

Statistics in focus

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Principal results 1999

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In spring 1999 the population of the European Union was measured at 370 million people, taking into account only private households.

- 155 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving, for the population aged 15 to 64 years, an employment rate of 62% for the whole EU, with the lowest rate in Spain at 52% and the highest in Denmark at 77%; four countries show rates higher than 70% (Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom); the employment rate for women is 53% and 5 countries have rates higher than 60% (Denmark, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and United Kingdom)

- 18% of people with jobs said that they worked part-time, 80% of these part-time workers being women;

- 13% of employees had a work-contract of limited duration (33% of employees in Spain)

- the employees working full-time, work in average 40.4 hours per week (41.2 hours per week for males - 39.0 for females);

- 16 million people had no job but were available for work and looking for work, giving an unemployment rate of 9.4% for the whole EU, reaching 12.1% in France and 15.7% in Spain;

- 46% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year;

- 21% of unemployed persons were looking for their first job (the figure for Italy being over 50%).

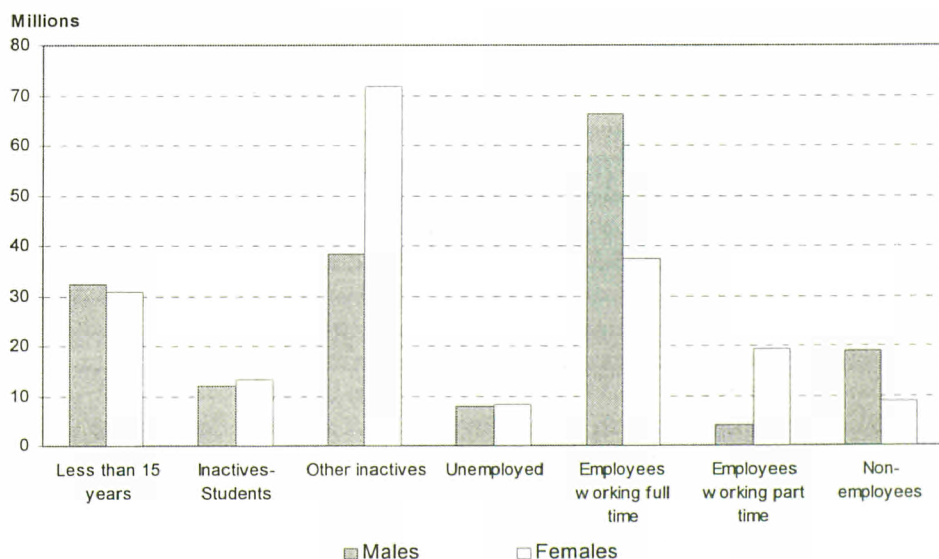
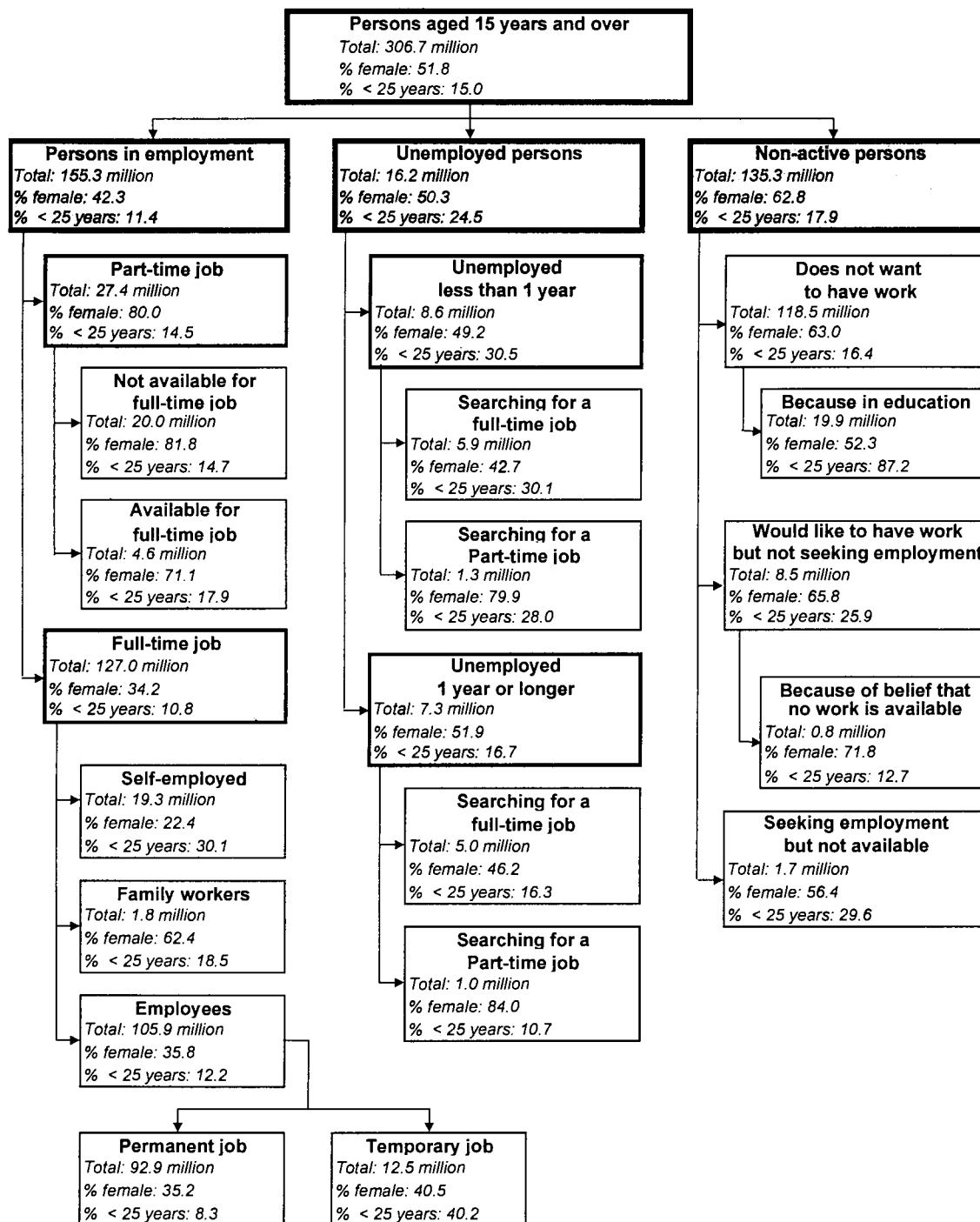


