

European Labour Force Survey

Principal Results 2003

As from 2003, the European Labour Force Survey provides both quarterly and annual results. This publication gives the 2003 annual results¹ for the 375 million persons aged 15 and more living in private households in the EU-25:

192.8 million had a job during the reference week of the survey (of which 43.6% were women and 10.7% were young people aged 15-24 years):

- 63.0% of the population aged 15-64 was employed. In eight EU countries, the employment rate was as high as 67% or more²: Denmark, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and also in the three EFTA countries. The rate was less than 57% in Italy, Malta and Poland as well as in Bulgaria.

- 10.3% of the persons aged 15-64 were part-timers:

Countries with employment rates of 67% or more had generally high part-time employment rates (12.9% to 32.8% of the total population) except Cyprus, Portugal (around 5.5% each) and Finland (8.5%).

Part-time work was less frequent in Greece, Hungary and Slovakia (less than 2.3% for an overall employment rate between 57% and 58%).

160.9 million workers were employees.

12.9% of them had a contract with limited duration (19.4% in Poland, 20.6% in Portugal, 30.6% in Spain).

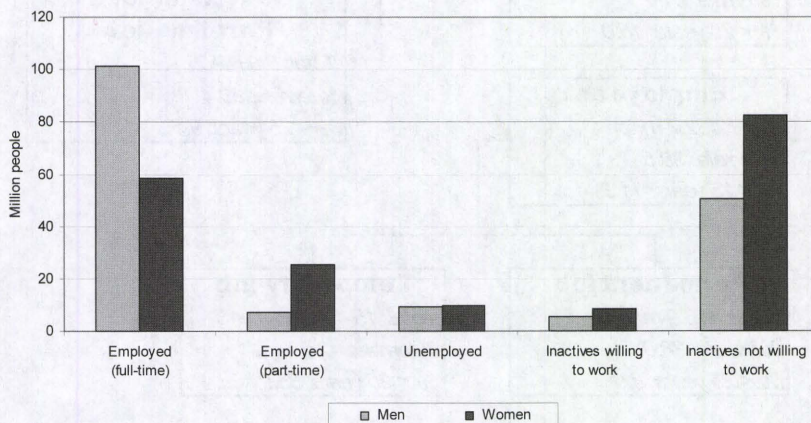
Their average usual working hours were respectively 40.2 hours a week for those working full-time and 20.0 hours for those working part-time.

19.1 million people were unemployed (of which 51.3% were women and 24.3% were young people).

- Long term unemployment (one year and more) represented 44.9% of unemployment as a whole, 55% or more in Greece, Italy, Poland and in Slovakia, and also in Bulgaria and Romania.

- 8.3% of the total population aged 15-24 years was unemployed (11.0% or more in Poland, Slovakia and Finland).

163.1 million people aged 15 years or more were inactive.



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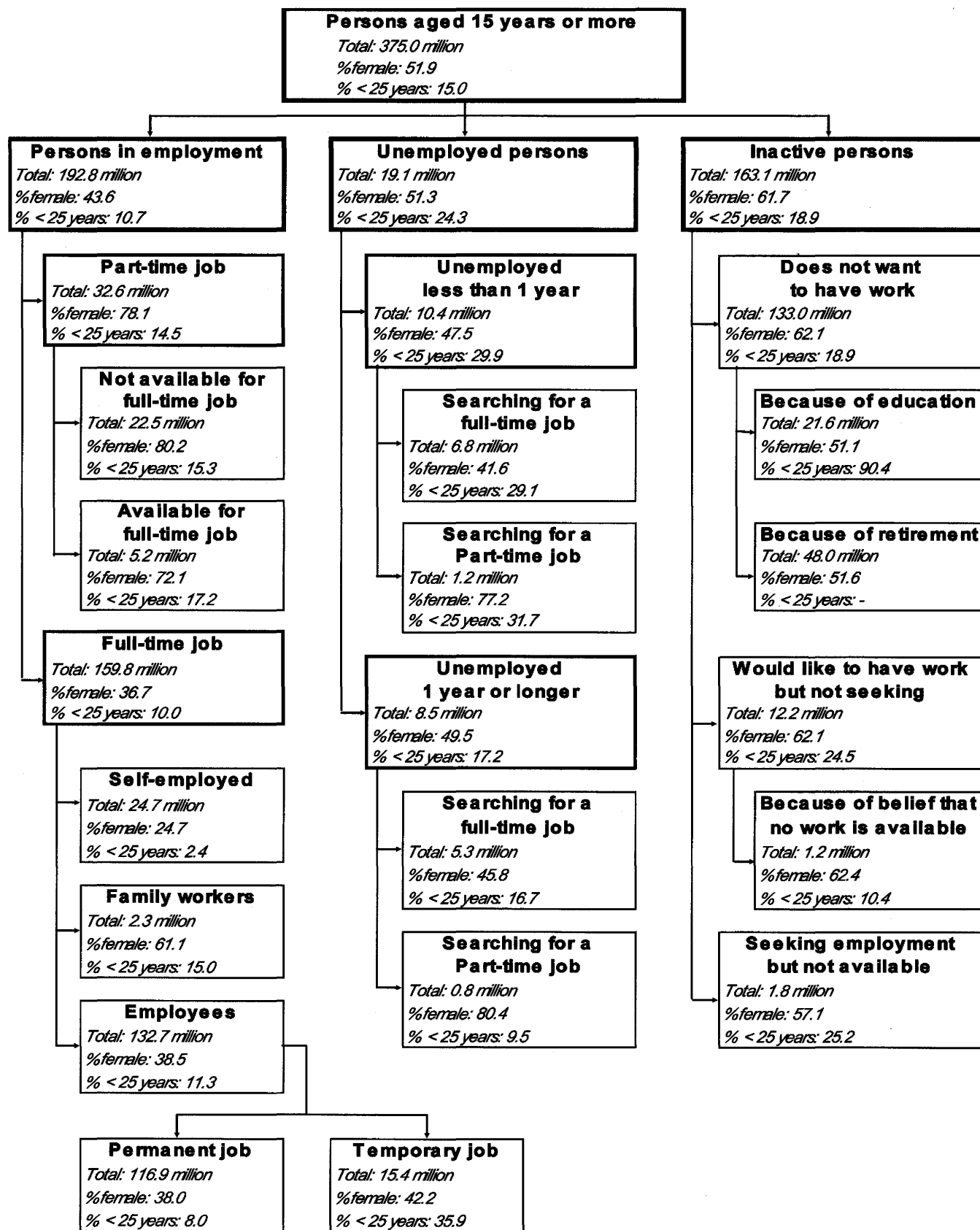


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¹ Annual average of 4 quarters, as opposed to one reference quarter in spring for the former publications. See the notes attached to each table for exceptions.

