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**Table 4. Population, employment (national concept), employment by industry (domestic concept)**  
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|  | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2016         |              | 2017         |              |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  |              |              |              |              | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           |
| <b>POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS, S.A.</b>           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>1 Total population</b>  | <b>4 749</b> | <b>4 802</b> | <b>4 861</b> | <b>4 927</b> | <b>4 758</b> | <b>4 771</b> | <b>4 784</b> | <b>4 793</b> | <b>4 807</b> | <b>4 826</b> |
| 2 Economically active population                                   | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| 3 Unemployed persons   | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>4 Total employment</b>  | <b>2 085</b> | <b>2 148</b> | <b>2 216</b> | <b>2 279</b> | <b>2 103</b> | <b>2 106</b> | <b>2 118</b> | <b>2 137</b> | <b>2 155</b> | <b>2 180</b> |
| 5 Employees  | 1 742        | 1 811        | 1 877        | 1 945        | 1 756        | 1 768        | 1 793        | 1 802        | 1 814        | 1 833        |
| 6 Self-employed  | 344          | 337          | 339          | 335          | 347          | 338          | 326          | 335          | 341          | 347          |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS, S.A.</b>                    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 7 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                                | 114          | 111          | 108          | 103          | 116          | 112          | 110          | 110          | 111          | 113          |
| 8 Industry, including energy                                       | 243          | 249          | 245          | 252          | 247          | 245          | 249          | 248          | 250          | 249          |
| 9 Manufacturing  | 223          | 226          | 223          | 227          | 227          | 225          | 226          | 226          | 226          | 225          |
| 10 Construction  | 127          | 138          | 153          | 157          | 128          | 131          | 135          | 136          | 137          | 144          |
| 11 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 594          | 611          | 629          | 640          | 600          | 596          | 604          | 605          | 614          | 621          |
| 12 Information and communication                                   | 80           | 85           | 87           | 91           | 80           | 83           | 85           | 86           | 85           | 86           |
| 13 Financial and insurance activities                              | 87           | 86           | 86           | 93           | 87           | 87           | 86           | 86           | 87           | 86           |
| 14 Real estate activities  | 15           | 15           | 14           | 13           | 15           | 16           | 15           | 14           | 15           | 15           |
| 15 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 221          | 229          | 245          | 253          | 223          | 227          | 227          | 228          | 228          | 235          |
| 16 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 511          | 532          | 555          | 583          | 510          | 517          | 522          | 529          | 535          | 540          |
| 17 Other service activities  | 91           | 89           | 90           | 91           | 90           | 91           | 89           | 88           | 89           | 90           |
| <b>18 Total employment</b>   | <b>2 081</b> | <b>2 144</b> | <b>2 212</b> | <b>2 276</b> | <b>2 095</b> | <b>2 105</b> | <b>2 120</b> | <b>2 130</b> | <b>2 151</b> | <b>2 178</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES, THOUSAND PERSONS S.A.</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 19 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 26           | 27           | 27           | 27           | 27           | 26           | 27           | 28           | 27           | 27           |
| 20 Industry, including energy                                      | 220          | 227          | 226          | 233          | 223          | 221          | 226          | 227          | 229          | 228          |
| 21 Manufacturing   | 201          | 206          | 205          | 210          | 204          | 202          | 204          | 206          | 207          | 206          |
| 22 Construction  | 87           | 94           | 106          | 111          | 88           | 91           | 96           | 93           | 91           | 97           |
| 23 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 524          | 547          | 562          | 572          | 532          | 531          | 541          | 543          | 547          | 555          |
| 24 Information and communication                                   | 66           | 70           | 73           | 77           | 66           | 68           | 70           | 70           | 71           | 71           |
| 25 Financial and insurance activities                              | 83           | 82           | 81           | 87           | 82           | 84           | 82           | 81           | 82           | 81           |
| 26 Real estate activities  | 11           | 11           | 11           | 10           | 11           | 12           | 12           | 11           | 12           | 11           |
| 27 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 175          | 183          | 198          | 205          | 175          | 180          | 182          | 183          | 184          | 183          |
| 28 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 487          | 506          | 529          | 559          | 486          | 493          | 499          | 503          | 508          | 514          |
| 29 Other service activities  | 59           | 60           | 63           | 60           | 59           | 60           | 59           | 60           | 61           | 63           |
| <b>30 Total employees</b>  | <b>1 738</b> | <b>1 807</b> | <b>1 873</b> | <b>1 941</b> | <b>1 748</b> | <b>1 766</b> | <b>1 793</b> | <b>1 796</b> | <b>1 811</b> | <b>1 830</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SELF-EMPLOYED, THOUSAND PERSONS, S.A.</b>                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 31 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 88           | 84           | 81           | 76           | 89           | 86           | 82           | 83           | 84           | 86           |
