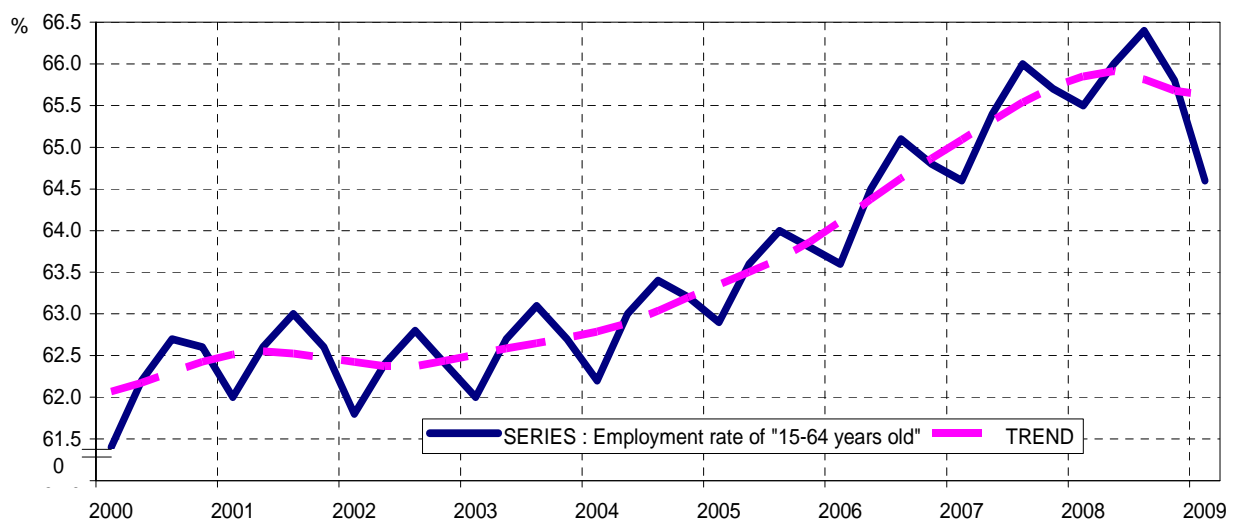


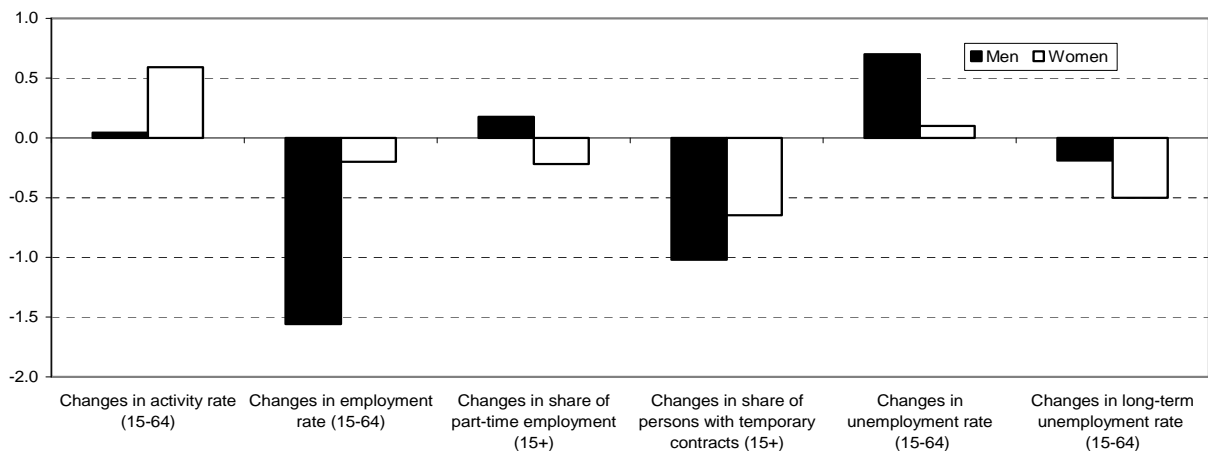
Labour Market Latest Trends – 1st quarter 2009 data

Chart 1. Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2009Q1, %



Source: Eurostat ([lfsi_emp_q](#))

Chart 2. Changes in selected indicators for EU-27 from 2008Q1 to 2009Q1, percentage points



Source: Eurostat ([lfsi_act_q](#), [lfsi_emp_q](#), [une_rt_q](#))

¹ Number of people in employment aged 15 to 64 years divided by the total population aged 15 to 64 years. The trend is calculated at an EU-27 level using moving averages.

