

# EU Labour Force Survey

## Principal results 2005

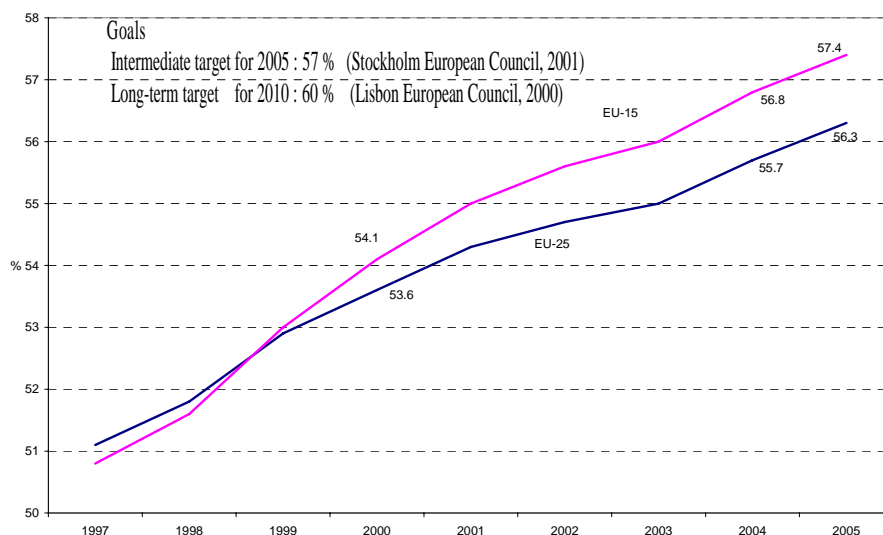
This publication gives the 2005 annual results of the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS), among the 380.3 million people aged 15 and more living in private households in the EU-25:

→ 197.5 million people resident in the European Union held a job or had a business activity during the reference week of the survey, of which 44.1% were women.

-The employment rate, which measures the share of employed people in the population aged 15 to 64 years, stood at 63.8% in 2005 in the EU-25, 3.2 percentage points below the 2001 Stockholm European Council target for 2005<sup>1</sup>.

- The female employment rate reached 56.3% in the EU-25 (0.7 points below the Stockholm mid-term target). This is the result of a continuous increase in female participation in employment since 1997<sup>2</sup>. In Denmark, Estonia, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, more than 60% of the women aged 15 to 64 were employed. In Greece, Italy, Malta and Poland, this proportion was below 50% in 2005.

Figure 1 – Female employment rates, age 15-64, 1997 – 2005



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS<sup>3</sup>

- The employment rate of older people (55 to 64 years old) was 42.5% in 2005, up by 5.9 percentage points since 2000<sup>4</sup>.

- 11.4% of the persons aged 15-64 were part-timers. 17.9% of the women of the same age group worked part-time, with large disparities by country, from 2.0% in Slovakia to 49.8% in the Netherlands.

- 164.8 million workers were employees. Their average usual working hours were 40.4 hours a week for those working full-time and 20.0 hours for those working part-time. 14.5% of them hold a contract with limited duration (19.5% in Portugal, 25.7% in Poland, 33.3% in Spain).

→ 19.5 million people were unemployed (of which 48.9% were women and 8.0% were persons aged 55-64).

- 8.7 million were in long term unemployment (one year and more).

- 8.4% of the young people aged 15-24 years were unemployed (more than 10% in Poland, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden).

→ 163.3 million people aged 15 years or more were economically inactive.

## Statistics in focus

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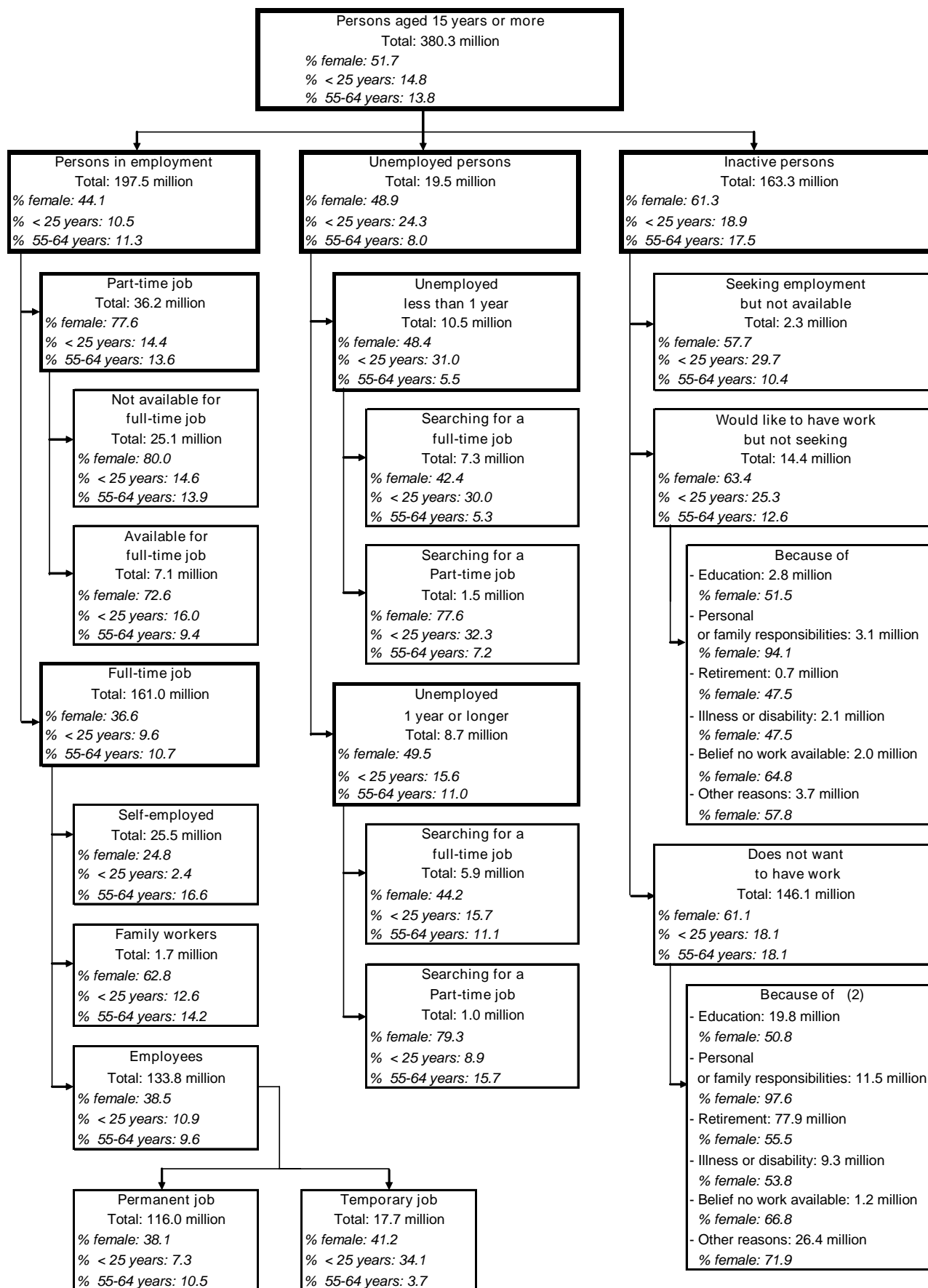
<sup>1</sup> The Lisbon European Council (March 2000) set long-term targets for employment rates for 2010: 70% for the population aged 15-64 and 60% for women of the same age group. The 2001 Stockholm European Council set mid-term targets to be reached in 2005: 67% for the total employment rate and 57% for the female employment rate.