Figure 1: Population by sex and activity status, EU-15, 1999



Work status of persons aged of 15 years and more, EU-15, 1999 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾



⁽¹⁾ In certain cases, because of non-response, the sum of sub-categories does not equal the total for that category

⁽²⁾ 1998 for Greece

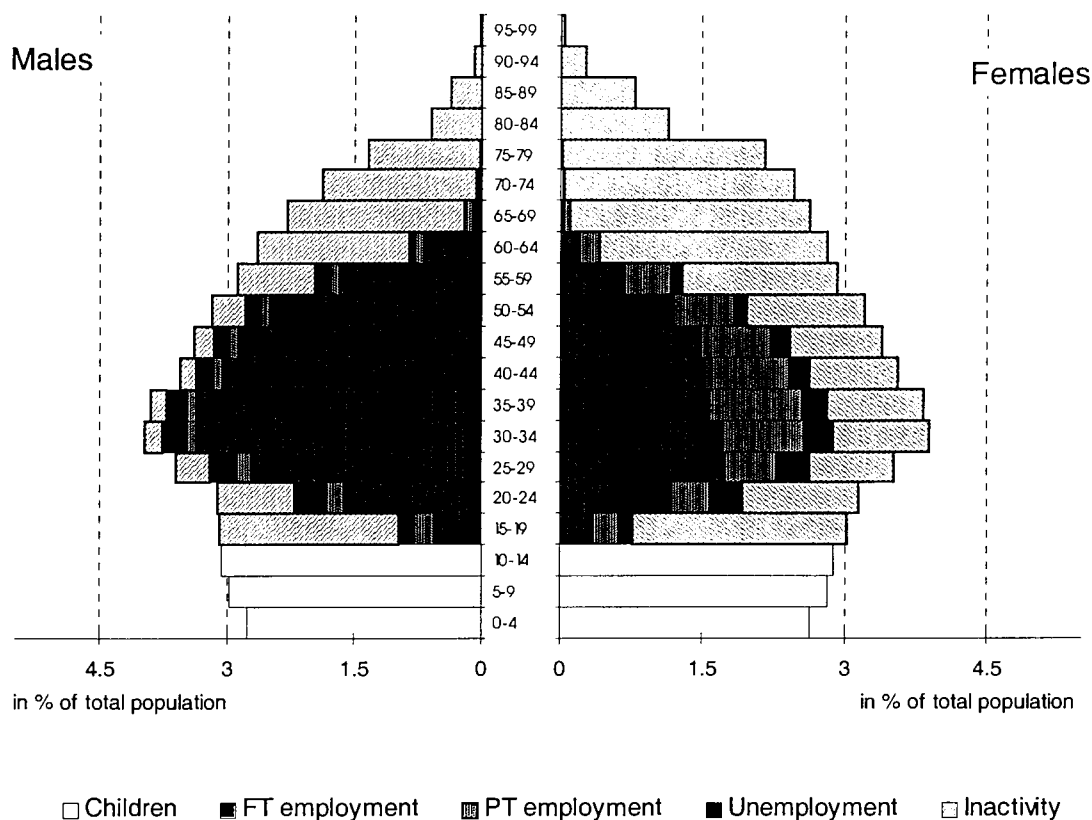


Figure 2: Activity by sex and age group, EU-15, 1999

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 1999 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998.

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, 1998*.

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.

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 to 64 years living in private households.

Employment rates represent persons in employment as a percentage of the population aged 15 to 64 years living in private households.

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

Inactive in education includes persons who had followed any kind of education during the 4 weeks preceding the week of reference. Students who were on holidays in this period are not included.

Table 1 - Labour force survey 1999 - Males and females

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL ⁽¹⁾	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	369,915	287,232	10,214	5,283	80,908	10,289	39,032	57,417
-aged 15-64 (1000)	247,059	193,083	6,711	3,521	55,148	6,933	26,104	37,507
-aged >64 (1000)	59,662	46,677	1,697	818	13,279	1,787	6,980	8,863
Active population								
-1000	171,429	130,852	4,365	2,855	39,595	4,445	16,339	25,882
-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%	68.6	67.1	64.6	80.6	71.2	62.5	62.2	68.8
Total employment								
-1000	155,272	117,436	3,987	2,708	36,089	3,967	13,773	22,755