Table 1. Activity rates, 2009Q1, %
by level of education, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	71.4	43.7	85.3	47.8	70.8	43.5	84.8	48.6
Less than upper secondary	56.2	33.2	75.5	36.8	53.9	30.3	74.0	37.4
Upper secondary level	76.6	55.2	87.2	51.5	75.3	56.1	86.1	50.7
Tertiary level	87.2	63.9	92.6	67.5	87.4	70.3	92.6	67.6
Men	78.4	46.7	92.7	56.8	77.7	46.6	91.9	58.1
Less than upper secondary	67.2	37.9	89.0	47.6	64.3	35.2	87.1	48.6
Upper secondary level	82.2	58.6	93.3	57.2	81.4	60.0	92.1	58.1
Tertiary level	90.4	59.3	96.1	72.7	90.7	68.6	96.1	73.3
Women	64.3	40.6	77.7	39.2	64.1	40.3	77.7	39.7
Less than upper secondary	45.1	27.4	61.5	28.1	43.8	24.8	60.9	29.4
Upper secondary level	70.8	51.9	81.0	45.5	69.0	52.2	79.6	42.7
Tertiary level	84.1	66.0	89.2	59.6	84.4	71.5	89.5	60.6

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_argaed](#))

Table 2. Activity rates, %
by country and sex

15-64 years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	234,267	70.8	71.1	70.5	77.7	78.0	77.6	64.1	64.2	63.5
EA-16	153,753	71.4	71.6	71.1	78.4	78.7	78.5	64.3	64.4	63.7
EA-15	151,095	71.4	71.6	71.2	78.5	78.8	78.6	64.4	64.5	63.8
Belgium	4,768	67.1	67.0	67.3	73.0	73.2	73.6	61.0	60.6	61.0
Bulgaria	3,434	66.9	67.8	67.0	71.8	72.8	71.5	62.2	62.8	62.6
Czech Republic	5,175	69.6	69.9	69.4	78.1	78.5	77.8	61.0	61.2	60.9
Denmark	2,897	80.5	81.2	79.7	83.9	84.7	83.2	77.0	77.6	76.1
Germany	41,220	76.6	76.7	76.3	82.2	82.1	82.1	70.9	71.2	70.5
Estonia	669	74.0	75.5	72.5	77.2	79.3	77.3	71.1	72.0	68.0
Ireland	2,127	70.0	71.0	72.0	78.1	79.7	80.8	61.9	62.2	63.0
Greece	4,863	67.4	67.1	66.9	78.8	78.9	79.1	55.9	55.4	54.7
Spain	22,946	73.1	73.0	72.1	81.5	81.5	81.6	64.6	64.3	62.3
France	28,030	70.5	70.6	70.0	75.0	75.2	74.7	66.1	66.1	65.5
Italy	24,555	62.4	63.0	62.8	73.6	74.4	74.0	51.3	51.6	51.6
Cyprus	383	72.9	73.6	73.7	80.6	81.7	81.9	65.5	65.8	65.9
Latvia	1,170	75.0	74.0	74.7	77.8	78.6	78.8	72.3	69.7	70.9
Lithuania	1,600	69.3	69.4	67.3	71.6	72.1	70.1	67.2	66.8	64.6
Luxembourg	:	:	66.2	65.6	:	73.8	72.6	:	58.4	58.4
Hungary	4,139	61.0	61.7	61.0	67.5	68.1	67.7	54.8	55.5	54.7
Malta	171	58.8	58.6	58.2	76.8	76.9	77.0	40.0	39.5	38.8
Netherlands	8,763	79.9	79.7	78.8	85.4	85.4	84.9	74.3	73.9	72.7
Austria	4,150	74.4	75.3	74.1	79.5	81.4	80.4	69.3	69.2	67.9
Poland	16,886	64.2	64.3	63.2	71.3	71.4	70.3	57.4	57.5	56.3
Portugal	5,280	73.9	74.0	74.1	78.8	79.4	79.6	69.1	68.7	68.7
Romania	9,296	61.8	62.0	61.8	69.8	69.7	70.0	53.8	54.4	53.6
Slovenia	995	70.5	72.0	70.8	73.8	75.5	74.9	67.0	68.2	66.4
Slovakia	2,658	68.1	68.9	68.5	76.0	76.7	75.9	60.2	61.2	61.2
Finland	2,615	74.2	74.8	74.6	75.6	76.6	76.2	72.9	72.9	72.9
Sweden	4,745	78.2	78.3	78.4	80.4	80.7	80.7	75.9	75.8	76.0
United Kingdom	30,503	75.8	76.1	75.5	82.3	82.7	82.1	69.4	69.5	69.1
Croatia	1,714	62.6	63.5	62.4	68.7	70.2	69.1	56.7	57.1	55.8
Turkey	22,524	48.5	50.8	48.3	72.1	75.0	72.7	25.2	26.7	24.1
Iceland	170	82.9	84.9	84.7	86.1	88.5	89.0	79.5	81.0	80.1
Norway	2,508	78.9	79.5	79.6	81.1	82.0	82.1	76.7	76.9	76.9
EEA-30	236,945	70.9	71.1	70.6	77.7	78.0	77.7	64.2	64.3	63.6
Switzerland	0	:	82.3	:	:	88.0	:	:	76.6	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_argaed](#))

