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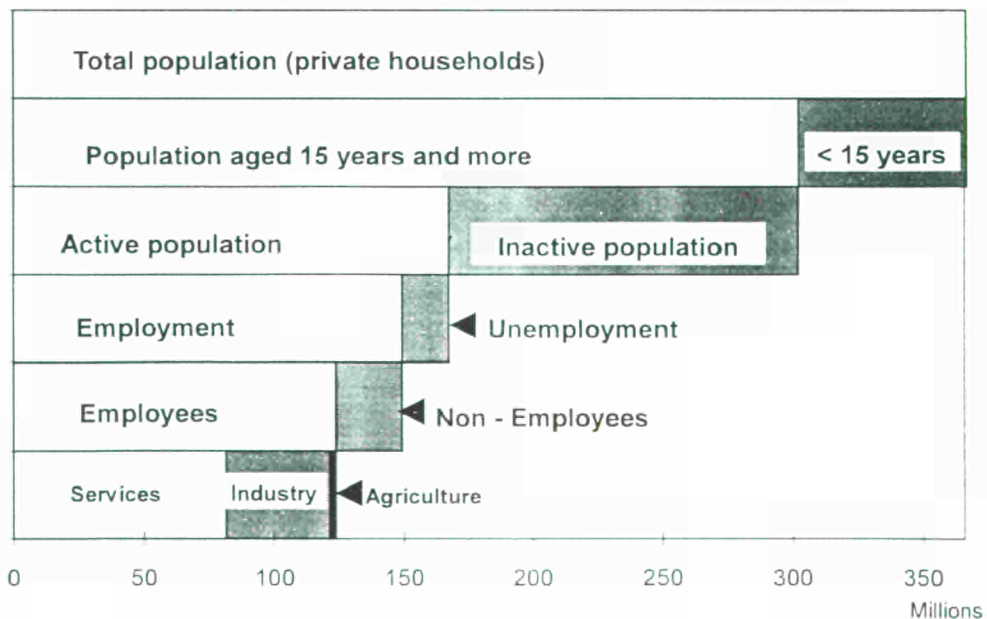
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### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY Principal results 1996

In spring 1996 the population of the European Union was measured at 367 million people, taking into account only private households.

- 149 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving an employment rate of 49.4% for the whole EU, with the lowest rate in Spain at 38% and the highest in Denmark at 61%
  - 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 (34% of employees in Spain)
  - the employees working full-time, work in average 40.3 hours per week (41.1 hours per week for males - 38.9 for females)
  - 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 15.6% in Finland and 22.2% in Spain
  - 48% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year,
  - 50% of unemployed persons had not completed upper-secondary level education
  - 21% of unemployed persons were looking for their first job (the figure for Italy being over 50%).
- Data refers to Spring 1995 for Germany and Spring 1996 for all the other EU member States.

