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# Labour Force Survey Principal results 2001

## Candidate Countries

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The spring 2001 Labour Force Survey provided the following estimates for the 96 million people living in private households in 11 of the 13 Candidate Countries (CC-11 – see explanatory notes).

➤ 43 million had a job during the reference week of the survey:

- The employment rate reached 57.8% of the population aged 15-64 compared to 63.9% in the EU. The rate was highest in Cyprus at 67.9% and lowest in Bulgaria at 50.7%.
- 9.8% of employed persons declared themselves as working part-time compared to 18% in the EU. Part-time employment represented 12% of total female employment (from 13% in Cyprus to 3.8% in Slovak Republic).
- 31 million workers were employees (72.9% of total employment) and 8% of them had a contract with limited duration (10% or more in Cyprus, Poland and Slovenia).
- The average working hours were 41.3 hours a week for full time employees and 23.8 hours for part-time employees (respectively 40.4 and 23.2 for females). In the EU the average working hours were 40.1 hours a week for full time employees and 19.8 hours for part-time employees.

➤ 6.4 million people were unemployed, which represented 13% of the overall CC-11 labour force (13.4% for women). The EU unemployment rate was 7.3%.

- About 4 million of the unemployed in the CC-11 were looking for full time employment with half of them looking for more than one year. Long term unemployment (one year and more) represented 52.4% of unemployment as a whole compared with 44% in the EU.
- 28.8% of the labour force aged 15-24 years old was unemployed compared with 14% in the EU, ie. 10.9% of the total population of the same age in the CC-11 and 6.6% in the EU.

➤ 36 million people aged 15 years and more were inactive.

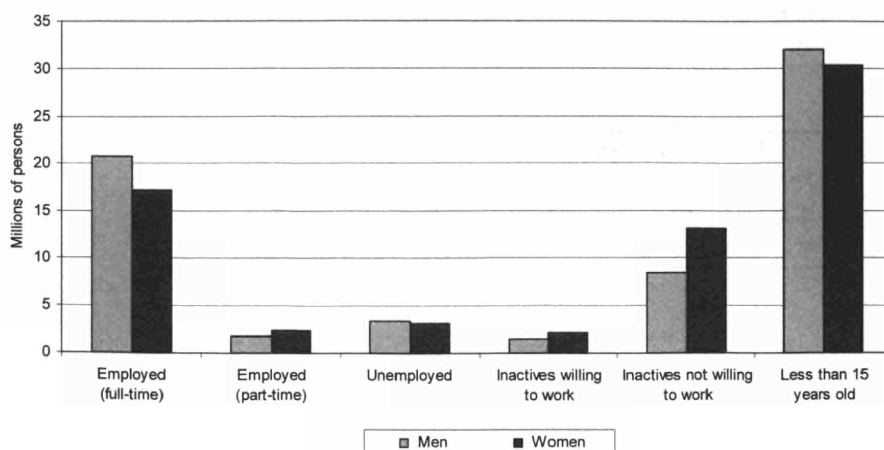
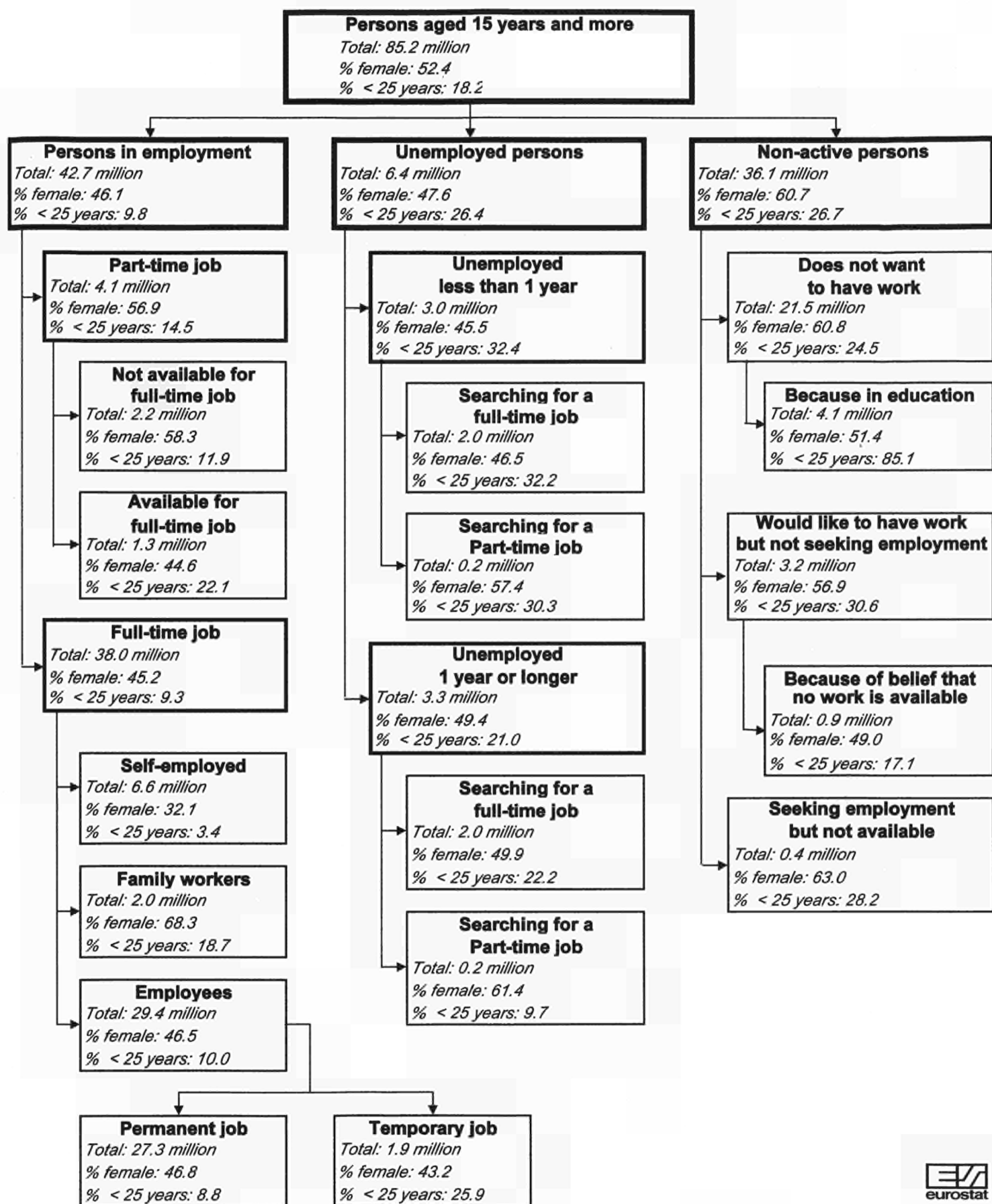