<sup>2</sup> Date of the launching of the European Employment Strategy by the extraordinary Luxembourg European Council on Employment.

<sup>3</sup> Missing quarters are estimated by Eurostat for the production of the annual averages.

<sup>4</sup> The Stockholm European Council of 2001 set also a long-term target for the employment rate of persons aged 55-64: 50% to be reached in 2010.

## Work status of persons aged 15 years or more, EU-25, 2005 (1)



Note: (1) Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate. Persons aged 75 or more are considered as retired.

Table 1 - Population by age, 2005

(thousands)	Total			Age 15-24			Age 25-54			Age 55-64		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
EU-25	453 831	221 249	232 655	56 310	28 524	27 785	196 426	98 125	98 301	52 340	25 431	26 909
EU-15	380 563	186 010	194 553	45 410	22 991	22 420	164 249	82 109	82 140	44 314	21 716	22 598
Euro area	307 707	150 383	157 324	36 439	18 470	17 968	134 100	67 230	66 870	35 443	17 340	18 103
BE	10 477	5 127	5 350	1 265	641	624	4 445	2 241	2 204	1 166	577	589
CZ	10 229	4 987	5 242	1 358	695	663	4 553	2 302	2 251	1 359	649	710
DK	5 396	2 671	2 725	593	301	293	2 270	1 148	1 121	703	350	352
DE	81 529	39 938	41 590	9 671	4 934	4 737	35 349	17 811	17 539	9 744	4 814	4 931
EE	1 343	616	727	204	103	101	558	268	290	147	63	84
EL	10 657	5 226	5 431	1 228	614	614	4 697	2 359	2 338	1 207	578	629
ES	43 141	21 268	21 873	5 232	2 683	2 549	19 997	10 137	9 860	4 526	2 199	2 327
FR	59 224	28 748	30 476	7 428	3 724	3 704	24 660	12 157	12 503	6 595	3 218	3 377
IE	4 149	2 067	2 081	640	324	316	1 795	902	893	396	200	197
IT	58 077	28 192	29 885	6 056	3 069	2 987	25 545	12 791	12 754	6 986	3 388	3 598
CY	727	354	373	93	44	49	324	158	166	76	37	39
LV	2 305	1 062	1 244	359	183	176	965	469	495	260	111	149
LT	3 424	1 597	1 827	525	267	258	1 444	701	743	353	152	201
LU	450	223	227	52	26	26	205	103	102	47	24	23
HU	9 931	4 698	5 234	1 271	641	630	4 354	2 150	2 204	1 190	538	652
MT	402	199	203	61	31	30	172	87	85	41	20	21
NL	16 107	7 991	8 116	1 938	984	954	7 056	3 553	3 503	1 949	981	968
AT	8 109	3 939	4 170	983	488	495	3 588	1 798	1 790	944	458	486
PL	37 527	18 139	19 461	5 887	2 988	2 899	16 471	8 202	8 269	3 852	1 796	2 057
PT	10 563	5 115	5 448	1 313	669	644	4 617	2 289	2 328	1 185	558	627
SI	1 999	979	1 021	267	137	130	914	466	449	221	110	111
SK	5 379	2 609	2 770	874	445	430	2 422	1 213	1 209	528	241	287
FI	5 224	2 547	2 678	633	314	318	2 146	1 088	1 057	697	345	352
SE	9 038	4 479	4 559	1 109	566	543	3 592	1 826	1 766	1 195	601	594
UK	58 421	28 476	29 945	7 269	3 654	3 615	24 288	11 904	12 384	6 973	3 425	3 547
BG	7 747	3 754	3 993	1 048	531	517	3 266	1 636	1 630	969	447	522
HR	4 217	2 013	2 204	535	279	256	1 665	823	842	533	244	289
RO	21 609	10 521	11 089	3 324	1 683	1 641	9 492	4 755	4 737	2 205	1 029	1 176
IS	202	102	100	36	19	18	120	61	59	28	14	14
NO	3 307	1 664	1 643	527	265	262	1 936	983	953	535	270	265
EEA	451 070	219 778	231 292	56 873	28 808	28 065	198 482	99 168	99 313	52 903	25 715	27 188
CH	6 210	3 009	3 200	875	444	431	3 277	1 641	1 636	884	438	446

