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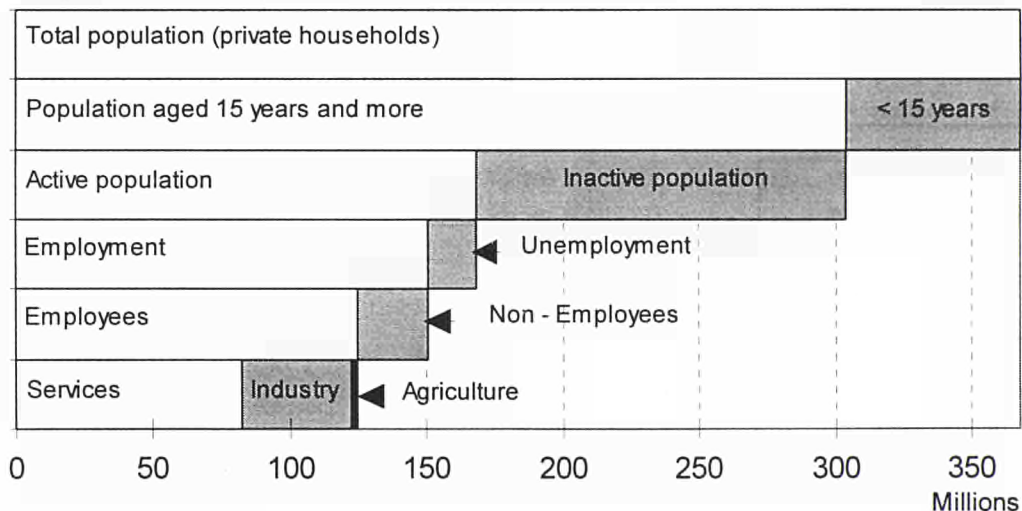
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Principal results 1997

In spring 1997 the population of the European Union was measured at 367 million people, taking into account only private households.

- 150 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving, for the population aged 15 to 64 years, an employment rate of 60% for the whole EU, with the lowest rate in Spain at 48% and the highest in Denmark at 75%;
- 17% of people with jobs said that they worked part-time, 80% of these part-time workers being women;
- 12% of employees had a work-contract of limited duration (34% of employees in Spain)
- the employees working full-time, work in average 40.4 hours per week (41.3 hours per week for males - 39.0 for females);
- 18 million people had no job but were available for work and looking for work, giving an unemployment rate of 10.8% for the whole EU, reaching 15.0% in Finland and 20.9% in Spain;
- 49% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year;
- 47% 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%).

Figure1:
Population, activity and inactivity, EU-15, 1997



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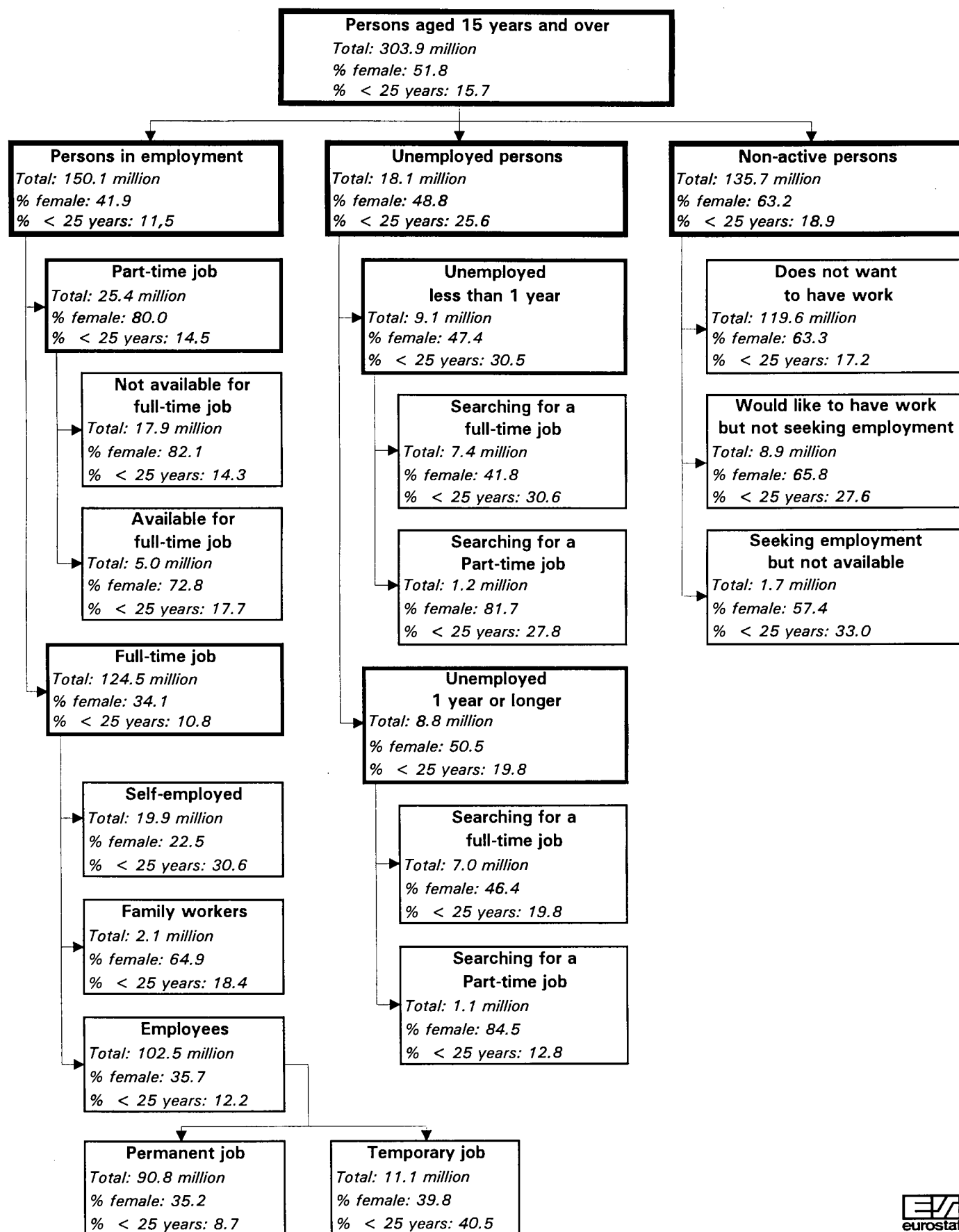


