95882	2453	1525	22237	2611	9616	13650	895
-Activity rate -%	66.2	61.2	72.1	68.6	64.4	61.9	63.4	68.4
Total employment								
-1000	86786	2274	1440	20669	2449	7882	12280	788
-Employment rate-%	59.9	56.7	68.0	63.7	60.4	50.8	57.0	60.2
- Full-time - %	94.7	97.2	89.6	96.4	97.2	97.3	94.9	94.6
- Part-time - %	5.3	2.8	10.4	3.6	2.8	2.7	5.1	5.4
-In the agriculture - %	5.8	3.1	5.9	3.3	18.5	10.3	5.8	17.1
-In the industry - %	39.7	38.1	36.8	47.5	28.4	38.7	36.4	34.1
-In the services - %	54.4	58.9	57.3	49.2	53.1	51.0	57.8	48.8
Employees								
-1000	69286	1842	1264	18116	1288	5780	10325	555
-% of total employment	79.8	81.0	87.8	87.7	52.6	73.3	84.1	70.5
-Contract of limited duration - %	13.5	3.9	10.9	9.9	9.5	33.2	11.4	8.7
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	86.5	96.1	89.1	90.1	90.5	66.8	88.6	91.3
Usual hours worked per week	40.1	38.3	36.8	39.3	40.9	40.7	39.7	40.5
Unemployment								
- 1000	9094	179	86	1568	162	1733	1371	107
-Unemployment rate - %	9.5	7.3	5.6	7.1	6.2	18.0	10.0	11.9
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	34.2	23.6	48.1	36.7	35.7	32.8	42.3	19.3
-6 to 11 months	17.7	15.1	20.0	17.4	22.0	18.2	18.5	13.9
-12 months and more	48.1	61.4	31.9	45.9	42.3	49.0	39.1	66.8
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	17.6	22.8	4.8	5.0	34.7	16.9	9.6	15.8
-seeking a part-time job	4.5	1.9	9.1	4.0	3.4	2.3	4.0	2.4
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾	51.1	54.2	22.6	22.9	49.0	73.1	47.0	37.8
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	48955	1557	592	10191	1444	5912	7888	413
- In education - %	25.8	27.8	14.6	23.3	26.0	30.3	28.4	37.8

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data

⁽²⁾ Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59


Table 2 - Labour force survey 1995 - Males ⁽¹⁾

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
27346	199	7546	3807	4702	2390	4367	28262	Total population -1000
22878	161	6098	3080	3855	1906	3443	22433	Population older than 15 years -1000
83.7	80.9	80.8	80.9	82.0	79.7	78.8	79.4	-% of total population
14170	107	4276	2171	2616	1265	2328	15965	Active population -1000
61.9	66.4	70.1	70.5	67.8	66.3	67.6	71.2	-Activity rate -%
								Total employment
12872	104	4005	2085	2446	1040	2097	14357	-1000
56.3	65.0	65.7	67.7	63.5	54.5	60.9	64.0	-Employment rate-%
97.1	98.9	83.2	96.0	95.8	92.0	88.4	92.3	- Full-time - %
2.9	1.1	16.8	4.0	4.2	8.0	11.6	7.7	- Part-time - %
7.4	4.1	4.7	6.6	10.5	10.0	4.6	2.7	-In the agriculture - %
37.9	34.8	31.9	43.2	39.8	39.6	38.2	38.3	-In the industry - %
54.7	61.1	63.4	50.1	49.7	50.4	57.2	59.0	-In the services - %
								Employees
8792	92	3457	1787	1722	828	1733	11705	-1000
68.3	88.2	86.3	85.7	70.4	79.7	82.6	81.5	-% of total employment
6.0		8.9	5.7	9.1	13.4	11.7	6.2	-Contract of limited duration - %
94.0		91.1	94.3	90.9	86.6	88.3	93.8	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
39.5	40.5	36.1	39.1	42.6	38.2	40.1	43.6	Usual hours worked per week
								Unemployment
1298	2	271	85	169	225	230	1608	- 1000
9.2	2.1	6.3	3.9	6.5	17.8	9.9	10.1	-Unemployment rate - %
21.1	49.4	21.2	63.3	37.0	41.4	60.4	33.8	Unemployment by duration (%):
16.2	24.6	26.6	12.0	14.6	16.6	20.3	16.6	-less than 6 months
62.7	26.0	52.2	24.7	48.4	42.0	19.3	49.6	-6 to 11 months
								-12 months and more
48.6	18.0	29.5	4.5	17.4	26.5	9.0	9.6	Unemployed (%):
3.8	5.1	25.5	2.2	0.9	3.6	2.6	6.0	-seeking a first job
								-seeking a part-time job
67.4	68.4	26.9	29.9	79.3	38.9	30.3	54.3	-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾
								Total of non-actives
8708	54	1822	910	1240	642	1115	6468	- 1000
28.1	28.0	21.3	22.7	33.8	23.4	31.0	18.3	- In education - %