-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %	62.1	60.1	58.9	76.5	64.8	55.6	52.3	60.4
- Full-time - %	82.4	83.9	84.3 ⁽¹⁾	79.2	81.0	94.0	91.7	82.8
- Part-time - %	17.6	16.1	15.7 ⁽¹⁾	20.8	19.0	6.0	8.3	17.2
-In the agriculture - %	4.5	4.8	2.4	3.3	2.9	17.8	7.4	4.3
-In the industry - %	29.3	30.5	25.8	26.9	33.8	23.0	30.6	26.3
-In the services - %	66.2	64.7	71.8	69.8	63.3	59.2	62.0	69.4
Employees								
-1000	130,016	97,893	3,299	2,457	32,193	2,245	10,771	19,989
-% of total employment	83.7	83.4	82.7	90.7	89.2	56.6	78.2	87.8
-Contract of limited duration - %	13.2	14.8	10.3	10.2	13.1	13.0	32.7	14.0
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	86.8	85.2	89.7	89.8	86.9	87.0	67.3	86.0
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	40.4	39.7	38.4	38.9	40.1	40.8	40.6	39.6
- employees working part-time	19.6	19.9	21.7	19.6	17.9	21.3	18.0	22.9
Unemployment								
- 1000	16,157	13,417	378	147	3,506	478	2,566	3,127
-Unemployment rate - %	9.4	10.3	8.6	5.1	8.9	10.8	15.7	12.1
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	37.4	34.9	26.5	61.5	32.8	25.2	34.0	47.1
-6 to 11 months	16.6	16.5	13.0	18.0	15.4	19.9	19.7	14.3
-12 months and more	46.0	48.6	60.5	20.5	51.7	54.9	46.3	38.7
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	20.7	21.1	20.5	4.3	6.1	48.1	23.4	10.9
-seeking a part-time job	14.1	13.4	13.2	21.2	12.8	4.5	6.1	13.9
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	135,292	108,907	4,044	1,484	28,831	4,274	16,745	20,488
- In education - %	18.6	18.9	20.5	16.6	16.3	18.0	21.4	22.6
Highest level of education completed (25-59 years) - %								
< upper secondary level	35.8	39.1	39.8	18.9	18.4	48.6	62.3	36.6
Upper secondary level	43.0	41.1	32.1	53.7	57.9	33.2	15.8	41.4
Third level	21.2	19.8	28.1	27.5	23.7	18.2	22.0	22.0