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in the labour force

Table 3. Employment rates, 2009Q1, %
by level of education, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	64.7	35.3	78.1	44.5	64.6	35.3	78.2	45.5
Less than upper secondary	47.9	25.1	65.0	33.5	46.0	22.6	64.0	34.3
Upper secondary level	70.0	46.2	80.6	47.9	69.1	47.0	79.9	47.5
Tertiary level	82.7	55.2	88.1	64.8	83.4	61.5	88.6	65.2
Men	71.3	37.5	85.2	52.9	70.8	37.3	84.9	54.3
Less than upper secondary	57.6	28.6	77.4	43.3	55.0	26.1	75.8	44.3
Upper secondary level	75.5	48.8	86.6	53.2	74.9	49.9	85.8	54.3
Tertiary level	86.2	52.3	91.9	69.7	86.8	59.9	92.2	70.5
Women	58.1	33.2	70.8	36.4	58.4	33.2	71.6	37.3
Less than upper secondary	38.1	20.9	52.1	25.6	37.3	18.7	52.2	27.1
Upper secondary level	64.4	43.5	74.4	42.0	63.1	44.1	73.5	40.1
Tertiary level	79.4	56.7	84.5	57.3	80.3	62.6	85.5	58.6

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ergaed](#))

Table 4. Employment rates, %
by country and sex

15-64 years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women			
			2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	
EU-27	213,696	± 680	64.6	± 0.2	65.8	65.5	70.8	72.4	72.4	58.4	59.2	58.6
EA-16	139,329	± 566	64.7	± 0.3	65.9	65.7	71.3	72.9	73.1	58.1	58.9	58.4
EA-15	136,948	± 566	64.8	± 0.3	65.9	65.8	71.3	72.9	73.1	58.2	59.0	58.4
Belgium	4,389	± 63	61.7	± 0.9	62.4	62.6	67.5	68.8	68.7	55.9	55.9	56.4
Bulgaria	3,214	± 75	62.6	± 1.5	64.3	62.6	67.1	69.2	66.9	58.3	59.6	58.4
Czech Republic	4,873	± 42	65.6	± 0.6	66.8	66.1	74.2	75.8	74.9	56.8	57.7	57.2
Denmark	2,744	± 19	76.2	± 0.5	78.3	77.0	78.9	81.6	80.6	73.5	74.9	73.3
Germany	37,885	± 494	70.4	± 0.9	71.3	70.0	75.2	76.3	75.1	65.5	66.2	64.8
Estonia	591	± 20	65.3	± 2.2	69.6	69.5	66.2	72.6	74.6	64.5	66.8	64.8
Ireland	1,908	± 19	62.8	± 0.6	65.6	68.6	67.8	72.3	76.3	57.7	58.9	60.7
Greece	4,401	± 84	61.0	± 1.2	61.7	61.3	73.4	74.6	74.6	48.6	48.8	47.9
Spain	18,939	± 141	60.4	± 0.4	62.8	65.1	67.7	70.9	75.1	52.9	54.5	54.8
France	25,527	± 150	64.2	± 0.4	65.0	64.8	68.5	69.7	69.4	60.0	60.5	60.4
Italy	22,578	± 124	57.4	± 0.3	58.5	58.3	68.5	69.8	69.7	46.3	47.2	46.9
Cyprus	365	± 9	69.5	± 1.7	71.1	70.2	77.1	79.2	78.4	62.1	63.2	62.5
Latvia	1,002	± 18	64.3	± 1.2	66.5	69.6	64.2	69.3	73.2	64.3	63.9	66.3
Lithuania	1,407	± 44	61.0	± 1.9	63.8	63.9	61.0	65.9	66.8	60.9	61.9	61.2
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	62.6	62.8	:	69.8	70.8	:	55.3	54.4
Hungary	3,736	± 32	55.1	± 0.5	56.7	56.1	60.8	62.6	62.5	49.6	51.1	50.1
Malta	160	± 5	54.9	± 1.6	54.9	54.7	72.0	72.7	72.8	37.0	36.3	36.0
Netherlands	8,486	± 50	77.4	± 0.5	77.6	76.4	82.7	83.4	82.5	71.9	71.8	70.3
Austria	3,954	± 43	70.8	± 0.8	72.2	71.0	75.4	78.4	77.0	66.3	66.1	65.0
Poland	15,475	± 152	58.9	± 0.6	60.0	58.0	65.7	67.1	64.9	52.3	53.1	51.3
Portugal	4,785	± 52	67.0	± 0.7	67.9	68.1	72.1	73.6	74.2	62.1	62.2	62.2
Romania	8,630	± 294	57.4	± 2.0	58.3	57.7	64.1	64.9	64.6	50.7	51.7	50.8
Slovenia	941	± 18	66.7	± 1.3	68.8	67.1	69.6	72.5	71.3	63.6	65.0	62.7
Slovakia	2,380	± 23	61.0	± 0.6	62.9	61.3	68.7	70.8	69.0	53.3	55.1	53.8
Finland	2,413	± 17	68.5	± 0.5	70.3	69.5	69.2	72.0	71.2	67.8	68.5	67.8
Sweden	4,367	± 20	72.0	± 0.3	73.4	73.4	73.8	75.8	75.8	70.0	71.0	70.9
United Kingdom	28,328	± 139	70.4	± 0.3	71.3	71.6	75.7	77.0	77.4	65.2	65.7	65.9
Croatia	1,547	± 70	56.5	± 2.6	57.8	56.0	63.2	65.1	63.2	50.0	50.7	49.1
Turkey	19,250	± 93	41.4	± 0.2	45.2	43.3	61.5	66.7	65.0	21.6	23.8	21.7
Iceland	158	± 3	76.9	± 1.3	81.4	82.8	78.1	84.0	87.0	75.7	78.6	78.4
Norway	2,432	± 15	76.6	± 0.5	77.5	77.5	78.2	79.8	79.9	74.9	75.1	75.2
EEA-30	216,285	± 680	64.7	± 0.2	65.9	65.6	70.9	72.5	72.5	58.6	59.4	58.8
Switzerland	0	± 0	:	:	79.5	:	:	85.4	:	:	73.5	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ergaed](#))