Table 3 - Labour force survey 1995 - Females ⁽¹⁾

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
Total population								
-1000	187592	5159	2638	41403	5306	19851	29080	1778
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	156210	4268	2212	35075	4484	16786	23619	1351
-% of total population	83.3	82.7	83.8	84.7	84.5	84.6	81.2	76.0
Active population								
-1000	70273	1730	1271	16724	1590	5945	11383	539
-Activity rate -%	45.0	40.5	57.5	47.7	35.5	35.4	48.2	39.9
Total employment								
-1000	61540	1519	1161	15114	1371	4145	9777	474
-Employment rate-%	39.4	35.6	52.5	43.1	30.6	24.7	41.4	35.1
- Full-time - %	68.7	70.2	64.5	66.2	91.6	83.4	71.1	76.9
- Part-time - %	31.3	29.8	35.5	33.8	8.4	16.6	28.9	23.1
-In the agriculture - %	4.4	2.1	2.5	3.0	23.9	7.5	3.7	3.6
-In the industry - %	16.7	13.6	15.0	20.2	13.9	14.0	15.1	17.3
-In the services - %	78.8	84.3	82.5	76.7	62.2	78.6	81.1	79.2
Employees								
-1000	53340	1270	1089	13829	771	3158	8728	428
-% of total employment	86.7	83.6	93.8	91.5	56.2	76.2	89.3	90.2
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.7	7.4	13.5	11.1	11.2	38.3	13.4	12.2
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	85.3	92.6	86.5	88.9	88.8	61.7	86.6	87.8
Usual hours worked per week	32.8	32.0	31.9	32.6	37.8	36.0	34.0	33.5
Unemployment								
- 1000	8733	211	110	1610	219	1800	1606	65
-Unemployment rate - %	12.4	12.2	8.6	9.6	13.8	30.3	14.1	12.1
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	31.2	21.3	57.2	31.6	21.7	21.7	39.0	26.8
-6 to 11 months	18.9	15.5	17.7	17.0	20.5	18.3	19.9	20.9
-12 months and more	49.9	63.2	25.0	51.3	57.8	60.0	41.1	52.3
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	22.7	20.3	3.7	4.8	50.6	27.2	11.4	19.6
-seeking a part-time job	21.8	15.4	19.4	24.4	4.3	7.8	22.2	33.1
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾	46.8	53.0	28.7	23.2	43.3	62.7	46.4	20.1
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	85938	2538	941	18351	2893	10841	12236	811
- In education - %	15.0	16.5	13.6	11.5	14.2	18.1	19.7	20.1