### Population, activity and inactivity - EUR 15 - 1996



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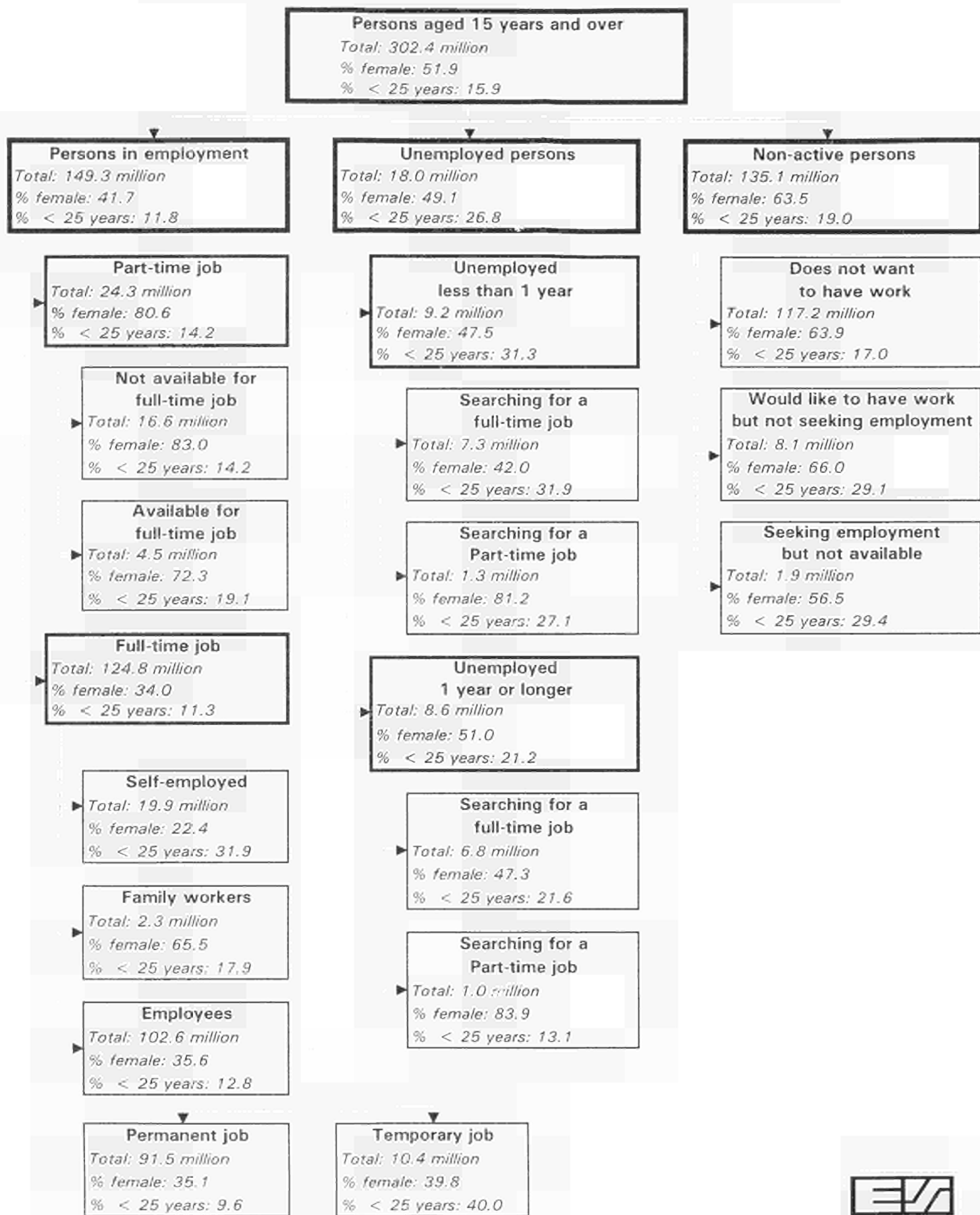
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