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

Table 5. Part-time employment (% of total employment), 2009Q1
by economic activity, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	18.5	25.0	16.9	23.5	18.6	27.3	16.1	26.1
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	19.1	24.9	12.2	33.5	20.6	28.3	14.5	33.3
Industry, incl. Energy	8.3	8.3	7.6	12.4	7.0	7.7	6.1	12.1
Construction	6.7	6.2	5.9	12.6	6.5	6.1	5.5	12.9
Trade, transport and communication services	21.4	35.2	18.5	25.0	20.6	37.9	16.4	26.5
Business activities and financial services	14.8	28.0	12.9	20.5	13.6	23.7	11.6	21.5
Other services	25.3	30.1	24.5	27.4	24.0	29.4	22.4	29.5
Men	7.2	18.1	4.8	13.1	8.1	20.2	5.0	15.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	11.7	22.9	4.9	24.9	14.3	25.1	8.3	26.6
Industry, incl. Energy	3.1	6.1	2.1	6.9	3.0	5.8	1.9	7.4
Construction	3.5	5.3	2.5	8.1	3.8	5.4	2.7	9.0
Trade, transport and communication services	9.3	28.3	5.6	13.8	10.0	30.8	5.5	15.3
Business activities and financial services	6.7	28.4	4.1	12.3	6.3	24.9	3.7	13.8
Other services	10.5	25.1	8.2	15.3	10.6	24.5	7.5	18.3
Women	33.4	33.7	32.4	39.4	31.4	35.5	29.3	40.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.4	30.9	27.4	49.4	31.6	35.2	25.8	43.4
Industry, incl. Energy	22.3	13.9	22.2	31.2	16.6	12.2	15.8	27.6
Construction	39.2	:	38.8	52.7	34.1	16.4	33.5	47.6
Trade, transport and communication services	36.8	42.1	34.9	43.0	33.8	45.0	30.0	44.2
Business activities and financial services	26.0	27.6	24.9	34.4	23.0	22.5	22.0	33.6
Other services	34.9	32.9	34.5	37.9	32.3	32.2	31.1	38.7

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_epgn62](#))

Table 6. Part-time employment (% of total employment)
by country and sex

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
			EU-27	40,472	± 325	18.6	18.3	18.5	8.1	7.7	7.9
EA-16	24,530	± 240	18.5	19.2	19.3	7.2	7.2	7.5	33.4	34.0	34.2
EA-15	27,532	± 241	19.8	19.4	19.6	7.6	7.3	7.6	34.8	34.5	34.7
Belgium	1,014	± 44	23.0	22.8	22.9	8.1	7.8	8.6	41.1	41.6	40.6
Bulgaria	75	± 9	2.3	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.9
Czech Republic	264	± 14	5.3	5.0	4.9	2.7	2.3	2.2	8.9	8.6	8.4
Denmark	732	± 22	26.1	25.4	24.3	15.6	15.0	13.7	37.8	37.1	36.2
Germany	9,975	± 171	25.9	25.6	26.1	9.2	8.9	9.6	45.4	45.1	45.6
Estonia	64	± 9	10.4	7.6	7.9	6.4	4.2	5.1	14.2	11.0	10.7
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	276	± 17	6.1	5.7	5.8	3.2	2.9	3.0	10.7	10.1	10.2
Spain	2,423	± 65	12.7	12.5	12.0	4.6	4.4	4.1	23.3	23.3	23.1
France	4,378	± 112	17.1	16.7	17.3	5.8	5.7	5.9	29.5	29.2	30.0
Italy	3,256	± 77	14.2	14.2	14.2	4.9	5.0	5.2	28.0	27.8	27.8
Cyprus	31	± 3	8.3	7.9	7.8	5.0	4.5	5.0	12.5	12.1	11.3
Latvia	97	± 11	9.3	6.7	6.0	7.4	5.4	4.4	11.1	8.0	7.7
Lithuania	115	± 12	8.0	6.7	7.3	7.1	5.5	5.2	8.9	7.8	9.5
Luxembourg	:	:	:	18.3	18.4	:	3.9	2.1u	:	36.9	40.2
Hungary	188	± 12	5.0	4.9	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	6.9	6.7	5.9
Malta	17	± 2	10.8	11.3	11.0	5.0	4.1	4.9	22.8	26.5	23.7
Netherlands	4,160	± 41	48.1	47.8	47.7	24.6	24.1	24.2	75.7	75.5	75.5
Austria	994	± 26	24.7	23.8	23.3	8.4	8.1	8.1	43.3	42.3	41.2
Poland	1,364	± 80	8.7	8.5	8.9	6.1	5.5	6.1	11.8	12.1	12.3
Portugal	597	± 36	11.7	11.6	12.1	7.4	7.2	7.6	16.6	16.8	17.4
Romania	807	± 95	8.9	9.7	8.9	8.7	9.1	8.6	9.2	10.4	9.3
Slovenia	91	± 7	9.5	9.2	9.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	12.0	11.2	11.7
Slovakia	80	± 8	3.3	2.9	2.3	2.5	1.8	0.9	4.4	4.4	4.1
Finland	357	± 13	14.6	14.2	14.2	9.5	9.4	9.5	19.9	19.4	19.4
Sweden	1,219	± 25	27.3	26.9	27.0	14.2	13.6	13.4	41.6	41.8	42.2
United Kingdom	7,460	± 174	25.8	25.5	25.4	11.5	11.5	11.1	42.3	41.9	42.1
Croatia	151	± 22	9.4	9.3	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.2	12.1	12.2	10.1
Turkey	2,528	± 74	12.8	9.6	11.0	7.8	5.5	6.6	26.9	20.9	24.0
Iceland	41	± 3	25.0	24.3	22.6	13.6	11.7	11.9	37.6	38.8	35.3
Norway	716	± 19	28.8	28.3	28.7	15.3	14.9	14.3	43.5	43.1	44.7
EEA-30	41,229	± 326	18.7	18.5	18.6	8.1	7.8	8.0	31.6	31.5	31.8
Switzerland	0	± 0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_eppga](#))

