The spring 2002 Labour Force Survey provides the following estimates for the 374.8 million people living in private households in the EU:

- 163.0 million had a job during the reference week of the survey;
- 64.2% of the population aged 15-64 was employed. The employment rate was as high as 70% or more in Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and also in the three EFTA countries. It was less than 60% in Belgium, Greece Spain and Italy. The employment rate was on average 17.4 percentage points higher for males (72.9% at EU level against 55.5% for females). In Finland and Sweden, the difference did not reach 4 percentage points compared to 24 percentage points or more in Greece, Spain, Italy and Luxembourg.
- 18.2% of employed persons worked part-time. Part-time employment represented 33.5% of total female employment (from 8.1% in Greece to 72.8% in the Netherlands).
- 137.5 million workers were employees (84.4% of total employment) and 13.1% of them had a contract with limited duration (less than 6% in Iceland, Ireland and Luxembourg, 21.8% in Portugal, 31.2% in Spain).
- The average usual working hours were 40.0 hours a week for full-time employees and 19.7 hours for part-time employees (from 37.7 hours for full-time employees in France to 43.3 hours in the United Kingdom, 47.3 hours in Iceland).
- 13.5 million people were unemployed, which represented 7.6% of the overall EU labour force (8.6% for women).
- Long term unemployment (one year and more) represented 40.2% of unemployment as a whole, more than 50% in Greece and Italy, less than 25% in Denmark, Austria, Finland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Norway and Switzerland.
- 14.6% of the labour force aged 15-24 years old was unemployed (against 6.7% for the age class 25-64) which represented 6.9% of the total population of the same age.
- 136.2 million people aged 15 years and more were inactive.
Work status of persons aged 15 years and more, EU-15, 2002

Persons aged 15 years and more
Total: 312.6 million
% female: 51.6
% < 25 years: 14.4

Persons in employment
Total: 163.0 million
% female: 43.1
% < 25 years: 11.2

Part-time job
Total: 29.6 million
% female: 79.3
% < 25 years: 14.5

Not available for full-time job
Total: 21.2 million
% female: 81.3
% < 25 years: 15.1

Available for full-time job
Total: 4.2 million
% female: 72.0
% < 25 years: 16.9

Full-time job
Total: 133.3 million
% female: 35.0
% < 25 years: 10.5

Self-employed
Total: 20.0 million
% female: 23.1
% < 25 years: 2.2

Family workers
Total: 1.8 million
% female: 62.2
% < 25 years: 15.7

Employees
Total: 111.4 million
% female: 36.7
% < 25 years: 11.8

Permanent job
Total: 97.8 million
% female: 35.9
% < 25 years: 8.3

Temporary job
Total: 13.2 million
% female: 42.4
% < 25 years: 38.2

Unemployed persons
Total: 13.5 million
% female: 49.1
% < 25 years: 23.1

Unemployed less than 1 year
Total: 8.0 million
% female: 47.8
% < 25 years: 28.4

Searching for a full-time job
Total: 5.7 million
% female: 41.5
% < 25 years: 28.2

Searching for a Part-time job
Total: 1.1 million
% female: 77.7
% < 25 years: 28.1

Searching for a full-time job
Total: 5.4 million
% female: 51.2
% < 25 years: 14.9

Searching for a Part-time job
Total: 0.7 million
% female: 83.5
% < 25 years: 8.0

Unemployed 1 year or longer
Total: 5.4 million
% female: 51.2
% < 25 years: 14.9

Does not want to have work
Total: 118.3 million
% female: 62.2
% < 25 years: 16.0

Because in education
Total: 20.4 million
% female: 52.4
% < 25 years: 86.5

Would like to have work but not seeking employment
Total: 7.9 million
% female: 64.1
% < 25 years: 26.2

Because of belief that no work is available
Total: 0.6 million
% female: 72.2
% < 25 years: 10.8

Seeking employment but not available
Total: 1.7 million
% female: 55.3
% < 25 years: 27.0

Inactive persons
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(1) Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate
EXPLANATORY NOTES


A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common EU coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 2001.

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.

Employed persons were those aged 15 years and over (16 years and over in Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and Iceland) 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.

Unemployed persons comprise persons aged 15 to 74 who were without work during the reference week, were currently available for work and were actively seeking work or who 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 (labour force) is defined as the sum of employed and unemployed persons.

Inactive persons are those who are neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.

Employees are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscription 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.

Country codes applied in this publication: B (Belgium), DK (Denmark), D (Germany), EL (Greece), E (Spain), F (France), IRL (Ireland), I (Italy), L (Luxembourg), NL (Netherlands), P (Portugal), A (Austria), FIN (Finland), S (Sweden), UK (United Kingdom), IS (Iceland), NO (Norway), CH (Switzerland), EU-15 (European Union), EUR12 (Eurozone), EEA (European Economic Area, including all EU-15 countries, Iceland and Norway, excluding Liechtenstein).
Table 1 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males and females

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**Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %**

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**Participation in education**

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**Total of non-actives (1000)**

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Notes: data in brackets may lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol "." is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable

(1) Estimates cover only the population aged 15-74 in NO, 16-74 in IS and 15+ in CH
(2) UK: GCSE levels are included under ISCED 3 (educational attainment level "upper secondary")
### Table 1 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males and females

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Population (1000)

- Total
- aged 15-64
- aged >64

Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %

- At most lower secondary level
- Upper secondary level
- Third level

Participation in education

- In education or training (25-64 years) - %
- Early school leavers (19-24 years) - %

Total employment

- 1000
- Employment rate (%)
  - 15-24 years
  - 25-54 years
  - 55-64 years
  - 15-64 years

Employees

- 1000
- % of total employment
- Contract of limited duration - %
- Usual hours worked per week
  - employees working full time
  - employees working part-time

Unemployment

- 1000
- Unemployment rate - %
  - 15-24 years
  - 25-64 years
  - 15+ years
- Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %

Unemployment by duration (%):

- less than 6 months
- 6 to 11 months
- 12 months and more

Unemployed (%):

- seeking a first job
- seeking a part-time job

Total of non-actives (1000)

(1) F: information on training is collected if this is under way on the date of the survey (instead of the 4 weeks preceding the survey in the other countries, 12 months in CH for non formal education courses). NO: only job related training is covered.

(2) EUI5 and EEA: results estimated on the basis of the available data. UK: comparable data not yet available.

(3) EU15 and EEA: results estimated on the basis of the available data. UK: comparable data not yet available.

(4) EU15 and EEA: results estimated on the basis of the available data. UK: comparable data not yet available.
### Table 2 - Labour force survey 2002 - Females

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#### Total employment

- Employment rate (%)
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- Total - %

#### Unemployment

- Total
  - Total
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