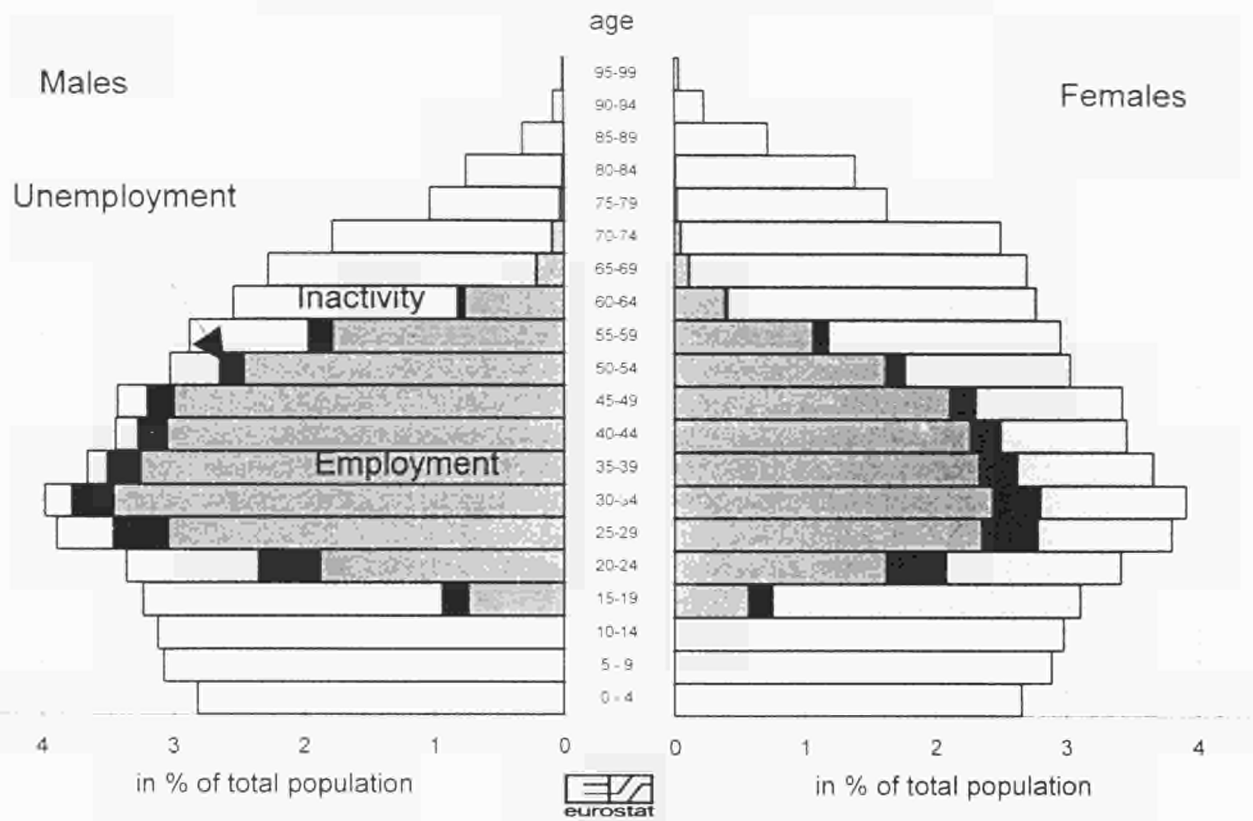
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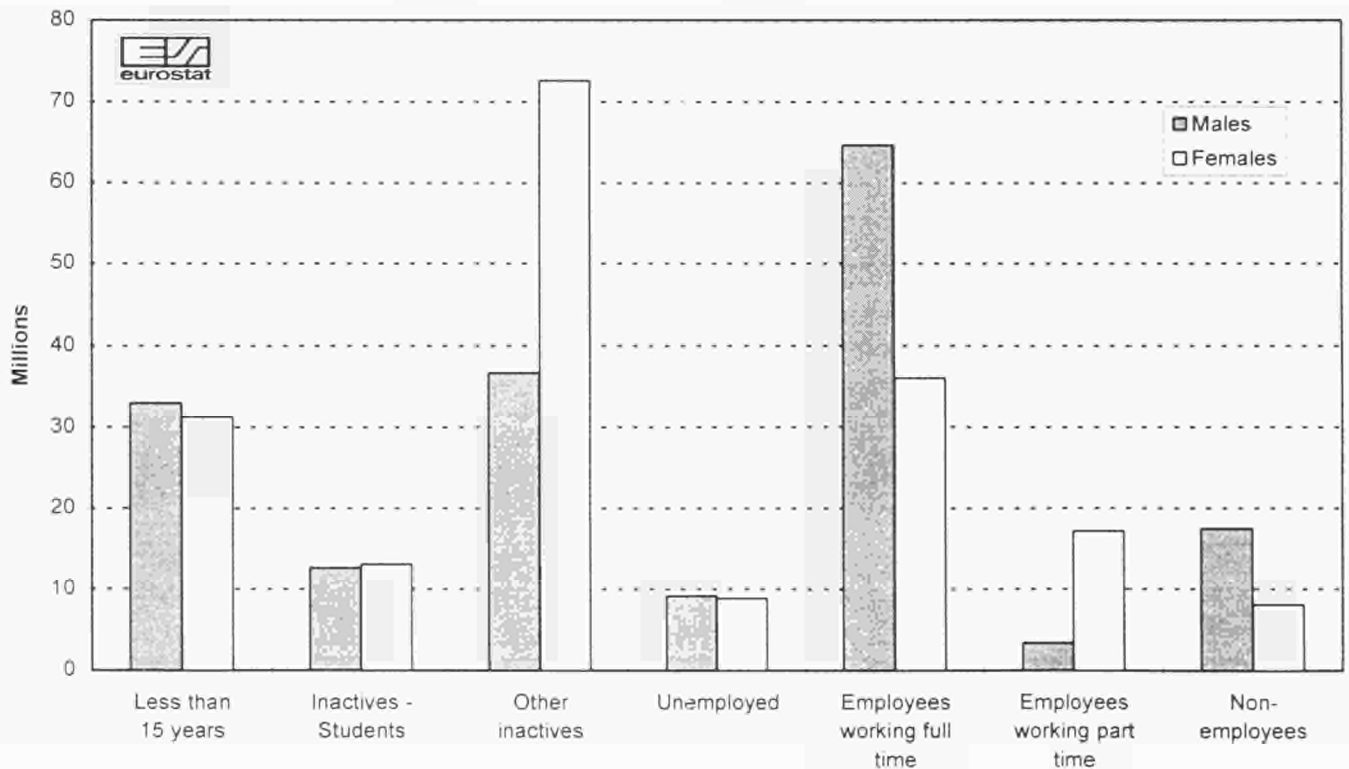
## Work status of persons aged of 15 years and more, EUR15 - 1996