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Note: The results refer only to the population 15-74 in NO, 16-74 in IS and 15+ in CH. PL (total): estimate.

Table 2 - Population aged 15 and more by working status, 2005

(thousands)	Employed			Unemployed			Inactive		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
EU-25	197 477	110 314	87 163	19 531	9 983	9 549	163 296	63 247	100 049
EU-15	167 920	94 051	73 869	14 960	7 660	7 300	136 079	52 730	83 350
Euro area	132 633	75 203	57 430	13 053	6 580	6 473	113 738	43 843	69 895
BE	4 235	2 387	1 849	390	196	194	4 053	1 625	2 428
CZ	4 764	2 706	2 059	410	187	223	3 540	1 317	2 223
DK	2 752	1 470	1 283	140	68	71	1 513	625	888
DE	36 353	19 962	16 391	4 577	2 570	2 007	29 130	11 525	17 605
EE	607	300	307	52	29	23	468	176	292
EL	4 369	2 697	1 672	477	175	302	4 262	1 558	2 703
ES	18 973	11 389	7 584	1 913	863	1 050	15 978	5 794	10 184
FR	24 536	13 209	11 327	2 458	1 190	1 268	21 127	8 664	12 462
IE	1 952	1 124	828	89	54	35	1 253	451	802
IT	22 563	13 738	8 825	1 889	902	986	25 353	9 300	16 052
CY	348	197	151	19	9	10	214	73	141
LV	1 034	533	500	101	53	48	829	301	528
LT	1 474	751	723	133	67	66	1 232	478	753
LU	194	113	81	9	4	5	162	63	100
HU	3 901	2 116	1 785	302	159	143	4 175	1 627	2 548
MT	149	103	46	12	7	4	163	49	114
NL	8 111	4 483	3 628	402	208	194	4 600	1 769	2 831
AT	3 824	2 095	1 729	208	108	100	2 760	1 061	1 699
PL	14 116	7 809	6 306	3 045	1 553	1 492	14 097	5 540	8 557
PT	5 123	2 765	2 357	422	198	224	3 367	1 304	2 063
SI	949	516	434	66	33	33	698	283	415
SK	2 215	1 232	983	430	225	205	1 801	674	1 127
FI	2 401	1 243	1 158	220	111	109	1 693	729	965
SE	4 347	2 280	2 066	368	195	173	2 740	1 191	1 548
UK	28 187	15 097	13 090	1 399	816	583	18 088	7 070	11 018
BG	2 982	1 592	1 390	334	183	152	3 358	1 428	1 930
HR	1 566	854	712	233	119	113	1 804	719	1 086
RO	9 115	4 979	4 135	704	420	284	8 385	3 375	5 010
IS	160	85	75	4	2	2	38	15	23
NO	2 283	1 204	1 078	105	57	47	920	402	517
EEA	199 919	111 603	88 316	19 640	10 042	9 598	164 254	63 665	100 589
CH	3 974	2 172	1 801	185	88	97	2 051	749	1 302

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 3 - Employment rates, 2005

Total employment rates						Part-time employment rates			(%)
Age 15-64			Age 55-64			Age 15-64			
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	
63.8	71.3	56.3	42.5	51.8	33.7	11.4	4.7	17.9	EU-25
65.2	72.9	57.4	44.1	53.1	35.4	12.8	5.1	20.5	EU-15
63.5	71.8	55.2	40.4	49.7	31.5	11.8	4.6	19.0	Euro area
61.1	68.3	53.8	31.8	41.7	22.1	13.2	4.9	21.7	BE
64.8	73.3	56.3	44.5	59.3	30.9	2.8	1.2	4.5	CZ
75.9	79.8	71.9	59.5	65.6	53.5	16.3	9.4	23.3	DK
65.4	71.2	59.6	45.4	53.5	37.5	15.3	4.9	25.8	DE
64.4	67.0	62.1	56.1	59.3	53.7	4.3	2.8	5.6	EE
60.1	74.2	46.1	41.6	58.8	25.8	2.9	1.6	4.2	EL
63.3	75.2	51.2	43.1	59.7	27.4	7.7	3.2	12.3	ES
63.1	68.8	57.6	37.9	40.7	35.2	10.8	3.7	17.6	FR
67.6	76.9	58.3	51.6	65.7	37.3	9.0	3.9	14.3	IE
57.6	69.9	45.3	31.4	42.7	20.8	7.3	3.0	11.6	IT
68.5	79.2	58.4	50.6	70.8	31.5	5.2	2.5	7.7	CY
63.3	67.6	59.3	49.5	55.2	45.3	4.8	3.8	5.8	LV
62.6	66.1	59.4	49.2	59.1	41.7	4.3	3.3	5.2	LT
63.6	73.3	53.7	31.7	38.3	24.9	11.1	1.8	20.5	LU
56.9	63.1	51.0	33.0	40.6	26.7	2.2	1.5	2.9	HU
53.9	73.8	33.7	30.8	50.8	(12.4)	5.0	3.1	7.0	MT
73.2	79.9	66.4	46.1	56.9	35.2	33.5	17.4	49.8	NL
68.6	75.4	62.0	31.8	41.3	22.9	14.3	4.2	24.2	AT
52.8	58.9	46.8	27.2	35.9	19.7	5.2	4.1	6.2	PL
67.5	73.4	61.7	50.5	58.1	43.7	5.5	2.8	8.2	PT
66.0	70.4	61.3	30.7	43.1	18.5	5.2	4.3	6.0	SI
57.7	64.6	50.9	30.3	47.8	15.6	1.4	0.8	2.0	SK
68.4	70.3	66.5	52.7	52.8	52.7	9.1	6.0	12.1	FI
72.5	74.4	70.4	69.4	72.0	66.7	16.9	7.5	26.6	SE
71.7	77.6	65.9	56.9	66.0	48.1	17.5	7.1	27.6	UK
55.8	60.0	51.7	34.7	45.5	25.5	1.0	0.9	1.1	BG
54.8	60.9	49.0	31.5	41.1	23.4	4.2	3.3	5.1	HR
57.6	63.7	51.5	39.4	46.7	33.1	5.3	5.8	4.8	RO
83.8	86.9	80.5	84.3	88.9	79.6	18.2	7.1	29.7	IS
74.8	77.8	71.7	65.5	70.8	60.1	20.7	10.2	31.5	NO
63.9	71.4	56.5	42.8	52.0	34.0	11.4	4.8	18.1	EEA
77.2	83.9	70.4	65.0	74.8	55.4	24.9	8.7	41.1	CH