¹Number of persons aged 15 years and more in part-time employment

Table 7. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs, 2009Q1
by economic activity, full-time/part-time distinction and sex

	EA-16			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	37.2	40.5	17.9	37.0	40.5	20.0
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	29.1	32.2	15.4	38.1	42.6	21.1
Industry, incl. Energy	38.6	39.9	18.8	38.4	39.8	20.7
Construction	34.3	35.4	20.0	39.5	40.9	19.6
Trade, transport and communication services	38.2	42.2	18.4	37.1	42.2	18.7
Business activities and financial services	33.0	34.9	18.0	37.8	40.6	20.3
Other services	35.1	38.8	17.5	34.6	39.2	20.4
Men	39.9	41.5	17.5	39.9	41.5	19.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	26.0	32.8	12.7	41.1	44.4	22.1
Industry, incl. Energy	39.6	40.2	18.3	39.5	40.1	20.8
Construction	34.9	35.5	13.8	40.3	41.0	20.7
Trade, transport and communication services	41.2	43.2	8.6	40.5	43.2	17.8
Business activities and financial services	29.7	30.6	4.0	40.3	41.8	18.3
Other services	33.6	35.3	16.9	38.6	40.7	19.7
Women	33.6	38.6	17.9	33.3	38.8	20.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	28.6	42.6	12.0	32.5	38.5	20.2
Industry, incl. Energy	31.2	33.7	17.9	35.4	38.8	20.7
Construction	27.2	38.5	11.2	31.7	39.1	18.4
Trade, transport and communication services	34.1	40.4	18.0	32.7	40.5	19.0
Business activities and financial services	30.5	33.6	18.1	34.3	38.7	20.9
Other services	32.7	37.4	15.6	32.0	37.9	20.6

Source: Eurostat ([lfsg_ewhan2](#), [lfsg_ewh2n2](#))

Table 8. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs
by country and sex