## Activity by sex and age group, EUR15 - 1996



## Population by sex and activity status, EUR15 - 1996



**Table 1 - Labour force survey 1996 - Males and females <sup>(1)</sup>**

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
<b>Total population</b>								
-1000	366658	10124	5213	80570	10254	38848	56574	3561
<b>Population older than 15 years</b>								
-1000	302368	8307	4318	67503	8622	32552	45445	2700
-% of total population	82.5	82.1	82.8	83.8	84.1	83.8	80.3	75.8
<b>Active population</b>								
-1000	167275	4188	2815	38961	4282	15872	25342	1481
-Activity rate -%	55.3	50.4	65.2	57.7	49.7	48.8	55.8	54.9
<b>Total employment</b>								
-1000	149295	3791	2623	35782	3868	12342	22195	1308
-Employment rate-%	49.4	45.6	60.7	53.0	44.9	37.9	48.8	48.4
- Full-time - %	83.7	86.0	78.5	83.7	94.7	92.0	84.0	88.4
- Part-time - %	16.3	14.0	21.5	16.3	5.3	8.0	16.0	11.6
-In the agriculture - %	5.1	2.7	3.9	3.2	20.3	8.6	4.8	11.2
-In the industry - %	30.0	27.6	26.4	36.0	22.9	29.4	26.5	27.3
-In the services - %	64.9	69.6	69.7	60.8	56.8	62.0	68.6	61.4
<b>Employees</b>								
-1000	123703	3109	2378	31946	2100	9228	19269	1035
-% of total employment	82.9	82.0	90.7	89.3	54.3	74.8	86.8	79.1
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.1	5.9	11.2	10.3	11.0	33.6	12.5	9.2
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	85.9	94.1	88.8	89.7	89.0	66.4	87.5	90.8
<b>Usual hours worked per week</b>								
- employees working full time	40.3	38.3	38.7	39.7	40.4	40.6	39.8	40.4
- employees working part-time	19.9	21.5	19.1	19.5	25.2	18.0	22.7	19.0
<b>Unemployment</b>								
- 1000	17979	397	193	3179	413	3530	3148	174
-Unemployment rate - %	10.7	9.5	6.8	8.2	9.7	22.2	12.4	11.7
<b>Unemployment by duration (%):</b>								
-less than 6 months	33.1	22.7	55.6	34.1	25.3	28.0	41.3	24.3
-6 to 11 months	18.6	16.1	17.9	17.2	18.0	19.1	20.5	16.2
-12 months and more	48.3	61.3	26.5	48.7	56.7	52.9	38.2	59.5
<b>Unemployed (%):</b>								
-seeking a first job	20.5	19.6	3.9	4.9	49.8	21.9	11.2	17.9
-seeking a part-time job	12.7	9.4	15.3	14.3	4.4	4.5	13.4	15.8
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>	49.6	53.3	30.3	23.1	44.3	66.6	47.0	68.3
<b>Total of non-actives</b>								
- 1000	135094	4120	1503	28542	4340	16679	20102	1218
- In education - %	19.1	20.9	13.7	15.7	18.2	23.3	23.2	28.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Germany - 1995

<sup>(2)</sup> Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59

**Table 1 - Labour force survey 1996 - Males and females <sup>(1)</sup>**

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
56499	410	15248	7897	9831	5088	8841	57700	Total population -1000
47806	335	12406	6492	8281	4118	7191	46294	Population older than 15 years -1000
84.6	81.6	81.4	82.2	84.2	80.9	81.3	80.2	-% of total population
22788	171	7407	3819	4780	2445	4409	28515	Active population -1000
47.7	51.0	59.7	58.8	57.7	59.4	61.3	61.6	-Activity rate -%
								<b>Total employment</b>
20014	165	6932	3617	4431	2064	3988	26177	-1000
41.9	49.3	55.9	55.7	53.5	50.1	55.5	56.5	-Employment rate-%
93.4	92.3	61.9	85.1	91.3	88.4	76.3	75.4	- Full-time - %
6.6	7.7	38.1	14.9	8.7	11.6	23.7	24.6	- Part-time - %
6.7	2.6	3.8	7.4	12.2	7.9	3.3	2.0	-In the agriculture - %
32.2	22.9	23.2	30.3	31.3	27.1	25.9	27.4	-In the industry - %
61.1	74.4	73.1	62.3	56.5	65.0	70.9	70.6	-In the services - %
								<b>Employees</b>
14242	149	6081	3095	3172	1720	3501	22678	-1000
71.2	90.3	87.7	85.6	71.6	83.4	87.8	86.6	-% of total employment
7.5	2.6	12.0	8.0	10.4	17.3	11.7	6.9	-Contract of limited duration - %
92.5	97.4	88.0	92.0	89.6	82.7	88.3	93.1	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
								Usual hours worked per week
38.6	39.5	39.4	40.0	41.2	38.7	40.0	43.9	- employees working full time
24.5	20.8	18.7	22.1	23.0	20.7	23.9	17.8	- employees working part-time
								<b>Unemployment</b>
2774	6	476	202	349	381	421	2338	- 1000
12.2	3.3	6.4	5.3	7.3	15.6	9.5	8.2	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
19.2	55.4	18.6	57.5	33.3	44.7	53.4	41.9	-less than 6 months
15.1	16.9	32.4	16.8	13.6	19.4	27.5	18.3	-6 to 11 months
65.6	27.6	49.0	25.6	53.1	35.9	19.1	39.8	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
53.7	25.1	24.6	5.2	19.8	29.0	4.8	11.5	-seeking a first job
12.3	15.5	51.2	19.3	1.2	6.7	10.1	18.6	-seeking a part-time job
59.8	68.9	42.4	33.8	80.2	35.3	26.6	56.6	-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>
								<b>Total of non-actives</b>
25018	164	4998	2673	3501	1674	2782	17779	- 1000
20.6	17.6	15.4	15.7	25.4	19.5	23.4	12.8	- In education - %