Figure 1: Population by sex and activity, CC-11, 2001



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# Work status of persons aged 15 years and more, CC-11, 2001 (1)



notes: (1) Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate

## ➤ EXPLANATORY NOTES

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The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 2001 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 publications *Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 1998* and *Labour Force Survey in central and east European countries – Methods and definitions, 2000*.

11 Candidate Countries participated in the 2001 survey: Bulgaria (BG), Cyprus (CY), Czech Republic (CZ), Estonia (EE), Hungary (HU), Lithuania (LV), Latvia (LV), Poland (PL), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI) and Slovak Republic (SK). Two Candidate Countries did not yet provide any data: Malta and Turkey.

### 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.

**Persons in employment** were 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 included. In Romania, the minimum duration is 15 hours for self-employed and unpaid family workers from agriculture.

As from 2001 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1897/2000 of 7 September 2000), **unemployed persons** comprise persons aged 15 to 74 who were:

- (a) without work during the reference week, i.e. neither had a job nor were at work (for one hour or more) in paid employment or self-employment;
- (b) currently available for work, i.e. were available for paid employment or self-employment before the end of the two weeks following the reference week;
- (c) actively seeking work, i.e. had taken specific steps in the four weeks period ending with the reference week to seek paid employment or self-employment or who found a job to start later, i.e. within a period of at most three months.

Comparability with results prior to 2001: unemployment results used to refer to persons aged 15 and more. Persons who found a job to start later used to be considered as unemployed with the unique condition of having no job in the reference week; however, the two new conditions on availability for work and/or time limit of at most three months are not yet applied by Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

**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** (labour force) 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.

**Employment rates** represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population.

**Unemployment rates** represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. **Youth unemployment ratio** represents unemployed aged less than 25 years as a percentage of the population of this age group.