² Intermediate target set by the Stockholm European Council of 2001 for the EU employment rate of persons aged 15-64 in 2005.

Figure 2 - Work status of persons aged 15 years or more in the EU-25, 2003



Notes: - Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate
 - EU-25 annual average based on estimates for DE, AT, and UK. CY: quarter 2.

Table 1 - Population by age group, 2003

| (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 | 442,939 | 215,959 | 226,980 | 56,179 | 28,413 | 27,766 | 194,653 | 97,594 | 97,059 | 51,090 | 24,841 | 26,249 |
| EU-15 | 376,231 | 184,130 | 192,101 | 45,011 | 22,776 | 22,235 | 162,656 | 81,692 | 80,964 | 43,535 | 21,378 | 22,158 |
| Euro-zone | 302,664 | 147,687 | 154,977 | 36,077 | 18,210 | 17,868 | 131,483 | 65,892 | 65,590 | 35,024 | 17,164 | 17,860 |
| BE | 10,356 | 5,067 | 5,289 | 1,250 | 635 | 615 | 4,438 | 2,242 | 2,196 | 1,103 | 543 | 560 |
| CZ | 10,179 | 4,941 | 5,238 | 1,391 | 697 | 694 | 4,525 | 2,282 | 2,243 | 1,267 | 603 | 664 |
| DK | 5,359 | 2,650 | 2,708 | 579 | 292 | 287 | 2,291 | 1,159 | 1,132 | 677 | 343 | 334 |
| DE | 81,604 | 39,935 | 41,669 | 9,074 | 4,560 | 4,514 | 35,014 | 17,714 | 17,300 | 10,619 | 5,287 | 5,332 |
| EE | 1,350 | 621 | 729 | 202 | 102 | 100 | 560 | 269 | 291 | 149 | 64 | 85 |
| EL | 10,479 | 5,073 | 5,406 | 1,260 | 633 | 628 | 4,202 | 2,055 | 2,147 | 1,329 | 642 | 686 |
| ES | 40,555 | 19,896 | 20,659 | 5,186 | 2,655 | 2,531 | 18,434 | 9,283 | 9,151 | 4,184 | 2,026 | 2,158 |
| FR | 58,254 | 28,284 | 29,970 | 7,348 | 3,706 | 3,642 | 24,616 | 12,137 | 12,479 | 6,019 | 2,933 | 3,086 |
| IE | 3,965 | 1,969 | 1,997 | 662 | 334 | 328 | 1,667 | 833 | 834 | 364 | 183 | 181 |
| IT | 57,399 | 27,873 | 29,525 | 6,405 | 3,223 | 3,182 | 25,508 | 12,800 | 12,707 | 6,780 | 3,286 | 3,494 |
| CY | 688 | 333 | 355 | 86 | 40 | 46 | 302 | 146 | 157 | 70 | 34 | 36 |
| LV | 2,330 | 1,071 | 1,258 | 351 | 178 | 173 | 970 | 469 | 500 | 267 | 114 | 153 |
| LT | 3,445 | 1,606 | 1,839 | 512 | 258 | 254 | 1,440 | 698 | 742 | 353 | 152 | 202 |
| LU | 442 | 219 | 223 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 204 | 103 | 101 | 44 | 22 | 22 |
| HU | 9,980 | 4,722 | 5,258 | 1,332 | 670 | 662 | 4,351 | 2,144 | 2,207 | 1,153 | 515 | 637 |
| MT | 399 | 198 | 201 | 60 | 31 | 29 | 170 | 86 | 84 | 41 | 19 | 21 |
| NL | 16,075 | 7,988 | 8,087 | 1,926 | 978 | 947 | 7,160 | 3,623 | 3,537 | 1,862 | 939 | 923 |
| AT | 7,907 | 3,812 | 4,095 | 922 | 458 | 464 | 3,509 | 1,745 | 1,764 | 943 | 456 | 487 |
| PL | 30,952 | 14,748 | 16,204 | 6,046 | 3,061 | 2,985 | 16,421 | 8,167 | 8,254 | 3,563 | 1,644 | 1,919 |
| PT | 10,435 | 5,042 | 5,393 | 1,363 | 689 | 674 | 4,544 | 2,248 | 2,296 | 1,132 | 530 | 601 |
| SI | 1,996 | 976 | 1,020 | 284 | 146 | 139 | 903 | 462 | 441 | 218 | 104 | 114 |
| SK | 5,389 | 2,613 | 2,776 | 904 | 455 | 449 | 2,356 | 1,179 | 1,177 | 474 | 213 | 261 |
| FI | 5,193 | 2,529 | 2,664 | 631 | 313 | 318 | 2,187 | 1,110 | 1,077 | 646 | 317 | 328 |
| SE | 8,969 | 4,442 | 4,527 | 1,061 | 543 | 518 | 3,617 | 1,839 | 1,778 | 1,143 | 574 | 569 |
| UK | 59,238 | 29,350 | 29,888 | 7,293 | 3,731 | 3,562 | 25,265 | 12,801 | 12,464 | 6,691 | 3,296 | 3,395 |
| IS | 195 | 98 | 96 | 36 | 19 | 18 | 117 | 59 | 58 | 23 | 12 | 12 |
| NO | 3,246 | 1,631 | 1,615 | 508 | 253 | 255 | 1,932 | 982 | 950 | 499 | 251 | 248 |
| EEA | 446,380 | 217,689 | 228,691 | 56,724 | 28,684 | 28,039 | 196,702 | 98,636 | 98,067 | 51,612 | 25,103 | 26,508 |
| CH | 6,080 | 2,941 | 3,138 | 856 | 436 | 420 | 3,245 | 1,623 | 1,622 | 843 | 417 | 427 |
| BG | 7,821 | 3,792 | 4,030 | 1,064 | 534 | 530 | 3,292 | 1,641 | 1,651 | 952 | 441 | 511 |
| RO | 21,686 | 10,549 | 11,136 | 3,330 | 1,673 | 1,657 | 9,440 | 4,715 | 4,725 | 2,163 | 1,009 | 1,154 |

