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## Table 1. Labour force

Annual average estimates

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Labour force, thousands</b>										
All persons	24 956	25 389	25 781	26 108	26 836	27 153	27 418	27 748	27 895	28 186
Males	14 622	14 869	15 077	15 245	15 607	15 728	15 836	15 975	16 002	16 089
Females	10 335	10 520	10 704	10 862	11 229	11 426	11 583	11 772	11 893	12 097
<b>Unemployed, thousands</b>										
All persons	924	863	826	808	938	976	1 009	1 023	1 073	1 063
Males	580	536	509	500	550	572	594	607	630	627
Females	343	327	317	308	389	404	415	416	443	437
<b>Employment, thousands</b>										
All persons	24 033	24 526	24 955	25 299	25 897	26 178	26 409	26 725	26 822	27 123
Males	14 041	14 333	14 568	14 745	15 057	15 156	15 241	15 368	15 372	15 463
Females	9 992	10 193	10 387	10 554	10 840	11 022	11 168	11 356	11 450	11 660
<b>Employment (%)</b>										
Males	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.3	58.1	57.9	57.7	57.5	57.3	57.0
Females	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.1	42.3	42.5	42.7	43.0
<b>Unemployment rate (% of labour force)</b>										
All persons	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8
Males	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
Females	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6
<b>EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands</b>										
<b>All activities</b>	<b>24 033</b>	<b>24 526</b>	<b>24 955</b>	<b>25 299</b>	<b>25 897</b>	<b>26 178</b>	<b>26 409</b>	<b>26 725</b>	<b>26 822</b>	<b>27 123</b>
Employees	17 111	17 596	17 921	18 365	18 959	19 402	19 669	19 934	20 084	20 440
Employers and persons working on own account	5 642 e	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	1 280	1 273	1 266	1 232	1 219	1 153	1 126	1 110	1 101	1 077
<b>Employees as % of employment</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>75.4</b>
<b>Part-time employment (%)</b>										
Part-time as % of employment	10.6	13.5	10.1	11.0	10.3	10.5	10.8	11.4	12.2	14.0
Male share of part time employment	39.7	43.5	38.9	39.5	37.7	37.4	36.3	37.3	36.8	36.5
Female share of part time employment	60.3	56.5	61.1	60.5	62.3	62.6	63.7	62.7	63.2	63.5
Male part-time as % of male employment	7.2	10.0	6.7	7.4	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.8	8.9
Female part-time as % of female employment	15.5	18.4	15.0	16.1	15.5	15.8	16.4	16.9	18.2	20.8
<b>Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)</b>										
Less than one month	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	67.2	67.4	63.9	63.8	63.3	59.4	56.1	54.6	54.1	56.1
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	25.9	25.7	27.5	28.2	29.2	30.6	30.8	31.1	31.5	30.6
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	6.6	6.5	8.3	7.6	7.3	9.6	12.2	12.9	13.0	12.3
More than 1 year	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.9