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Note: Small sample size may affect the reliability of some of the data (shown in brackets).

Table 4 - Employed persons aged 15 and more by economic activity in the main job, 2005

(%)	Total				Men				Women			
	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services
EU-25	4.9	27.5	37.4	30.2	5.7	38.0	37.1	19.2	3.9	14.2	37.7	44.2
EU-15	3.7	26.7	38.4	31.2	4.5	37.3	38.2	19.9	2.8	13.1	38.6	45.6
Euro area	4.3	27.8	37.7	30.2	5.1	38.3	37.0	19.6	3.3	14.1	38.6	44.0
BE	2.0	24.7	36.7	36.5	2.5	35.0	38.1	24.4	1.5	11.4	35.0	52.2
CZ	4.0	39.5	32.4	24.2	4.9	49.4	30.6	15.2	2.8	26.5	34.7	36.0
DK	3.2	23.9	36.3	36.7	4.6	33.9	39.6	21.9	1.6	12.4	32.4	53.6
DE	2.4	29.8	36.6	31.2	2.9	41.2	35.1	20.9	1.7	16.1	38.5	43.7
EE	5.3	34.0	34.7	26.0	7.2	44.1	35.0	13.8	3.5	24.2	34.4	37.9
EL	12.4	22.4	40.0	25.2	11.5	30.1	39.1	19.3	13.8	10.0	41.4	34.8
ES	5.3	29.7	39.2	25.8	6.4	41.2	35.9	16.4	3.6	12.4	44.0	40.0
FR	3.8	24.3	36.4	35.5	5.0	34.7	37.8	22.5	2.4	12.2	34.8	50.6
IE	5.9	27.6	39.3	27.1	9.3	39.2	36.1	15.4	1.3	11.9	43.8	43.0
IT	4.2	30.8	38.7	26.3	4.8	39.3	38.1	17.8	3.3	17.4	39.7	39.6
CY	4.7	24.0	42.7	28.5	5.7	34.3	40.5	19.5	3.5	10.6	45.6	40.3
LV	11.8	26.5	33.9	27.8	15.3	35.5	31.0	18.2	8.1	16.9	36.9	38.0
LT	14.0	29.1	29.8	27.1	16.6	37.1	30.0	16.3	11.4	20.8	29.5	38.3
LU	1.7	17.3	41.9	39.1	2.2	25.6	42.0	30.2	(1.1)	5.8	41.7	51.4
HU	4.9	32.5	35.7	27.0	6.7	42.0	34.6	16.6	2.7	21.2	36.9	39.2
MT	(2.0)	30.0	39.6	28.4	(2.7)	35.9	39.0	22.4	:	16.9	40.9	41.8
NL	3.3	20.5	41.5	34.6	4.3	30.2	43.4	22.1	2.2	8.5	39.2	50.1
AT	5.5	27.5	40.7	26.2	5.5	39.6	37.1	17.9	5.6	12.9	45.1	36.4
PL	17.4	29.2	30.1	23.3	18.0	39.0	29.3	13.7	16.7	17.1	31.1	35.1
PT	11.8	30.6	32.2	25.4	10.9	40.8	33.0	15.2	12.9	18.6	31.2	37.3
SI	9.1	37.1	30.9	23.0	9.1	46.9	29.9	14.1	9.1	25.4	32.0	33.5
SK	4.8	38.8	30.9	25.5	6.4	49.6	28.7	15.3	2.6	25.3	33.7	38.4
FI	4.8	25.8	36.4	33.0	6.6	38.4	37.7	17.4	2.9	12.3	35.0	49.7
SE	2.3	21.9	37.2	38.5	3.4	33.4	42.7	20.4	1.0	9.3	31.1	58.5
UK	1.4	22.1	42.0	34.4	1.9	33.2	43.6	21.3	0.7	9.4	40.2	49.6
BG	8.9	34.2	33.3	23.5	10.8	38.9	33.4	16.9	6.9	28.9	33.1	31.1
HR	17.3	28.5	32.6	21.5	16.0	37.6	31.8	14.5	18.9	17.5	33.6	29.9
RO	32.3	30.5	20.7	16.6	31.7	35.2	20.2	12.9	33.1	24.8	21.2	20.9
IS	6.5	21.7	38.0	33.8	9.6	31.5	40.1	18.8	3.1	10.6	35.6	50.7
NO	3.3	20.9	37.4	38.4	4.8	32.3	41.3	21.5	1.6	8.0	33.1	57.3
EEA	4.9	27.4	37.4	30.3	5.7	37.9	37.2	19.2	3.9	14.1	37.7	44.3
CH	4.0	23.0	40.8	32.2	4.9	32.7	41.5	20.9	2.9	11.3	39.8	46.0