Notes: - DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2
 - Estimates cover only the population aged 15+ in PL, 15-74 in NO, 16-74 in IS and 15+ in CH

Table 2 – Population aged 15 or more by working status, 2003

| | (thousands) Employed | | | Unemployed | | | Inactive | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|--------|------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women |
| EU-25 | 192,814 | 108,654 | 84,161 | 19,146 | 9,328 | 9,819 | 163,067 | 63,123 | 99,954 |
| EU-15 | 164,007 | 92,951 | 71,056 | 14,241 | 6,781 | 7,460 | 136,041 | 52,602 | 83,448 |
| Euro-zone | 128,290 | 73,434 | 54,856 | 12,330 | 5,643 | 6,687 | 113,760 | 43,805 | 69,965 |
| BE | 4,070 | 2,317 | 1,753 | 362 | 192 | 170 | 4,120 | 1,637 | 2,484 |
| CZ | 4,701 | 2,654 | 2,047 | 398 | 174 | 224 | 3,505 | 1,305 | 2,200 |
| DK | 2,707 | 1,457 | 1,250 | 155 | 74 | 81 | 1,507 | 613 | 894 |
| DE | 35,981 | 19,798 | 16,183 | 3,838 | 1,640 | 2,198 | 29,656 | 12,256 | 17,410 |
| EE | 594 | 302 | 292 | 66 | 34 | 32 | 465 | 169 | 296 |
| EL | 4,042 | 2,497 | 1,545 | 413 | 157 | 255 | 4,698 | 1,741 | 2,957 |
| ES | 16,695 | 10,284 | 6,410 | 2,127 | 915 | 1,213 | 15,854 | 5,654 | 10,200 |
| FR | 24,123 | 13,097 | 11,025 | 2,342 | 1,140 | 1,201 | 20,750 | 8,394 | 12,356 |
| IE | 1,797 | 1,040 | 757 | 90 | 55 | 35 | 1,248 | 447 | 801 |
| IT | 22,054 | 13,690 | 8,365 | 2,094 | 995 | 1,099 | 24,981 | 8,932 | 16,049 |
| CY | 327 | 182 | 145 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 199 | 68 | 131 |
| LV | 1,007 | 516 | 490 | 119 | 61 | 57 | 832 | 303 | 529 |
| LT | 1,433 | 723 | 709 | 204 | 105 | 98 | 1,177 | 454 | 723 |
| LU | 188 | 111 | 77 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 161 | 60 | 100 |
| HU | 3,922 | 2,126 | 1,795 | 244 | 138 | 106 | 4,206 | 1,634 | 2,572 |
| MT | 148 | 102 | 46 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 160 | 47 | 113 |
| NL | 8,121 | 4,538 | 3,583 | 315 | 168 | 146 | 4,616 | 1,735 | 2,881 |
| AT | 3,736 | 2,048 | 1,688 | 165 | 92 | 74 | 2,676 | 991 | 1,685 |
| PL | 13,617 | 7,432 | 6,185 | 3,323 | 1,738 | 1,585 | 14,012 | 5,578 | 8,434 |
| PT | 5,118 | 2,787 | 2,331 | 342 | 161 | 181 | 3,330 | 1,251 | 2,079 |
| SI | 897 | 490 | 407 | 64 | 33 | 31 | 739 | 301 | 438 |
| SK | 2,162 | 1,174 | 987 | 460 | 247 | 213 | 1,731 | 661 | 1,070 |
| FI | 2,365 | 1,227 | 1,137 | 235 | 124 | 111 | 1,669 | 706 | 963 |
| SE | 4,314 | 2,244 | 2,070 | 260 | 147 | 113 | 2,775 | 1,221 | 1,554 |
| UK | 28,695 | 15,816 | 12,880 | 1,497 | 917 | 580 | 17,998 | 6,963 | 11,035 |
| IS | 156 | 83 | 73 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 34 | 13 | 21 |
| NO | 2,258 | 1,187 | 1,071 | 95 | 54 | 41 | 893 | 391 | 503 |
| EEA | 195,228 | 109,923 | 85,305 | 19,246 | 9,384 | 9,862 | 163,994 | 63,526 | 100,478 |
| CH | 3,951 | 2,169 | 1,782 | 168 | 85 | 83 | 1,961 | 687 | 1,274 |
| BG | 2,835 | 1,501 | 1,334 | 449 | 246 | 203 | 3,394 | 1,458 | 1,936 |
| RO | 9,155 | 4,989 | 4,166 | 692 | 408 | 284 | 8,170 | 3,274 | 4,897 |

