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**Table 4. Population, employment (national concept), employment by industry (domestic concept)**  
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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017		2018			
					Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
<b>1 Total population</b>	<b>4 945</b>	<b>5 001</b>	<b>5 055</b>	<b>5 109</b>	<b>4 951</b>	<b>4 966</b>	<b>4 981</b>	<b>4 994</b>	<b>5 007</b>	<b>5 022</b>
2 Economically active population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 Unemployed persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>4 Total employment</b>	<b>2 011</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>2 132</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>2 030</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>1 970</b>	<b>2 126</b>	<b>2 095</b>	<b>2 130</b>
5 Employees	1 553	1 585	1 596	1 411	1 561	1 523	1 519	1 601	1 605	1 616
6 Self-employed	458	495	537	489	469	438	451	525	491	514
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
7 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	241	250	249	238	239	250	250	243	251	256
8 Industry, including energy	234	256	249	225	228	241	243	262	256	262
9 Manufacturing	202	226	222	197	193	214	212	233	226	235
10 Construction	133	146	148	126	136	138	128	173	142	139
11 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	602	611	595	513	604	567	593	630	616	606
12 Information and communication	38	36	43	36	42	33	36	34	35	37
13 Financial and insurance activities	41	50	47	42	42	39	46	59	48	46
14 Real estate activities	13	15	20	16	12	11	12	11	17	19
15 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	176	180	189	178	186	174	171	181	167	203
16 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	307	281	322	312	314	293	278	274	285	289
17 Other service activities	226	256	270	213	227	216	213	260	280	272
<b>18 Total employment</b>	<b>2 011</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>2 132</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>2 030</b>	<b>1 960</b>	<b>1 970</b>	<b>2 126</b>	<b>2 095</b>	<b>2 130</b>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
19 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	165	182	179	169	158	172	184	177	178	187
20 Industry, including energy	188	201	196	175	183	195	192	203	201	209
21 Manufacturing	156	174	169	148	149	169	163	177	173	182
22 Construction	95	94	92	76	100	98	89	103	93	92
23 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	433	429	402	334	427	414	430	437	439	412
24 Information and communication	34	32	38	32	36	30	35	30	32	30
25 Financial and insurance activities	40	49	46	42	41	39	46	57	46	45
26 Real estate activities	9	13	15	11	9	8	11	10	16	15
27 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	132	131	126	132	138	132	123	129	120	152
28 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	291	265	302	295	299	282	260	256	267	275
29 Other service activities	166	190	200	144	170	153	150	198	213	200
<b>30 Total employees</b>	<b>1 553</b>	<b>1 585</b>	<b>1 596</b>	<b>1 411</b>	<b>1 561</b>	<b>1 523</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>1 601</b>	<b>1 605</b>	<b>1 616</b>
<b>TOTAL SELF-EMPLOYED, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
31 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	77	68	70	69	81	78	66	66	72	69
32 Industry, including energy	47	55	54	50	45	46	51	59	55	53
33 Manufacturing	46	53	53	49	44	45	49	56	53	53
34 Construction	38	51	57	50	36	40	40	70	49	47
35 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	169	182	193	179	177	153	164	193	176	194
36 Information and communication	4	4	5	5	6	3	2	3	3	8
37 Financial and insurance activities	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
38 Real estate activities	4	2	6	5	3	3	2	1	1	4
39 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	44	50	62	46	48	42	48	52	47	52
40 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	15	17	20	17	15	12	18	18	18	14
41 Other service activities	59	66	70	69	57	62	62	62	67	72
<b>42 Total self-employed</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
43 Industry, including energy	2 193	2 319	2 193	1 846	512	583	564	569	586	599
44 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	5 603	5 485	5 192	3 981	1 387	1 369	1 372	1 378	1 367	1 367
45 Financial and insurance activities	375	445	425	364	97	88	105	127	107	105
46 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	1 626	1 562	1 615	1 458	434	411	377	378	357	450
47 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	2 368	2 183	2 543	2 424	601	604	517	550	561	555
<b>48 Total employment</b>	<b>17 575</b>	<b>17 707</b>	<b>17 648</b>	<b>14 661</b>	<b>4 371</b>	<b>4 447</b>	<b>4 288</b>	<b>4 442</b>	<b>4 431</b>	<b>4 546</b>
<b>EMPLOYEES, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
49 Industry, including energy	1 822	1 927	1 841	1 542	429	493	468	471	487	501
50 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	4 102	3 994	3 638	2 725	1 010	1 024	1 030	989	1 006	968
51 Financial and insurance activities	366	436	414	360	97	88	105	125	104	102
52 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	1 290	1 211	1 184	1 176	340	334	295	290	271	355
53 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	2 280	2 080	2 420	2 334	578	588	489	525	533	534
<b>54 Total employees</b>	<b>13 925</b>	<b>13 993</b>	<b>13 757</b>	<b>11 555</b>	<b>3 467</b>	<b>3 566</b>	<b>3 419</b>	<b>3 482</b>	<b>3 515</b>	<b>3 578</b>
<b>SELF-EMPLOYED, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
55 Industry, including energy	371	392	352	303	83	90	96	98	100	98
