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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	25 389	25 781	26 108	26 836	27 153	27 418	27 748	27 895	28 186	28 012
Males	14 869	15 077	15 245	15 607	15 728	15 836	15 975	16 002	16 089	16 005
Females	10 520	10 704	10 862	11 229	11 426	11 583	11 772	11 893	12 097	12 007
Unemployed, thousands										
All persons	863	826	808	938	976	1 009	1 023	1 073	1 063	1 108
Males	536	509	500	550	572	594	607	630	627	624
Females	327	317	308	389	404	415	416	443	437	484
Employment, thousands										
All persons	24 526	24 955	25 299	25 897	26 178	26 409	26 725	26 822	27 123	26 904
Males	14 333	14 568	14 745	15 057	15 156	15 241	15 368	15 372	15 463	15 381
Females	10 193	10 387	10 554	10 840	11 022	11 168	11 356	11 450	11 660	11 523
Employment (%)										
Males	58.4	58.4	58.3	58.1	57.9	57.7	57.5	57.3	57.0	57.2
Females	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.1	42.3	42.5	42.7	43.0	42.8
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)										
All persons	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9
Males	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9
Females	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.0
EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands										
All activities	24 526	24 955	25 299	25 897	26 178	26 409	26 725	26 822	27 123	26 904
Employees	17 596	17 921	18 365	18 959	19 402	19 669	19 934	20 084	20 440	20 332
Employers and persons working on own account	5 657 e	5 768 e	5 703 e	5 720 e	5 622 e	5 614 e	5 681 e	5 638 e	5 605 e	..
Unpaid family workers	1 273	1 266	1 232	1 219	1 153	1 126	1 110	1 101	1 077	..
Employees as % of employment	71.7	71.8	72.6	73.2	74.1	74.5	74.6	74.9	75.4	75.6
Part-time employment (%)										
Part-time as % of employment	13.5	10.1	11.0	10.3	10.5	10.8	11.4	12.2	14.0	15.4
Male share of part time employment	43.5	38.9	39.5	37.7	37.4	36.3	37.3	36.8	36.5	39.2
Female share of part time employment	56.5	61.1	60.5	62.3	62.6	63.7	62.7	63.2	63.5	60.8
Male part-time as % of male employment	10.0	6.7	7.4	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.8	8.9	10.4
Female part-time as % of female employment	18.4	15.0	16.1	15.5	15.8	16.4	16.9	18.2	20.8	22.1
Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)										
Less than one month	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	67.4	63.9	63.8	63.3	59.4	56.1	54.6	54.1	56.1	58.2
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	25.7	27.5	28.2	29.2	30.6	30.8	31.1	31.5	30.6	31.2
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	6.5	8.3	7.6	7.3	9.6	12.2	12.9	13.0	12.3	10.0
More than 1 year	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.9	0.6

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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	6.3	6.3	6.6	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.5	7.2	7.6	6.5
20-24	42.3	43.4	42.2	44.4	46.1	45.8	45.1	42.6	44.6	42.0
25-34	84.8	84.9	85.1	85.9	85.7	85.5	84.0	84.3	83.3	81.1
35-44	94.3	94.3	94.2	94.9	94.5	94.5	94.8	94.3	93.5	92.3
45-54	91.7	92.2	92.3	92.8	92.5	92.7	93.1	92.5	91.8	90.8
55-59	83.8	84.7	85.5	87.4	86.7	86.8	87.6	87.7	86.6	86.6
60-64	72.3	72.4	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.7	76.1	75.0	74.3	73.9
15-24	21.0	21.9	22.2	24.4	25.7	25.8	26.1	24.4	26.0	24.6
25-54	90.5	90.7	90.8	91.4	91.1	91.2	91.0	90.7	89.8	88.3
55-64	78.9	79.6	80.4	82.1	81.8	81.7	82.7	82.1	81.1	80.6
65 and over	40.9	41.7	42.4	42.9	42.0	42.0	41.5	42.3	43.7	44.9
15-64	77.5	77.7	77.8	78.9	78.9	78.9	79.3	79.1	78.8	77.9
Females										
15-19	9.0	9.1	8.7	9.4	9.9	9.7	10.1	9.2	9.0	8.0
20-24	52.3	53.5	52.2	54.5	56.3	56.6	55.3	54.1	52.1	49.3
25-34	62.9	63.3	64.3	65.8	66.6	68.0	69.0	70.9	71.8	70.7
35-44	60.8	60.2	60.0	60.5	60.6	61.5	61.7	62.4	62.9	62.0
45-54	64.5	65.1	66.0	67.9	68.9	68.6	69.4	69.3	69.2	67.5
55-59	54.1	54.9	56.1	57.9	58.7	59.0	60.9	61.8	62.9	62.4
60-64	42.3	44.1	45.1	46.4	48.3	49.0	49.3	48.3	50.2	51.5
15-24	29.8	30.7	30.3	32.3	33.8	34.3	34.3	33.7	32.9	31.4
25-54	62.7	62.8	63.4	64.8	65.4	65.9	66.6	67.4	67.8	66.6
55-64	49.0	50.3	51.5	53.2	54.3	54.8	55.9	55.8	57.0	57.2