Notes: DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

Employment rates, 2003 - Table 3

| 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 | |
| 63.0 | 70.9 | 55.1 | 40.2 | 50.3 | 30.7 | 10.3 | 4.2 | 16.5 | EU-25 |
| 64.4 | 72.7 | 56.1 | 41.7 | 51.6 | 32.2 | 11.6 | 4.5 | 18.8 | EU-15 |
| 62.5 | 71.5 | 53.6 | 37.8 | 48.1 | 28.0 | 10.3 | 3.8 | 16.8 | Euro-zone |
| 59.6 | 67.3 | 51.8 | 28.1 | 37.8 | 18.7 | 12.1 | 4.1 | 20.2 | BE |
| 64.7 | 73.1 | 56.3 | 42.3 | 57.5 | 28.4 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 4.5 | CZ |
| 75.1 | 79.6 | 70.5 | 60.2 | 67.3 | 52.9 | 15.5 | 8.6 | 22.6 | DK |
| 65.0 | 70.9 | 59.0 | 39.5 | 47.7 | 31.3 | 13.8 | 3.9 | 23.8 | DE |
| 62.9 | 67.2 | 59.0 | 52.3 | 58.9 | 47.3 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 5.7 | EE |
| 57.8 | 72.4 | 43.8 | 42.1 | 59.2 | 26.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.2 | EL |
| 59.7 | 73.2 | 46.0 | 40.8 | 59.3 | 23.4 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 7.7 | ES |
| 63.2 | 69.4 | 57.2 | 36.8 | 40.9 | 32.9 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 17.0 | FR |
| 65.4 | 75.0 | 55.8 | 49.0 | 64.7 | 33.1 | 10.8 | 4.6 | 17.0 | IE |
| 56.1 | 69.6 | 42.7 | 30.3 | 42.8 | 18.5 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 7.4 | IT |
| 69.2 | 78.8 | 60.2 | 50.2 | 68.7 | 32.6 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 7.5 | CY |
| 61.8 | 66.1 | 57.9 | 44.1 | 51.3 | 38.8 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 7.0 | LV |
| 61.1 | 64.0 | 58.4 | 44.7 | 55.3 | 36.7 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 6.6 | LT |
| 62.7 | 73.3 | 52.0 | 30.0 | 39.1 | 20.9 | 8.3 | 1.0 | 15.8 | LU |
| 57.0 | 63.5 | 50.9 | 28.9 | 37.8 | 21.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | HU |
| 54.2 | 74.5 | 33.6 | 32.5 | 53.8 | (13.0) | 4.8 | 2.5 | 7.1 | MT |
| 73.5 | 80.9 | 65.8 | 44.8 | 57.3 | 32.1 | 32.8 | 17.3 | 48.7 | NL |
| 69.0 | 76.4 | 61.7 | 30.1 | 40.2 | 20.6 | 12.9 | 3.3 | 22.2 | AT |
| 51.2 | 56.5 | 46.0 | 26.9 | 35.2 | 19.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 5.6 | PL |
| 68.1 | 75.0 | 61.4 | 51.6 | 62.1 | 42.4 | 5.9 | 3.1 | 8.6 | PT |
| 62.6 | 67.4 | 57.6 | 23.5 | 33.2 | 14.6 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.9 | SI |
| 57.7 | 63.3 | 52.2 | 24.6 | 41.0 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | SK |
| 67.7 | 69.7 | 65.7 | 49.6 | 51.0 | 48.3 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 11.5 | FI |
| 72.9 | 74.2 | 71.5 | 68.6 | 70.8 | 66.3 | 16.0 | 7.4 | 25.0 | SE |
| 71.8 | 78.1 | 65.3 | 55.5 | 64.8 | 46.4 | 17.4 | 6.8 | 28.3 | UK |
| 85.0 | 88.0 | 81.9 | 87.1 | 90.2 | 83.8 | 23.2 | 10.3 | 36.6 | IS |
| 75.5 | 78.3 | 72.6 | 66.9 | 71.5 | 62.3 | 21.2 | 10.3 | 32.5 | NO |
| 63.1 | 71.0 | 55.2 | 40.5 | 50.5 | 31.0 | 10.5 | 4.3 | 16.6 | EEA |
| 77.8 | 84.9 | 70.6 | 65.6 | 77.6 | 54.0 | 24.6 | 8.4 | 40.8 | CH |
| 52.5 | 56.0 | 49.0 | 30.0 | 40.5 | 21.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | BG |
| 57.6 | 63.8 | 51.5 | 38.1 | 43.5 | 33.3 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.5 | RO |

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.

- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except part-time employment rates (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

Table 4 - Employed persons aged 15 or more by economic activity of the main job, 2003

| (%) | 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 | 5.4 | 28.6 | 36.6 | 29.4 | 6.1 | 38.8 | 36.1 | 18.9 | 4.4 | 15.4 | 37.2 | 43.0 |
| EU-15 | 4.1 | 28.0 | 37.7 | 30.3 | 4.8 | 38.4 | 37.2 | 19.6 | 3.1 | 14.3 | 38.2 | 44.4 |
| Euro-zone | 4.8 | 29.3 | 36.5 | 29.3 | 5.5 | 39.6 | 35.5 | 19.4 | 3.8 | 15.6 | 37.9 | 42.7 |
| BE | 1.8 | 24.8 | 37.9 | 35.5 | 2.2 | 34.9 | 39.6 | 23.3 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 35.6 | 51.7 |
| CZ | 4.5 | 39.6 | 32.7 | 23.1 | 5.6 | 49.4 | 30.7 | 14.3 | 3.2 | 27.0 | 35.3 | 34.5 |
| DK | 3.2 | 23.8 | 36.5 | 36.5 | 4.6 | 33.8 | 40.0 | 21.5 | 1.5 | 12.1 | 32.5 | 54.0 |
| DE | 2.4 | 31.4 | 35.8 | 30.4 | 2.9 | 43.2 | 33.5 | 20.5 | 1.8 | 16.9 | 38.7 | 42.6 |
| EE | 6.2 | 32.5 | 34.7 | 26.6 | 8.5 | 41.8 | 34.1 | 15.7 | 3.8 | 22.8 | 35.4 | 38.0 |
| EL | 16.4 | 22.2 | 38.2 | 23.1 | 15.2 | 29.2 | 37.9 | 17.7 | 18.4 | 11.0 | 38.7 | 31.9 |
| ES | 5.6 | 30.6 | 38.8 | 25.0 | 6.7 | 41.2 | 36.0 | 16.2 | 4.0 | 13.6 | 43.3 | 39.1 |
| FR | 4.3 | 25.0 | 36.0 | 34.7 | 5.5 | 35.3 | 37.2 | 22.0 | 2.9 | 12.7 | 34.6 | 49.8 |
| IE | 6.5 | 27.7 | 39.8 | 26.0 | 10.0 | 38.4 | 36.4 | 15.2 | 1.7 | 13.0 | 44.4 | 40.9 |
| IT | 4.9 | 31.8 | 36.4 | 26.9 | 5.4 | 39.1 | 36.0 | 19.4 | 4.0 | 19.9 | 37.2 | 39.0 |
| CY | 5.2 | 22.9 | 44.3 | 27.7 | 6.2 | 32.1 | 41.2 | 20.5 | 3.9 | 11.3 | 48.1 | 36.7 |
| LV | 13.7 | 27.0 | 32.9 | 26.5 | 17.1 | 35.6 | 31.0 | 16.3 | 10.0 | 18.0 | 34.9 | 37.1 |
| LT | 17.9 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 25.7 | 21.2 | 34.5 | 29.0 | 15.3 | 14.5 | 21.7 | 27.4 | 36.4 |
| LU | 2.4 | 19.4 | 42.3 | 35.9 | 3.0 | 28.6 | 41.4 | 27.0 | (1.5) | 6.2 | 43.6 | 48.7 |
| HU | 5.3 | 33.4 | 34.3 | 27.0 | 7.6 | 41.7 | 33.7 | 16.9 | 2.6 | 23.5 | 35.0 | 38.9 |
| MT | 2.1 | 30.0 | 40.2 | 27.7 | (2.8) | 35.0 | 40.0 | 22.1 | : | 18.7 | 40.4 | 40.3 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| AT | 5.6 | 29.3 | 39.6 | 25.5 | 5.4 | 42.7 | 35.5 | 16.4 | 5.8 | 13.0 | 44.7 | 36.5 |
| PL | 18.4 | 28.6 | 29.3 | 23.7 | 19.1 | 38.0 | 28.5 | 14.3 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 30.2 | 35.0 |
| PT | 12.5 | 32.3 | 31.2 | 24.0 | 11.8 | 42.1 | 31.8 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 20.5 | 30.5 | 35.6 |
| SI | 8.4 | 37.8 | 31.6 | 22.2 | 8.7 | 46.9 | 30.7 | 13.7 | 8.1 | 26.9 | 32.7 | 32.4 |
| SK | 5.8 | 38.4 | 30.1 | 25.7 | 7.7 | 49.0 | 28.4 | 14.9 | 3.5 | 25.8 | 32.2 | 38.5 |
| FI | 5.1 | 26.3 | 36.0 | 32.6 | 6.8 | 39.1 | 37.2 | 16.9 | 3.3 | 12.6 | 34.7 | 49.4 |
| SE | 2.5 | 22.5 | 36.8 | 38.2 | 3.8 | 34.2 | 41.8 | 20.2 | 1.1 | 9.8 | 31.4 | 57.7 |
| UK | 1.3 | 23.4 | 42.6 | 32.7 | 1.9 | 34.1 | 43.6 | 20.4 | 0.6 | 10.1 | 41.3 | 47.9 |
| IS | 7.4 | 22.5 | 36.5 | 33.6 | 10.9 | 32.9 | 36.7 | 19.6 | 3.4 | 10.9 | 36.4 | 49.3 |
| NO | 3.7 | 21.5 | 36.7 | 38.0 | 5.3 | 33.1 | 39.9 | 21.7 | 1.9 | 8.7 | 33.2 | 56.1 |
| EEA | 5.3 | 28.5 | 36.6 | 29.5 | 6.1 | 38.7 | 36.2 | 19.0 | 4.3 | 15.3 | 37.2 | 43.2 |
| CH | 4.3 | 23.1 | 41.5 | 31.2 | 5.1 | 32.4 | 42.0 | 20.5 | 3.3 | 11.6 | 40.8 | 44.3 |
| BG | 10.1 | 32.9 | 32.2 | 24.8 | 12.3 | 36.6 | 33.0 | 18.1 | 7.6 | 28.6 | 31.4 | 32.4 |
| RO | 36.0 | 30.0 | 18.3 | 15.7 | 34.8 | 34.3 | 18.5 | 12.3 | 37.3 | 24.9 | 18.0 | 19.8 |