Figure 2:
Activity by sex and age group, EU-15, 1997

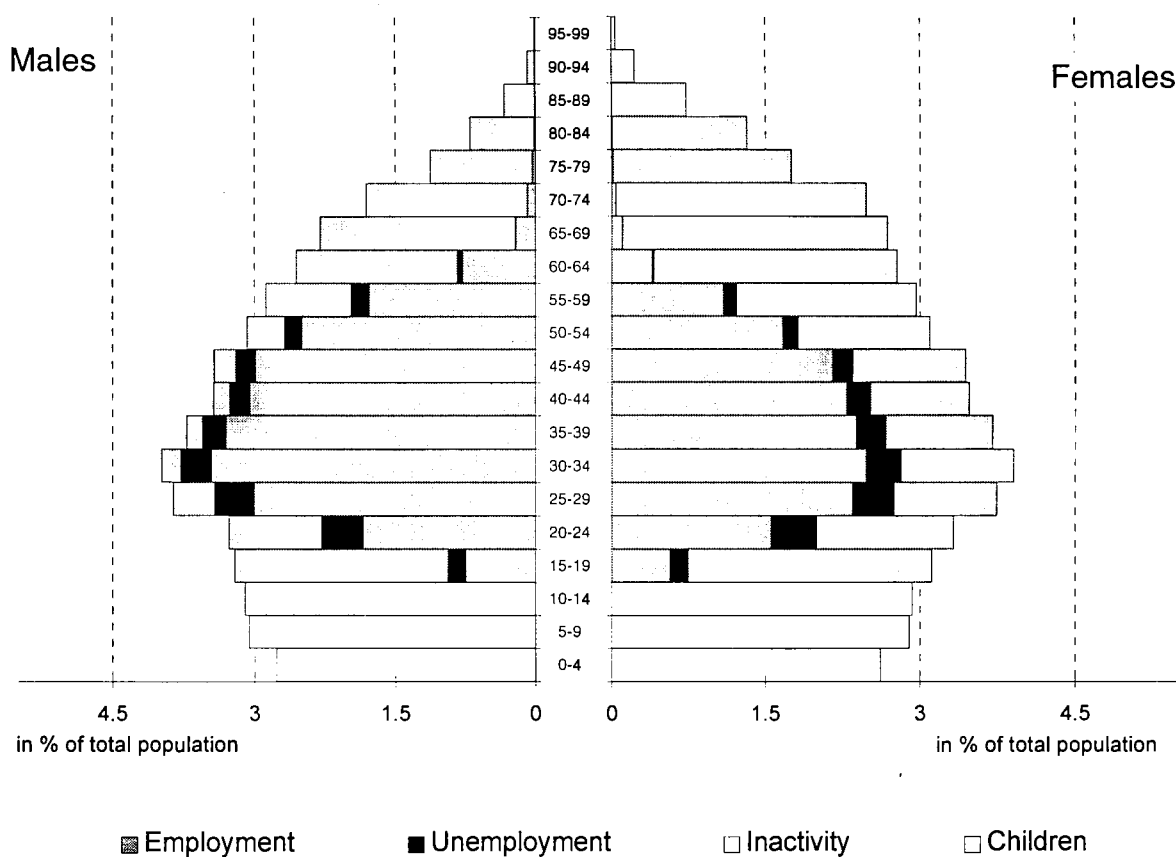


Figure 3:
Population by sex and activity status, EU-15, 1997

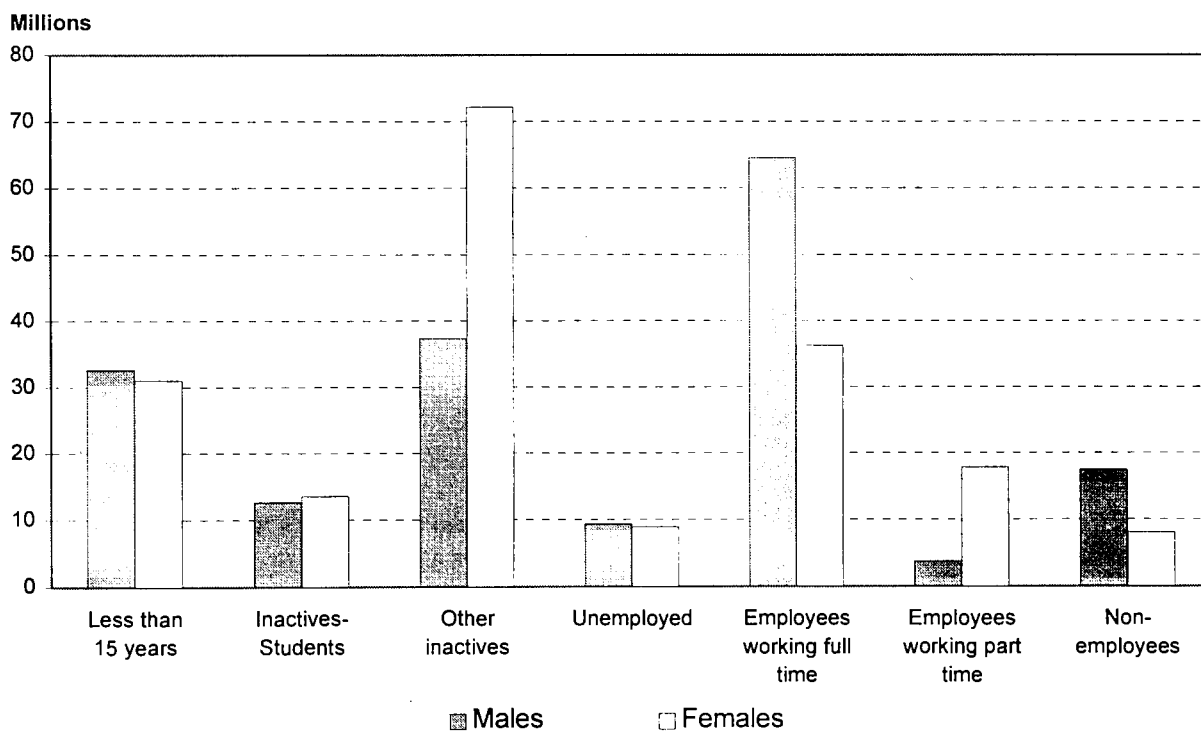


Table 1 - Labour force survey 1997 - Males and females


| | EU-15 | B | DK | D | EL | E | F | IRL |
|--|---------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 367 512 | 10 154 | 5 236 | 80 567 | 10 266 | 38 910 | 56 818 | 3 605 |
| Population older than 15 years | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 303 893 | 8 343 | 4 321 | 67 904 | 8 723 | 32 742 | 45 747 | 2 758 |
| -% of total population | 82.7 | 82.2 | 82.5 | 84.3 | 85.0 | 84.1 | 80.5 | 76.5 |
| Active population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 168 213 | 4 215 | 2 828 | 39 162 | 4 261 | 16 066 | 25 360 | 1 529 |
| -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% | 67.5 | 62.6 | 79.8 | 70.6 | 60.9 | 60.8 | 68.0 | 62.9 |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 150 070 | 3 838 | 2 675 | 35 299 | 3 853 | 12 706 | 22 157 | 1 373 |
| -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% | 60.1 | 57.0 | 75.4 | 63.6 | 54.8 | 48.0 | 59.4 | 56.4 |
| - Full-time - % | 83.1 | 85.3 | 77.7 | 82.5 | 95.4 | 91.8 | 83.2 | 87.7 |
| - Part-time - % | 16.9 | 14.7 | 22.3 | 17.5 | 4.6 | 8.2 | 16.8 | 12.3 |
| -In the agriculture - % | 5.0 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 19.8 | 8.3 | 4.6 | 10.9 |
| -In the industry - % | 29.4 | 27.5 | 26.2 | 34.7 | 22.5 | 29.9 | 26.6 | 28.6 |
| -In the services - % | 65.6 | 69.8 | 70.0 | 62.4 | 57.7 | 61.8 | 68.8 | 60.5 |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 124 646 | 3 177 | 2 423 | 31 448 | 2 111 | 9 639 | 19 296 | 1 088 |