⁽¹⁾ 1998

⁽²⁾ 1997

Table 1 - Labour force survey 1999 - Males and females

IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
									Population
3,745	56,912	424	15,544	7,921	9,973	5,142	8,856	58,256	- Total (1000)
2,494	38,634	285	10,646	5,344	6,771	3,438	5,665	37,858	- aged 15-64 (1000)
422	9,945	60	1,983	1,198	1,493	756	1,542	8,839	- aged >64 (1000)
									Active population
1,689	23,347	180	7,890	3,859	5,063	2,642	4,388	28,889	- 1000
66.4	59.6	63.1	73.6	71.6	70.9	76.4	76.5	75.1	- Activity rate (15-64 years) - %
									Total employment
1,593	20,618	176	7,605	3,678	4,830	2,333	4,054	27,107	- 1000
62.5	52.5	61.6	70.9	68.2	67.4	67.4	70.6	70.4	- Employment rate (15-64 years) - %
83.3	92.1	89.3	60.6	83.2	89.0	87.8	76.2	75.2	- Full-time - %
16.7	7.9	10.7	39.4	16.8	11.0	12.2	23.8	24.8	- Part-time - %
8.6	5.4	2.0	3.2	6.2	12.6	6.4	3.0	1.6	- In the agriculture - %
28.5	32.4	22.0	22.3	29.8	35.3	27.7	25.0	26.1	- In the industry - %
62.9	62.2	76.1	74.5	64.0	52.1	65.9	72.0	72.4	- In the services - %
									Employees
1,284	14,782	160	6,730	3,175	3,499	2,011	3,589	23,832	- 1000
80.6	71.7	90.9	88.5	86.3	72.5	86.2	88.5	87.9	- % of total employment
9.4 ⁽¹⁾	9.8	3.4	12.0	7.5	18.6	18.2	13.9	6.8	- Contract of limited duration - %
90.6 ⁽¹⁾	90.2	96.6	88.0	92.5	81.4	81.8	86.1	93.2	- Contract of unlimited duration - %
									Usual hours worked per week
40.0	38.5	39.7	39.0	40.2	40.6	39.3	40.1	43.6	- employees working full time
18.4	23.2	21.1	19.0	22.1	20.1	21.2	23.9	18.2	- employees working part-time
									Unemployment
96	2,729	4	286	181	233	309	334	1,782	- 1000
5.7	11.7	2.4	3.6	4.7	4.6	11.7	7.6	6.2	- Unemployment rate - %
									Unemployment by duration (%):
23.2	22.8	46.2	19.3	52.4	36.2	62.9	52.9	54.3	- less than 6 months
20.9	15.8	21.5	37.3	16.0	22.6	14.4	17.6	15.9	- 6 to 11 months
55.9	61.4	32.3	43.5	31.7	41.2	22.7	29.5	29.8	- 12 months and more
									Unemployed (%):
16.8 ⁽¹⁾	52.0	23.4	24.5	7.4	15.0	15.9	6.2	14.6	- seeking a first job
16.5	16.3	21.2	58.5	20.5	1.8 ⁽²⁾	15.9	11.6	22.2	- seeking a part-time job
									Total of non-actives
1,226	25,233	164	4,738	2,683	3,200	1,553	2,820	17,808	- 1000
27.4 ⁽³⁾	17.0	20.0	15.4	16.5 ⁽³⁾	24.2	16.7	25.9	16.0	- In education - %
									Highest level of education completed (25-59 years) - %
48.7 ⁽⁴⁾	54.2	36.0	33.8	23.2	78.0	25.5	21.2	19.3	< upper secondary level
28.1 ⁽⁴⁾	35.8	44.8	42.9	67.9	12.0	41.8	49.3	53.2	Upper secondary level
23.2 ⁽⁴⁾	10.0	19.3	23.2	8.9	10.0	32.7	29.6	27.5	Third level