65 and over	22.0	23.0	23.2	23.8	23.2	23.5	24.1	24.7	26.7	28.0
15-64	54.9	55.2	55.6	57.1	57.8	58.3	59.0	59.4	60.0	59.1
All persons										
15-24	25.5	26.5	26.4	28.4	29.9	30.2	30.3	29.3	29.6	28.2
25-54	76.8	77.0	77.3	78.3	78.5	78.8	79.1	79.3	79.1	77.8
55-64	63.7	64.7	65.8	67.4	67.9	68.1	69.1	68.8	68.9	68.8
65 and over	29.7	30.7	31.2	31.8	31.1	31.3	31.5	32.2	34.0	35.3
15-64	66.2	66.5	66.8	68.0	68.4	68.7	69.2	69.3	69.5	68.6
Unemployment rates										
Males										
15-19	12.1	9.5	11.3	10.2	10.4	10.9	9.8	10.4	10.9	10.8
20-24	11.9	9.8	9.5	11.4	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.2	11.2	11.1
25-34	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	7.0	7.5	7.2	6.6	6.4
35-44	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.7
45-54	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.5
55-59	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.3
60-64	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.1
15-24	12.0	9.7	9.8	11.2	11.3	11.0	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1
25-54	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.6
55-64	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.6
65 and over	2.4	2.3	1.6	2.3	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.4
15-64	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Total	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9
Females										
15-19	9.8	8.4	9.5	8.4	10.7	9.2	7.7	8.4	6.6	7.1
20-24	7.8	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.8	10.7	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.5
25-34	4.5	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.7
35-44	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.2
45-54	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.6
55-59	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.8
60-64	2.0	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.7
15-24	8.1	8.5	9.0	9.2	10.0	10.5	9.7	10.2	9.9	10.1
25-54	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.7
55-64	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.7
65 and over	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.5	3.9
15-64	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.0
Total	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	4.0
All persons										
15-24	9.7	9.0	9.3	10.0	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.5
25-54	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7
55-64	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.3
65 and over	2.2	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.6
15-64	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.0

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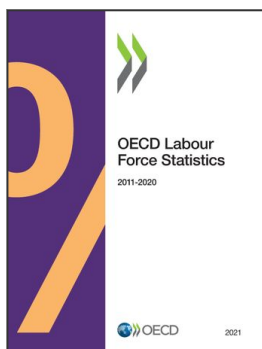
Table 3. Employment and employees: breakdown by activity - ISIC Rev. 4

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
EMPLOYMENT											
By activity, thousands											
A-U	All activities	24 244.2	24 680.7	25 299.3	25 897.2	26 177.8	26 409.2	26 724.8	26 822.2	27 122.8	26 904.3
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1 562.7	1 530.5	1 513.2	1 446.0	1 337.6	1 272.6	1 278.7	1 340.3	1 394.8	1 445.0
B-F	Industry	6 095.7	6 134.3	6 269.5	6 474.4	6 656.0	6 661.0	6 763.9	6 759.8	6 666.4	6 631.0
B	Mining and quarrying	17.1	14.9	15.6	12.8	13.6	19.1	22.6	18.9	14.6	13.0
C	Manufacturing	4 156.2	4 170.6	4 306.8	4 458.5	4 604.4	4 583.8	4 566.3	4 509.9	4 429.1	4 375.8
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	77.4	77.5	74.3	69.5	78.6	75.9	72.2	70.1	68.0	73.7
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	72.6	74.3	93.1	104.8	105.6	113.2	115.1	126.7	135.1	152.6
F	Construction	1 772.4	1 797.0	1 779.8	1 828.8	1 853.8	1 869.0	1 987.8	2 034.3	2 019.7	2 015.9
G-U	Services	16 585.8	17 015.9	17 516.7	17 976.8	18 184.2	18 475.6	18 682.3	18 722.1	19 061.6	18 828.3
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	3 679.8	3 729.0	3 694.0	3 834.0	3 816.3	3 753.6	3 794.8	3 722.8	3 662.7	3 502.9
H	Transportation and storage	1 346.2	1 393.6	1 428.3	1 429.1	1 428.6	1 426.3	1 404.7	1 406.5	1 431.4	1 482.3