| -% of total employment | 83.1 | 82.8 | 90.6 | 89.1 | 54.8 | 75.9 | 87.1 | 79.2 |
| -Contract of limited duration - % | 12.2 | 6.3 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 33.6 | 13.1 | 9.4 |
| -Contract of unlimited duration - % | 87.8 | 93.7 | 88.9 | 88.3 | 89.1 | 66.4 | 86.9 | 90.6 |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| - employees working full time | 40.4 | 38.3 | 38.6 | 40.1 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 39.7 | 40.1 |
| - employees working part-time | 19.7 | 21.6 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 21.4 | 18.0 | 22.6 | 18.4 |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 18 142 | 378 | 153 | 3 863 | 408 | 3 360 | 3 203 | 156 |
| -Unemployment rate - % | 10.8 | 9.0 | 5.4 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 20.9 | 12.6 | 10.2 |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -less than 6 months | 32.5 | 22.8 | 54.3 | 31.5 | 23.5 | 29.2 | 39.7 | 26.5 |
| -6 to 11 months | 18.4 | 16.7 | 18.6 | 18.3 | 20.9 | 19.0 | 20.7 | 16.6 |
| -12 months and more | 49.0 | 60.5 | 27.2 | 50.1 | 55.7 | 51.8 | 39.6 | 57.0 |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -seeking a first job | 20.6 | 21.7 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 48.2 | 23.1 | 11.5 | 16.8 |
| -seeking a part-time job | 12.6 | 8.7 | 13.6 | 12.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 13.3 | 15.1 |
| -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary (*) | 47.4 | 52.9 | 28.7 | 23.8 | 43.1 | 64.8 | 46.4 | 68.3 |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 135 680 | 4 128 | 1 493 | 28 742 | 4 461 | 16 676 | 20 387 | 1 229 |
| - In education - % | 19.3 | 20.7 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 18.2 | 23.2 | 23.5 | 27.4 |