| 32 Industry, including energy                                      | 24           | 22           | 19           | 19           | 24           | 24           | 23           | 22           | 21           | 21           |
| 33 Manufacturing   | 22           | 20           | 18           | 17           | 23           | 23           | 22           | 21           | 19           | 18           |
| 34 Construction  | 40           | 44           | 48           | 46           | 40           | 40           | 39           | 43           | 46           | 47           |
| 35 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 69           | 64           | 68           | 69           | 68           | 65           | 62           | 62           | 67           | 66           |
| 36 Information and communication                                   | 13           | 15           | 14           | 14           | 14           | 15           | 15           | 17           | 14           | 15           |
| 37 Financial and insurance activities                              | 4            | 5            | 5            | 5            | 4            | 4            | 4            | 5            | 5            | 5            |
| 38 Real estate activities  | 4            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 4            | 4            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 4            |
| 39 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 46           | 47           | 47           | 48           | 48           | 48           | 45           | 46           | 45           | 52           |
| 40 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 24           | 26           | 26           | 24           | 24           | 24           | 24           | 26           | 27           | 26           |
| 41 Other service activities  | 31           | 29           | 27           | 31           | 31           | 31           | 30           | 29           | 29           | 28           |
| <b>42 Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>344</b>   | <b>337</b>   | <b>339</b>   | <b>335</b>   | <b>346</b>   | <b>339</b>   | <b>327</b>   | <b>334</b>   | <b>340</b>   | <b>348</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 43 Industry, including energy                                      | 487          | 497          | 496          | 504          | 125          | 122          | 124          | 124          | 125          | 125          |
| 44 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 988          | 1 019        | 1 051        | 1 063        | 248          | 248          | 251          | 253          | 255          | 261          |
| 45 Financial and insurance activities                              | 164          | 159          | 160          | 171          | 41           | 41           | 40           | 40           | 40           | 40           |
| 46 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 387          | 406          | 435          | 458          | 99           | 101          | 102          | 102          | 100          | 102          |
| 47 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 801          | 841          | 880          | 919          | 201          | 202          | 206          | 209          | 212          | 214          |
| <b>48 Total employment</b>   | <b>3 669</b> | <b>3 805</b> | <b>3 941</b> | <b>4 031</b> | <b>925</b>   | <b>930</b>   | <b>938</b>   | <b>940</b>   | <b>957</b>   | <b>971</b>   |
| <b>EMPLOYEES, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b>                       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 49 Industry, including energy                                      | 438          | 451          | 453          | 462          | 112          | 110          | 112          | 113          | 113          | 114          |
| 50 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 828          | 868          | 893          | 900          | 209          | 211          | 214          | 216          | 216          | 222          |
| 51 Financial and insurance activities                              | 154          | 150          | 150          | 160          | 38           | 39           | 38           | 37           | 38           | 37           |
| 52 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 291          | 306          | 338          | 357          | 74           | 76           | 77           | 77           | 76           | 77           |
| 53 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 760          | 795          | 836          | 879          | 191          | 192          | 196          | 197          | 200          | 202          |
| <b>54 Total employees</b>  | <b>2 926</b> | <b>3 045</b> | <b>3 176</b> | <b>3 275</b> | <b>738</b>   | <b>745</b>   | <b>757</b>   | <b>756</b>   | <b>761</b>   | <b>773</b>   |
| <b>SELF-EMPLOYED, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 55 Industry, including energy                                      | 49           | 46           | 43           | 42           | 13           | 12           | 12           | 11           | 12           | 12           |
| 56 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 160          | 152          | 158          | 163          | 39           | 38           | 37           | 37           | 39           | 39           |
| 57 Financial and insurance activities                              | 9            | 9            | 11           | 11           | 2            | 2            | 2            | 3            | 2            | 3            |
| 58 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 96           | 100          | 97           | 101          | 25           | 25           | 25           | 25           | 24           | 26           |
| 59 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 41           | 46           | 44           | 40           | 10           | 10           | 10           | 12           | 13           | 12           |
| <b>60 Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>744</b>   | <b>760</b>   | <b>765</b>   | <b>756</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>185</b>   | <b>182</b>   | <b>184</b>   | <b>196</b>   | <b>198</b>   |

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Table 4. Population, employment (national concept), employment by industry (domestic concept) (cont.)  
