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Table 1. Labour force

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Labour force, thousands										
All persons	2 041	2 214	2 236	2 284	2 276	2 206	2 256	2 360	2 465	2 407
Males	1 280	1 347	1 356	1 393	1 387	1 373	1 405	1 451	1 472	1 448
Females	760	867	880	891	889	833	851	909	993	959
Unemployed, thousands										
All persons	210	225	210	220	219	210	205	243	290	468
Males	111	120	112	113	111	110	106	122	138	225
Females	99	106	98	106	108	101	99	120	152	243
Employment, thousands										
All persons	1 830	1 989	2 026	2 064	2 057	1 996	2 051	2 117	2 175	1 938
Males	1 169	1 227	1 244	1 280	1 276	1 264	1 300	1 329	1 334	1 223
Females	661	762	782	785	781	732	752	788	841	715
Employment (%)										
Males	63.9	61.7	61.4	62.0	62.0	63.3	63.4	62.8	61.3	63.1
Females	36.1	38.3	38.6	38.0	38.0	36.7	36.6	37.2	38.7	36.9
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)										
All persons	10.3	10.2	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.1	10.3	11.8	19.6
Males	8.7	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.4	9.3	15.6
Females	13.0	12.2	11.1	11.9	12.2	12.1	11.6	13.2	15.3	25.7
EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands										
All activities	1 830	1 989	2 026	2 064	2 057	1 996	2 051	2 117	2 175	..
Employees	1 425	1 537	1 509	1 561	1 557	1 528	1 553	1 585	1 596	..
Employers and persons working on own account	373	416	469	456	448	424	458	495	537	..
Unpaid family workers	32	36	48	48	52	44	41	37	43	..
Employees as % of employment	77.8	77.3	74.5	75.6	75.7	76.6	75.7	74.9	73.4	..
Part-time employment (%)										
Part-time as % of employment	12.1	15.4	18.2	19.0	18.2	15.6	16.5	17.9	19.1	17.7
Male share of part time employment	36.8	35.5	36.3	38.6	37.9	39.4	38.9	35.7	36.5	41.3
Female share of part time employment	63.2	64.5	63.7	61.4	62.1	60.6	61.1	64.3	63.5	58.7
Male part-time as % of male employment	6.9	8.9	10.7	11.8	11.1	9.7	10.1	10.2	11.4	11.6
Female part-time as % of female employment	21.1	26.0	30.0	30.7	29.8	25.8	27.5	30.9	31.4	28.1
Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)										
Less than one month	..	23.7	30.7	31.5	31.1	35.3	36.6	32.8	38.5	31.5
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	..	39.1	30.4	27.5	26.9	25.7	23.8	28.5	23.9	28.6
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	..	14.6	15.5	12.6	13.8	11.5	13.3	13.5	11.6	16.3
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	..	12.8	12.4	12.5	12.4	10.8	11.6	10.7	13.2	15.9
More than 1 year	..	9.8	11.1	15.9	15.9	16.7	14.7	14.4	12.9	7.7

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Table 2. Participation rates and unemployment rates by age and sex