(*) Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59

Table 1 - Labour force survey 1997 - Males and females

| I | L | NL | A | P | FIN | S | UK | |
|--------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---|
| 56 648 | 416 | 15 335 | 7 906 | 9 848 | 5 112 | 8 837 | 57 854 | Total population -1000 |
| 47 923 | 339 | 12 479 | 6 511 | 8 385 | 4 146 | 7 188 | 46 385 | Population older than 15 years -1000 |
| 84.6 | 81.5 | 81.4 | 82.4 | 85.1 | 81.1 | 81.3 | 80.2 | -% of total population |
| 22 859 | 173 | 7 605 | 3 805 | 4 842 | 2 493 | 4 369 | 28 644 | Active population -1000 |
| 57.7 | 61.5 | 71.5 | 70.9 | 68.2 | 72.8 | 76.4 | 75.1 | -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% |
| | | | | | | | | Total employment |
| 20 032 | 169 | 7 186 | 3 609 | 4 523 | 2 120 | 3 917 | 26 612 | -1000 |
| 50.5 | 59.9 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 63.4 | 61.9 | 68.3 | 69.7 | -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% |
| 92.9 | 91.8 | 62.0 | 85.1 | 90.1 | 88.6 | 75.5 | 75.1 | - Full-time - % |
| 7.1 | 8.2 | 38.0 | 14.9 | 9.9 | 11.4 | 24.5 | 24.9 | - Part-time - % |
| 6.5 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 6.9 | 13.3 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 1.9 | -In the agriculture - % |
| 31.7 | 23.3 | 22.9 | 29.6 | 31.0 | 27.4 | 25.6 | 26.9 | -In the industry - % |
| 61.8 | 74.3 | 73.4 | 63.5 | 55.7 | 64.8 | 71.2 | 71.2 | -In the services - % |
| | | | | | | | | Employees |
| 14 317 | 153 | 6 296 | 3 109 | 3 239 | 1 792 | 3 457 | 23 101 | -1000 |
| 71.5 | 90.8 | 87.6 | 86.1 | 71.6 | 84.5 | 88.2 | 86.8 | -% of total employment |
| 8.2 | 2.1 | 11.4 | 7.8 | 12.2 | 17.1 | 12.1 | 7.4 | -Contract of limited duration - % |
| 91.8 | 97.9 | 88.6 | 92.2 | 87.8 | 82.9 | 87.9 | 92.6 | -Contract of unlimited duration - % |
| 38.5 | 39.5 | 39.2 | 40.0 | 40.9 | 39.1 | 40.1 | 44.0 | Usual hours worked per week - employees working full time |
| 23.7 | 19.8 | 18.9 | 22.4 | 21.6 | 20.7 | 23.9 | 18.0 | - employees working part-time |
| | | | | | | | | Unemployment |
| 2 827 | 4 | 419 | 196 | 318 | 373 | 453 | 2 032 | - 1000 |
| 12.4 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 15.0 | 10.4 | 7.1 | -Unemployment rate - % |
| | | | | | | | | Unemployment by duration (%): |
| 18.2 | 38.8 | 19.6 | 52.3 | 33.3 | 51.9 | 45.5 | 45.2 | -less than 6 months |
| 15.5 | 26.5 | 31.2 | 19.0 | 11.1 | 18.4 | 20.3 | 16.1 | -6 to 11 months |
| 66.3 | 34.7 | 49.1 | 28.7 | 55.6 | 29.8 | 34.2 | 38.6 | -12 months and more |
| | | | | | | | | Unemployed (%): |
| 53.1 | 28.3 | 23.2 | 7.8 | 18.1 | 23.7 | 5.8 | 13.7 | -seeking a first job |
| 13.0 | 13.9 | 56.5 | 20.4 | 1.8 | 8.2 | 11.0 | 20.3 | -seeking a part-time job |
| 58.6 | 73.3 | 42.9 | 33.3 | 79.7 | 32.8 | 28.6 | 53.6 | -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary (!) |
| | | | | | | | | Total of non-actives |
| 25 064 | 165 | 4 874 | 2 706 | 3 543 | 1 653 | 2 818 | 17 741 | - 1000 |
| 20.0 | 18.3 | 15.5 | 16.5 | 23.8 | 21.4 | 25.2 | 13.0 | - In education - % |