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1999 - Males

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL ⁽¹⁾	E	F
Population								
- Total (1000)	180,419	139,676	4,994	2,623	39,477	5,014	18,883	27,845
- aged 15-64 (1000)	123,372	96,260	3,380	1,787	27,821	3,387	12,833	18,535
- aged >64 (1000)	24,583	19,041	690	343	5,242	821	2,982	3,648
Active population								
-1000	97,581	74,981	2,492	1,529	22,279	2,693	9,857	14,048
-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%	78.1	77.0	73.0	85.0	79.3	77.2	76.2	75.5
Total employment								
-1000	89,556	68,519	2,306	1,460	20,372	2,504	8,779	12,577
-Employment rate (15-64 years) -%	71.6	70.3	67.5	81.2	72.4	71.6	67.8	67.5
- Full-time - %	93.9	94.6	96.5 ⁽¹⁾	90.4	95.1	96.7	97.0	94.4
- Part-time - %	6.1	5.4	3.5 ⁽¹⁾	9.6	4.9	3.3	3.0	5.6
-In the agriculture - %	5.2	5.4	2.7	4.9	3.3	16.2	8.6	5.3
-In the industry - %	39.3	40.3	36.2	36.7	45.7	29.3	40.3	36.0
-In the services - %	55.5	54.3	61.1	58.3	51.1	54.4	51.1	58.8
Employees								
-1000	72,263	55,254	1,886	1,284	17,698	1,383	6,690	10,718
-% of total employment	80.7	80.6	81.8	87.9	86.9	55.2	76.2	85.2
-Contract of limited duration - %	12.4	14.0	7.7	9.2	12.8	12.0	31.4	13.3
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	87.6	86.0	92.3	90.8	87.2	88.0	68.6	86.7
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	41.2	40.3	39.1	39.6	40.5	41.7	41.1	40.2
- employees working part-time	18.9	19.8	21.6	13.3	15.3	22.5	19.1	23.2
Unemployment								
- 1000	8,024	6,463	186	69	1,907	188	1,078	1,471
-Unemployment rate - %	8.2	8.6	7.5	4.5	8.6	7.0	10.9	10.5
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	39.2	37.1	26.8	61.4	34.7	31.1	40.4	48.3
-6 to 11 months	16.1	15.9	13.2	17.7	15.4	24.2	19.4	14.1
-12 months and more	44.7	47.0	60.1	20.9	49.9	44.7	40.2	37.6
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	17.9	18.6	20.0	3.9	5.7	39.3	18.3	10.4
-seeking a part-time job	5.3	4.4	4.1	14.0	3.6	3.5	2.1	4.3
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	50,374	40,320	1,578	601	10,784	1,515	5,957	8,135
- In education - %	23.9	24.6	25.5	15.2	21.5	25.2	28.0	27.0
Highest level of education completed (25-59 years) - %								
< upper secondary level	33.3	36.8	40.7	16.3	14.6	46.9	61.0	33.9
Upper secondary level	44.1	42.0	32.0	57.0	57.1	33.0	16.2	44.7
Third level	22.6	21.2	27.3	26.8	28.3	20.1	22.8	21.4

⁽¹⁾ 1998

⁽²⁾ 1997

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1999 - Males

IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
									Population
1,859	27,571	210	7,718	3,824	4,797	2,498	4,379	28,728	- Total (1000)
1,252	19,204	144	5,394	2,663	3,306	1,728	2,879	19,059	- aged 15-64 (1000)
182	4,080	26	835	455	615	287	654	3,724	- aged >64 (1000)
									Active population
1,007	14,391	109	4,495	2,163	2,765	1,374	2,315	16,063	- 1000
78.3	73.7	75.8	82.6	80.5	79.1	78.9	78.8	82.8	- Activity rate (15-64 years) - %
									Total employment
948	13,119	107	4,374	2,063	2,651	1,223	2,123	14,950	- 1000
73.6	67.1	74.4	80.3	76.7	75.7	70.2	72.1	76.9	- Employment rate (15-64 years) - %
92.6	96.6	98.2	82.1	95.6	93.7	92.1	90.6	91.1	- Full-time - %
7.4	3.4	1.8	17.9	4.4	6.3	7.9	9.4	8.9	- Part-time - %
12.8	5.9	2.3	3.9	5.7	11.2	8.2	4.3	2.2	- In the agriculture - %
37.3	38.8	31.6	31.4	42.0	44.4	40.0	37.3	37.0	- In the industry - %
49.9	55.2	66.1	64.7	52.3	44.4	51.8	58.4	60.8	- In the services - %
									Employees
701	8,971	97	3,814	1,771	1,900	1,008	1,782	12,561	- 1000
73.9	68.4	90.5	87.2	85.9	71.7	82.4	83.9	84.0	- % of total employment
7.1 (*)	8.5	2.8	9.4	7.3	17.1	15.2	11.2	6.2	- Contract of limited duration - %
92.9 (*)	91.5	97.2	90.6	92.7	82.9	84.8	88.8	93.8	- Contract of unlimited duration - %
41.3	39.7	40.5	39.2	40.3	41.5	40.1	40.2	45.2	Usual hours worked per week
18.5	26.6	28.7	19.3	22.9	21.2	20.4	19.1	16.9	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
									Unemployment
59	1,272	2	121	101	115	151	192	1,113	- 1000
5.9	8.8	1.8	2.7	4.7	4.1	11.0	8.3	6.9	- Unemployment rate - %
21.7	23.4	38.4	24.9	59.8	36.5	60.0	50.9	49.5	Unemployment by duration (%):
18.5	14.5	23.0	27.3	12.1	24.0	15.8	15.8	15.7	- less than 6 months
59.8	62.1	38.6	47.7	28.1	39.5	24.2	33.3	34.8	- 6 to 11 months
									- 12 months and more
15.5 (*)	48.8	22.1	28.2	4.2	11.7	15.5	5.5	13.7	Unemployed (%):
4.1	4.4	2.1	34.1	5.1	0.9 (*)	11.9	7.0	10.3	- seeking a first job
									- seeking a part-time job
									Total of non-actives
426	8,893	61	1,733	955	1,156	641	1,218	6,720	- 1000
38.4 (*)	23.5	27.6	19.7	22.5 (*)	31.4	19.1	28.3	19.3	- In education - %
52.5 (*)	53.9	31.5	30.3	16.3	79.5	27.0	22.9	15.0	< upper secondary level
24.1 (*)	35.9	46.1	43.9	74.1	12.0	44.1	49.2	55.4	Upper secondary level
23.4 (*)	10.2	22.4	25.8	9.6	8.5	29.0	27.9	29.6	Third level