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

- Notes:
- Small sample size may affect the reliability of some of the data (shown in brackets). The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
  - The breakdown of employed persons by economic activity is based on the classification NACE Rev 1.1 (sections A and B for agriculture, C to F for industry, G to K for market services, and L to Q for non market services).
  - BG: due to the very high proportion of persons active in agriculture in addition to another main occupation, the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector.

Table 5 - Employed persons aged 15 and more by occupation in the main job, 2005

Total				Men				Women				(%)
Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	
38.6	24.9	26.8	9.7	37.3	13.7	40.5	8.4	40.2	38.9	9.7	11.2	EU-25
39.3	25.8	24.8	10.0	38.8	14.1	38.3	8.7	40.0	40.6	7.8	11.5	EU-15
38.7	24.7	26.6	10.0	37.6	14.2	40.2	8.1	40.2	38.3	9.1	12.4	Euro area
44.6	26.9	20.1	8.5	44.4	17.2	31.1	7.3	44.9	39.2	6.0	10.0	BE
39.0	19.7	35.8	5.6	35.3	10.7	50.0	4.0	43.7	31.4	17.2	7.6	CZ
44.1	25.0	19.8	11.0	43.1	12.1	32.9	11.8	45.2	39.7	5.0	10.1	DK
42.3	24.9	24.8	8.0	40.7	13.2	39.5	6.6	44.2	38.9	7.2	9.7	DE
40.3	17.1	31.7	10.9	33.3	8.9	49.4	8.4	47.1	25.0	14.5	13.3	EE
32.6	25.6	35.2	6.5	31.2	18.7	45.4	4.7	34.9	36.5	19.2	9.4	EL
30.9	24.7	29.5	15.0	28.7	15.3	44.0	12.0	34.2	38.7	7.8	19.3	ES
38.9	25.0	26.3	9.8	39.8	11.8	41.8	6.6	37.8	40.1	8.7	13.4	FR
38.3	29.7	22.9	9.1	37.8	15.3	36.5	10.4	39.0	49.0	4.5	7.5	IE
38.8	22.7	28.7	9.9	36.6	15.2	39.6	8.6	42.2	34.0	11.9	11.9	IT
28.6	30.2	24.7	16.6	29.5	19.2	40.2	11.2	27.5	44.4	4.7	23.5	CY
34.3	20.4	33.1	12.2	27.6	9.9	50.0	12.5	41.4	31.6	15.1	11.9	LV
34.1	15.7	39.4	10.8	25.8	8.5	55.3	10.4	42.7	23.1	22.9	11.2	LT
45.5	25.1	19.0	10.4	44.5	18.8	30.9	5.8	46.7	33.8	2.6	16.8	LU
34.3	23.7	33.7	8.3	28.6	14.5	50.1	6.8	41.0	34.3	14.6	10.1	HU
34.7	27.1	25.8	12.3	33.8	19.9	32.7	13.5	36.7	43.1	10.7	9.5	MT
47.4	26.7	16.8	9.1	48.2	15.1	27.8	8.9	46.4	40.9	3.3	9.4	NL
38.2	25.7	25.6	10.5	38.7	13.9	38.9	8.5	37.5	39.9	9.6	12.9	AT
32.1	18.5	41.8	7.6	25.9	11.5	56.1	6.5	39.7	27.1	24.2	9.0	PL
26.4	23.6	37.8	12.2	27.2	15.0	49.7	8.0	25.5	33.6	23.9	17.0	PT
37.8	20.0	35.8	6.4	33.6	13.5	47.9	5.0	42.7	27.7	21.5	8.1	SI
36.0	20.8	34.4	8.8	30.3	11.6	49.9	8.3	43.2	32.3	15.0	9.5	SK
43.9	22.9	25.1	8.1	43.4	9.1	40.8	6.7	44.4	37.6	8.4	9.5	FI
44.2	27.8	22.0	6.0	43.2	14.0	37.2	5.6	45.3	42.9	5.3	6.5	SE
41.0	30.9	17.4	10.6	43.8	14.0	30.0	12.2	37.9	50.4	3.1	8.7	UK
30.0	21.6	36.2	12.2	25.8	13.4	47.1	13.7	34.8	30.8	23.9	10.5	BG
28.4	25.7	38.2	7.7	28.9	16.4	48.1	6.6	27.8	36.7	26.4	9.1	HR
20.9	13.8	54.8	10.6	18.0	8.0	62.8	11.2	24.3	20.6	45.3	9.8	RO
40.8	27.4	24.3	7.5	38.3	15.0	39.6	7.0	43.6	41.5	6.9	8.0	IS
42.9	31.0	21.2	4.9	43.0	17.8	36.0	3.2	42.8	45.5	4.9	6.7	NO
38.6	25.0	26.8	9.6	37.4	13.8	40.4	8.4	40.2	39.0	9.7	11.2	EEA
44.7	26.6	23.2	5.4	46.7	14.8	34.9	3.7	42.4	40.9	9.2	7.5	CH

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Note: The breakdown of employed persons by occupation is based on the classification ISCO 88-COM (groups 1 to 3 for highly skilled non manual, 4 to 5 for low skilled non manual, 6 to 8 for skilled manual and 9 for elementary occupations).