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data

⁽²⁾ Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59



Table 3 - Labour force survey 1995 - Females ⁽¹⁾

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
29068	204	7653	4076	5105	2539	4471	29263	Total population -1000
24856	168	6266	3384	4319	2071	3627	23726	Population older than 15 years -1000
85.5	82.2	81.9	83.0	84.6	81.6	81.1	81.1	-% of total population
8437	60	3061	1671	2137	1164	2121	12439	Active population -1000
33.9	35.9	48.9	49.4	49.5	56.2	47.4	52.4	-Activity rate -%
								Total employment
7072	58	2781	1589	1971	976	1954	11579	-1000
28.5	34.3	44.4	47.0	45.6	47.1	43.7	48.8	-Employment rate-%
87.3	79.7	32.8	73.1	88.4	84.2	58.8	55.7	- Full-time - %
12.7	20.3	67.2	26.9	11.6	15.8	41.2	44.3	- Part-time - %
7.5	3.5	2.1	8.1	12.6	5.3	1.6	1.2	-In the agriculture - %
21.6	7.9	9.3	17.5	22.8	14.8	11.7	14.0	-In the industry - %
70.9	88.6	88.6	74.3	64.6	79.8	86.7	84.8	-In the services - %
								Employees
5370	52	2473	1366	1469	869	1822	10647	-1000
75.9	89.6	88.9	86.0	74.5	89.0	93.2	91.9	-% of total employment
9.1		14.9	6.3	11.1	19.5	15.8	7.8	-Contract of limited duration - %
90.9		85.1	93.7	88.9	80.5	84.2	92.2	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
34.6	33.6	25.0	34.5	37.8	35.7	34.1	30.7	Usual hours worked per week
								Unemployment
1365	3	281	82	166	188	167	860	- 1000
16.2	4.4	9.2	4.9	7.8	16.2	7.9	6.9	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
18.5	52.0	18.1	50.5	32.8	50.4	61.4	49.4	-less than 6 months
17.1	27.0	40.7	18.9	13.7	18.1	25.5	18.3	-6 to 11 months
64.4	21.0	41.2	30.7	53.4	31.5	13.1	32.3	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
56.4	19.9	26.5	9.2	17.5	30.6	7.1	12.7	-seeking a first job
21.8	27.4	69.9	25.8	1.6	9.4	20.0	41.6	-seeking a part-time job
54.2	56.3	26.2	44.6	78.0	34.2	28.8	58.0	-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽²⁾
								Total of non-actives
16419	108	3205	1713	2182	907	1506	11287	- 1000
15.9	12.5	10.7	12.9	21.2	16.8	21.1	10.1	- In education - %

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1995 - Population aged under 25 years ⁽¹⁾

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
Total population								
-1000	112982	3126	1578	21798	3082	12927	18579	1487
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	48402	1299	699	8731	1382	6492	7401	610
-% of total population	42.8	41.6	44.3	40.1	44.8	50.2	39.8	41.0
Active population								
-1000	22805	440	512	4581	507	2682	2645	274
-Activity rate - %	47.1	33.9	73.2	52.5	36.7	41.3	35.7	45.0
Total employment								
-1000	17954	345	461	4193	366	1563	1928	222
-Employment rate - %	37.1	26.6	65.9	48.0	26.5	24.1	26.1	36.4
- Full-time - %	81.1	85.5	55.3	93.3	92.0	87.7	76.4	86.0
- Part-time - %	18.9	14.5	44.7	6.7	8.0	12.3	23.6	14.0
-In the agriculture - %	4.1	2.1	5.1	2.3	16.7	7.6	3.8	6.9
-In the industry - %	32.7	34.6	25.7	36.9	26.4	35.2	27.7	33.3
-In the services - %	63.2	63.3	69.2	60.8	56.9	57.2	68.5	59.9
Employees								
-1000	16610	316	456	4108	237	1338	1865	211
-% of total employment	92.5	91.4	98.8	98.0	64.9	85.6	96.7	94.9
-Contract of limited duration - %	35.0	18.3	31.9	38.9	23.3	76.5	45.6	19.3
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	65.0	81.7	68.1	61.1	76.7	23.5	54.4	80.7
Usual hours worked per week	35.9	35.9	26.6	37.6	41.0	38.5	35.7	37.5
Unemployment								
- 1000	4850	95	51	388	142	1119	717	52
-Unemployment rate - %	21.3	21.5	9.9	8.5	27.9	41.7	27.1	19.0
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	37.7	29.3	77.0	52.1	25.2	30.5	49.7	29.0
-6 to 11 months	22.7	26.4	13.7	21.2	25.0	23.7	26.6	22.9
-12 months and more	39.6	44.4	9.3	26.8	49.8	45.7	23.7	48.1
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	46.8	57.5	13.4	21.2	75.4	45.3	31.1	45.2
-seeking a part-time job	10.7	5.6	26.6	6.2	4.0	5.7	8.0	6.9
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	25598	859	187	4150	875	3810	4756	336
- In education - %	88.7	94.8	73.2	89.7	86.4	92.1	93.6	91.5