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
 - The distributions of employed persons by economic activity are based on the classification NACE Rev 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).
 - EU and EEA aggregates calculated without NL. DE: quarter 2. IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2
 - 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

Employed persons aged 15 or more by occupation in the main job, 2003 – Table 5

| 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 | |
| 36.4 | 26.0 | 28.2 | 9.4 | 35.4 | 14.7 | 41.7 | 8.2 | 37.8 | 40.4 | 10.9 | 10.9 | EU-25 |
| 37.1 | 27.1 | 26.2 | 9.6 | 36.8 | 15.2 | 39.6 | 8.4 | 37.5 | 42.5 | 8.9 | 11.1 | EU-15 |
| 36.0 | 26.2 | 28.4 | 9.4 | 34.8 | 15.7 | 41.9 | 7.6 | 37.6 | 40.2 | 10.4 | 11.8 | Euro-zone |
| 42.6 | 27.0 | 20.8 | 9.5 | 42.4 | 17.1 | 32.0 | 8.6 | 43.0 | 40.1 | 6.2 | 10.8 | BE |
| 36.7 | 20.7 | 36.7 | 5.9 | 34.1 | 10.8 | 51.0 | 4.1 | 40.2 | 33.5 | 18.1 | 8.2 | CZ |
| 43.5 | 25.1 | 20.5 | 10.8 | 43.5 | 11.8 | 33.6 | 11.1 | 43.6 | 40.5 | 5.3 | 10.6 | DK |
| 41.4 | 25.1 | 25.5 | 8.0 | 39.9 | 13.2 | 40.5 | 6.4 | 43.2 | 39.5 | 7.3 | 9.9 | DE |
| 37.9 | 18.0 | 32.4 | 11.6 | 31.1 | 9.8 | 49.7 | 9.5 | 45.0 | 26.5 | 14.8 | 13.7 | EE |
| 29.3 | 24.5 | 39.5 | 6.7 | 28.0 | 17.9 | 48.8 | 5.2 | 31.3 | 34.9 | 24.6 | 9.1 | EL |
| 30.7 | 24.2 | 30.8 | 14.3 | 28.6 | 15.0 | 44.7 | 11.7 | 34.2 | 38.7 | 8.7 | 18.3 | ES |
| 38.2 | 25.9 | 27.2 | 8.8 | 39.3 | 12.0 | 42.5 | 6.2 | 36.9 | 42.1 | 9.2 | 11.8 | FR |
| 39.8 | 29.2 | 22.9 | 8.1 | 40.4 | 15.3 | 35.4 | 9.0 | 38.9 | 48.3 | 5.8 | 6.9 | IE |
| 31.4 | 30.2 | 29.7 | 8.7 | 29.1 | 23.2 | 39.9 | 7.8 | 34.9 | 41.6 | 13.5 | 10.0 | IT |
| 29.3 | 30.3 | 23.9 | 16.5 | 29.6 | 20.0 | 39.5 | 10.8 | 29.0 | 43.0 | 4.6 | 23.5 | CY |
| 32.5 | 19.3 | 34.1 | 14.0 | 27.0 | 8.3 | 50.1 | 14.6 | 38.2 | 31.0 | 17.4 | 13.4 | LV |
| 31.8 | 15.6 | 41.7 | 10.8 | 23.7 | 9.0 | 56.8 | 10.6 | 40.1 | 22.4 | 26.4 | 11.1 | LT |
| 40.1 | 28.3 | 18.7 | 12.9 | 40.5 | 21.3 | 29.3 | 8.9 | 39.5 | 38.3 | 3.6 | 18.6 | LU |
| 33.0 | 23.6 | 35.4 | 8.0 | 27.3 | 14.6 | 51.8 | 6.4 | 39.6 | 34.1 | 16.3 | 9.9 | HU |
| 33.8 | 26.5 | 26.7 | 13.0 | 32.9 | 19.6 | 32.8 | 14.6 | 35.8 | 41.8 | 13.0 | 9.4 | MT |
| : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | NL |
| 32.8 | 29.1 | 28.8 | 9.2 | 33.5 | 16.7 | 43.2 | 6.6 | 32.0 | 44.2 | 11.5 | 12.3 | AT |
| 31.1 | 19.0 | 42.3 | 7.6 | 25.3 | 11.8 | 56.6 | 6.3 | 38.0 | 27.5 | 25.3 | 9.2 | PL |
| 23.3 | 23.3 | 40.6 | 12.8 | 23.9 | 14.8 | 52.6 | 8.7 | 22.6 | 33.4 | 26.4 | 17.6 | PT |
| 35.2 | 21.8 | 37.8 | 5.2 | 31.0 | 14.0 | 50.8 | 4.2 | 40.2 | 31.1 | 22.4 | 6.3 | SI |
| 34.7 | 20.8 | 35.4 | 9.1 | 27.6 | 12.5 | 51.2 | 8.7 | 43.1 | 30.6 | 16.6 | 9.6 | SK |
| 42.3 | 23.3 | 26.0 | 8.4 | 42.9 | 9.2 | 41.6 | 6.3 | 41.6 | 38.5 | 9.2 | 10.7 | FI |
| 43.4 | 28.5 | 22.4 | 5.7 | 43.2 | 14.2 | 37.5 | 5.0 | 43.5 | 43.9 | 6.0 | 6.5 | SE |
| 40.1 | 30.7 | 18.3 | 10.9 | 43.6 | 13.8 | 30.4 | 12.3 | 35.8 | 51.5 | 3.5 | 9.2 | UK |
| 37.6 | 28.6 | 26.0 | 7.8 | 36.0 | 15.6 | 41.7 | 6.7 | 39.4 | 43.3 | 8.3 | 9.0 | IS |
| 42.3 | 30.4 | 22.0 | 5.3 | 43.4 | 16.8 | 36.7 | 3.1 | 41.0 | 45.5 | 5.7 | 7.8 | NO |
| 36.5 | 26.1 | 28.1 | 9.3 | 35.5 | 14.8 | 41.7 | 8.1 | 37.8 | 40.5 | 10.9 | 10.8 | EEA |
| 43.7 | 26.8 | 23.8 | 5.6 | 45.6 | 14.8 | 35.6 | 3.9 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 9.5 | 7.7 | CH |
| 31.8 | 20.6 | 35.5 | 12.0 | 28.4 | 12.8 | 45.7 | 13.1 | 35.6 | 29.3 | 24.3 | 10.8 | BG |
| 19.1 | 12.2 | 61.3 | 7.4 | 16.3 | 7.1 | 68.7 | 7.9 | 22.5 | 18.3 | 52.5 | 6.7 | RO |