Annual average estimates, percentage

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Participation rates										
Males										
15-19	27.2	32.9	30.7	30.6	30.6	27.2	27.1	28.6	27.4	23.7
20-24	77.7	84.0	81.3	82.6	76.7	75.8	78.4	79.7	78.3	78.5
25-34	93.5	93.9	94.7	93.6	93.1	94.0	92.8	93.8	94.9	92.5
35-44	94.9	95.8	95.8	95.8	94.2	95.0	96.0	95.4	96.2	95.2
45-54	93.1	93.2	93.0	93.9	92.9	91.1	93.9	94.3	95.3	93.7
55-59	84.5	80.6	84.6	90.5	86.5	83.4	83.2	88.3	89.8	82.9
60-64	65.1	70.1	73.6	66.1	66.2	62.6	65.0	69.1	72.7	70.4
15-24	52.3	57.0	55.1	56.9	53.3	51.7	52.3	54.8	51.5	50.4
25-54	93.8	94.3	94.5	94.3	93.4	93.4	94.1	94.4	95.4	93.8
55-64	75.5	76.0	79.6	78.7	78.0	73.8	74.4	79.2	82.0	77.0
65 and over	22.3	30.2	27.7	26.2	26.6	22.0	24.4	26.3	26.3	23.8
15-64	79.7	81.9	81.3	82.0	80.4	79.2	80.4	82.1	82.4	80.6
Females										
15-19	16.8	17.4	17.8	18.9	15.9	14.2	14.9	17.3	18.3	18.7
20-24	50.8	60.1	59.7	56.4	58.5	51.7	53.7	55.3	57.5	56.0
25-34	64.5	70.1	68.2	68.7	69.0	65.6	64.1	65.4	71.3	70.8
35-44	61.5	67.1	66.2	67.0	64.8	61.6	65.9	70.1	73.2	70.1
45-54	53.6	59.4	62.2	58.3	57.7	55.1	53.4	58.3	61.3	60.4
55-59	39.5	47.5	44.9	45.6	44.8	40.6	44.8	44.4	48.6	45.5
60-64	22.7	29.9	25.4	30.1	31.0	26.7	30.4	31.7	36.5	31.3
15-24	33.6	38.8	39.8	38.1	37.5	32.9	33.7	36.2	38.0	37.9
25-54	60.2	66.0	65.7	64.9	64.2	61.1	61.5	64.9	68.8	67.4
55-64	32.2	39.7	35.9	39.0	38.9	34.5	38.2	39.0	43.3	38.7
65 and over	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.3	7.7	5.3	5.2	6.6	10.3	8.9
15-64	49.6	55.6	54.9	54.6	53.9	50.4	51.1	53.9	57.6	55.7
All persons										
15-24	43.4	48.3	48.0	48.2	45.9	43.2	43.4	46.1	45.3	44.5
25-54	77.1	80.3	79.9	79.5	78.9	77.2	77.9	79.8	82.1	80.7
55-64	54.1	57.5	57.5	58.2	57.2	53.3	55.4	57.7	61.7	57.0
65 and over	13.7	18.6	18.4	16.8	16.8	13.2	14.5	16.2	18.2	16.0
15-64	64.9	68.9	68.2	68.4	67.3	65.0	65.9	68.1	70.1	68.3
Unemployment rates										