Table 6 - Employees aged 15 and more, 2005

	Total (1000)			Usual hours worked per week						% employees with limited duration contract		
	Total	Men	Women	Full time			Part time			Total	Men	Women
				Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
EU-25	164 795	88 384	76 411	40.4	41.3	39.1	20.0	19.1	20.2	14.5	14.0	15.0
EU-15	141 121	75 832	65 289	40.3	41.1	38.9	19.9	18.8	20.1	14.3	13.6	15.0
Euro area	110 260	60 178	50 082	39.8	40.6	38.6	19.9	19.0	20.1	16.2	15.5	17.0
BE	3 590	1 968	1 622	39.0	39.7	37.8	23.3	23.8	23.2	8.9	6.8	11.4
CZ	4 001	2 156	1 844	41.4	42.1	40.6	23.8	23.2	24.0	8.6	7.6	9.8
DK	2 507	1 294	1 213	39.4	40.4	37.9	18.6	14.1	20.5	9.8	8.5	11.3
DE	31 857	17 011	14 846	40.0	40.5	39.2	17.7	15.7	18.0	14.2	14.4	14.0
EE	558	267	291	41.0	41.6	40.4	20.1	20.7	19.9	2.7	3.4	2.0
EL	2 779	1 644	1 134	41.0	41.8	39.8	20.9	22.2	20.3	11.8	10.1	14.3
ES	15 502	9 026	6 477	41.0	41.7	39.8	19.6	19.7	19.5	33.3	31.7	35.7
FR	21 868	11 386	10 482	39.0	39.8	37.9	23.2	22.5	23.3	13.3	12.6	14.0
IE	1 619	850	769	39.2	40.5	37.3	18.6	18.6	18.6	3.7	3.1	4.2
IT	16 534	9 526	7 008	39.2	40.5	37.0	21.7	21.5	21.7	12.3	10.5	14.7
CY	267	141	126	40.2	40.6	39.6	21.8	21.9	21.7	14.0	9.0	19.5
LV	915	463	452	42.4	43.5	41.1	22.1	23.6	21.4	8.4	10.7	6.2
LT	1 224	607	617	39.4	40.1	38.7	20.4	20.5	20.4	5.5	7.6	3.6
LU	178	103	75	40.2	40.3	39.9	21.3	23.6	21.1	5.3	4.9	5.8
HU	3 367	1 757	1 610	40.7	41.2	40.1	23.4	23.5	23.3	7.0	7.6	6.4
MT	128	85	43	40.7	41.5	38.8	19.6	18.6	20.1	4.5	3.7	(6.1)
NL	7 104	3 830	3 275	38.8	39.0	38.1	19.3	19.2	19.4	15.5	14.3	16.9
AT	3 317	1 776	1 541	42.4	43.2	41.1	20.8	18.8	21.1	9.1	9.3	8.8
PL	10 480	5 630	4 850	41.4	43.0	39.5	23.3	24.2	22.8	25.7	26.5	24.7
PT	3 814	2 021	1 793	40.2	41.0	39.1	20.1	21.0	19.8	19.5	18.7	20.4
SI	806	427	379	41.7	42.1	41.1	18.6	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.7	19.3
SK	1 928	1 020	908	40.8	41.3	40.2	20.9	20.2	21.2	5.0	5.1	4.9
FI	2 097	1 037	1 060	39.3	40.1	38.3	20.3	19.4	20.7	16.5	12.9	20.0
SE	3 887	1 939	1 948	39.9	39.9	39.8	25.3	21.3	26.4	16.0	14.2	17.7
UK	24 467	12 421	12 046	42.6	44.1	40.1	19.1	18.1	19.3	5.7	5.2	6.2
BG	2 557	1 323	1 234	41.1	41.3	40.9	20.2	20.6	20.0	6.4	6.7	6.2
HR	1 169	633	536	41.6	42.1	40.9	(20.3)	(20.4)	(20.3)	12.8	12.7	13.0
RO	5 889	3 193	2 695	41.7	42.0	41.3	26.2	(27.7)	25.6	2.4	2.8	1.9
IS	135	67	68	46.4	49.4	42.2	21.1	17.8	21.8	6.9	6.0	7.8
NO	2 110	1 082	1 028	38.7	39.0	38.0	19.4	17.1	20.1	9.5	7.5	11.6
EEA	167 041	89 533	77 508	40.4	41.3	39.1	20.0	19.1	20.2	14.4	13.9	14.9
CH	3 336	1 777	1 559	41.0	41.3	40.4	20.5	22.3	20.2	12.8	12.5	13.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Note: Small sample size may affect the reliability of some of the data (shown in brackets).