**Population 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. **Early school leavers** includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 who are not in education/training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).

All rates and ratios are calculated excluding non responses.

**Table 1 - Labour force survey 2001 - Males and females**

	EU-15 (1)	OC-11	BG (2)	CY	CZ	EE	HU
<b>Population (1000)</b>							
-Total	372 728	95 979	7 933	649	10 216	1 429	9 900
-aged 15-64	249 332	70 970	5 366	421	7 142	973	6 776
-aged >64	61 020	14 279	1 362	75	1 424	216	1 443
<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b>							
-At most lower secondary level	36.2	22.6	28.9	35.5	13.7	13.9	29.9
-Upper secondary level	42.2	63.5	49.8	37.8	74.8	56.6	56.1
-Third level	21.6	13.9	21.3	26.8	11.6	29.4	14.0
<b>Participation to education</b>							
-In education or training (25-64 years) - %	8.4	3.6	-	3.4	-	5.3	3.0
-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %	19.3	12.9	20.3	14.8	-	14.5	13.2
<b>Total employment</b>							
-1000	161 295	42 730	2 752	294	4 701	613	3 835
-Employment rate (%)							
15-24 years	40.4	27.0	21.0	38.0	34.4	27.1	31.4
25-54 years	77.0	73.8	68.0	81.1	82.0	75.8	73.1
55-64 years	38.2	34.6	23.9	49.8	36.9	48.6	23.7
15-64 years	63.9	57.8	50.7	67.9	65.0	61.1	56.3
-Part-time - %	18.0	9.8	3.5	8.3	5.0	7.4	3.5
-In the agriculture - %	(2) 4.2	20.9	9.7	4.9	4.9	7.1	6.1
-In the industry - %	28.7	31.3	32.7	24.0	40.5	34.2	34.5
-In the services - %	67.1	47.8	57.6	71.1	54.6	58.7	59.4
<b>Employees</b>							
-1000	135 914	31 165	2 319	224	3 981	567	3 276
-% of total employment	84.3	72.9	84.3	76.1	84.7	92.5	85.4
Contract of limited duration - %	13.4	8.0	6.8	10.6	8.1	2.8	7.5
Usual hours worked per week							
- employees working full time	40.1	41.3	40.9	40.1	41.1	41.4	41.0
- employees working part-time	19.8	23.8	21.1	21.5	25.2	22.2	24.2
<b>Unemployment</b>							
-1000	12 735	6 392	684	12	409	87	231
-Unemployment rate - %							
15-24 years	14.0	28.8	39.3	8.4	16.3	24.5	10.5
25-64 years	6.5	11.3	17.7	3.5	6.9	11.1	5.0
15+ years	7.3	13.0	19.9	4.0	8.0	12.4	5.7
-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %	6.6	10.9	13.6	3.5	6.7	8.8	3.7
Unemployment by duration (%):							
-less than 6 months	39.4	26.3	20.9	53.1	27.6	31.1	31.9
-6 to 11 months	16.6	21.3	16.0	25.0	19.4	22.3	23.4
-12 months and more	44.0	52.4	63.1	21.9	52.9	46.6	44.8
Unemployed (%):							
-seeking a first job	19.9	21.3	23.3	17.5	14.1	12.4	11.5
-seeking a part-time job	14.1	4.8	(1.4)	18.9	9.5	4.6	6.0
<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b>	198 698	46 858	4 497	343	5 106	729	5 835

Notes: data in brackets may lack reliability due to the small sample size

(1) EU-15: see Statistics in focus, Labour Force Survey, Principal results 2001, EU and EFTA countries

(2) Number of persons whose main activity is in the agriculture sector.

BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector

(3) LT, PL: estimates cover only the population aged 15 and more

Table 1 - Labour force survey 2001 - Males and females

LT (3)	LV	PL (3)	RO	SI	SK	
						<b>Population (1000)</b>
2 981	2 365	30 794	22 345	1 991	5 376	-Total
2 478	1 596	25 819	15 278	1 400	3 720	-aged 15-64
503	361	4 975	3 019	281	620	-aged >64
						<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b>
15.6	20.9	19.6	<b>29.5</b>	24.6	15.1	-At most lower secondary level
39.4	61.0	68.7	<b>60.6</b>	61.2	74.3	-Upper secondary level
45.0	18.1	11.7	<b>10.0</b>	14.1	10.7	-Third level
						<b>Participation to education</b>
3.7	-	5.2	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	-	-In education or training (25-64 years) - %
14.2	-	7.3	<b>21.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	-	-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %
						<b>Total employment</b>
1 482	964	14 252	10 807	914	2 116	-1000
						-Employment rate (%)
22.9	29.0	21.4	<b>32.7</b>	30.3	27.7	15-24 years
75.5	75.9	69.5	<b>77.6</b>	83.8	74.6	25-54 years
39.1	36.4	30.5	<b>50.5</b>	23.4	22.5	55-64 years
58.6	58.9	53.8	<b>63.3</b>	63.6	56.7	15-64 years
8.7	10.0	10.2	<b>16.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	2.4	-Part-time - %
16.5	15.1	19.2	<b>44.4</b>	9.9	6.3	-In the agriculture - %
27.2	25.3	30.7	25.8	38.6	37.1	-In the industry - %
56.3	59.6	50.1	29.7	51.4	56.7	-In the services - %
						<b>Employees</b>
1 196	818	10 268	5 825	758	1 933	-1000
80.7	84.8	72.0	53.9	82.9	91.4	-% of total employment
6.5	7.1	<b>11.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	13.1	5.0	Contract of limited duration - %
						Usual hours worked per week
39.5	43.5	41.4	<b>41.3</b>	41.5	42.0	- employees working full time
21.3	22.0	23.6	<b>33.7</b>	19.5	24.4	- employees working part-time
						<b>Unemployment</b>
293	145	3 208	<b>758</b>	<b>55</b>	509	-1000
						-Unemployment rate - %
30.9	22.9	41.5	<b>17.6</b>	15.7	38.9	15-24 years
15.2	12.1	<b>15.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	15.9	25-64 years
16.5	13.1	<b>18.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	19.4	15+ years
10.2	8.6	15.2	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	17.6	-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %
						Unemployment by duration (%):
26.8	24.1	<b>25.8</b>	33.2	23.0	22.1	-less than 6 months
17.0	16.8	<b>24.2</b>	18.2	13.7	19.6	-6 to 11 months
56.2	59.1	50.1	48.6	63.3	58.3	-12 months and more
						Unemployed (%):
13.9	11.5	21.5	31.5	24.9	20.2	-seeking a first job
6.0	-	6.1	1.5	-	2.4	-seeking a part-time job
1 206	1 256	13 334	10 779	1 022	2 752	<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b>

(2)

**Table 2 - Labour force survey 2001 - Females**

	EU-15 (1)	OC-11	BG (2)	CY	CZ	EE	HU
<b>Population (1000)</b>							
-Total	190 620	49 892	4 085	329	5 267	764	5 185
-aged 15-64	124 553	35 966	2 736	213	3 588	500	3 456
-aged >64	35 661	8 700	772	42	875	145	911
<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b>							
-At most lower secondary level	38.7	25.6	28.5	40.1	18.2	12.8	34.2
-Upper secondary level	41.1	59.6	46.4	36.2	72.0	52.1	51.3
-Third level	20.1	14.8	25.0	23.7	9.8	35.1	14.4
<b>Participation to education</b>							
-In education or training (25-64 years) - %	9.0	4.0	-	3.4	-	6.3	3.5
-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %	16.7	11.8	19.5	12.0	-	11.4	12.9
<b>Total employment</b>							
-1000	68 964	19 710	1 321	122	2 063	293	1 722
-Employment rate (%)							
15-24 years	36.9	24.7	21.1	36.6	31.5	21.3	27.1
25-54 years	66.7	68.4	66.8	68.5	74.3	72.2	67.0
55-64 years	28.6	26.6	14.8	32.6	23.0	41.9	14.6
15-64 years	54.8	52.5	47.9	56.5	57.0	56.9	49.6
-Part-time - %	33.8	12.0	3.9	13.0	8.7	10.4	5.1
-In the agriculture - %	(2) 3.3	21.0	7.1	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.4
-In the industry - %	15.1	22.1	28.8	12.6	28.4	24.9	25.5
-In the services - %	81.6	56.9	64.1	83.3	68.3	71.5	71.2
<b>Employees</b>							
-1000	60 937	14 697	1 157	103	1 849	280	1 546
-% of total employment	88.4	74.6	87.6	83.9	89.6	95.6	89.7
Contract of limited duration - %	14.5	7.7	6.5	14.7	9.2	2.3	6.8
Usual hours worked per week							
- employees working full time	38.8	40.4	40.6	39.6	40.4	40.7	40.4
- employees working part-time	19.9	23.2	20.8	21.6	25.6	22.1	24.2
<b>Unemployment</b>							
-1000	6 404	3 041	307	7	220	44	88
-Unemployment rate - %							
15-24 years	14.9	28.3	35.5	10.3	16.2	33.8	9.3
25-64 years	7.6	11.8	16.9	5.1	8.7	11.0	4.3
15+ years	8.5	13.4	18.9	5.8	9.6	13.1	4.9
-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %	6.4	9.8	11.6	4.2	6.1	10.9	2.8
Unemployment by duration (%):							
-less than 6 months	37.9	23.9	21.1	52.6	25.6	36.1	33.1
-6 to 11 months	17.4	21.7	15.7	27.8	19.9	22.4	23.4
-12 months and more	44.8	54.4	63.1	19.6	54.5	41.6	43.5
Unemployed (%):							
-seeking a first job	22.6	22.6	22.7	19.5	13.0	17.6	12.2
-seeking a part-time job	22.9	6.0	(1.9)	28.6	14.3	(7.0)	10.0
<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b>	115 251	27 142	2 457	199	2 984	427	3 374