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data



Table 4 - Labour force survey 1995 - Population aged under 25 years ⁽¹⁾

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
16854	123	4881	2407	3255	1532	2754	18600	Total population -1000
8175	49	2045	988	1623	580	1095	7235	Population older than 15 years -1000
48.5	39.6	41.9	41.0	49.9	37.9	39.8	38.9	-% of total population
3168	20	1271	610	700	288	498	4609	Active population -1000
38.8	41.2	62.1	61.7	43.1	49.6	45.5	63.7	-Activity rate -%
								Total employment
2130	19	1104	574	588	169	397	3896	-1000
26.1	38.3	54.0	58.1	36.2	29.2	36.3	53.9	-Employment rate-%
91.9	91.7	45.0	92.9	93.8	58.1	59.8	73.0	- Full-time - %
8.1	8.3	55.0	7.1	6.2	41.9	40.1	27.0	- Part-time - %
7.8	3.1	4.0	2.3	5.3	8.4	1.5	1.9	-In the agriculture - %
45.6	24.0	19.6	37.4	49.5	22.8	26.4	25.5	-In the industry - %
46.6	73.0	76.4	60.3	45.2	68.8	72.1	72.7	-In the services - %
								Employees
1734	18	1056	557	513	152	380	3670	-1000
81.4	97.8	95.6	97.2	87.2	89.7	95.7	94.2	-% of total employment
17.9		28.5	18.7	25.9	49.7	41.6	13.0	-Contract of limited duration - %
82.1		71.5	81.3	74.1	50.3	59.4	87.0	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
39.1	39.0	25.1	38.0	42.3	31.0	30.7	34.2	Usual hours worked per week
								Unemployment
1038	2	167	36	112	119	101	714	- 1000
32.8	7.2	13.1	5.9	16.0	41.2	20.3	15.5	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
18.1	40.6	15.4	66.9	47.5	70.0	67.9	51.3	-less than 6 months
18.6	42.6	52.0	19.0	11.1	12.8	16.8	21.6	-6 to 11 months
63.4	16.9	32.6	14.1	41.4	17.3	15.3	27.2	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
75.6	43.2	56.7	22.8	41.6	74.5	19.9	31.1	-seeking a first job
8.5	4.8	59.1	9.0	2.2	13.0	2.5	19.1	-seeking a part-time job
								Total of non-actives
5007	29	774	378	923	292	597	2625	- 1000
86.3	92.4	82.9	92.8	90.4	86.4	89.6	78.3	- In education - %

Explanatory notes

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 1995 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3711/91 of 16 December 1991. For Austria the published results are for the first quarter of 1995.

A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common Community coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication *Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 1992 series*.

Basic concepts and definitions

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. Persons carrying out obligatory military service are not included.

The survey does not cover persons living in collective households such as hostels, halls of residence, medical care establishments, religious institutions, collective workers' accommodation, etc. About 4 million people are estimated to live in such institutions.

Persons in employment are those who during the reference week did any work for pay or profit for at least one hour, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Family workers are also included.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week :

- (a) had no employment, and
- (b) were available to start work within the next two weeks, and

(c) had actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.

In addition, unemployed persons include those who had no employment and had already found a job to start later.

Duration of unemployment is defined as:

- (a) the duration of search for a job, or
- (b) the length of the period since the last job was held (if this period is shorter than the duration of search for a job).

The **active population** is defined as the sum of persons in employment and unemployed persons.

Inactive persons are those who are not classified as persons in employment nor as unemployed persons.

Employees are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included.

Activity rates represent the labour force as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over and living in private households.

Employment rates represent persons in employment as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over and living in private households.

Unemployment rates represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

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