Table 7 - Unemployed aged 15 and more, 2005

Long term unemployment rate (%)			% of unemployed for 1 year and +			Unemployed seeking a first job (%)	Youth unemployment ratio (%)	
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
4.1	3.7	4.5	45.3	44.8	45.8	18.3	8.4	EU-25
3.4	3.1	3.8	41.6	41.3	42.0	17.3	8.0	EU-15
4.0	3.5	4.6	44.5	43.8	45.1	16.8	8.0	Euro area
4.4	3.8	5.0	51.7	50.7	52.8	21.1	7.5	BE
4.2	3.4	5.3	53.0	52.1	53.7	16.5	6.5	CZ
1.1	1.1	1.2	23.4	24.1	22.8	13.4	5.9	DK
5.9	6.0	5.8	53.0	53.0	53.0	9.2	7.7	DE
4.2	4.2	4.2	53.4	48.2	59.9	17.7	5.5	EE
5.1	2.6	8.9	52.2	42.3	57.9	37.3	8.8	EL
2.2	1.4	3.4	24.5	20.5	27.9	12.9	9.4	ES
3.8	3.3	4.3	41.2	40.1	42.2	17.4	8.2	FR
1.4	1.9	0.8	33.4	41.3	21.0	19.3	4.6	IE
3.9	2.9	5.2	49.9	47.7	51.9	33.6	8.1	IT
1.2	0.8	1.8	23.5	19.3	27.0	17.1	5.9	CY
4.1	4.4	3.7	46.0	48.8	42.8	13.2	5.1	LV
4.3	4.2	4.5	52.5	51.3	53.6	12.1	3.9	LT
1.2	(1.2)	(1.2)	26.4	(33.8)	(20.5)	17.3	3.9	LU
3.2	3.3	3.2	45.0	46.6	43.4	14.6	5.2	HU
3.4	3.5	(3.2)	46.4	52.8	(36.0)	30.0	9.1	MT
1.9	1.9	1.9	40.2	43.2	37.0	18.4	5.8	NL
1.3	1.3	1.4	25.3	25.7	24.9	13.0	6.1	AT
10.2	9.3	11.4	57.7	56.1	59.3	23.3	13.2	PL
3.7	3.2	4.2	48.2	47.4	48.8	13.9	6.9	PT
3.1	2.9	3.3	47.3	48.4	46.3	28.0	6.5	SI
11.7	11.2	12.3	71.9	72.3	71.5	23.3	11.0	SK
2.2	2.4	1.9	25.8	29.0	22.6	8.9	10.2	FI
1.2	1.4	1.0	15.8	18.0	13.3	21.5	11.5	SE
1.0	1.3	0.6	21.1	25.2	15.2	22.0	7.9	UK
6.0	6.1	6.0	59.8	58.8	61.1	22.2	6.2	BG
7.6	6.8	8.6	58.9	55.7	62.2	26.2	12.3	HR
4.0	4.6	3.4	56.3	59.0	52.3	31.5	6.3	RO
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.6	IS
0.8	0.9	0.7	18.7	19.7	17.5	:	6.9	NO
4.0	3.7	4.5	45.1	44.6	45.7	18.2	8.4	EEA
1.7	1.4	2.0	37.7	35.9	39.4	16.6	5.8	CH

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Notes: - Small sample size may affect the reliability of some of the data (shown in brackets). The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.

- Long-term unemployed persons are persons who have been unemployed for one year or more, i.e. unemployed persons who have searched for employment for one year or longer of left last job one year or more ago, whichever period is shorter. The long-term unemployment rate represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

- The % of unemployed for 1 year or + represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the unemployed persons.

- Youth unemployment ratio represents unemployed aged 15-24 years as a percentage of the total population of this age group.

Table 8 - Education, Spring 2005

(%)	Participation in education or training (25-64 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3 (25-64 years)			Early school leavers (18-24 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3 (20-24 years)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
EU-25	11.0	10.1	11.9	68.9	70.7	67.2	15.2	17.3	13.1	76.9	74.4	79.5
EU-15	12.1	11.1	13.0	66.0	67.9	64.2	17.2	19.5	14.9	74.1	71.4	76.8
Euro area	8.9	8.5	9.2	64.4	65.8	62.9	18.1	20.7	15.5	73.1	69.7	76.5
BE	10.0	10.3	9.7	65.5	65.8	65.1	13.0	15.3	10.6	80.3	76.0	84.6
CZ	5.9	5.5	6.4	89.9	93.6	86.2	6.4	6.2	6.6	90.3	90.8	89.8
DK	27.6	24.2	31.0	81.1	82.4	79.8	8.5	9.4	7.5	76.0	74.5	77.5
DE	8.2	8.3	8.0	83.2	86.6	79.8	13.8	13.5	14.1	71.0	70.4	71.6
EE	5.9	4.2	7.5	89.1	87.0	91.0	14.0	17.4	10.7	80.9	74.9	87.0
EL	1.8	1.9	1.7	59.7	60.8	58.5	13.3	17.5	9.2	84.0	79.4	88.7
ES	12.1	11.2	13.1	48.4	48.3	48.5	30.8	36.4	25.0	61.3	54.8	68.2
FR	7.6	7.4	7.9	66.4	68.2	64.6	12.6	14.6	10.7	82.8	81.2	84.3
IE	8.0	6.6	9.4	64.6	61.6	67.7	12.3	14.9	9.6	86.1	83.4	88.8
IT	6.2	5.7	6.6	50.3	50.0	50.5	21.9	25.9	17.8	72.9	67.8	78.1
CY	5.6	5.1	6.1	65.3	67.5	63.2	18.1	26.6	10.6	80.7	72.0	88.9
LV	7.6	4.9	10.0	83.6	80.8	86.2	11.9	15.5	8.2	81.8	77.0	86.6
LT	6.3	4.9	7.6	87.1	86.2	87.9	9.2	12.2	6.2	85.2	80.5	90.1
LU	8.5	8.5	8.5	65.9	70.0	61.7	13.3	17.0	9.6	71.1	66.6	75.8
HU	4.2	3.5	4.8	76.1	80.0	72.3	12.3	13.5	11.1	83.3	81.3	85.4
MT	5.8	6.7	4.8	26.2	32.5	19.9	41.2	43.0	39.3	48.1	44.5	51.9
NL	16.6	16.6	16.7	71.7	75.1	68.3	13.6	15.8	11.2	74.6	70.6	78.8
AT	13.8	13.1	14.5	80.0	85.0	75.0	9.0	9.4	8.5	85.9	84.1	87.7
PL	5.0	4.3	5.6	84.6	85.7	83.5	5.5	6.9	4.0	90.0	88.4	91.7
PT	4.6	4.5	4.7	26.2	24.1	28.3	38.6	46.7	30.1	48.4	40.4	56.6
SI	17.8	16.0	19.6	80.5	82.9	78.0	4.3	5.7	2.8	90.6	87.8	93.5
SK	5.0	4.7	5.2	87.6	90.8	84.6	5.8	6.0	5.7	91.5	90.9	92.1
FI	24.8	21.1	28.6	79.1	77.1	81.1	9.3	11.3	7.3	84.8	82.5	87.0
SE	34.7	29.9	39.7	83.4	81.5	85.4	8.6	9.3	7.9	87.8	86.6	89.0
UK	29.1	24.2	33.9	71.2	75.5	66.8	14.0	14.7	13.2	77.1	77.5	76.7
BG	1.1	1.1	1.1	72.5	72.0	73.0	20.0	19.5	20.6	76.8	77.3	76.3
HR	2.3	2.3	2.3	72.9	79.5	66.6	4.8	5.6	3.8	93.9	93.5	94.4
RO	1.6	1.5	1.7	72.8	78.3	67.5	20.8	21.4	20.1	75.2	74.1	76.4
IS	26.6	23.5	29.7	63.6	68.2	58.9	26.3	30.5	22.0	53.0	49.4	56.9
NO	19.4	17.8	21.0	88.4	88.7	88.2	4.6	5.3	3.9	96.3	95.2	97.3
EEA	11.1	10.1	12.0	69.1	70.9	67.4	15.1	17.2	13.0	77.1	74.6	79.6
CH	26.9	27.4	26.5	86.9	89.9	83.8	7.8	8.7	6.9	82.5	80.3	84.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