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women				Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	
EU-27	189,810	37.0	± 0.1	37.3	37.2	39.9	40.3	40.1	33.3	33.4	33.2
EA-16	119,752	37.2	± 0.1	37.6	37.4	39.9	40.3	40.0	33.6	33.8	33.6
EA-15	117,604	36.7	± 0.1	37.0	36.8	39.9	40.2	40.1	32.4	32.6	32.1
Belgium	3,659	37.0	± 0.5	36.6	36.8	40.3	40.1	40.0	32.7	32.1	32.5
Bulgaria	2,933	39.8	± 0.3	40.9	40.7	40.2	41.5	41.2	39.3	40.3	40.1
Czech Republic	4,420	40.8	± 0.1	40.6	41.1	42.4	42.3	42.8	38.6	38.2	38.8
Denmark	2,314	34.5	± 0.2	34.7	34.1	36.7	37.1	36.4	31.8	31.7	31.3
Germany	33,152	35.6	± 0.1	36.3	35.9	39.9	40.7	40.3	30.2	30.6	30.4
Estonia	560	37.4	± 0.5	38.1	39.2	38.2	39.4	40.1	36.5	36.9	38.2
Ireland	1,696	35.2	± 0.3	36.3	36.0	39.2	40.4	40.0	29.9	30.8	30.4
Greece	4,558	39.7	± 0.3	40.8	40.2	41.6	42.7	42.1	36.8	37.7	37.0
Spain	15,752	38.0	± 0.2	38.6	38.1	40.4	40.9	40.3	34.6	35.2	34.8
France	20,912	37.5	± 0.1	36.9	36.7	40.1	39.5	39.6	34.4	33.7	33.3
Italy	19,918	37.2	± 0.1	37.4	37.7	39.9	40.1	40.5	32.8	33.0	33.1
Cyprus	321	37.7	± 0.3	38.5	38.4	39.9	40.7	40.2	34.6	35.4	35.9
Latvia	925	38.6	± 0.5	38.8	39.1	39.4	39.5	40.0	37.7	38.1	38.1
Lithuania	1,283	38.7	± 0.2	39.3	38.8	39.5	40.1	39.5	38.0	38.4	38.1
Luxembourg	:	:	:	37.4	37.8	:	40.2	40.8	:	33.3	33.3
Hungary	3,475	39.8	± 0.1	40.0	40.0	40.6	41.0	40.9	38.8	38.8	38.9
Malta	148	38.9	± 0.4	39.0	38.6	40.7	41.1	40.6	35.0	34.6	34.4
Netherlands	6,601	31.2	± 0.1	32.1	31.2	36.3	37.5	36.3	25.1	25.6	24.8
Austria	3,369	36.7	± 0.3	37.2	37.7	40.9	41.4	41.6	31.7	32.0	32.7
Poland	16,274	39.3	± 0.3	39.1	39.6	41.1	41.1	41.6	37.0	36.5	37.1
Portugal	4,466	38.3	± 0.4	38.1	37.8	39.7	39.4	39.3	36.5	36.4	35.8
Romania	8,701	38.6	± 0.3	39.1	39.0	39.3	40.1	39.8	37.7	38.0	38.0
Slovenia	933	39.2	± 0.3	39.1	39.4	40.1	40.3	40.4	38.0	37.7	38.0
Slovakia	2,148	39.2	± 0.2	39.9	39.6	40.0	41.0	40.7	38.2	38.5	38.1
Finland	1,991	36.0	± 0.2	36.7	35.9	38.0	38.8	37.9	33.8	34.3	33.6
Sweden	5,254	34.9	± 0.2	35.5	34.8	37.4	38.1	37.2	32.1	32.6	31.8
United Kingdom	23,918	35.4	± 0.1	35.8	35.2	39.6	40.0	39.4	30.4	30.6	29.9
Croatia	1,641	38.4	± 0.4	38.9	38.9	39.4	40.0	40.0	37.1	37.5	37.6
Turkey	17,440	47.1	± 0.2	49.0	48.3	50.1	51.9	51.1	38.6	41.2	39.9
Iceland	188	37.8	± 0.7	38.5	40.1	42.1	43.0	44.5	32.9	33.2	34.3
Norway	2,044	34.1	± 0.3	34.2	33.0	37.3	37.3	36.1	30.3	30.5	29.3
EEA-30	192,042	37.0	± 0.1	37.3	37.1	39.9	40.2	40.1	33.3	33.4	33.1
Switzerland	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Eurostat ([lfsg_ewhana](#), [lfsg_ewh2na](#))

¹Number of employed persons aged 15 years and more who have worked at least one hour during the reference week

Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts, 2009Q1, %
by economic activity, age group and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	14.5	48.1	11.3	5.8	12.7	38.7	10.1	7.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	31.8	33.8	28.3	16.6	22.7	44.8	21.0	17.0
Industry, incl. Energy	10.3	46.7	6.7	1.4	10.3	41.2	7.5	4.5
Construction	18.1	44.4	13.9	3.4	16.1	37.4	13.2	9.2
Trade, transport and communication services	14.6	44.3	9.8	3.0	12.7	34.0	8.8	5.7
Business activities and financial services	9.1	37.0	6.1	1.5u	8.3	34.0	5.9	3.9
Other services	16.1	53.3	14.1	6.5	13.8	44.8	11.9	8.5
Men	13.5	48.2	9.9	5.5	11.9	38.6	9.1	6.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	29.4	26.6	23.3	16.2	20.2	43.0	18.4	14.4
Industry, incl. Energy	9.8	46.9	5.9	1.7	9.6	41.4	6.7	4.0
Construction	18.9	44.7	14.3	3.8	16.9	38.1	13.9	9.4
Trade, transport and communication services	13.1	43.8	8.1	3.0	11.2	33.9	7.3	5.5
Business activities and financial services	7.5	40.4	4.9	:	7.2	33.6	4.9	3.6
Other services	15.0	53.2	12.7	5.3	13.2	45.3	11.2	8.6
Women	15.7	48.5	12.8	6.3	13.7	38.9	11.2	7.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	40.1	57.0	39.0	32.0	30.2	50.7	28.5	26.2
Industry, incl. Energy	11.8	48.7	8.1	4.2	12.0	40.8	9.4	6.2
Construction	10.7	43.3	8.1	:	8.9	30.1	7.1	:
Trade, transport and communication services	16.3	44.1	11.5	4.5	14.4	34.1	10.6	6.1
Business activities and financial services	10.7	43.2	7.9	4.0	9.7	34.3	7.1	:
Other services	16.7	53.6	14.8	6.9	14.2	44.5	12.3	8.4

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_etgan2](#))