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
 - The distributions of employed persons by occupation are 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).
 - EU and EEA aggregates calculated without NL. DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

Table 6 – Employees aged 15 or more, 2003

| | 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 | 160,942 | 87,172 | 73,770 | 40.2 | 41.0 | 38.9 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 20.1 | 12.9 | 12.2 | 13.7 |
| EU-15 | 138,097 | 75,206 | 62,891 | 40.0 | 40.8 | 38.7 | 19.8 | 19.2 | 20.0 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 14.0 |
| Euro-zone | 106,671 | 58,816 | 47,856 | 39.4 | 40.1 | 38.3 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 15.7 |
| BE | 3,461 | 1,929 | 1,532 | 39.0 | 39.6 | 37.7 | 22.8 | 23.5 | 22.7 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 11.1 |
| CZ | 3,890 | 2,078 | 1,812 | 41.4 | 42.2 | 40.5 | 24.0 | 23.2 | 24.2 | 9.2 | 7.9 | 10.7 |
| DK | 2,462 | 1,280 | 1,182 | 39.2 | 40.1 | 37.7 | 19.2 | 14.1 | 21.2 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 10.4 |
| DE | 31,886 | 17,035 | 14,850 | 39.6 | 40.0 | 39.0 | 17.8 | 15.6 | 18.1 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.5 |
| EE | 541 | 267 | 275 | 41.1 | 41.8 | 40.4 | 20.6 | 19.9 | 20.9 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| EL | 2,400 | 1,438 | 962 | 41.0 | 41.9 | 39.6 | 20.8 | 22.7 | 20.0 | 11.0 | 9.5 | 13.1 |
| ES | 13,598 | 8,136 | 5,462 | 40.3 | 40.9 | 39.4 | 18.4 | 19.0 | 18.3 | 30.6 | 28.6 | 33.5 |
| FR | 21,393 | 11,257 | 10,137 | 38.8 | 39.6 | 37.7 | 23.3 | 23.6 | 23.2 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 14.2 |
| IE | 1,485 | 785 | 700 | 39.5 | 40.6 | 37.7 | 17.3 | 18.1 | 17.1 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 6.6 |
| IT | 16,046 | 9,444 | 6,603 | 38.7 | 39.9 | 36.6 | 23.8 | 27.6 | 22.8 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 12.2 |
| CY | 250 | 127 | 123 | 40.0 | 40.5 | 39.6 | 21.8 | 20.6 | 22.3 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 17.1 |
| LV | 877 | 440 | 437 | 43.3 | 44.3 | 42.2 | 25.0 | 26.7 | 24.2 | 11.1 | 13.1 | 9.1 |
| LT | 1,140 | 552 | 588 | 39.4 | 40.1 | 38.6 | 20.3 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 4.8 |
| LU | 174 | 101 | 72 | 39.8 | 40.3 | 38.6 | 20.6 | (23.2) | 20.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 4.1 |
| HU | 3,399 | 1,768 | 1,631 | 41.0 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 23.9 | 24.1 | 23.8 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 6.7 |
| MT | 127 | 85 | 42 | 40.8 | 41.7 | 38.8 | 22.1 | 22.7 | 21.9 | 3.6 | (3.0) | (4.8) |
| NL | 7,177 | 3,914 | 3,264 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 38.0 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 19.3 | 14.6 | 13.0 | 16.5 |
| AT | 3,256 | 1,760 | 1,496 | 40.0 | 40.1 | 39.9 | 22.1 | 22.3 | 22.1 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 6.8 |
| PL | 9,904 | 5,220 | 4,684 | 41.5 | 43.2 | 39.6 | 23.6 | 24.5 | 23.0 | 19.4 | 20.8 | 17.8 |
| PT | 3,736 | 1,994 | 1,742 | 40.1 | 40.9 | 39.2 | 20.3 | 22.0 | 19.9 | 20.6 | 19.0 | 22.3 |
| SI | 773 | 410 | 363 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 40.9 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 18.9 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 14.9 |
| SK | 1,945 | 1,020 | 924 | 40.5 | 40.9 | 40.0 | 22.1 | 21.2 | 22.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| FI | 2,060 | 1,023 | 1,037 | 39.2 | 40.1 | 38.2 | 20.2 | 19.5 | 20.5 | 16.3 | 12.6 | 20.0 |
| SE | 3,865 | 1,907 | 1,958 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 39.6 | 22.8 | 19.2 | 23.8 | 15.1 | 12.8 | 17.4 |
| UK | 25,098 | 13,202 | 11,896 | 43.1 | 44.6 | 40.4 | 18.9 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 6.8 |
| IS | 130 | 63 | 66 | 47.3 | 50.4 | 42.5 | 22.0 | 18.7 | 22.8 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| NO | 2,087 | 1,065 | 1,022 | 38.6 | 39.0 | 38.0 | 19.5 | 17.1 | 20.3 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 11.3 |
| EEA | 163,159 | 88,300 | 74,859 | 40.2 | 41.0 | 38.9 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 20.1 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 13.7 |
| CH | 3,261 | 1,742 | 1,520 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 19.9 | 21.7 | 19.5 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 12.5 |
| BG | 2,400 | 1,223 | 1,177 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 40.7 | 20.0 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.0 |
| RO | 5,693 | 3,130 | 2,563 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 41.4 | 27.5 | 29.6 | 26.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 |