Males										
15-19	27.7	24.4	31.1	28.5	26.7	28.0	30.0	35.9	42.3	47.1
20-24	14.7	17.9	15.0	18.9	17.2	15.7	15.0	17.6	23.0	31.5
25-34	8.8	8.3	6.2	7.1	7.5	7.0	7.8	8.4	7.7	16.6
35-44	5.5	4.7	5.3	3.9	3.9	5.0	3.7	4.3	5.4	10.7
45-54	5.2	5.7	5.6	3.7	4.7	4.9	4.4	5.4	5.6	10.2
55-59	7.5	5.9	5.1	3.2	5.5	5.5	5.1	4.3	4.9	10.2
60-64	6.0	5.9	3.9	7.3	4.7	5.3	4.2	4.1	4.8	10.6
15-24	18.1	19.9	19.7	21.4	20.0	18.9	19.0	22.2	28.4	35.3
25-54	6.7	6.4	5.8	5.1	5.6	5.8	5.5	6.2	6.3	12.7
55-64	6.9	5.9	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.2	4.8	10.3
65 and over	4.7	8.4	7.7	5.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.6	6.3	12.3
15-64	8.8	8.9	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.7	8.6	9.5	15.7
Total	8.7	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.4	9.3	15.5
Females										
15-19	45.2	44.3	45.9	46.3	41.7	50.4	40.4	53.2	58.5	65.5
20-24	24.4	23.7	21.8	26.7	24.4	25.7	25.3	28.8	30.9	47.8
25-34	13.4	11.2	10.5	12.4	15.0	14.1	13.2	14.1	17.9	26.6
35-44	9.4	9.7	8.9	8.3	7.1	7.1	8.6	10.0	10.6	20.5
45-54	6.5	6.4	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.7	6.6	8.7	18.5
55-59	3.2	5.2	4.7	3.2	4.8	3.7	1.7	4.0	8.8	16.4
60-64	5.3	3.5	1.1	1.8	3.5	2.7	2.6	3.0	5.3	12.9
15-24	29.6	28.3	26.9	31.5	28.0	31.1	28.7	34.7	37.5	52.1
25-54	10.2	9.5	8.4	9.0	9.9	9.5	9.6	10.6	12.8	22.2
55-64	3.8	4.7	3.6	2.7	4.3	3.4	2.0	3.6	7.5	15.1
65 and over	3.7	2.9	3.8	0.7	0.7	3.7	2.2	3.5	4.7	17.6
15-64	13.2	12.4	11.3	12.2	12.4	12.2	11.8	13.4	15.7	25.6
Total	13.0	12.2	11.1	11.9	12.2	12.1	11.6	13.2	15.3	25.4
All persons										
15-24	22.4	23.1	22.5	25.1	23.0	23.1	22.6	26.8	32.0	41.9
25-54	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.7	7.3	7.2	7.1	8.0	9.0	16.6
55-64	6.0	5.5	4.3	4.1	4.9	4.7	3.7	4.0	5.8	12.0
65 and over	4.4	7.1	6.7	4.6	3.5	4.6	4.0	4.3	5.8	13.9
15-64	10.5	10.3	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.2	10.5	12.0	19.7

