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## Table 1. Labour force

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Labour force, thousands</b>										
All persons	31 966	32 264	32 514	32 777	33 065	33 379	33 537	33 823	34 102	34 074
Males	17 156	17 309	17 391	17 485	17 631	17 786	17 798	17 938	18 010	17 877
Females	14 810	14 955	15 123	15 293	15 435	15 592	15 739	15 886	16 092	16 197
<b>Unemployed, thousands</b>										
All persons	2 592	2 570	2 472	2 025	1 780	1 633	1 476	1 380	1 308	1 551
Males	1 496	1 453	1 395	1 124	975	891	802	742	722	855
Females	1 096	1 117	1 078	901	805	743	674	638	585	695
<b>Employment, thousands</b>										
All persons	29 375	29 694	30 042	30 753	31 285	31 746	32 061	32 443	32 795	32 523
Males	15 661	15 856	15 996	16 361	16 656	16 896	16 996	17 195	17 289	17 022
Females	13 714	13 838	14 046	14 392	14 630	14 850	15 065	15 248	15 506	15 502
<b>Employment (%)</b>										
Males	53.3	53.4	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.0	53.0	52.7	52.3
Females	46.7	46.6	46.8	46.8	46.8	46.8	47.0	47.0	47.3	47.7
<b>Unemployment rate (% of labour force)</b>										
All persons	8.1	8.0	7.6	6.2	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.6
Males	8.7	8.4	8.0	6.4	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.8
Females	7.4	7.5	7.1	5.9	5.2	4.8	4.3	4.0	3.6	4.3
<b>EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands</b>										
<b>All activities</b>	<b>29 375</b>	<b>29 694</b>	<b>30 042</b>	<b>30 753</b>	<b>31 285</b>	<b>31 746</b>	<b>32 061</b>	<b>32 443</b>	<b>32 795</b>	<b>32 523</b>
Employees	25 115	25 212	25 512	25 958	26 503	26 772	27 068	27 499	27 649	27 764
Employers and persons working on own account	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unpaid family workers	103	109	110	116	103	119	116	115	129	101
<b>Employees as % of employment</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>85.4</b>
<b>Part-time employment (%)</b>										
Part-time as % of employment	24.7	25.0	24.6	24.1	24.0	24.0	23.8	23.6	23.4	22.4
Male share of part time employment	25.2	26.1	26.2	25.8	26.3	26.5	26.1	26.2	26.6	26.4
Female share of part time employment	74.8	73.9	73.8	74.2	73.7	73.5	73.9	73.8	73.4	73.6
Male part-time as % of male employment	11.7	12.3	12.2	11.7	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.4
Female part-time as % of female employment	39.3	39.4	38.7	38.1	37.7	37.6	37.4	36.9	36.2	34.5
<b>Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)</b>										
Less than one month	10.5	10.9	11.0	12.7	14.5	..	..	..	..	..