**Table 2 - Labour force survey 1996 - Males <sup>(1)</sup>**

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
<b>Total population</b>								
-1000	178597	4953	2584	39167	4933	18900	27369	1775
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	145583	4023	2126	32428	4091	15659	21678	1333
-% of total population	81.5	81.2	82.3	82.8	82.9	82.9	79.2	75.1
Active population								
-1000	96241	2450	1528	22237	2625	9756	13799	913
-Activity rate -%	66.1	60.9	71.9	68.6	64.2	62.3	63.7	68.5
<b>Total employment</b>								
-1000	87095	2268	1444	20668	2467	8027	12330	807
-Employment rate-%	59.8	56.4	67.9	63.7	60.3	51.3	56.9	60.5
- Full-time - %	94.6	97.0	89.2	96.4	96.7	96.9	94.8	95.0
- Part-time - %	5.4	3.0	10.8	3.6	3.3	3.1	5.2	5.0
-In the agriculture - %	5.7	3.1	5.3	3.3	18.2	9.8	5.9	15.9
-In the industry - %	39.6	37.3	35.6	47.5	28.1	37.9	36.2	34.3
-In the services - %	54.7	59.6	59.1	49.2	53.7	52.3	57.9	49.9
<b>Employees</b>								
-1000	69639	1828	1270	18116	1311	5900	10391	582
-% of total employment	80.0	80.6	88.0	87.7	53.1	73.5	84.3	72.1
-Contract of limited duration - %	13.5	4.5	10.7	9.8	10.5	31.9	11.4	7.1
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	86.5	95.5	89.3	90.2	89.5	68.1	88.6	92.9
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	41.1	38.8	39.4	39.9	41.4	41.0	40.5	42.0
- employees working part-time	19.5	21.5	13.5	18.1	28.6	19.4	22.5	20.4
<b>Unemployment</b>								
- 1000	9146	181	85	1568	158	1729	1469	107
-Unemployment rate - %	9.5	7.4	5.5	7.1	6.0	17.7	10.6	11.7
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	34.9	24.8	55.8	36.7	33.3	33.8	43.2	20.8
-6 to 11 months	18.5	16.3	16.1	17.4	19.4	20.4	20.3	14.6
-12 months and more	46.6	58.9	28.1	45.9	47.3	45.9	36.4	64.6
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	17.9	18.4	2.9	5.0	40.8	16.9	9.7	16.2
-seeking a part-time job	4.5	1.9	10.8	4.0	2.5	1.9	3.6	3.4
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>	51.9	58.3	29.2	22.9	45.4	73.0	47.0	75.8
<b>Total of non-actives</b>								
- 1000	49342	1573	598	10191	1466	5904	7878	419
- In education - %	25.7	27.2	14.1	23.3	25.9	31.4	28.3	40.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Germany - 1995

<sup>(2)</sup> Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1996 - Males <sup>(1)</sup>