Table 10. Share of employees with temporary contracts, %
by country and sex

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
		EU-27	22,016	12.7	13.5	13.6	11.9	12.7	12.9	13.7
EA-16	16,199	14.5	15.4	15.8	13.5	14.4	15.0	15.7	16.5	16.7
EA-15	16,121	14.7	15.5	16.0	13.6	14.6	15.2	15.9	16.7	16.9
Belgium	278	7.8	7.7	7.8	6.1	6.7	6.1	9.8	9.0	9.9
Bulgaria	109	3.8	4.8	4.1	4.0	5.1	4.4	3.6	4.4	3.7
Czech Republic	304	7.6	7.8	7.6	6.1	6.3	6.2	9.4	9.7	9.3
Denmark	207	8.6	8.0	8.0	8.4	7.6	7.2	8.7	8.5	8.8
Germany	4,656	14.3	14.7	14.5	14.3	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.6	14.2
Estonia	11u	2.0u	2.9	2.3u	:	4.0u	3.1u	2.0u	1.8u	:
Ireland	117	7.7	8.2	8.0	6.5	6.9	6.4	8.9	9.5	9.7
Greece	325	11.3	11.8	9.9	9.9	10.2	8.7	13.3	13.9	11.7
Spain	3,640	24.9	27.4	29.7	23.2	25.8	28.7	27.1	29.4	31.3
France	2,935	13.0	13.2	14.2	11.7	11.8	13.0	14.3	14.7	15.4
Italy	1,908	11.8	12.9	12.8	10.1	11.0	10.7	14.3	15.6	15.6
Cyprus	20	7.4	9.3	8.6	6.2	8.3	7.2	8.7	10.5	10.2
Latvia	25	2.8	3.6	2.6	4.5	5.1	3.8	1.3	2.0	1.3u
Lithuania	18u	1.5u	2.0	2.1	1.9u	2.1u	2.4u	1.1u	2.0u	1.8u
Luxembourg	:	:	5.8	6.3	:	4.5	6.4	:	7.5	6.2
Hungary	222	7.0	8.1	7.1	7.5	9.2	7.5	6.4	7.0	6.7
Malta	5	4.0	4.2	3.5	2.9u	3.4	2.8u	6.1u	5.7u	4.7u
Netherlands	1,134	17.0	17.5	17.3	15.2	15.8	15.9	18.9	19.3	18.9
Austria	287	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.1	8.6	8.2	9.1
Poland	3,111	25.7	26.9	26.3	24.7	26.4	25.5	26.8	27.5	27.4
Portugal	779	21.2	22.0	22.6	20.0	20.8	21.7	22.7	23.6	23.6
Romania	57	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.2
Slovenia	117	14.1	16.9	16.1	12.5	14.7	13.6	15.9	19.4	19.0
Slovakia	78	3.9	4.8	4.0	4.1	4.9	3.8	3.7	4.7	4.2
Finland	251	12.5	12.7	12.3	8.1	8.8	8.6	16.8	16.5	16.1
Sweden	564	14.1	14.7	14.7	11.5	11.9	12.2	16.7	17.7	17.3
United Kingdom	1,247	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.5	5.8	6.0	5.8
Croatia	140	11.0	11.0	11.4	10.7	10.7	10.9	11.4	11.4	12.0
Turkey	872	7.7	12.4	8.6	7.7	11.9	8.8	7.8	14.2	7.8
Iceland	10	6.7	5.5	7.9	5.7	5.9	7.0	7.7	5.0	8.9
Norway	162	7.4	7.9	8.7	5.4	6.3	6.5	9.4	9.7	11.1
EEA-30	22,188	12.7	13.4	13.5	11.8	12.6	12.9	13.6	14.2	14.3
Switzerland	0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_etpga](#))

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months, 2009Q1, % by economic activity, age group and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	3.3	11.0	3.1	1.3	3.2	9.9	2.9	1.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.1	14.4	5.6	2.0	3.2	8.5	3.5	1.4
Industry, incl. Energy	2.4	7.5	2.0	0.8	2.2	6.3	2.0	0.9
Construction	4.5	9.1	4.2	1.9	4.0	8.0	3.8	1.7
Trade, transport and communication services	4.3	11.7	3.6	1.3	4.0	10.5	3.3	1.5
Business activities and financial services	3.3	12.8	2.8	:	3.2	11.3	2.7	:
Other services	3.4	12.8	3.0	1.4	3.3	12.3	2.9	1.5
Men	3.1	10.4	2.9	1.3	3.0	9.3	2.8	1.3
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.0	13.5	5.3	2.3	3.5	9.1	3.6	1.6
Industry, incl. Energy	2.2	7.1	1.8	:	2.1	6.2	1.8	0.9
Construction	4.5	9.1	4.2	1.9	4.0	8.2	3.8	1.7
Trade, transport and communication services	3.7	11.1	3.2	1.2	3.6	10.0	3.0	1.4
Business activities and financial services	3.2	11.9	2.7	:	3.1	10.9	2.7	:
Other services	3.2	14.2	2.8	1.2	3.2	13.0	2.8	1.4
Women	3.6	11.9	3.4	1.4	3.3	10.7	3.0	1.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.3	:	6.3	:	2.9	:	3.4	:
Industry, incl. Energy	3.0	8.6	2.6	:	2.6	6.6	2.4	:
Construction	3.8	:	3.6	:	3.3	:	3.3	:
Trade, transport and communication services	4.9	12.4	4.1	1.5	4.6	11.0	3.6	1.6
Business activities and financial services	3.6	13.7	2.9	:	3.4	11.7	2.7	:
Other services	3.5	12.0	3.1	1.5	3.4	11.9	2.9	1.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 12. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months, % by country and sex