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

Annual average estimates, percentage

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Participation rates</b>										
<b>Males</b>										
15-19	5.5	6.3	6.3	6.6	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.5	7.2	7.6
20-24	42.8	42.3	43.4	42.2	44.4	46.1	45.8	45.1	42.6	44.6
25-34	84.2	84.8	84.9	85.1	85.9	85.7	85.5	84.0	84.3	83.3
35-44	94.1	94.3	94.3	94.2	94.9	94.5	94.5	94.8	94.3	93.5
45-54	91.8	91.7	92.2	92.3	92.8	92.5	92.7	93.1	92.5	91.8
55-59	83.4	83.8	84.7	85.5	87.4	86.7	86.8	87.6	87.7	86.6
60-64	70.2	72.3	72.4	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.7	76.1	75.0	74.3
15-24	20.0	21.0	21.9	22.2	24.4	25.7	25.8	26.1	24.4	26.0
25-54	90.2	90.5	90.7	90.8	91.4	91.1	91.2	91.0	90.7	89.8
55-64	77.6	78.9	79.6	80.4	82.1	81.8	81.7	82.7	82.1	81.1
65 and over	40.9	40.9	41.7	42.4	42.9	42.0	42.0	41.5	42.3	43.7
15-64	77.2	77.5	77.7	77.8	78.9	78.9	78.9	79.3	79.1	78.8
<b>Females</b>										
15-19	8.5	9.0	9.1	8.7	9.4	9.9	9.7	10.1	9.2	9.0
20-24	53.5	52.3	53.5	52.2	54.5	56.3	56.6	55.3	54.1	52.1
25-34	62.2	62.9	63.3	64.3	65.8	66.6	68.0	69.0	70.9	71.8
35-44	60.9	60.8	60.2	60.0	60.5	60.6	61.5	61.7	62.4	62.9
45-54	63.5	64.5	65.1	66.0	67.9	68.9	68.6	69.4	69.3	69.2
55-59	53.4	54.1	54.9	56.1	57.9	58.7	59.0	60.9	61.8	62.9
60-64	41.5	42.3	44.1	45.1	46.4	48.3	49.0	49.3	48.3	50.2
15-24	30.1	29.8	30.7	30.3	32.3	33.8	34.3	34.3	33.7	32.9
25-54	62.2	62.7	62.8	63.4	64.8	65.4	65.9	66.6	67.4	67.8
55-64	48.1	49.0	50.3	51.5	53.2	54.3	54.8	55.9	55.8	57.0
65 and over	21.9	22.0	23.0	23.2	23.8	23.2	23.5	24.1	24.7	26.7
15-64	54.5	54.9	55.2	55.6	57.1	57.8	58.3	59.0	59.4	60.0
<b>All persons</b>										
15-24	25.2	25.5	26.5	26.4	28.4	29.9	30.2	30.3	29.3	29.6
25-54	76.4	76.8	77.0	77.3	78.3	78.5	78.8	79.1	79.3	79.1
55-64	62.7	63.7	64.7	65.8	67.4	67.9	68.1	69.1	68.8	68.9
65 and over	29.7	29.7	30.7	31.2	31.8	31.1	31.3	31.5	32.2	34.0
15-64	65.9	66.2	66.5	66.8	68.0	68.4	68.7	69.2	69.3	69.5
<b>Unemployment rates</b>										
<b>Males</b>										
15-19	15.0	12.1	9.5	11.3	10.2	10.4	10.9	9.8	10.4	10.9
20-24	10.3	11.9	9.8	9.5	11.4	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.2	11.2
25-34	6.5	5.6	5.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	7.0	7.5	7.2	6.6
35-44	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.4
45-54	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.5
55-59	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.3	2.8	3.0
60-64	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.7
15-24	11.1	12.0	9.7	9.8	11.2	11.3	11.0	11.2	11.1	11.1
25-54	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.6
55-64	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.7
65 and over	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.6	2.3	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.1	3.0
15-64	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0
Total	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
<b>Females</b>										
15-19	9.6	9.8	8.4	9.5	8.4	10.7	9.2	7.7	8.4	6.6
20-24	8.8	7.8	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.8	10.7	10.0	10.4	10.4
25-34	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.4
35-44	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6
45-54	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2
55-59	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.0
60-64	2.6	2.0	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.2
15-24	8.9	8.1	8.5	9.0	9.2	10.0	10.5	9.7	10.2	9.9
25-54	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.3
55-64	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.1
65 and over	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.5
15-64	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6
Total	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6
<b>All persons</b>										
15-24	9.7	9.7	9.0	9.3	10.0	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.5	10.4
25-54	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
55-64	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.9	3.0
65 and over	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.9	3.2
15-64	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8

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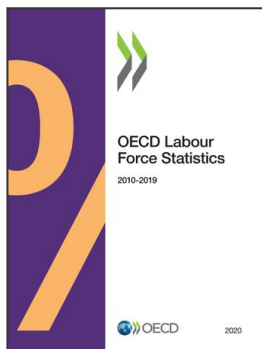
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## Table 3. Employment and employees: breakdown by activity - ISIC Rev. 4