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|   | 2018  |              |              |              | 2019         |              |              |              | 2020         |              |              |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Q1  | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           |              |
| <b>POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS</b>  |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1   | <b>Total population</b>   | <b>4 830</b> | <b>4 857</b> | <b>4 869</b> | <b>4 886</b> | <b>4 904</b> | <b>4 922</b> | <b>4 933</b> | <b>4 950</b> | <b>4 964</b> | <b>4 977</b> |
| 2   | Economically active population                                  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| 3   | Unemployed persons  | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| 4   | <b>Total employment</b>   | <b>2 178</b> | <b>2 215</b> | <b>2 228</b> | <b>2 242</b> | <b>2 260</b> | <b>2 258</b> | <b>2 280</b> | <b>2 319</b> | <b>2 307</b> | <b>2 167</b> |
| 5   | Employees   | 1 825        | 1 873        | 1 897        | 1 911        | 1 925        | 1 927        | 1 951        | 1 976        | 1 963        | 1 843        |
| 6   | Self-employed   | 353          | 342          | 331          | 331          | 335          | 331          | 329          | 343          | 344          | 324          |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS, S.A.</b>     |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 7   | Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 114          | 106          | 105          | 106          | 104          | 100          | 100          | 107          | 107          | 98           |
| 8   | Industry, including energy                                      | 245          | 245          | 244          | 247          | 252          | 251          | 253          | 252          | 252          | 257          |
| 9   | Manufacturing   | 222          | 222          | 222          | 224          | 228          | 224          | 228          | 228          | 230          | 235          |
| 10  | Construction  | 147          | 154          | 157          | 155          | 155          | 155          | 161          | 159          | 159          | 136          |
| 11  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 615          | 630          | 637          | 637          | 641          | 641          | 635          | 645          | 638          | 551          |
| 12  | Information and communication                                   | 86           | 87           | 89           | 85           | 88           | 88           | 93           | 94           | 95           | 101          |
| 13  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 86           | 88           | 82           | 87           | 91           | 91           | 93           | 95           | 98           | 104          |
| 14  | Real estate activities  | 14           | 14           | 12           | 14           | 13           | 13           | 13           | 14           | 14           | 18           |
| 15  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 239          | 247          | 247          | 249          | 254          | 251          | 250          | 260          | 263          | 233          |
| 16  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 545          | 554          | 555          | 565          | 574          | 575          | 588          | 594          | 595          | 599          |
| 17  | Other service activities  | 92           | 87           | 91           | 89           | 91           | 92           | 91           | 91           | 89           | 73           |
| 18  | <b>Total employment</b>   | <b>2 184</b> | <b>2 211</b> | <b>2 220</b> | <b>2 235</b> | <b>2 262</b> | <b>2 256</b> | <b>2 275</b> | <b>2 310</b> | <b>2 310</b> | <b>2 170</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES, THOUSAND PERSONS S.A.</b>       |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 19  | Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 25           | 27           | 27           | 28           | 27           | 25           | 24           | 31           | 31           | 22           |
| 20  | Industry, including energy                                      | 226          | 224          | 227          | 228          | 233          | 232          | 234          | 233          | 233          | 238          |
| 21  | Manufacturing   | 204          | 203          | 206          | 206          | 210          | 207          | 211          | 211          | 213          | 218          |
| 22  | Construction  | 100          | 105          | 110          | 107          | 107          | 111          | 112          | 114          | 114          | 95           |
| 23  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 549          | 563          | 568          | 568          | 575          | 571          | 569          | 572          | 569          | 491          |
| 24  | Information and communication                                   | 71           | 73           | 74           | 72           | 75           | 76           | 79           | 79           | 81           | 85           |
| 25  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 80           | 82           | 78           | 82           | 86           | 86           | 88           | 90           | 92           | 98           |
| 26  | Real estate activities  | 10           | 10           | 10           | 12           | 10           | 10           | 10           | 11           | 11           | 13           |
| 27  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 191          | 198          | 199          | 204          | 206          | 204          | 203          | 209          | 212          | 185          |
| 28  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 516          | 527          | 530          | 541          | 550          | 551          | 565          | 568          | 569          | 571          |
| 29  | Other service activities  | 64           | 60           | 65           | 61           | 60           | 61           | 60           | 60           | 59           | 49           |
| 30  | <b>Total employees</b>  | <b>1 832</b> | <b>1 870</b> | <b>1 887</b> | <b>1 903</b> | <b>1 929</b> | <b>1 927</b> | <b>1 943</b> | <b>1 967</b> | <b>1 969</b> | <b>1 846</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SELF-EMPLOYED, THOUSAND PERSONS, S.A.</b>  |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 31  | Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 89           | 79           | 78           | 78           | 78           | 75           | 76           | 76           | 77           | 76           |