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.
- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except 'usual hours worked per week' (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. AT, NO: annual average for all indicators except 'percentage of employees with limited duration contract' (quarter 1 for AT, quarter 2 for NO). IS: 2002 quarter 2.

Unemployed aged 15 or more, 2003 - Table 7

| 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 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 44.9 | 44.0 | 45.9 | 19.6 | 8.3 | EU-25 |
| 3.3 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 41.6 | 40.7 | 42.5 | 19.1 | 7.5 | EU-15 |
| 3.9 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 44.8 | 43.8 | 45.9 | 19.3 | 7.5 | Euro-zone |
| 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 45.4 | 43.8 | 47.1 | 22.1 | 7.6 | BE |
| 3.8 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 48.8 | 46.4 | 50.6 | 15.7 | 6.8 | CZ |
| 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 20.4 | 24.1 | 17.0 | 14.0 | 6.0 | DK |
| 4.8 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 50.0 | 48.6 | 51.9 | 5.1 | 5.5 | DE |
| 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 45.9 | 47.4 | 44.3 | 15.0 | 7.6 | EE |
| 5.1 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 55.0 | 48.1 | 59.3 | 40.7 | 9.1 | EL |
| 3.9 | 2.4 | 6.0 | 34.1 | 29.1 | 37.9 | 16.3 | 9.8 | ES |
| 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 39.5 | 15.5 | 7.5 | FR |
| 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 32.3 | 38.5 | 22.5 | 44.2 | 4.8 | IE |
| 5.0 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 58.1 | 58.4 | 57.9 | 50.7 | 9.4 | IT |
| 1.0 | (0.8) | 1.3 | 23.9 | (20.5) | 27.4 | 18.2 | 3.7 | CY |
| 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 41.4 | 40.3 | 42.6 | 11.4 | 6.9 | LV |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 48.0 | 47.1 | 49.0 | 14.9 | 7.5 | LT |
| 0.9 | (1.0) | (0.8) | 24.9 | (33.2) | (17.4) | (14.0) | 3.4 | LU |
| 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 41.1 | 40.9 | 41.4 | 14.0 | 4.1 | HU |
| 3.1 | 3.5 | : | 41.5 | 49.9 | : | 26.9 | 9.3 | MT |
| 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 27.7 | 27.5 | 28.0 | 16.3 | 4.6 | NL |
| 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 30.6 | 32.5 | 28.2 | 7.1 | 3.8 | AT |
| 11.0 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 55.9 | 54.5 | 57.5 | 23.1 | 15.2 | PL |
| 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 35.0 | 33.0 | 36.8 | 13.5 | 6.6 | PT |
| 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 52.8 | 54.3 | 51.3 | 30.7 | 6.1 | SI |
| 11.4 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 65.2 | 64.7 | 65.7 | 20.5 | 13.7 | SK |
| 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 25.2 | 28.0 | 22.1 | 8.0 | 11.0 | FI |
| 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 17.7 | 19.8 | 15.0 | 9.5 | 6.5 | SE |
| 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 21.6 | 25.2 | 15.9 | 19.5 | 7.8 | UK |
| : | : | : | : | : | : | : | 4.5 | IS |
| 0.6 | 0.7 | : | 14.2 | 16.7 | : | 13.8 | 6.8 | NO |
| 4.0 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 44.8 | 43.9 | 45.8 | 19.6 | 8.3 | EEA |
| 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 26.2 | 21.0 | 31.5 | 14.7 | 6.0 | CH |
| 8.9 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 65.4 | 65.5 | 65.3 | 22.2 | 8.1 | BG |
| 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 61.9 | 60.6 | 63.7 | 31.6 | 6.5 | RO |

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
 - DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except 'unemployed seeking first job' (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. AT, NO: annual average for all indicators except 'unemployed seeking a first job' (quarter 1 for AT, quarter 2 for NO). IS: 2002 quarter 2..