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 874.0	1 926.7	1 984.4	2 118.3	2 195.2	2 290.8	2 287.9	2 242.5	2 303.5	2 144.3
J	Information and communication	706.2	706.6	696.8	718.3	773.5	783.6	782.8	837.3	860.4	846.7
K	Financial and insurance activities	859.0	855.5	877.8	851.8	798.6	802.9	793.7	839.8	800.1	778.3
L	Real estate activities	488.1	488.5	436.8	454.3	461.8	483.1	540.0	527.9	555.8	516.8
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	964.8	1 035.6	1 028.6	1 033.9	1 054.8	1 101.2	1 092.1	1 096.4	1 156.8	1 164.2
N	Administrative and support service activities	1 092.0	1 122.0	1 227.5	1 243.6	1 330.7	1 390.7	1 374.1	1 310.9	1 311.6	1 346.9
O	Public administration, defence, social security	962.5	964.2	976.3	970.4	948.4	1 003.6	1 058.4	1 109.8	1 076.4	1 112.0
P	Education	1 700.2	1 761.3	1 766.0	1 829.8	1 835.7	1 862.5	1 907.2	1 847.1	1 883.3	1 797.5
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 328.2	1 415.3	1 565.4	1 708.6	1 781.1	1 860.9	1 921.4	2 046.4	2 205.9	2 336.3
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	421.1	413.1	394.4	397.9	427.6	407.0	428.4	444.5	494.9	496.2
S	Other service activities	1 277.7	1 301.6	1 260.7	1 257.1	1 231.9	1 224.4	1 221.8	1 235.9	1 232.8	1 189.3
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	155.3	167.7	172.8	116.4	82.3	69.9	64.4	47.8	74.9	98.4
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	13.1	9.5	7.5	14.5	18.8	16.3	11.6	7.0	11.9	17.0
EMPLOYEES											
By activity, thousands											
A-U	All activities	17 596.1	17 920.7	18 365.0	18 959.0	19 402.0	19 669.0	19 934.0	20 084.0	20 440.0	20 332.0
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	175.7	154.5	147.0	141.0	136.0	133.0	130.0	131.0	127.0	126.0
B-F	Industry	5 091.8	5 112.5	5 293.0	5 492.0	5 685.0	5 690.0	5 780.0	5 821.0	5 781.0	5 808.0
B	Mining and quarrying	15.7	13.2	14.0	13.0	13.0	19.0	23.0	19.0	14.0	13.0
C	Manufacturing	3 567.3	3 607.5	3 763.0	3 927.0	4 087.0	4 051.0	4 034.0	4 011.0	3 967.0	3 942.0
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	76.7	76.7	74.0	68.0	77.0	75.0	71.0	69.0	67.0	72.0
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	67.2	68.2	86.0	95.0	98.0	106.0	108.0	118.0	126.0	141.0
F	Construction	1 364.9	1 346.9	1 356.0	1 389.0	1 410.0	1 439.0	1 544.0	1 604.0	1 607.0	1 640.0
G-U	Services	12 328.6	12 653.7	12 925.0	13 326.0	13 581.0	13 846.0	14 024.0	14 132.0	14 532.0	14 398.0
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	2 125.6	2 153.7	2 157.0	2 298.0	2 278.0	2 222.0	2 301.0	2 284.0	2 271.0	2 189.0
H	Transportation and storage	721.3	745.5	757.0	780.0	784.0	786.0	784.0	803.0	823.0	837.0
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 106.6	1 120.8	1 197.0	1 290.0	1 385.0	1 442.0	1 406.0	1 361.0	1 425.0	1 287.0
J	Information and communication	638.3	648.6	643.0	651.0	704.0	705.0	708.0	760.0	789.0	772.0
K	Financial and insurance activities	825.6	823.2	847.0	820.0	768.0	769.0	754.0	800.0	766.0	758.0
L	Real estate activities	312.9	322.4	301.0	322.0	316.0	321.0	359.0	349.0	388.0	364.0
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	841.5	894.3	894.0	884.0	902.0	955.0	936.0	923.0	986.0	991.0
N	Administrative and support service activities	1 046.3	1 074.7	1 155.0	1 154.0	1 235.0	1 289.0	1 277.0	1 210.0	1 218.0	1 252.0
O	Public administration, defence, social security	962.5	964.2	976.0	970.0	948.0	1 004.0	1 058.0	1 110.0	1 076.0	1 112.0
P	Education	1 370.3	1 412.5	1 393.0	1 444.0	1 471.0	1 510.0	1 553.0	1 495.0	1 535.0	1 482.0
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 247.8	1 337.2	1 471.0	1 609.0	1 680.0	1 775.0	1 834.0	1 951.0	2 117.0	2 247.0
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	248.1	249.5	248.0	238.0	281.0	271.0	276.0	289.0	322.0	324.0
S	Other service activities	717.2	734.7	714.0	751.0	743.0	725.0	714.0	749.0	735.0	673.0
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	151.6	163.1	166.0	100.0	69.0	59.0	54.0	40.0	70.0	94.0
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	13.1	9.5	8.0	14.0	19.0	16.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	17.0

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