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
27396	203	7574	3815	4711	2468	4369	28381	Total population -1000
22921	165	6121	3095	3905	1979	3522	22537	Population older than 15 years -1000
83.7	81.1	80.8	81.1	82.9	80.2	80.6	79.4	-% of total population
14183	108	4310	2161	2621	1276	2304	15969	Active population -1000
61.9	65.4	70.4	69.8	67.1	64.5	65.4	70.9	-Activity rate -%
								<b>Total employment</b>
12829	105	4086	2045	2455	1077	2064	14423	-1000
56.0	63.8	66.7	66.1	62.9	54.4	58.6	64.0	-Employment rate-%
96.9	98.5	83.0	95.8	94.9	92.1	91.2	91.9	- Full-time - %
3.1	1.5	17.0	4.2	5.1	7.9	8.8	8.1	- Part-time - %
6.8	3.2	4.8	6.5	11.2	9.9	4.7	2.6	-In the agriculture - %
38.1	32.2	32.2	41.6	38.7	39.1	38.8	38.5	-In the industry - %
55.1	64.5	63.1	51.9	50.1	51.0	56.5	58.9	-In the services - %
								<b>Employees</b>
8746	94	3528	1748	1715	844	1706	11860	-1000
68.2	89.2	86.4	85.4	69.9	78.4	82.7	82.2	-% of total employment
6.6	2.4	9.1	8.1	9.9	14.0	9.9	5.9	-Contract of limited duration - %
93.4	97.6	90.9	91.9	90.1	86.0	90.1	94.1	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
39.8	40.4	39.5	40.2	42.7	39.4	40.1	45.7	Usual hours worked per week - employees working full time
29.8	30.9	19.3	22.3	32.3	19.0	18.7	16.3	- employees working part-time
								<b>Unemployment</b>
1355	3	224	115	167	199	240	1546	- 1000
9.6	2.5	5.2	5.3	6.4	15.6	10.4	9.7	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
21.3	51.1	18.8	61.8	35.9	41.5	49.6	36.5	-less than 6 months
14.6	18.8	27.7	15.0	12.4	18.0	28.9	17.6	-6 to 11 months
64.1	30.1	53.5	23.2	51.7	40.5	21.5	45.9	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
50.6	30.3	27.7	3.3	17.9	27.4	4.7	10.3	-seeking a first job
3.1	4.9	27.9	4.6	1.2	3.8	4.3	7.4	-seeking a part-time job
65.5	64.6	42.9	30.3	80.2	37.6	28.3	55.1	-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>
								<b>Total of non-actives</b>
8737	57	1812	934	1284	702	1218	6568	- 1000
28.7	26.4	20.7	21.9	33.3	22.3	26.9	17.4	- In education - %

**Table 3 - Labour force survey 1996 - Females <sup>(1)</sup>**

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
<b>Total population</b>								
-1000	188061	5171	2630	41403	5321	19948	29204	1786
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	156786	4285	2192	35075	4531	16892	23767	1367
-% of total population	83.4	82.9	83.3	84.7	85.1	84.7	81.4	76.5
<b>Active population</b>								
-1000	71034	1738	1287	16724	1656	6117	11543	568
-Activity rate -%	45.3	40.6	58.7	47.7	36.6	36.2	48.6	41.6
<b>Total employment</b>								
-1000	62200	1522	1179	15114	1401	4315	9865	501
-Employment rate-%	39.7	35.5	53.8	43.1	30.9	25.5	41.5	36.7
- Full-time - %	68.5	69.5	65.5	66.2	91.0	83.0	70.5	77.9
- Part-time - %	31.5	30.5	34.5	33.8	9.0	17.0	29.5	22.1
-In the agriculture - %	4.3	2.2	2.1	3.0	23.9	6.4	3.5	3.7
-In the industry - %	16.5	13.3	15.1	20.2	13.7	13.6	14.4	16.2
-In the services - %	79.3	84.6	82.8	76.7	62.4	79.9	82.0	80.1
<b>Employees</b>								
-1000	54064	1281	1108	13829	789	3328	8878	453
-% of total employment	86.9	84.2	93.9	91.5	56.3	77.1	90.0	90.3
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.7	8.0	11.8	11.0	11.9	36.7	13.8	11.8
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	85.3	92.0	88.2	89.0	88.1	63.3	86.2	88.2
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	38.9	37.1	37.6	39.1	38.9	39.6	38.8	38.0
- employees working part-time	20.0	21.5	21.2	19.7	22.5	17.6	22.7	18.5
<b>Unemployment</b>								
- 1000	8834	216	108	1610	255	1802	1679	67
-Unemployment rate - %	12.4	12.4	8.4	9.6	15.4	29.5	14.5	11.8
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	31.2	20.9	55.4	31.6	20.3	22.5	39.6	29.9
-6 to 11 months	18.7	15.8	19.3	17.0	17.2	17.8	20.6	18.9
-12 months and more	50.1	63.2	25.3	51.3	62.5	59.6	39.8	51.2
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	23.2	20.6	4.7	4.8	55.4	26.7	12.4	20.7
-seeking a part-time job	21.2	15.7	18.9	24.4	5.6	7.1	22.0	35.5
-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>	47.3	49.1	31.1	23.2	43.6	60.5	46.9	55.7
<b>Total of non-actives</b>								
- 1000	85752	2547	905	18351	2874	10776	12224	799
- In education - %	15.2	17.0	13.5	11.5	14.3	18.9	19.8	22.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Germany - 1995