Annual average estimates

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>											
<b>By activity, thousands</b>											
<b>A-U</b>	<b>All activities</b>	<b>24 032.8</b>	<b>24 526.5</b>	<b>24 954.8</b>	<b>25 299.0</b>	<b>25 897.0</b>	<b>26 178.0</b>	<b>26 409.0</b>	<b>26 725.0</b>	<b>26 822.0</b>	<b>27 123.0</b>
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1 586.3	1 562.7	1 530.5	1 513.0	1 446.0	1 337.0	1 273.0	1 279.0	1 340.0	1 395.0
<b>B-F</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>6 013.2</b>	<b>6 095.7</b>	<b>6 134.3</b>	<b>6 270.0</b>	<b>6 475.0</b>	<b>6 657.0</b>	<b>6 661.0</b>	<b>6 764.0</b>	<b>6 760.0</b>	<b>6 667.0</b>
B	Mining and quarrying	21.3	17.1	14.9	16.0	13.0	14.0	19.0	23.0	19.0	15.0
C	Manufacturing	4 078.2	4 156.2	4 170.6	4 307.0	4 459.0	4 604.0	4 584.0	4 566.0	4 510.0	4 429.0
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	79.2	77.4	77.5	74.0	69.0	79.0	76.0	72.0	70.0	68.0
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	66.1	72.6	74.3	93.0	105.0	106.0	113.0	115.0	127.0	135.0
F	Construction	1 768.4	1 772.4	1 797.0	1 780.0	1 829.0	1 854.0	1 869.0	1 988.0	2 034.0	2 020.0
<b>G-U</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>16 433.3</b>	<b>16 868.1</b>	<b>17 290.0</b>	<b>17 516.0</b>	<b>17 976.0</b>	<b>18 184.0</b>	<b>18 475.0</b>	<b>18 682.0</b>	<b>18 722.0</b>	<b>19 061.0</b>
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	3 607.8	3 679.8	3 729.0	3 694.0	3 834.0	3 816.0	3 754.0	3 795.0	3 723.0	3 663.0
H	Transportation and storage	1 288.4	1 346.2	1 393.6	1 428.0	1 429.0	1 429.0	1 426.0	1 405.0	1 407.0	1 431.0
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 903.0	1 874.0	1 926.7	1 985.0	2 118.0	2 195.0	2 291.0	2 288.0	2 243.0	2 303.0
J	Information and communication	670.4	706.2	706.6	697.0	718.0	774.0	784.0	783.0	837.0	861.0
K	Financial and insurance activities	819.8	859.0	855.5	878.0	852.0	799.0	803.0	794.0	840.0	800.0
L	Real estate activities	517.4	488.1	488.5	437.0	454.0	462.0	483.0	540.0	528.0	556.0
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	885.6	964.8	1 035.6	1 029.0	1 034.0	1 055.0	1 101.0	1 092.0	1 096.0	1 157.0
N	Administrative and support service activities	1 025.2	1 092.0	1 122.0	1 228.0	1 243.0	1 331.0	1 391.0	1 374.0	1 311.0	1 312.0
O	Public administration, defence, social security	970.0	962.5	964.2	976.0	970.0	948.0	1 004.0	1 058.0	1 110.0	1 076.0
P	Education	1 809.8	1 700.2	1 761.3	1 766.0	1 830.0	1 835.0	1 862.0	1 907.0	1 847.0	1 883.0
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 162.0	1 328.2	1 415.3	1 566.0	1 709.0	1 781.0	1 861.0	1 921.0	2 046.0	2 206.0
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	381.7	421.1	413.1	394.0	398.0	428.0	407.0	428.0	445.0	495.0
S	Other service activities	1 228.3	1 277.7	1 301.6	1 261.0	1 257.0	1 232.0	1 224.0	1 222.0	1 236.0	1 233.0
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	150.7	155.3	167.7	173.0	116.0	82.0	70.0	64.0	48.0	75.0
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	13.3	13.1	9.5	8.0	14.0	19.0	16.0	12.0	7.0	12.0
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>											
<b>By activity, thousands</b>											
<b>A-U</b>	<b>All activities</b>	<b>17 110.9</b>	<b>17 596.1</b>	<b>17 920.7</b>	<b>18 365.0</b>	<b>18 959.0</b>	<b>19 402.0</b>	<b>19 669.0</b>	<b>19 934.0</b>	<b>20 084.0</b>	<b>20 440.0</b>
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	176.5	175.7	154.5	147.0	141.0	136.0	133.0	130.0	131.0	127.0
<b>B-F</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>5 016.1</b>	<b>5 091.8</b>	<b>5 112.5</b>	<b>5 293.0</b>	<b>5 492.0</b>	<b>5 685.0</b>	<b>5 690.0</b>	<b>5 780.0</b>	<b>5 821.0</b>	<b>5 781.0</b>
B	Mining and quarrying	19.3	15.7	13.2	14.0	13.0	13.0	19.0	23.0	19.0	14.0
C	Manufacturing	3 485.2	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
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	78.2	76.7	76.7	74.0	68.0	77.0	75.0	71.0	69.0	67.0
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	59.4	67.2	68.2	86.0	95.0	98.0	106.0	108.0	118.0	126.0
F	Construction	1 374.0	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
<b>G-U</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>11 918.3</b>	<b>12 328.6</b>	<b>12 653.7</b>	<b>12 925.0</b>	<b>13 326.0</b>	<b>13 581.0</b>	<b>13 846.0</b>	<b>14 024.0</b>	<b>14 132.0</b>	<b>14 532.0</b>
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	2 030.8	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
H	Transportation and storage	703.9	721.3	745.5	757.0	780.0	784.0	786.0	784.0	803.0	823.0
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 142.7	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
J	Information and communication	609.7	638.3	648.6	643.0	651.0	704.0	705.0	708.0	760.0	789.0
K	Financial and insurance activities	790.0	825.6	823.2	847.0	820.0	768.0	769.0	754.0	800.0	766.0
L	Real estate activities	337.5	312.9	322.4	301.0	322.0	316.0	321.0	359.0	349.0	388.0
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	753.9	841.5	894.3	894.0	884.0	902.0	955.0	936.0	923.0	986.0
N	Administrative and support service activities	972.7	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
O	Public administration, defence, social security	970.0	962.5	964.2	976.0	970.0	948.0	1 004.0	1 058.0	1 110.0	1 076.0
P	Education	1 447.5	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
Q	Human health and social work activities	1 084.9	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
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	235.2	248.1	249.5	248.0	238.0	281.0	271.0	276.0	289.0	322.0
S	Other service activities	678.6	717.2	734.7	714.0	751.0	743.0	725.0	714.0	749.0	735.0
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	147.5	151.6	163.1	166.0	100.0	69.0	59.0	54.0	40.0	70.0
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	13.3	13.1	9.5	8.0	14.0	19.0	16.0	12.0	7.0	12.0

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