- Notes:
- Participation in education and training refers to persons who answered that they had received education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey. Students who were on holiday in this period are not included.
  - Early school leavers includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 who are not in education or training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).
  - CY: students usually living in the country but studying abroad are not covered by the survey.

## ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2005 European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS) was conducted in the 25 Member States of the European Union and 3 countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998. Three Candidate countries also participated in the 2005 survey.

The EU-LFS is a large household sample survey providing annual and quarterly results on labour participation of people aged 15 and over as well as on persons outside the labour force. Its sampling rates vary between 0.3% and 3.3%. Respondents answer for a specific week (called "reference week") of the quarter. The reference week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. In most of the countries the sample is spread uniformly over all weeks. The reference year is the calendar year except in Ireland and the United Kingdom (December 2004 to November 2005).

The results on tables 1 to 7 consist of an annual average of the 2005 quarterly surveys, the table 8 is derived from the surveys conducted in Spring (quarter 1 or 2 according to the country or indicator).

The Swedish data are derived from a revised questionnaire. In particular students looking for a job and available to work are now considered as unemployed according to EU definitions. In 2005 the Spanish questionnaire was revised to improve the coverage of small duration jobs and of methods used to find work. The impact of these changes in Spain was estimated at +0.4 percentage point on employment rate (16-64 years old), +0.2 p.p. on activity rate and -0.4 p.p. on unemployment rate.

### 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 ES and UK, 15 to 74 years in DK, EE, HU, LV, SE, FI and NO, 16-74 in IS) who during the reference week did any work for pay, profit or family gain for at least one hour, or were not at work but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of, e.g., illness, holidays, industrial dispute and education or training. Unemployed persons comprise persons aged 15 to 74 (16 to 74 in ES, UK and IS) who were without work during the reference week, were currently available for work and were either actively seeking work or who found a job to start within the next three months.

Long-term unemployed persons are persons who have been unemployed for one year or more, i.e. unemployed persons who have searched for employment for one year or longer or left last job one year or more ago, whichever period is shorter.

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-conscript members of the armed forces are also included.

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Employment rates represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population. Part time employment rates represent persons employed part time as a percentage of the same age population.

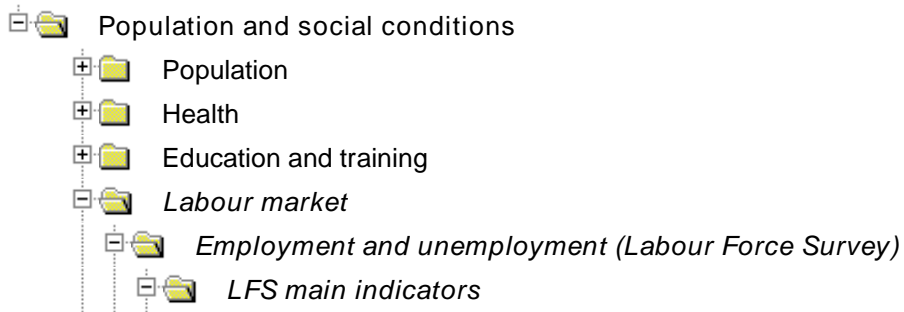
Unemployment rates represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. Long-term unemployment rate represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. % of unemployed 1 year or + represents long-term unemployed persons as a percentage of unemployed persons. The youth unemployment ratio represents unemployed aged 15-24 years as a percentage of the total population of this age group.

All rates and ratios are calculated excluding non responses.

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