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	19.9	18.8	19.4	19.7	22.4	41.7	43.1	44.2	44.9	44.8
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	17.8	16.8	16.4	15.6	16.7	17.1	15.8	16.8	16.5	19.9
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	18.3	18.8	17.1	16.3	15.8	14.7	15.7	13.9	14.5	15.2
More than 1 year	33.5	34.7	36.2	35.7	30.7	26.5	25.5	25.1	24.1	20.1

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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
<b>Participation rates</b>										
<b>Males</b>										
15-19	48.1	47.3	44.5	42.8	43.9	43.6	43.7	42.7	41.9	39.9
20-24	77.9	78.0	78.8	77.4	78.7	76.8	76.3	75.7	76.0	75.2
25-34	92.7	92.9	93.1	92.9	92.5	92.9	93.1	92.8	92.7	92.2
35-44	92.4	92.9	92.7	92.8	93.0	92.6	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.0
45-54	89.4	89.5	90.1	89.8	90.2	90.0	90.3	90.0	90.1	90.1
55-59	78.3	79.7	80.5	80.9	80.5	80.9	80.8	81.2	81.6	80.8
60-64	56.8	57.5	59.3	59.2	60.6	61.7	61.7	62.6	63.6	63.7
15-24	65.1	64.9	64.3	62.8	64.0	62.9	62.7	62.1	61.9	60.5
25-54	91.5	91.7	92.0	91.8	91.8	91.8	92.2	92.0	92.0	91.7
55-64	67.4	68.8	70.2	70.6	71.2	72.0	72.0	72.7	73.3	72.9
65 and over	11.7	12.2	13.1	13.4	14.0	13.9	13.7	14.0	14.0	13.5
15-64	82.2	82.7	83.0	82.7	83.1	83.0	83.2	83.1	83.2	82.7
<b>Females</b>										
15-19	47.9	48.0	46.3	45.8	45.5	44.9	44.1	43.3	43.8	40.4
20-24	69.1	68.2	69.4	68.4	71.6	71.1	71.3	70.4	71.3	74.2
25-34	76.4	76.5	77.0	77.3	77.5	78.3	79.8	79.9	81.1	83.4
35-44	77.9	79.2	79.4	79.7	80.1	79.3	80.2	80.7	81.3	82.7
45-54	80.5	81.0	80.6	81.6	81.1	81.4	81.8	81.5	82.2	82.5
55-59	67.4	68.0	70.5	70.7	71.1	71.0	71.1	72.4	72.2	72.3
60-64	34.3	35.9	38.5	40.3	42.1	44.3	47.4	50.1	52.5	52.1
15-24	60.1	59.8	59.8	59.1	60.8	60.2	60.0	59.3	60.0	60.2
25-54	78.3	78.9	79.1	79.6	79.6	79.7	80.6	80.7	81.5	82.8
55-64	50.4	52.0	54.9	56.1	57.4	58.5	60.1	62.1	63.1	63.0
65 and over	6.1	6.5	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.3	8.4
15-64	69.9	70.7	71.3	71.7	72.3	72.4	73.3	73.6	74.4	75.1
<b>All persons</b>										
15-24	62.6	62.4	62.1	61.0	62.4	61.6	61.4	60.7	61.0	60.4
25-54	84.8	85.3	85.4	85.6	85.6	85.7	86.3	86.3	86.7	87.3
55-64	58.7	60.2	62.4	63.2	64.2	65.1	65.9	67.3	68.1	67.8
65 and over	8.6	9.1	9.8	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.9	10.7
15-64	76.0	76.6	77.1	77.2	77.6	77.7	78.2	78.3	78.8	78.9
<b>Unemployment rates</b>										
<b>Males</b>										
15-19	35.0	32.2	32.6	27.8	24.3	24.2	21.5	18.4	19.9	21.1
20-24	18.6	20.1	18.4	15.5	12.5	11.5	10.1	10.1	10.6	12.1
25-34	8.0	7.8	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.7	4.4
35-44	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.2	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.1	2.9
45-54	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	2.5	2.8	2.5	3.1
55-59	6.0	5.8	5.8	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.9
60-64	5.9	5.8	5.3	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.1	5.2
15-24	23.8	23.8	22.6	19.0	15.9	15.2	13.4	12.5	13.2	14.6
25-54	6.3	6.0	5.8	4.7	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.5
55-64	6.0	5.8	5.6	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.2	4.4
65 and over	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.3	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.1
15-64	8.8	8.5	8.2	6.7	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.3	4.2	5.0
Total	8.6	8.3	8.0	6.5	5.4	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.9
<b>Females</b>										
15-19	27.0	25.3	24.1	22.9	19.6	17.3	17.2	16.4	13.7	19.3
20-24	14.2	14.3	14.6	11.5	9.6	8.6	7.9	8.3	7.4	9.2
25-34	7.4	7.7	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.1	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.7
35-44	5.7	5.6	5.6	4.6	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.3
45-54	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