Table 3 - Labour force survey 1999 - Females

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL ⁽¹⁾	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	189,496	147,556	5,220	2,660	41,431	5,275	20,150	29,572
-aged 15-64 (1000)	123,687	96,823	3,331	1,734	27,327	3,546	13,271	18,972
-aged >64 (1000)	35,079	27,635	1,008	475	8,037	966	3,998	5,215
Active population								
-1000	73,849	55,871	1,873	1,326	17,317	1,753	6,482	11,834
-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%	59.2	57.2	56.0	76.1	62.9	48.5	48.5	62.2
Total employment								
-1000	65,716	48,917	1,682	1,248	15,717	1,463	4,994	10,177
-Employment rate (15-64 years) - %	52.6	50.0	50.2	71.6	57.1	40.3	37.3	53.5
- Full-time - %	66.6	69.0	66.7 ⁽¹⁾	66.1	62.8	89.5	82.4	68.3
- Part-time - %	33.4	31.0	33.3 ⁽¹⁾	33.9	37.2	10.5	17.6	31.7
-In the agriculture - %	3.5	3.8	2.0	1.5	2.4	20.3	5.3	3.0
-In the industry - %	15.7	16.7	11.4	15.4	18.5	12.3	13.6	14.4
-In the services - %	80.8	79.5	86.6	83.1	79.1	67.4	81.1	82.6
Employees								
-1000	57,752	42,638	1,412	1,173	14,494	862	4,082	9,270
-% of total employment	87.9	87.2	84.0	94.0	92.2	58.9	81.7	91.1
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.2	16.0	13.7	11.3	13.4	14.7	34.9	14.8
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	85.8	84.0	86.3	88.7	86.6	85.3	65.1	85.2
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	39.0	38.6	36.9	37.9	39.4	39.3	39.6	38.6
- employees working part-time	19.8	19.9	21.7	21.6	18.3	20.6	17.8	22.9
Unemployment								
- 1000	8,133	6,954	191	78	1,599	290	1,488	1,657
-Unemployment rate - %	11.0	12.4	10.2	5.9	9.2	16.5	23.0	14.0
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	35.6	32.9	26.2	61.6	30.6	21.4	29.4	46.0
-6 to 11 months	17.1	17.2	12.9	18.3	15.4	17.1	19.8	14.5
-12 months and more	47.3	50.0	60.9	20.1	54.0	61.5	50.7	39.5
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	23.5	23.5	21.0	4.7	6.6	53.9	27.1	11.3
-seeking a part-time job	22.8	21.8	22.1	27.5	23.7	5.1	8.9	22.5
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	84,918	68,587	2,466	883	18,047	2,759	10,788	12,353
- In education - %	15.5	15.6	17.2	17.5	13.1	14.0	17.8	19.8
Education level attained(25-59 years)								
< upper secondary level	38.2	41.4	39.0	21.5	22.4	50.2	63.5	39.3
Upper secondary level	42.0	40.2	32.1	50.3	58.7	33.4	15.4	38.2
Third level	19.8	18.4	28.9	28.2	18.9	16.5	21.1	22.5

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Table 3 - Labour force survey 1999 - Females

IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1,886	29,341	214	7,826	4,097	5,176	2,644	4,477	29,528	Population
1,242	19,431	141	5,253	2,681	3,465	1,711	2,786	18,798	- Total (1000)
240	5,865	33	1,148	743	878	469	889	5,115	- aged 15-64 (1000)
									- aged >64 (1000)
682	8,956	71	3,395	1,696	2,298	1,267	2,073	12,826	Active population
54.4	45.6	50.2	64.4	62.7	63.0	73.9	74.0	67.3	-1000
									-Activity rate (15-64 years)-%
645	7,499	69	3,231	1,615	2,179	1,109	1,931	12,157	Total employment
51.4	38.1	48.5	61.3	59.7	59.6	64.6	68.9	63.7	-1000
									-Employment rate (15-64 years) -%
69.4	84.3	75.4	31.4	67.5	83.3	83.0	60.0	55.6	- Full-time - %
30.6	15.7	24.6	68.6	32.5	16.7	17.0	40.0	44.4	- Part-time - %
2.4	4.5	1.5	2.3	7.0	14.4	4.4	1.5	0.8	-In the agriculture - %
15.5	21.1	7.0	9.6	14.1	24.1	14.2	11.5	12.6	-In the industry - %
82.0	74.4	91.6	88.1	79.0	61.4	81.4	87.0	86.7	-In the services - %
584	5,811	63	2,916	1,404	1,600	1,003	1,807	11,272	Employees
90.6	77.5	91.5	90.2	86.9	73.4	90.4	93.6	92.7	-1000
									-% of total employment
12.1 (1)	11.8	4.4	15.4	7.8	20.4	21.2	16.6	7.5	-Contract of limited duration - %
87.9 (1)	88.2	95.6	84.6	92.2	79.6	78.8	83.4	92.5	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
38.0	36.3	38.0	38.3	39.9	39.4	38.3	39.9	40.7	Usual hours worked per week
18.4	22.2	20.5	18.9	22.0	19.7	21.5	25.0	18.5	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
37	1,457	2	165	81	119	158	142	669	Unemployment
5.5	16.3	3.3	4.9	4.8	5.2	12.4	6.9	5.2	- 1000
									-Unemployment rate - %
26.0	22.3	52.6	15.1	43.1	35.8	65.7	55.6	62.1	Unemployment by duration (%):
25.6	17.0	20.3	44.5	20.8	21.3	13.0	20.1	16.3	-less than 6 months
48.4	60.7	27.2	40.4	36.1	42.9	21.3	24.3	21.6	-6 to 11 months
									-12 months and more
18.8 (1)	54.8	24.5	21.8	11.4	18.2	16.4	7.2	16.1	Unemployed (%):
36.2	26.8	37.0	76.5	39.6	2.7 (2)	19.7	17.7	42.0	-seeking a first job
									-seeking a part-time job
800	16,340	103	3,005	1,728	2,045	913	1,601	11,088	Total of non-actives
21.5 (2)	13.5	15.6	12.9	13.1 (2)	20.1	15.1	24.0	14.1	- 1000
									- In education - %
45.0 (2)	54.6	40.6	37.5	30.1	76.5	23.9	19.4	23.4	Education level attained (25-59 years)
32.1 (2)	35.6	43.4	41.9	61.8	11.9	39.5	49.4	51.0	< upper secondary level
22.9 (2)	9.8	16.1	20.7	8.2	11.5	36.6	31.2	25.5	Upper secondary level
									Third level

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1999 - Population aged under 25 years