<sup>(2)</sup> Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59



**Table 3 - Labour force survey 1996 - Females <sup>(1)</sup>**

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
29104	207	7674	4082	5120	2621	4472	29319	Total population -1000
24885	170	6284	3396	4375	2140	3669	23756	Population older than 15 years -1000
85.5	82.1	81.9	83.2	85.5	81.7	82.1	81.0	-% of total population
8604	63	3098	1658	2159	1168	2105	12546	Active population -1000
34.6	37.0	49.3	48.8	49.3	54.6	57.4	52.8	-Activity rate -%
								<b>Total employment</b>
7185	60	2846	1572	1977	987	1924	11754	-1000
28.9	35.3	45.3	46.3	45.2	46.1	52.4	49.5	-Employment rate-%
87.3	81.6	31.7	71.2	87.0	84.4	60.3	55.2	- Full-time - %
12.7	18.4	68.3	28.8	13.0	15.6	39.7	44.8	- Part-time - %
6.4	1.6	2.3	8.6	13.5	5.7	1.7	1.2	-In the agriculture - %
21.7	6.7	9.6	15.6	22.0	13.9	12.0	13.9	-In the industry - %
72.0	91.6	88.1	75.8	64.5	80.4	86.2	85.0	-In the services - %
								<b>Employees</b>
5496	55	2553	1347	1457	876	1795	10818	-1000
76.5	92.1	89.7	85.7	73.7	88.8	93.3	92.0	-% of total employment
8.9	3.1	15.9	7.9	10.9	20.5	13.3	8.0	-Contract of limited duration - %
91.1	96.9	84.1	92.1	89.1	79.5	86.7	92.0	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
								Usual hours worked per week
36.4	37.7	39.0	39.8	39.3	38.0	39.9	40.6	- employees working full time
22.6	19.6	18.5	22.0	20.9	21.3	24.9	18.0	- employees working part-time
								<b>Unemployment</b>
1419	3	251	86	182	182	181	792	- 1000
16.5	4.7	8.1	5.2	8.4	15.6	8.6	6.3	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
17.2	59.5	18.5	51.9	30.8	48.0	58.3	52.3	-less than 6 months
15.7	15.3	36.6	19.3	14.8	20.9	25.7	19.7	-6 to 11 months
67.1	25.2	45.0	28.8	54.4	31.0	15.9	28.0	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
56.6	20.4	21.8	7.7	21.5	30.8	5.0	13.8	-seeking a first job
21.2	25.2	72.1	39.0	1.1	10.0	17.9	40.4	-seeking a part-time job
54.5	72.0	42.0	38.5	80.3	32.9	24.2	59.5	-with an attained educational level < than upper secondary <sup>(2)</sup>
								<b>Total of non-actives</b>
16281	107	3187	1738	2217	971	1565	11210	- 1000
16.3	12.9	12.4	12.3	20.9	17.5	20.6	10.1	- In education - %