55-59	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.7
60-64	2.2	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1
15-24	18.5	18.0	17.6	15.2	12.7	11.3	10.7	10.8	9.3	12.0
25-54	5.7	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.1
55-64	3.4	3.6	4.1	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.9
65 and over	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.6
15-64	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.1	5.2	4.8	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.2
Total	7.3	7.3	6.9	5.9	5.1	4.7	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.1
<b>All persons</b>										
15-24	21.3	21.1	20.2	17.2	14.4	13.3	12.1	11.6	11.3	13.3
25-54	6.0	6.0	5.7	4.7	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.3
55-64	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.9	3.7
65 and over	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.9
15-64	8.2	8.0	7.7	6.4	5.4	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.6

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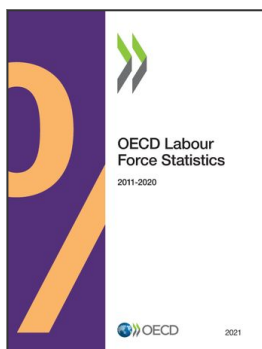
## Table 3. Employment and employees: breakdown by activity - ISIC Rev. 4

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>											
<b>By activity, thousands</b>											
<b>A-U</b>	<b>All activities</b>	<b>29 374.5</b>	<b>29 694.3</b>	<b>30 041.8</b>	<b>30 752.5</b>	<b>31 285.0</b>	<b>31 745.5</b>	<b>32 060.5</b>	<b>32 443.0</b>	<b>32 794.5</b>	<b>32 523.3</b>
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	356.3	349.8	314.5	383.9	355.1	355.1	370.6	345.2	342.4	319.4
<b>B-F</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>5 584.2</b>	<b>5 597.8</b>	<b>5 607.5</b>	<b>5 773.3</b>	<b>5 787.6</b>	<b>5 821.7</b>	<b>5 812.0</b>	<b>5 838.8</b>	<b>5 910.1</b>	<b>5 595.0</b>
B	Mining and quarrying	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
C	Manufacturing	2 863.2	2 904.0	2 925.0	3 009.6	2 995.6	3 000.6	2 930.8	2 897.6	2 994.3	2 825.8
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F	Construction	2 205.0	2 161.0	2 161.4	2 238.9	2 237.4	2 298.3	2 340.0	2 352.5	2 359.5	2 208.5
<b>G-U</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>23 434.0</b>	<b>23 746.7</b>	<b>24 119.7</b>	<b>24 595.4</b>	<b>25 142.3</b>	<b>25 568.7</b>	<b>25 877.9</b>	<b>26 259.0</b>	<b>26 542.0</b>	<b>26 608.8</b>
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	4 045.5	4 088.6	4 037.2	4 039.4	4 091.4	4 194.2	4 218.5	4 199.6	4 062.0	3 903.1
H	Transportation and storage	1 439.3	1 446.1	1 501.4	1 476.4	1 558.9	1 614.3	1 574.7	1 606.6	1 574.3	1 548.2
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 468.3	1 495.9	1 532.2	1 617.8	1 654.3	1 726.1	1 766.3	1 755.9	1 769.6	1 625.1
J	Information and communication	1 069.2	1 120.3	1 174.3	1 202.8	1 263.8	1 263.6	1 294.3	1 305.9	1 392.9	1 534.5
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 189.8	1 203.2	1 160.8	1 179.6	1 234.8	1 246.8	1 215.9	1 322.3	1 287.7	1 365.1
L	Real estate activities	300.1	334.0	338.4	351.7	341.9	354.9	353.1	367.2	391.4	403.4
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	1 873.3	1 949.7	2 048.2	2 146.1	2 177.9	2 284.1	2 342.1	2 409.3	2 523.7	2 669.2
N	Administrative and support service activities	1 328.1	1 368.5	1 416.2	1 442.0	1 504.1	1 515.3	1 576.5	1 570.3	1 533.9	1 481.7
O	Public administration, defence, social security	1 859.0	1 825.4	1 853.1	1 827.2	1 848.7	1 913.5	1 980.1	2 103.9	2 112.6	2 281.1
P	Education	3 064.2	3 081.5	3 098.2	3 188.7	3 286.1	3 319.2	3 270.3	3 283.6	3 420.8	3 474.0
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 951.4	3 919.0	4 029.6	4 096.1	4 154.3	4 137.1	4 207.1	4 276.6	4 406.7	4 484.7
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
S	Other service activities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	50.3	40.8	42.0	43.1	39.3	49.8	44.9	52.0	58.4	..