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1997 - Males


| | EU-15 | B | DK | D | EL | E | F | IRL |
|--|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 179 096 | 4 966 | 2 590 | 39 246 | 4 932 | 18 967 | 27 496 | 1 797 |
| Population older than 15 years | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 146 480 | 4 039 | 2 120 | 32 759 | 4 135 | 15 791 | 21 846 | 1 362 |
| -% of total population | 81.8 | 81.3 | 81.9 | 83.5 | 83.8 | 83.3 | 79.5 | 75.8 |
| Active population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 96 488 | 2 450 | 1 529 | 22 228 | 2 600 | 9 838 | 13 834 | 933 |
| -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% | 77.5 | 72.2 | 85.2 | 79.3 | 76.9 | 75.1 | 75.2 | 76.0 |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 87 206 | 2 277 | 1 460 | 20 159 | 2 439 | 8 231 | 12 301 | 838 |
| -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% | 69.9 | 67.1 | 81.3 | 71.8 | 71.9 | 62.7 | 66.8 | 68.0 |
| - Full-time - % | 94.2 | 96.7 | 87.9 | 95.8 | 97.4 | 96.8 | 94.5 | 94.6 |
| - Part-time - % | 5.8 | 3.3 | 12.1 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| -In the agriculture - % | 5.6 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 17.9 | 9.5 | 5.7 | 15.6 |
| -In the industry - % | 39.2 | 37.4 | 36.0 | 46.5 | 27.7 | 38.7 | 36.3 | 35.8 |
| -In the services - % | 55.1 | 59.6 | 58.6 | 50.3 | 54.3 | 51.8 | 58.0 | 48.5 |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 69 809 | 1 851 | 1 280 | 17 537 | 1 296 | 6 122 | 10 398 | 604 |
| -% of total employment | 80.1 | 81.3 | 87.6 | 87.0 | 53.2 | 74.4 | 84.5 | 72.0 |
| -Contract of limited duration - % | 11.5 | 4.6 | 10.6 | 11.5 | 10.2 | 32.4 | 12.1 | 7.1 |
| -Contract of unlimited duration - % | 88.5 | 95.4 | 89.4 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 67.6 | 87.9 | 92.9 |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| - employees working full time | 41.3 | 38.9 | 39.3 | 40.4 | 41.5 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 41.6 |
| - employees working part-time | 19.0 | 22.1 | 13.5 | 16.0 | 23.3 | 19.0 | 22.4 | 19.2 |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 9 283 | 174 | 69 | 2 069 | 162 | 1 607 | 1 533 | 95 |
| -Unemployment rate - % | 9.6 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 10.2 |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -less than 6 months | 34.3 | 23.4 | 55.5 | 34.1 | 30.9 | 34.3 | 41.1 | 22.1 |
| -6 to 11 months | 18.2 | 17.2 | 18.3 | 18.8 | 23.4 | 19.9 | 20.9 | 14.6 |
| -12 months and more | 47.5 | 59.4 | 26.2 | 47.1 | 45.8 | 45.8 | 38.0 | 63.3 |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -seeking a first job | 17.9 | 20.3 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 40.2 | 18.0 | 10.2 | 15.5 |
| -seeking a part-time job | 4.3 | 1.5 | 10.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary (*) | 48.9 | 56.6 | 24.4 | 23.2 | 45.3 | 71.1 | 46.8 | 77.0 |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 49 992 | 1 589 | 591 | 10 531 | 1 534 | 5 954 | 8 012 | 429 |
| - In education - % | 25.3 | 26.9 | 16.7 | 23.1 | 25.5 | 30.8 | 28.6 | 38.4 |

(*) Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59

Table 2 - Labour force survey 1997 - Males

| I | L | NL | A | P | FIN | S | UK | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
| 27 466 | 206 | 7 618 | 3 818 | 4 671 | 2 481 | 4 368 | 28 476 | Total population -1000 |
| 22 974 | 167 | 6 158 | 3 104 | 3 936 | 1 987 | 3 522 | 22 580 | Population older than 15 years -1000.0 |
| 83.6 | 81.0 | 80.8 | 81.3 | 84.3 | 80.1 | 80.6 | 79.3 | -% of total population |
| 14 188 | 108 | 4 404 | 2 145 | 2 642 | 1 309 | 2 299 | 15 980 | Active population -1000 |
| 72.2 | 75.7 | 81.4 | 80.0 | 76.7 | 75.8 | 78.6 | 83.1 | -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| 12 810 | 106 | 4 214 | 2 036 | 2 489 | 1 116 | 2 047 | 14 685 | -1000 |
| 65.0 | 74.3 | 77.9 | 75.9 | 71.9 | 64.5 | 69.8 | 76.3 | -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% |
| 96.7 | 99.0 | 83.0 | 96.0 | 94.3 | 92.4 | 90.7 | 91.2 | - Full-time - % |
| 3.3 | 1.0 | 17.0 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 8.8 | - Part-time - % |
| 6.9 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 4.7 | 2.5 | -In the agriculture - % |
| 37.5 | 33.3 | 32.1 | 41.2 | 39.8 | 39.6 | 38.2 | 38.0 | -In the industry - % |
| 55.6 | 63.7 | 63.3 | 52.5 | 48.5 | 50.5 | 57.1 | 59.5 | -In the services - % |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| 8 763 | 95 | 3 633 | 1 745 | 1 756 | 884 | 1 710 | 12 135 | -1000 |
| 68.4 | 90.1 | 86.2 | 85.7 | 70.5 | 79.2 | 83.5 | 82.6 | -% of total employment |
| 7.3 | 1.8 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 11.7 | 15.3 | 10.1 | 6.5 | -Contract of limited duration - % |
| 92.7 | 98.2 | 91.2 | 92.7 | 88.3 | 84.7 | 89.9 | 93.5 | -Contract of unlimited duration - % |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| 39.7 | 40.3 | 39.3 | 40.2 | 42.3 | 39.8 | 40.1 | 45.8 | - employees working full time |
| 28.3 | 25.7 | 19.4 | 22.2 | 27.2 | 17.3 | 18.9 | 16.9 | - employees working part-time |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| 1 378 | 2 | 190 | 108 | 153 | 193 | 252 | 1 295 | - 1000 |
| 9.7 | 1.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 14.8 | 11.0 | 8.1 | -Unemployment rate - % |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 18.8 | 34.2 | 23.4 | 57.9 | 35.2 | 51.0 | 45.3 | 39.8 | -less than 6 months |
| 14.7 | 33.2 | 26.7 | 13.2 | 11.4 | 16.6 | 19.1 | 15.3 | -6 to 11 months |
| 66.5 | 32.7 | 49.9 | 28.9 | 53.4 | 32.3 | 35.6 | 44.9 | -12 months and more |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 49.5 | 25.1 | 26.7 | 5.9 | 16.1 | 24.7 | 4.9 | 12.3 | -seeking a first job |
| 3.5 | 2.0 | 29.9 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 8.0 | -seeking a part-time job |
| 63.4 | 65.5 | 41.0 | 28.1 | 80.4 | 34.5 | 30.4 | 52.8 | -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary (1) |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| 8 786 | 59 | 1 754 | 959 | 1 294 | 678 | 1 222 | 6 599 | - 1000 |
| 27.4 | 26.4 | 19.8 | 22.5 | 31.0 | 24.5 | 28.6 | 17.0 | - In education - % |