**Table 4 - Labour force survey 1996 - Population aged under 25 years <sup>(1)</sup>**

	EUR 15	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL
Total population								
-1000	112410	3099	1575	21798	3010	12834	18468	1492
Population older than 15 years								
-1000	48120	1282	680	8731	1377	6538	7339	631
-% of total population	42.8	41.4	43.2	40.1	45.8	50.9	39.7	42.3
Active population								
-1000	22447	420	502	4581	509	2633	2585	274
-Activity rate -%	46.6	32.8	73.8	52.5	36.9	40.3	35.2	43.5
<b>Total employment</b>								
-1000	17631	334	449	4193	350	1531	1873	224
-Employment rate-%	36.6	26.1	66.0	48.0	25.4	23.4	25.5	35.6
- Full-time - %	80.4	84.3	56.0	93.3	90.9	87.1	75.8	86.5
- Part-time - %	19.6	15.7	44.0	6.7	9.1	12.9	24.2	13.5
-In the agriculture - %	4.0	2.8	5.1	2.3	17.1	7.1	4.0	5.9
-In the industry - %	32.4	31.8	23.6	36.9	25.0	33.5	29.2	33.2
-In the services - %	63.6	65.4	71.3	60.8	57.9	59.4	66.8	60.9
<b>Employees</b>								
-1000	16373	301	444	4108	227	1299	1823	214
-% of total employment	92.9	90.0	98.9	98.0	64.8	84.8	97.3	95.5
-Contract of limited duration - %	35.1	21.2	30.7	38.5	25.1	75.4	47.1	17.3
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	64.9	78.8	69.3	61.5	74.9	24.6	52.9	82.7
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	40.2	38.3	37.9	39.0	42.5	41.2	39.7	40.5
- employees working part-time	16.2	21.8	11.3	15.8	25.6	18.2	22.4	18.3
<b>Unemployment</b>								
- 1000	4816	86	53	388	159	1102	712	50
-Unemployment rate - %	21.5	20.5	10.6	8.5	31.2	41.9	27.6	18.1
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	38.1	30.1	76.0	52.1	26.0	31.9	50.6	33.1
-6 to 11 months	23.3	31.7	13.5	21.2	20.5	24.8	28.4	20.0
-12 months and more	38.6	38.2	10.5	26.8	53.5	43.3	21.0	46.9
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	47.9	56.2	10.4	21.2	79.5	45.4	33.1	45.1
-seeking a part-time job	10.4	5.4	28.6	6.2	4.2	4.3	8.0	7.2
<b>Total of non-actives</b>								
- 1000	25672	862	178	4150	869	3904	4754	357
- In education - %	88.8	95.5	73.0	89.7	87.4	92.7	93.6	92.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Germany - 1995

**Table 4 - Labour force survey 1996 - Population aged under 25 years <sup>(1)</sup>**

I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
16877	124	4807	2364	3159	1576	2731	18497	Total population -1000
8184	48	1965	958	1609	606	1081	7090	Population older than 15 years -1000
48.5	39.1	40.9	40.5	50.9	38.4	39.6	38.3	-% of total population
3148	20	1201	571	681	288	466	4570	Active population -1000
38.5	40.7	61.1	59.6	42.3	47.5	43.1	64.5	-Activity rate -%
								<b>Total employment</b>
2076	18	1064	532	565	168	366	3889	-1000
25.4	36.9	54.1	55.5	35.1	27.7	33.8	54.9	-Employment rate-%
91.8	92.6	43.0	91.7	93.7	57.5	61.2	70.9	- Full-time - %
8.2	7.4	57.0	8.3	6.3	42.5	38.8	29.1	- Part-time - %
6.7	3.0	4.2	3.0	5.2	6.7	2.7	1.7	-In the agriculture - %
46.3	25.3	21.3	36.1	47.8	23.5	26.1	24.4	-In the industry - %
47.0	71.8	74.5	60.9	47.1	69.8	71.2	73.9	-In the services - %
								<b>Employees</b>
1717	18	1027	514	502	153	348	3679	-1000
82.7	98.7	96.5	96.5	88.8	90.9	95.2	94.6	-% of total employment
18.7	10.9	30.3	27.9	27.4	49.3	37.0	12.2	-Contract of limited duration - %
81.3	89.1	69.7	72.1	72.6	50.7	63.0	87.8	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
								Usual hours worked per week
40.5	39.8	39.5	39.6	43.0	38.1	40.0	41.7	- employees working full time
25.1	28.3	13.4	23.0	24.5	16.2	16.0	13.8	- employees working part-time
								<b>Unemployment</b>
1072	2	137	39	116	119	100	681	- 1000
34.1	9.2	11.4	6.9	17.0	41.6	21.5	14.9	-Unemployment rate - %
								Unemployment by duration (%):
17.0	44.3	14.7	65.0	44.9	74.0	61.1	53.8	-less than 6 months
18.8	22.4	50.5	17.6	14.3	15.6	29.4	21.2	-6 to 11 months
64.2	33.3	34.8	17.4	40.7	10.4	9.5	25.1	-12 months and more
								Unemployed (%):
76.7	49.5	52.5	20.6	45.3	73.4	11.2	33.9	-seeking a first job
7.4	7.7	62.9	13.0	2.5	13.7	12.5	20.9	-seeking a part-time job
								<b>Total of non-actives</b>
5036	29	764	387	928	318	615	2520	- 1000
87.0	93.4	75.4	91.3	90.7	85.6	85.0	78.8	- In education - %

## Explanatory notes

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 1996 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3711/91 of 16 December 1991. For Germany the published results are for the second 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.

The **number of usual hours worked per week** corresponds to the number of hours the person normally work including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal breaks.

**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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