Notes: data in brackets may lack reliability due to the small sample size

(1) EU-15: see Statistics in focus, Labour Force Survey, Principal results 2001, EU and EFTA countries

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BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector

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Table 2 - Labour force survey 2001 - Females

LT (3)	LV	PL (3)	RO	SI	SK	
1 607	1 277	16 116	11 467	1 018	2 776	<b>Population (1000)</b>
1 279	832	13 058	7 727	692	1 886	-Total
329	245	3 059	1 763	176	384	-aged 15-64
						-aged >64
						<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b>
14.9	18.3	21.2	35.6	29.1	19.6	-At most lower secondary level
34.8	61.1	65.6	55.2	54.7	70.1	-Upper secondary level
50.3	20.6	13.1	9.1	16.2	10.3	-Third level
						<b>Participation to education</b>
4.9	-	5.9	1.0	4.0	-	-In education or training (25-64 years) - %
10.0	-	5.6	21.3	6.3	-	-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %
						<b>Total employment</b>
749	479	6 470	5 095	417	978	-1000
						-Employment rate (%)
21.3	24.5	19.8	30.0	26.4	26.9	15-24 years
76.4	75.1	63.5	71.7	80.0	70.5	25-54 years
31.8	30.1	23.8	45.8	14.4	10.0	55-64 years
57.4	56.1	48.4	58.2	58.6	51.8	15-64 years
9.9	12.1	12.6	19.1	7.4	3.8	-Part-time - %
12.5	11.7	19.4	47.4	9.7	3.8	-In the agriculture - %
21.2	17.2	18.6	20.9	29.0	24.8	-In the industry - %
66.3	71.2	62.0	31.7	61.3	71.4	-In the services - %
						<b>Employees</b>
633	419	4 799	2 625	359	928	-1000
84.5	87.3	74.2	51.5	86.1	94.9	-% of total employment
4.3	5.4	11.4	2.8	13.3	4.9	Contract of limited duration - %
						Usual hours worked per week
38.5	42.9	39.8	41.0	41.1	41.6	- employees working full time
21.0	21.5	22.6	31.4	19.3	24.6	- employees working part-time
						<b>Unemployment</b>
117	63	1 619	326	27	223	-1000
						-Unemployment rate - %
24.0	21.4	42.1	17.1	16.6	34.5	15-24 years
12.8	10.7	17.3	5.2	5.0	15.7	25-64 years
13.5	11.5	20.0	6.0	6.0	18.6	15+ years
6.7	6.7	14.4	6.2	5.3	14.1	-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %
						Unemployment by duration (%):
25.9	25.7	22.3	30.6	21.6	19.5	-less than 6 months
22.1	18.0	23.8	19.1	15.8	20.6	-6 to 11 months
52.1	56.3	53.9	50.3	62.6	60.0	-12 months and more
						Unemployed (%):
13.2	10.7	23.3	35.4	25.9	20.7	-seeking a first job
7.6	-	6.6	2.3	-	3.1	-seeking a part-time job
741	735	8 027	6 046	575	1 576	<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b>

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