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>											
<b>By activity, thousands</b>											
<b>A-U</b>	<b>All activities</b>	<b>25 115.3</b>	<b>25 211.8</b>	<b>25 511.5</b>	<b>25 957.8</b>	<b>26 503.0</b>	<b>26 771.8</b>	<b>27 068.0</b>	<b>27 498.5</b>	<b>27 649.3</b>	<b>27 854.3</b>
A	Agriculture, hunting and forestry	144.5	153.0	137.0	160.7	168.7	169.1	172.0	160.8	150.0	153.4
<b>B-F</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
B	Mining and quarrying	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
C	Manufacturing	2 672.7	2 699.2	2 707.9	2 791.7	2 762.9	2 760.6	2 695.7	2 652.5	2 756.9	2 607.5
D	Electricity, gas, steam, air cond. supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste mgt, remediation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F	Construction	1 332.8	1 283.1	1 278.9	1 318.9	1 326.9	1 345.7	1 361.3	1 382.5	1 407.4	1 349.6
<b>G-U</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
G	Wholesale, retail trade, vehicle, motorcycle repair	3 643.8	3 667.1	3 615.7	3 617.4	3 689.5	3 765.8	3 795.6	3 798.5	3 646.4	3 540.3
H	Transportation and storage	1 186.7	1 181.0	1 238.6	1 215.5	1 296.2	1 318.6	1 278.7	1 314.3	1 244.0	1 278.7
I	Accommodation and food service activities	1 322.1	1 343.5	1 383.6	1 470.1	1 494.8	1 560.3	1 591.5	1 615.2	1 598.0	1 482.2
J	Information and communication	879.5	916.3	961.8	978.0	1 038.8	1 043.2	1 054.6	1 066.4	1 152.1	1 288.7
K	Financial and insurance activities	1 117.9	1 123.1	1 081.3	1 082.5	1 134.7	1 134.0	1 129.0	1 216.7	1 189.9	1 261.4
L	Real estate activities	243.4	269.2	272.2	280.1	269.1	285.3	283.5	297.9	310.1	323.0
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	1 388.8	1 430.7	1 520.7	1 573.1	1 591.5	1 665.2	1 751.1	1 821.8	1 876.3	2 047.2
N	Administrative and support service activities	1 060.0	1 053.8	1 110.6	1 107.8	1 168.9	1 165.2	1 205.3	1 204.0	1 156.2	1 140.2
O	Public administration, defence, social security	1 828.4	1 791.0	1 816.3	1 789.5	1 806.8	1 858.0	1 926.0	2 054.1	2 053.8	2 225.5
P	Education	2 858.6	2 877.4	2 895.2	2 954.0	3 035.9	3 038.5	3 028.8	3 013.2	3 143.1	3 183.1
Q	Human health and social work activities	3 649.5	3 621.0	3 712.9	3 765.6	3 816.5	3 803.8	3 862.7	3 936.1	4 043.4	4 137.5
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
S	Other service activities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
T	Households as employers and own-use activities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations, bodies	49.5	39.6	40.5	41.9	36.8	48.4	42.7	49.3	55.1	..

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