56 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	1 501	1 491	1 554	1 256	376	345	342	389	362	399
57 Financial and insurance activities	9	8	11	4	0	0	0	2	3	3
58 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	336	350	432	281	93	77	82	88	85	95
59 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	89	103	122	90	23	17	29	25	28	22
<b>60 Total self-employed</b>	<b>3 650</b>	<b>3 714</b>	<b>3 891</b>	<b>3 106</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>969</b>

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	2019				2020				2021	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
1 Total population	5 035	5 048	5 063	5 075	5 088	5 102	5 115	5 128	5 142	5 155
2 Economically active population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 Unemployed persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 Total employment	2 125	2 141	2 122	2 141	2 158	1 715	1 805	1 921	1 958	1 934
5 Employees	1 623	1 593	1 570	1 596	1 616	1 312	1 296	1 418	1 437	1 440
6 Self-employed	502	548	552	544	542	403	509	503	522	494
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
7 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	267	248	230	251	261	225	225	240	258	212
8 Industry, including energy	260	246	237	254	252	228	199	221	227	221
9 Manufacturing	233	222	210	223	223	199	173	193	200	193
10 Construction	138	165	157	134	144	103	123	135	134	134
11 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	603	595	594	587	592	444	483	532	557	570
12 Information and communication	41	46	39	46	36	34	40	35	36	46
13 Financial and insurance activities	52	46	50	41	48	39	41	41	36	61
14 Real estate activities	17	21	21	21	23	11	17	13	12	19
15 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	189	182	201	182	194	161	185	172	172	167
16 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	288	318	341	342	334	302	300	314	284	274
17 Other service activities	271	273	251	284	275	167	192	218	243	229
18 Total employment	2 125	2 141	2 122	2 141	2 158	1 715	1 805	1 921	1 958	1 934
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
19 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	199	176	164	178	190	165	151	172	192	149
20 Industry, including energy	210	194	178	200	192	188	148	173	177	171
21 Manufacturing	184	171	153	170	164	160	124	145	151	144
22 Construction	81	99	103	84	92	58	69	84	79	87
23 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	423	401	394	391	403	292	296	346	358	388
24 Information and communication	35	42	33	43	31	30	35	31	31	40
25 Financial and insurance activities	48	45	50	39	48	38	40	40	36	61
26 Real estate activities	13	14	16	16	17	8	12	8	10	17
27 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	134	126	125	120	141	125	141	122	119	112
28 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	273	300	318	318	308	290	284	300	275	262
29 Other service activities	208	197	189	207	195	120	120	143	161	155
30 Total employees	1 623	1 593	1 570	1 596	1 616	1 312	1 296	1 418	1 437	1 440
<b>TOTAL SELF-EMPLOYED, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>										
31 Agriculture, forestry and fishing	68	72	66	72	72	60	74	69	67	63
32 Industry, including energy	49	52	59	54	60	41	51	49	50	51
33 Manufacturing	49	52	58	53	59	40	49	48	50	49
34 Construction	57	66	54	50	51	46	54	51	54	47
35 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	180	194	200	196	189	152	187	186	199	182
36 Information and communication	6	5	6	3	5	4	5	4	6	6
37 Financial and insurance activities	3	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
38 Real estate activities	5	7	5	5	6	3	5	5	2	3
39 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	55	56	76	62	52	37	44	50	53	55
40 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	16	19	24	24	26	13	16	14	9	12
41 Other service activities	63	76	62	78	80	48	72	76	83	75
42 Total self-employed	502	548	552	544	542	403	509	503	522	494
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
43 Industry, including energy	555	544	528	566	536	437	401	472	497	479
44 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	1 302	1 268	1 295	1 328	1 253	750	886	1 092	1 186	1 191
45 Financial and insurance activities	112	102	113	98	102	80	89	92	84	131
46 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	399	380	425	411	429	308	356	364	370	354
47 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	506	638	670	728	605	569	598	652	530	527
48 Total employment	4 304	4 362	4 387	4 595	4 331	3 077	3 384	3 869	3 995	3 935
<b>EMPLOYEES, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
49 Industry, including energy	469	461	427	484	433	387	328	395	415	404
50 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	940	887	897	914	883	535	571	736	779	842
51 Financial and insurance activities	107	100	112	94	102	79	87	92	84	130
52 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	304	290	295	294	332	257	302	286	288	268
53 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	482	615	629	694	567	553	579	634	512	507
54 Total employees	3 385	3 398	3 386	3 588	3 381	2 531	2 624	3 018	3 053	3 083
<b>SELF-EMPLOYED, MILLION HOURS WORKED</b>										
55 Industry, including energy	86	83	101	83	103	50	73	77	82	75
56 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.	362	381	398	414	370	215	314	357	407	350
57 Financial and insurance activities	5	2	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	0
58 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ.	95	90	130	116	98	51	55	78	81	85
59 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health	24	23	41	34	39	16	18	18	17	20
60 Total self-employed	919	964	1 001	1 007	950	546	760	850	942	851

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