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	6,543	3.2	4.3	4.2	3.0	3.9	4.0	3.3	4.7	4.4
EA-16	4,403	3.3	4.5	4.2	3.1	4.1	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.5
EA-15	4,356	3.3	4.5	4.3	3.1	4.1	4.1	3.6	5.0	4.5
Belgium	125	3.0	4.6	4.1	3.0	4.2	4.0	2.9	5.2	4.2
Bulgaria	89	2.8	2.8	4.0	2.9	3.0	4.3	2.8	2.6	3.6
Czech Republic	118	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.3	3.6
Denmark	161	6.1	6.5	7.5	5.5	5.9	7.1	6.8	7.2	8.0
Germany	1,199	3.3	4.9	3.7	3.2	4.6	3.7	3.5	5.4	3.8
Estonia	27	4.6	6.1	3.6	4.4	6.0	3.9u	4.8	6.1	3.2u
Ireland	52	2.8	4.8	4.2	2.8	4.0	3.8	2.9	5.7	4.7
Greece	69	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.6
Spain	896	5.1	6.3	6.6	4.8	5.7	6.1	5.6	7.1	7.5
France	1,093	4.6	6.2	6.1	4.4	6.1	6.1	4.8	6.2	6.1
Italy	597	2.8	3.5	3.9	2.5	2.9	3.6	3.2	4.4	4.5
Cyprus	11	3.2	5.1	3.5	3.1	3.9	3.1	3.4	6.9	4.0
Latvia	31	3.1	4.4	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.9	2.4	3.8	3.6
Lithuania	32	2.4	3.1	4.1	2.4u	2.6u	4.0	2.3u	3.7	4.2
Luxembourg	:	:	2.2	1.5u	:	1.7u	:	:	2.8u	2.6u
Hungary	93	2.6	3.2	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.5	2.5	3.5	3.1
Malta	2u	1.3u	2.3	3.2	:	1.9u	2.5u	:	3.1u	4.8u
Netherlands	100u	1.6u	2.1u	1.8u	1.4u	1.8u	1.6u	1.9u	2.5u	2.2u
Austria	138	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.9	4.2
Poland	488	3.2	3.9	4.6	3.3	3.9	4.5	3.0	4.0	4.7
Portugal	138	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.2	4.1	3.6
Romania	147	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.0	1.8	2.7	1.3	1.6	2.7
Slovenia	27	2.9	4.4	3.9	2.4	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.9	4.0
Slovakia	47	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.4
Finland	109	4.7	5.6	5.7	3.8	4.5	4.8	5.7	6.9	6.6
Sweden	267	6.3	7.1	7.4	5.4	6.0	6.6	7.4	8.3	8.3
United Kingdom	685	2.5	4.3	3.7	2.4	3.9	3.6	2.6	4.7	3.9
Croatia	26u	1.7u	2.3u	2.6	1.5u	2.6u	2.3u	1.9u	1.9u	2.9u
Turkey	1,531	8.2	10.6	7.8	8.4	10.3	7.7	7.7	11.6	8.0
Iceland	6	3.9	4.9	7.0	4.3	5.3	6.4	3.3	4.5	7.7
Norway	86	3.6	4.4	4.8	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.7	4.8	4.9
EEA-30	6,635	3.2	4.3	4.2	3.0	3.9	4.0	3.3	4.7	4.4
Switzerland	0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15 years or more whose job started within the past three months

Methodology

Source: The European Union Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) is a quarterly, large sample survey providing results for the population in private households in the EU, EFTA (except Liechtenstein), and the Candidate Countries. Conscripts in military or community service are not included in the results. The sampling rates vary between 0.14% and 1.68%. The figures in this publication are not seasonally adjusted. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of International Labour Organisation.

Further information is available at the Eurostat website:

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Reference periods: In Ireland, the data before 2009 refer to seasonal quarter (June to August for Q3, September to November for Q4.). In Switzerland, LFS data is available only for the 2nd quarter of each year.

Coverage: The data for France exclude overseas regions. Data are provisional for Ireland, France and Malta for 2009Q1.

Aggregates: When data are unavailable for a country, the calculation of the corresponding aggregates takes into account the data for the same country one year before.

Confidence limits: All confidence limits are calculated at a level of confidence of 95%. The country limits are derived from coefficients of variation calculated by the National Statistic Institutes. When a coefficient is not available, the coefficient for the last quarter available is taken. For the calculation of limits of aggregates, it is assumed that the EU-LFS is a stratified sample with the country as the first stratum.

Symbols: Figures flagged with "u" lack reliability due to small sample size or the non-response for the underlying variable is more than 10%; ":" colons are used for unavailable or extremely unreliable data. Quarter 1 of the year 2009 is written as 2009Q1. European Union (27 countries) is written as EU-27, Euro Area (16 countries) as EA-16

Economic activity: In tables 5, 7, 9, 11 breakdowns are based on the industry of the main job. The aggregation to six sectors is based on NACE Rev. 1.1 data for 2008 quarterly results for most countries, while all figures regarding the first quarter of 2009 are based on the new Rev.2 of NACE classification, as are those for the quarters of 2008 for countries for which NACE Rev. 1.1 is not available.

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