Table 3 - Labour force survey 1997 - Females


| | EU-15 | B | DK | D | EL | E | F | IRL |
|---|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 188 416 | 5 188 | 2 646 | 41 321 | 5 334 | 19 943 | 29 322 | 1 808 |
| Population older than 15 years | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 157 413 | 4 304 | 2 201 | 35 145 | 4 588 | 16 951 | 23 901 | 1 396 |
| -% of total population | 83.5 | 83.0 | 83.2 | 85.1 | 86.0 | 85.0 | 81.5 | 77.2 |
| Active population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 71 724 | 1 765 | 1 299 | 16 934 | 1 661 | 6 229 | 11 526 | 596 |
| -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% | 57.6 | 52.9 | 74.2 | 61.8 | 46.0 | 46.7 | 61.0 | 49.8 |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 62 865 | 1 561 | 1 215 | 15 141 | 1 415 | 4 475 | 9 856 | 535 |
| -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% | 50.4 | 46.7 | 69.4 | 55.2 | 39.1 | 33.5 | 52.1 | 44.7 |
| - Full-time - % | 67.7 | 68.6 | 65.6 | 64.9 | 91.9 | 82.6 | 69.1 | 76.8 |
| - Part-time - % | 32.3 | 31.4 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 8.1 | 17.4 | 30.9 | 23.2 |
| -In the agriculture - % | 4.0 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 23.1 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| -In the industry - % | 15.9 | 13.2 | 14.5 | 18.9 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 17.2 |
| -In the services - % | 80.1 | 84.7 | 83.8 | 78.5 | 63.5 | 80.2 | 82.2 | 79.3 |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 54 837 | 1 326 | 1 143 | 13 911 | 815 | 3 517 | 8 898 | 484 |
| -% of total employment | 87.2 | 84.9 | 94.1 | 91.9 | 57.6 | 78.6 | 90.3 | 90.5 |
| -Contract of limited duration - % | 13.0 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 35.7 | 14.2 | 12.1 |
| -Contract of unlimited duration - % | 87.0 | 91.4 | 88.4 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 64.3 | 85.8 | 87.9 |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| - employees working full time | 39.0 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 39.4 | 39.0 | 39.6 | 38.6 | 37.9 |
| - employees working part-time | 19.8 | 21.6 | 21.3 | 18.9 | 20.5 | 17.6 | 22.6 | 18.1 |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 8 860 | 204 | 84 | 1 794 | 246 | 1 753 | 1 670 | 61 |
| -Unemployment rate - % | 12.4 | 11.5 | 6.4 | 10.6 | 14.8 | 28.1 | 14.5 | 10.2 |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -less than 6 months | 30.6 | 22.2 | 53.3 | 28.6 | 18.6 | 24.5 | 38.5 | 33.4 |
| -6 to 11 months | 18.7 | 16.3 | 18.8 | 17.8 | 19.2 | 18.2 | 20.5 | 19.7 |
| -12 months and more | 50.7 | 61.5 | 27.9 | 53.6 | 62.2 | 57.3 | 41.0 | 46.9 |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -seeking a first job | 23.5 | 23.0 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 53.5 | 27.7 | 12.8 | 18.8 |
| -seeking a part-time job | 21.3 | 14.7 | 16.5 | 23.2 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 22.1 | 33.7 |
| -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary ⁽¹⁾ | 45.9 | 49.7 | 32.2 | 24.3 | 41.6 | 59.1 | 45.9 | 53.9 |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 85 689 | 2 539 | 902 | 18 210 | 2 927 | 10 722 | 12 375 | 800 |
| - In education - % | 15.8 | 16.8 | 16.0 | 13.1 | 14.3 | 19.1 | 20.2 | 21.5 |