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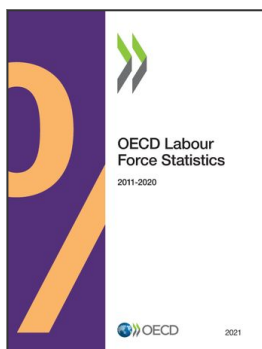
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Table 3. Employment and employees: breakdown by activity - ISIC Rev. 4

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
EMPLOYMENT											
By activity, thousands											
A-U	All activities	1 830.5	1 988.9	2 026.0	2 064.4	2 057.3	1 995.7	2 051.2	2 117.1	2 175.1	1 938.0
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	198.6	203.8	200.1	229.9	252.8	243.2	256.4	260.9	259.4	247.3
B-F	Industry	350.5	360.4	333.3	364.1	393.4	370.5	371.3	405.2	402.3	356.8
B	Mining and quarrying	2.9	2.3	3.5	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.0	2.1	1.5	2.0
C	Manufacturing	201.7	197.7	181.2	192.0	223.4	203.9	205.5	228.7	225.6	201.5
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	28.4	26.7	24.0	27.7	23.9	26.6	23.5	17.8	18.7	19.8
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	8.0	9.4	12.7	6.1	7.4	10.6	7.9	10.1	6.9	6.2
F	Construction	109.5	124.3	111.8	135.9	137.0	128.0	133.5	146.5	149.6	127.2
G-U	Services	1 281.4	1 424.7	1 492.7	1 470.4	1 411.1	1 382.0	1 423.5	1 450.9	1 513.4	1 334.0
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	388.7	404.0	432.2	411.1	371.8	380.7	388.6	380.1	356.5	316.9
H	Transportation and storage	87.3	106.8	119.7	103.6	85.2	100.3	100.4	116.8	120.6	104.2
I	Accommodation and food service activities	95.9	104.9	118.3	118.5	125.1	123.0	129.5	133.3	140.5	111.2
J	Information and communication	22.9	35.0	24.7	24.2	29.6	36.9	38.1	35.6	43.6	36.5
K	Financial and insurance activities	46.3	48.0	49.7	52.1	44.3	47.5	40.8	49.5	47.2	42.0
L	Real estate activities	12.0	11.5	9.9	14.2	15.0	11.4	13.3	14.7	20.4	16.9
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	47.9	68.3	62.6	76.1	64.7	61.6	56.2	61.8	78.4	60.9
N	Administrative and support service activities	80.2	86.3	91.5	101.4	106.2	102.0	121.1	119.5	111.9	118.7
O	Public administration, defence, social security	101.5	98.7	96.2	86.8	92.6	79.7	88.1	78.8	95.6	86.9
P	Education	119.7	137.4	145.8	131.5	128.5	127.2	145.0	127.9	134.5	140.0
Q	Human health and social work activities	74.1	75.1	85.2	83.2	72.2	72.8	74.3	75.6	92.7	85.5
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	17.9	21.4	32.2	25.8	27.0	23.9	21.5	21.2	27.6	16.9
S	Other service activities	70.9	78.3	82.4	82.2	82.6	74.0	76.1	84.4	84.8	89.4
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	115.2	146.7	140.9	159.3	165.2	139.8	130.2	150.4	157.2	107.3
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6
EMPLOYEES											
By activity, thousands											
A-U	All activities	1 424.7	1 536.5	1 509.4	1 560.7	1 557.1	1 527.9	1 552.5	1 585.1	1 595.6	1 410.5
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	139.5	146.7	141.7	161.0	171.8	166.6	164.8	181.6	179.4	169.2
B-F	Industry	280.6	278.1	255.0	283.6	299.6	282.9	282.8	295.4	287.3	250.9
B	Mining and quarrying	2.7	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.5	1.4	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.5
C	Manufacturing	160.8	150.6	136.6	149.5	169.8	155.8	156.3	173.7	169.2	147.9
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	28.4	26.7	23.9	27.0	23.6	26.0	23.4	17.8	18.7	19.8
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	7.6	8.1	11.9	6.0	7.3	10.5	7.3	8.4	6.8	5.7
F	Construction	81.2	90.7	79.4	98.9	97.4	89.2	95.2	94.3	91.7	75.9
G-U	Services	1 004.7	1 111.7	1 112.7	1 116.1	1 085.7	1 078.5	1 104.9	1 108.1	1 129.0	990.4
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	268.1	278.4	292.1	281.0	257.7	268.7	275.3	273.0	246.6	219.8
H	Transportation and storage	55.4	66.3	67.6	57.2	48.2	56.4	60.8	73.3	68.6	55.5
I	Accommodation and food service activities	78.1	83.2	81.9	82.8	87.9	90.8	96.8	83.0	86.9	58.8
J	Information and communication	20.9	30.5	22.3	21.0	27.1	35.4	33.9	31.7	38.0	31.8
K	Financial and insurance activities	45.3	46.2	47.2	51.1	43.7	46.3	39.6	48.6	45.6	41.5
L	Real estate activities	7.7	7.1	7.2	11.8	9.6	9.1	9.2	12.9	14.6	11.0
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	24.8	39.7	29.3	41.3	34.8	38.1	29.7	32.7	36.6	33.9
N	Administrative and support service activities	74.8	77.5	72.2	82.9	88.8	85.5	102.0	98.1	89.9	98.5
O	Public administration, defence, social security	101.5	98.7	96.2	86.8	92.6	79.7	88.1	78.8	95.6	86.9
P	Education	111.1	130.6	132.9	122.4	120.8	119.5	137.8	119.0	125.0	133.8
Q	Human health and social work activities	66.7	67.5	71.6	74.4	63.4	64.4	65.2	66.6	81.4	74.5
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	11.4	14.2	22.7	16.3	16.1	15.0	12.5	14.1	17.3	11.9
S	Other service activities	23.4	23.6	27.8	27.9	28.9	28.8	23.5	24.6	24.0	24.6
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	114.8	145.8	140.6	158.7	165.0	139.7	130.0	150.3	156.9	107.3
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6

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