| 32  | Industry, including energy                                      | 20           | 21           | 17           | 19           | 19           | 19           | 19           | 19           | 19           | 19           |
| 33  | Manufacturing   | 18           | 19           | 16           | 18           | 17           | 17           | 17           | 17           | 18           | 17           |
| 34  | Construction  | 47           | 49           | 47           | 48           | 48           | 45           | 49           | 44           | 45           | 41           |
| 35  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 66           | 66           | 69           | 69           | 66           | 69           | 66           | 73           | 69           | 61           |
| 36  | Information and communication                                   | 15           | 14           | 15           | 12           | 13           | 12           | 14           | 15           | 14           | 16           |
| 37  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 6            | 6            | 4            | 6            | 6            | 5            | 5            | 6            | 6            | 7            |
| 38  | Real estate activities  | 3            | 4            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 5            |
| 39  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 49           | 48           | 48           | 45           | 47           | 48           | 47           | 50           | 51           | 48           |
| 40  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 29           | 26           | 26           | 24           | 23           | 24           | 23           | 26           | 26           | 28           |
| 41  | Other service activities  | 27           | 27           | 27           | 28           | 30           | 31           | 31           | 31           | 30           | 24           |
| 42  | <b>Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>351</b>   | <b>340</b>   | <b>333</b>   | <b>332</b>   | <b>333</b>   | <b>330</b>   | <b>332</b>   | <b>343</b>   | <b>341</b>   | <b>324</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b> |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 43  | Industry, including energy                                      | 124          | 125          | 123          | 125          | 126          | 127          | 127          | 125          | 125          | 122          |
| 44  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 253          | 263          | 266          | 271          | 265          | 266          | 263          | 269          | 276          | 203          |
| 45  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 40           | 41           | 38           | 41           | 42           | 42           | 43           | 44           | 45           | 46           |
| 46  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 106          | 109          | 110          | 111          | 114          | 115          | 113          | 116          | 119          | 99           |
| 47  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 216          | 220          | 220          | 224          | 226          | 228          | 231          | 235          | 236          | 238          |
| 48  | <b>Total employment</b>   | <b>971</b>   | <b>985</b>   | <b>987</b>   | <b>999</b>   | <b>999</b>   | <b>1 003</b> | <b>1 008</b> | <b>1 023</b> | <b>1 037</b> | <b>899</b>   |
| <b>EMPLOYEES, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b>        |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 49  | Industry, including energy                                      | 112          | 113          | 113          | 114          | 115          | 116          | 116          | 115          | 115          | 113          |
| 50  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 214          | 223          | 226          | 230          | 226          | 224          | 224          | 226          | 237          | 171          |
| 51  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 37           | 38           | 36           | 39           | 39           | 40           | 41           | 41           | 42           | 43           |
| 52  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 81           | 83           | 86           | 88           | 89           | 90           | 88           | 91           | 92           | 75           |
| 53  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 204          | 209          | 209          | 214          | 216          | 218          | 221          | 223          | 225          | 226          |
| 54  | <b>Total employees</b>  | <b>771</b>   | <b>793</b>   | <b>800</b>   | <b>813</b>   | <b>812</b>   | <b>816</b>   | <b>819</b>   | <b>830</b>   | <b>850</b>   | <b>733</b>   |
| <b>SELF-EMPLOYED, MILLION HOURS WORKED, S.A.</b>    |   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 55  | Industry, including energy                                      | 12           | 12           | 10           | 11           | 11           | 11           | 11           | 10           | 10           | 10           |
| 56  | Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accommod., food serv. activ.  | 39           | 39           | 39           | 41           | 39           | 42           | 39           | 43           | 39           | 32           |
| 57  | Financial and insurance activities                              | 3            | 3            | 2            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| 58  | Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 26           | 25           | 24           | 23           | 25           | 25           | 26           | 26           | 27           | 24           |
| 59  | Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 12           | 11           | 10           | 10           | 9            | 10           | 10           | 11           | 11           | 11           |
| 60  | <b>Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>200</b>   | <b>192</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>186</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>189</b>   | <b>193</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>166</b>   |

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