	EU-15	EUR-11	B	DK	D	EL ⁽¹⁾	E	F
Population								
-Total (1000)	109,056	83,427	3,053	1,552	21,256	2,988	11,969	18,293
-aged 15-24 (1000)	45,862	35,954	1,248	607	8,774	1,419	6,021	7,246
Active population								
-1000	21,687	15,925	410	445	4,454	567	2,492	2,614
-Activity rate (15-24 years)-%	47.3	44.3	32.9	73.3	50.8	40.0	41.4	36.1
Total employment								
-1000	17,729	12,798	318	401	4,058	399	1,757	1,921
-Employment rate (15-24 years) -%	38.7	35.6	25.5	66.0	46.2	28.1	29.2	26.5
- Full-time - %	77.6	81.3	82.1 ⁽¹⁾	53.6	88.5	90.2	86.1	75.1
- Part-time - %	22.4	18.7	17.9 ⁽¹⁾	46.4	11.5	9.8	13.9	24.9
-In the agriculture - %	3.3	3.5	1.8	5.1	2.2	13.4	6.5	3.2
-In the industry - %	31.9	35.2	32.2	25.8	34.6	27.3	37.8	29.2
-In the services - %	64.8	61.3	66.0	69.0	63.2	59.3	55.7	67.6
Employees								
-1000	16,700	12,029	298	393	3,989	271	1,581	1,876
-% of total employment	94.2	94.0	93.8	98.0	98.3	68.0	90.0	97.7
-Contract of limited duration - %	39.1	47.6	37.5	29.7	53.1	25.8	70.1	54.3
-Contract of unlimited duration - %	60.9	52.4	62.5	70.3	46.9	74.2	29.9	45.7
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time	40.2	39.8	38.7	38.4	39.3	42.9	41.0	39.3
- employees working part-time	15.7	16.7	20.9	11.7	13.1	22.3	18.2	21.7
Unemployment								
- 1000	3,958	3,127	93	44	396	169	735	692
-Unemployment rate - %	18.3	19.6	22.6	10.0	8.9	29.7	29.5	26.5
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months	46.8	43.0	40.8	83.8	47.5	25.8	40.8	63.7
-6 to 11 months	21.3	22.0	22.3	10.4	25.6	22.7	26.4	16.1
-12 months and more	31.9	35.0	36.9	5.8	26.9	51.5	32.8	20.3
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job	49.1	50.4	53.1	12.9	29.2	79.0	48.5	35.2
-seeking a part-time job	12.5	10.2	11.0	34.0	6.5	4.3	6.6	7.3
Total of non-actives								
- 1000	24,174	20,030	838	162	4,321	851	3,528	4,632
- In education - %	88.9	89.7	91.3	90.6	90.9	87.3	91.9	94.0

(¹) 1998

(²) 1997

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1999 - Population aged under 25 years

IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	
1,487	15,290	128	4,786	2,295	3,286	1,586	2,671	18,418	Population
658	6,958	49	1,871	916	1,576	638	1,022	6,859	-Total (1000)
									-aged 15-24 (1000)
334	2,650	16	1,267	534	751	402	432	4,318	Active population
50.8	38.1	34.0	67.7	58.4	47.6	63.0	42.3	62.9	-1000
									-Activity rate (15-24 years)-%
306	1,777	15	1,173	503	682	287	362	3,769	Total employment
46.5	25.5	31.7	62.7	54.9	43.3	45.0	35.4	55.0	-1000
									-Employment rate (15-24 years) -%
77.9	90.2	87.1	40.1	90.3	92.3	66.6	56.2	67.9	- Full-time - %
22.1	9.8	12.9	59.9	9.7	7.7	33.4	43.8	32.1	- Part-time - %
4.1	4.1	2.2	3.4	2.5	4.2	5.5	2.4	1.5	-In the agriculture - %
32.7	46.5	23.9	18.3	38.0	48.5	27.0	22.1	22.9	-In the industry - %
63.2	49.5	73.9	78.3	59.5	47.3	67.4	75.5	75.7	-In the services - %
293	1,468	15	1,139	487	610	274	347	3,660	Employees
95.7	82.6	97.7	97.1	96.9	89.4	95.2	96.0	97.1	-1000
									-% of total employment
17.2 (1)	26.2	17.4	33.3	31.2	39.5	52.1	42.0	12.6	-Contract of limited duration - %
82.8 (1)	73.8	82.6	66.7	68.8	60.5	47.9	58.0	87.4	-Contract of unlimited duration - %
40.0	40.3	39.7	39.1	39.6	41.1	38.9	39.8	41.5	Usual hours worked per week
15.1	23.4	27.8	13.0	21.0	21.3	18.5	15.5	14.3	- employees working full time
									- employees working part-time
28	873	1	93	32	69	115	70	548	Unemployment
8.4	32.9	6.7	7.4	5.9	9.1	28.6	16.3	12.7	- 1000
									-Unemployment rate - %
33.5	21.7	56.8	17.4	68.6	46.3	87.8	72.7	67.7	Unemployment by duration (%):
28.5	19.8	24.9	62.7	15.7	29.5	8.2	17.6	18.6	-less than 6 months
38.0	58.6	18.3	19.9	15.7	24.3	3.9	9.6	13.7	-6 to 11 months
									-12 months and more
43.8 (1)	77.0	56.2	50.4	27.1	38.1	39.6	11.7	40.0	Unemployed (%):
10.3	9.5	4.4	65.3	12.2	2.4 (1)	30.3	17.9	25.7	-seeking a first job
									-seeking a part-time job
324	4,307	32	604	381	826	236	590	2,541	Total of non-actives
91.9 (1)	83.0	91.9	80.5	92.0 (1)	87.5	87.0	88.9	83.6	- 1000
									- In education - %

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