(¹) Only for unemployed aged 25 to 59

Table 3 - Labour force survey 1997 - Females

| I | L | NL | A | P | FIN | S | UK | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---|
| 29 182 | 210 | 7 717 | 4 089 | 5 177 | 2 632 | 4 469 | 29 379 | Total population -1000 |
| 24 949 | 172 | 6 321 | 3 407 | 4 449 | 2 159 | 3 666 | 23 805 | Population older than 15 years -1000.0 |
| 85.5 | 82.0 | 81.9 | 83.3 | 85.9 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 81.0 | -% of total population |
| 8 671 | 66 | 3 201 | 1 660 | 2 199 | 1 184 | 2 070 | 12 664 | Active population -1000 |
| 43.6 | 47.1 | 61.3 | 61.8 | 60.3 | 69.8 | 74.1 | 66.9 | -Activity rate (15-64 years)-% |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| 7 222 | 63 | 2 972 | 1 572 | 2 034 | 1 005 | 1 870 | 11 927 | -1000 |
| 36.2 | 45.4 | 56.9 | 58.5 | 55.5 | 59.2 | 66.8 | 63.0 | -Employment rate (15-64 years) -% |
| 86.3 | 79.8 | 32.4 | 71.0 | 85.0 | 84.4 | 60.1 | 55.2 | - Full-time - % |
| 13.7 | 20.2 | 67.6 | 29.0 | 15.0 | 15.6 | 39.9 | 44.8 | - Part-time - % |
| 5.9 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 7.7 | 15.2 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | -In the agriculture - % |
| 21.4 | 6.6 | 9.4 | 14.6 | 20.3 | 13.9 | 11.7 | 13.2 | -In the industry - % |
| 72.7 | 92.1 | 88.3 | 77.6 | 64.5 | 80.8 | 86.6 | 85.7 | -In the services - % |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| 5 554 | 58 | 2 663 | 1 363 | 1 483 | 909 | 1 746 | 10 966 | -1000 |
| 76.9 | 92.0 | 89.6 | 86.7 | 72.9 | 90.4 | 93.4 | 91.9 | -% of total employment |
| 9.7 | 2.7 | 14.9 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 18.9 | 13.9 | 8.3 | -Contract of limited duration - % |
| 90.3 | 97.3 | 85.1 | 91.6 | 87.4 | 81.1 | 86.1 | 91.7 | -Contract of unlimited duration - % |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| 36.2 | 37.8 | 38.8 | 39.8 | 39.1 | 38.2 | 40.0 | 40.8 | - employees working full time |
| 22.2 | 19.4 | 18.8 | 22.4 | 20.3 | 21.8 | 24.9 | 18.3 | - employees working part-time |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| 1 449 | 2 | 229 | 88 | 165 | 180 | 200 | 736 | - 1000 |
| 16.7 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 15.2 | 9.7 | 5.8 | -Unemployment rate - % |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 17.5 | 42.7 | 16.6 | 45.5 | 31.5 | 52.8 | 45.7 | 54.7 | -less than 6 months |
| 16.2 | 21.3 | 34.9 | 26.1 | 10.9 | 20.2 | 21.8 | 17.5 | -6 to 11 months |
| 66.2 | 36.0 | 48.5 | 28.4 | 57.7 | 27.0 | 32.5 | 27.8 | -12 months and more |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 56.6 | 31.0 | 20.3 | 10.1 | 20.1 | 22.6 | 7.0 | 16.2 | -seeking a first job |
| 22.1 | 23.8 | 78.6 | 38.1 | 2.7 | 11.5 | 19.3 | 41.9 | -seeking a part-time job |
| 53.9 | 80.2 | 44.4 | 40.0 | 79.0 | 30.9 | 26.5 | 55.0 | -with an attained educational level < than upper secondary (!) |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| 16 278 | 106 | 3 120 | 1 747 | 2 249 | 975 | 1 596 | 11 142 | - 1000 |
| 16.0 | 13.8 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 19.6 | 19.2 | 22.6 | 10.6 | - In education - % |

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1997 - Population aged under 25 years



| | EU-15 | B | DK | D | EL | E | F | IRL |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 111 179 | 3 080 | 1 581 | 21 308 | 2 923 | 12 615 | 18 314 | 1 484 |
| Population older than 15 years | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 47 560 | 1 269 | 666 | 8 645 | 1 380 | 6 447 | 7 243 | 637 |
| -% of total population | 42.8 | 41.2 | 42.1 | 40.6 | 47.2 | 51.1 | 39.5 | 42.9 |
| Active population | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 21 852 | 406 | 495 | 4 293 | 490 | 2 623 | 2 476 | 290 |
| -Activity rate -% | 45.9 | 32.0 | 74.2 | 49.7 | 35.5 | 40.7 | 34.2 | 45.6 |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 17 211 | 320 | 455 | 3 835 | 338 | 1 595 | 1 759 | 244 |
| -Employment rate -% | 36.2 | 25.2 | 68.2 | 44.4 | 24.5 | 24.7 | 24.3 | 38.3 |
| - Full-time - % | 78.6 | 83.6 | 53.0 | 90.9 | 92.5 | 86.1 | 73.2 | 84.3 |
| - Part-time - % | 21.4 | 16.4 | 47.0 | 9.1 | 7.5 | 13.9 | 26.8 | 15.7 |
| -In the agriculture - % | 3.8 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 16.7 | 6.7 | 3.9 | 5.7 |
| -In the industry - % | 31.8 | 35.4 | 24.9 | 35.5 | 25.2 | 35.0 | 28.3 | 34.8 |
| -In the services - % | 64.3 | 62.4 | 71.1 | 62.4 | 58.1 | 58.3 | 67.8 | 59.5 |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| -1000 | 16 013 | 296 | 448 | 3 764 | 221 | 1 387 | 1 706 | 232 |
| -% of total employment | 93.0 | 92.4 | 98.6 | 98.1 | 65.4 | 86.9 | 97.0 | 95.2 |
| -Contract of limited duration - % | 36.2 | 23.4 | 29.4 | 50.3 | 24.7 | 75.2 | 50.2 | 17.3 |
| -Contract of unlimited duration - % | 63.8 | 76.6 | 70.6 | 49.7 | 75.3 | 24.8 | 49.8 | 82.7 |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| - employees working full time | 40.3 | 38.6 | 37.7 | 39.2 | 42.6 | 41.2 | 39.8 | 40.2 |
| - employees working part-time | 16.0 | 21.9 | 11.6 | 13.9 | 21.3 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 17.0 |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 4 641 | 86 | 40 | 458 | 152 | 1 027 | 717 | 46 |
| -Unemployment rate - % | 21.2 | 21.3 | 8.1 | 10.7 | 31.0 | 39.2 | 29.0 | 15.9 |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -less than 6 months | 39.1 | 30.9 | 79.9 | 47.3 | 24.3 | 34.8 | 49.9 | 34.8 |
| -6 to 11 months | 22.5 | 27.7 | 11.7 | 24.2 | 23.3 | 23.3 | 26.7 | 21.1 |
| -12 months and more | 38.4 | 41.5 | 8.4 | 28.4 | 52.4 | 41.9 | 23.4 | 44.2 |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| -seeking a first job | 48.8 | 60.3 | 13.1 | 25.2 | 78.5 | 47.3 | 35.1 | 43.8 |
| -seeking a part-time job | 10.8 | 4.0 | 28.7 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| - 1000 | 25 709 | 862 | 172 | 4 351 | 890 | 3 825 | 4 767 | 346 |
| - In education - % | 88.8 | 95.0 | 83.2 | 90.5 | 87.6 | 93.2 | 94.2 | 91.9 |