Table 8 – Education – Spring 2003

| (%) | Participation in education or training (25-64 years) | | | Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (25-64 years) | | | Early school leavers (18-24 years) | | | Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (20-24 years) | | |
|------------------|--|------|-------|--|------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--|------|-------|
| | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women |
| EU-25 | 9.0 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 66.4 | 68.8 | 64.0 | 16.0 | 17.9 | 14.0 | 76.7 | 74.2 | 79.2 |
| EU-15 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 10.5 | 63.4 | 65.9 | 60.8 | 18.1 | 20.2 | 15.9 | 73.8 | 71.2 | 76.4 |
| Euro-zone | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 61.9 | 64.0 | 59.8 | 18.7 | 21.2 | 16.2 | 72.7 | 69.5 | 75.9 |
| BE | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 61.4 | 61.4 | 61.4 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 10.8 | 81.3 | 78.0 | 84.6 |
| CZ | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 88.4 | 92.6 | 84.2 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 92.0 | 92.7 | 91.4 |
| DK | 18.9 | 16.0 | 22.0 | 81.9 | 83.0 | 80.9 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 74.4 | 72.6 | 76.2 |
| DE | 6.0 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 83.5 | 87.4 | 79.6 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 72.5 | 71.6 | 73.4 |
| EE | 6.2 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 88.2 | 87.1 | 89.2 | 11.8 | 16.1 | . | 81.4 | 78.5 | 84.2 |
| EL | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 54.1 | 55.9 | 52.3 | 15.3 | 19.6 | 11.0 | 81.7 | 76.5 | 86.9 |
| ES | 5.8 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 42.7 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 29.8 | 36.1 | 23.4 | 63.4 | 57.1 | 70.1 |
| FR | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 64.6 | 67.0 | 62.3 | 13.7 | 15.3 | 12.2 | 80.9 | 78.8 | 83.0 |
| IE | 9.7 | 8.4 | 11.0 | 61.7 | 59.1 | 64.4 | 12.1 | 14.9 | 9.2 | 85.7 | 82.3 | 89.0 |
| IT | 4.7 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 46.9 | 47.4 | 46.4 | 23.5 | 26.8 | 20.1 | 69.9 | 66.4 | 73.4 |
| CY | 7.9 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 66.0 | 69.6 | 62.7 | 15.1 | 20.2 | 11.0 | 82.2 | 76.1 | 87.8 |
| LV | 8.1 | 5.7 | 10.2 | 82.4 | 79.2 | 85.3 | 18.1 | 22.7 | 13.4 | 74.0 | 68.5 | 79.7 |
| LT | 4.5 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 86.1 | 84.4 | 87.6 | 11.8 | 14.9 | 8.9 | 82.1 | 78.3 | 85.8 |
| LU | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 61.6 | 66.1 | 57.1 | 17.0 | 14.4 | 19.6 | 69.8 | 74.0 | 65.5 |
| HU | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 74.0 | 78.1 | 70.1 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 11.1 | 85.0 | 83.9 | 86.1 |
| MT | 4.2 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 20.4 | 23.8 | 17.0 | 48.2 | 49.7 | 46.8 | 43.0 | 39.8 | 46.2 |
| NL | 16.5 | 16.2 | 17.0 | 67.6 | 71.1 | 64.1 | 15.0 | 15.7 | 14.3 | 73.3 | 70.0 | 76.7 |
| AT | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 78.8 | 85.2 | 72.5 | 9.0 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 83.8 | 85.4 | 82.2 |
| PL | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 82.1 | 83.4 | 80.7 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 88.8 | 86.1 | 91.5 |
| PT | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 22.2 | 20.4 | 23.9 | 40.4 | 47.7 | 33.0 | 47.7 | 40.7 | 54.7 |
| SI | 15.1 | 13.9 | 16.3 | 78.5 | 81.9 | 75.0 | (4.3) | (6.2) | (2.3) | 90.7 | 87.4 | 94.2 |
| SK | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 86.6 | 90.1 | 83.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 94.2 |
| FI | 17.6 | 15.0 | 20.4 | 75.5 | 74.0 | 77.1 | 10.7 | 12.9 | 8.6 | 85.2 | 82.5 | 87.9 |
| SE | 34.2 | 31.3 | 37.3 | 82.0 | 80.4 | 83.7 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 85.6 | 84.1 | 87.1 |
| UK | 21.3 | 17.6 | 25.3 | 66.9 | 72.9 | 60.4 | 16.7 | 17.0 | 16.4 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 78.1 |
| IS | 24.0 | 20.4 | 27.7 | 65.1 | 72.7 | 57.3 | 27.3 | 31.6 | 22.9 | 51.1 | 43.6 | 59.0 |
| NO | 21.3 | 20.2 | 22.4 | 86.5 | 86.8 | 86.3 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 5.3 | 93.3 | 92.2 | 94.4 |
| EEA | 9.1 | 8.4 | 9.9 | 66.6 | 69.0 | 64.2 | 15.9 | 17.8 | 13.9 | 76.8 | 74.4 | 79.3 |
| CH | 24.8 | 25.5 | 24.0 | 86.5 | 89.4 | 83.6 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 82.2 | 79.9 | 84.8 |
| BG | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 71.0 | 70.4 | 71.7 | 22.4 | 23.3 | 21.6 | 75.6 | 73.9 | 77.4 |
| RO | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 70.3 | 76.8 | 64.0 | 23.2 | 24.7 | 21.7 | 73.8 | 72.8 | 74.8 |

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol "." is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
 - Participation in education and training refers to persons who answered they received education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey. 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 or training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).
 - All the indicators presented on this page are based on spring data (quarter 2 for all countries, except Austria and France: quarter 1), DE: participation in education and training and early school leavers are restricted to regular education and vocational training. CY: students usually living in the country but studying abroad are not covered by the survey. NL, LU, UK: provisional data for all indicators except 'participation in education and training'. IS: 2002 data.
 - More information on the comparability of 2003 results with previous years is available on Eurostat structural indicator webpage (<http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat>)

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2003 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. Two Candidate countries also participated in the 2003 survey. Comparable data are not yet available for Croatia and Turkey.

The EU LFS is a large household sample survey providing 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%. The reference week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. In all of the countries providing quarterly data the quarterly sample is spread uniformly over all weeks of the quarter, except in Italy and Malta where one fixed week is observed. The reference quarter is the calendar quarter except in Ireland and the United Kingdom, which use the seasonal quarter (Dec-Feb, Mar-May, Jun-Aug, Sep-Nov).

For the first time, the results on tables 1 to 7 consist of an annual average of the 2003 quarterly surveys, Cyprus (quarter 2) and Iceland (2002 quarter 2), as opposed to a unique reference quarter in spring for the former publications and table 8. Annual estimates are provided by the Federal Statistical Institute of Germany for most indicators as indicated in the notes attached to each individual table.

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 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-conscript members of the armed forces are also included. **Employees with temporary contracts** are those who declare themselves as having a fixed term employment contract or a job which will terminate if certain objective criteria are met, such as completion of an assignment or return of the employee who was temporarily replaced.

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. The **full-time/part-time distinction** is declared by the respondent except in NL, IS and NO where part-time is determined if the usual hours are fewer than 35 hours and full-time if the usual hours are 35 hours or more, and in SE where this criterion is applied to the self-employed.

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. **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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