Table 4 - Labour force survey 1997 - Population aged under 25 years

| I | L | NL | A | P | FIN | S | UK | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---|
| 16 919 | 125 | 4 781 | 2 330 | 3 031 | 1 582 | 2 714 | 18 392 | Total population -1000 |
| 8 195 | 48 | 1 925 | 934 | 1 568 | 616 | 1 065 | 6 922 | Population older than 15 years -1000 |
| 48.4 | 38.5 | 40.3 | 40.1 | 51.7 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 37.6 | -% of total population |
| 3 113 | 18 | 1 215 | 546 | 692 | 299 | 437 | 4 458 | Active population -1000 |
| 38.0 | 37.4 | 63.1 | 58.4 | 44.2 | 48.4 | 41.1 | 64.4 | -Activity rate -% |
| Total employment | | | | | | | | |
| 2 066 | 17 | 1 096 | 504 | 595 | 193 | 342 | 3 853 | -1000 |
| 25.2 | 34.7 | 56.9 | 54.0 | 37.9 | 31.3 | 32.1 | 55.7 | -Employment rate -% |
| 91.7 | 94.0 | 41.8 | 91.6 | 92.7 | 63.5 | 57.4 | 68.6 | - Full-time - % |
| 8.3 | 6.0 | 58.2 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 36.5 | 42.6 | 31.4 | - Part-time - % |
| 6.5 | 2.4 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 7.0 | 3.1 | 1.4 | -In the agriculture - % |
| 45.2 | 23.6 | 19.7 | 36.7 | 46.9 | 27.9 | 24.0 | 23.7 | -In the industry - % |
| 48.3 | 74.1 | 75.5 | 60.4 | 48.3 | 65.1 | 72.9 | 75.0 | -In the services - % |
| Employees | | | | | | | | |
| 1 683 | 17 | 1 051 | 489 | 533 | 178 | 327 | 3 682 | -1000 |
| 81.5 | 98.8 | 95.9 | 96.9 | 89.6 | 92.6 | 95.7 | 95.6 | -% of total employment |
| 18.8 | 8.6 | 30.7 | 29.8 | 31.7 | 47.8 | 38.7 | 14.0 | -Contract of limited duration - % |
| 81.2 | 91.4 | 69.3 | 70.2 | 68.3 | 52.2 | 61.3 | 86.0 | -Contract of unlimited duration - % |
| Usual hours worked per week | | | | | | | | |
| 40.1 | 40.1 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 42.4 | 38.9 | 39.9 | 42.0 | - employees working full time |
| 24.1 | 27.6 | 13.9 | 21.7 | 21.0 | 16.2 | 15.5 | 14.4 | - employees working part-time |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | |
| 1 048 | 1 | 118 | 41 | 98 | 106 | 96 | 605 | - 1000 |
| 33.6 | 7.3 | 9.7 | 7.6 | 14.1 | 35.4 | 21.9 | 13.6 | -Unemployment rate - % |
| Unemployment by duration (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 16.6 | 56.1 | 17.6 | 59.4 | 50.4 | 80.8 | 63.0 | 58.5 | -less than 6 months |
| 19.2 | 22.0 | 48.6 | 24.1 | 12.2 | 13.8 | 23.7 | 18.2 | -6 to 11 months |
| 64.2 | 22.0 | 33.8 | 16.4 | 37.4 | 5.3 | 13.3 | 23.3 | -12 months and more |
| Unemployed (%): | | | | | | | | |
| 74.9 | 55.7 | 51.1 | 24.5 | 46.0 | 68.7 | 9.1 | 38.7 | -seeking a first job |
| 8.1 | 13.7 | 67.6 | 9.6 | 2.4 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 22.9 | -seeking a part-time job |
| Total of non-actives | | | | | | | | |
| 5 081 | 30 | 711 | 388 | 876 | 318 | 627 | 2 464 | - 1000 |
| 84.3 | 92.5 | 75.7 | 92.0 | 90.2 | 90.9 | 88.5 | 79.0 | - In education - % |

Explanatory notes

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 1997 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3711/91 of 16 December 1991.

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, 1996 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.

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.

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