



MAIN LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2014

Main labour market data for the second quarter of 2014

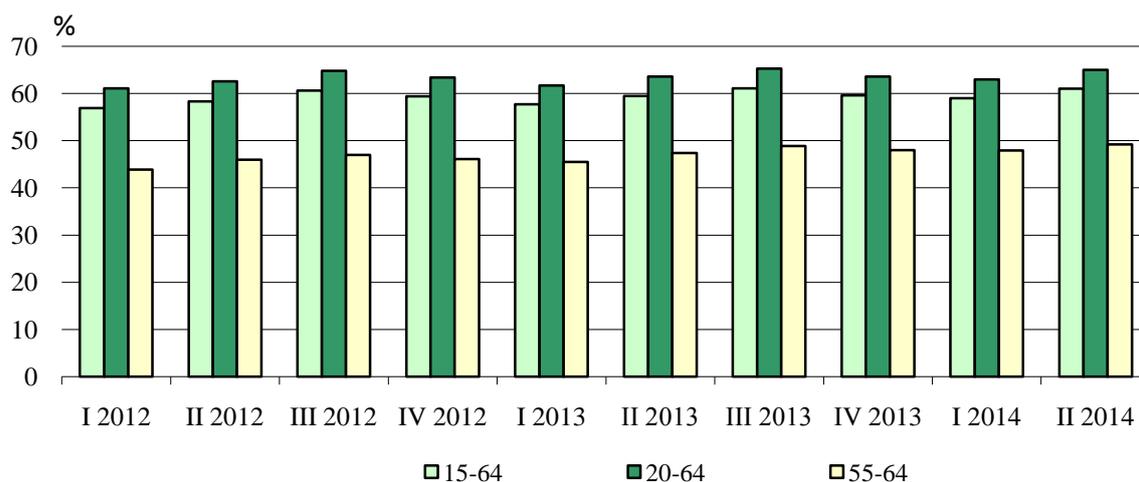
The activity rate of population aged 15 - 64 was 68.8%, by 0.4 percentage point higher in comparison with the second quarter of 2013.

The employment rate of population aged 15 - 64 was 61.0%, by 1.5 percentage points above its value for the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The unemployment rate was 11.4%, by 1.5 percentage points lower compared to the same quarter of 2013.

There were 191.9 thousand **discouraged persons aged 15 - 64**, representing 12.8% of the total number of inactive persons in the same age group (1 496.2 thousand).

Figure 1. Employment rate by age group and by quarter



Employment

In the second quarter of 2014 the total number of **employed persons aged 15 years and over** was 2 979.8 thousand, representing 47.9% of population in the same age group. In comparison with the second quarter of 2013 the proportion of employed persons rose by 0.9 percentage points. From all persons in employment in the second quarter of 2014, 1 576.4 thousand (52.9%) were men and 1 403.4 thousand (47.1%) were women.

Of the total number of working population 3.6% (106.0 thousand) were employers, 8.1% (240.9 thousand) were own account workers (without employees), 87.7% (2 613.3 thousand) were employees and 0.7% (19.6 thousand) were unpaid family workers. In the private sector worked 1 897.9 thousand (72.6%) of all employees, and 715.4 thousand (27.4%) employees were in the public sector.

For 5.7% of employees (for 5.9% of those in the private sector and for 5.2% of those in the public sector) the job was temporary.



In services worked 1 866.5 thousand (62.6%) of all employed persons, in industry worked 892.4 thousand (29.9%), and 221.0 thousand (7.4%) were engaged in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

In the second quarter of 2014 the employment in particular age groups was as follows:

There were 2 926.3 thousand **employed persons aged 15 - 64**. The employment rate for this age group was 61.0%, 63.7% and 58.1% for men and women respectively.

The employment rate for age group 15 - 29 was 38.3%, 42.6% for men and 33.7% for women.

The employment rate for age group 20 - 64 was 65.0%, by 1.4 percentage points higher than in the same quarter of 2013. This rate went up by 1.9 percentage points for men and by 0.9 percentage points for women, standing at 68.0% and 61.9% respectively.

There were 503.8 thousand **employed persons aged 55 - 64**, representing 49.2% of population in the same age group. In comparison with the second quarter of 2013 the employment rate (55 - 64 years) rose by 1.8 percentage points, by 2.1 percentage points for men and by 1.6 percentage points for women.

Unemployment

In the second quarter of 2014 there were 381.8 thousand **unemployed persons** and the **unemployment rate** was 11.4%. In comparison with the second quarter of 2013 the number of unemployed persons was by 12.7% lower, and the unemployment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points. The unemployment went down to the same degree for men and women and in the second quarter of 2014, 224.0 thousand of all unemployed people were men and 157.8 thousand were women. The unemployment rate was 12.4% and 10.1% for men and women respectively.

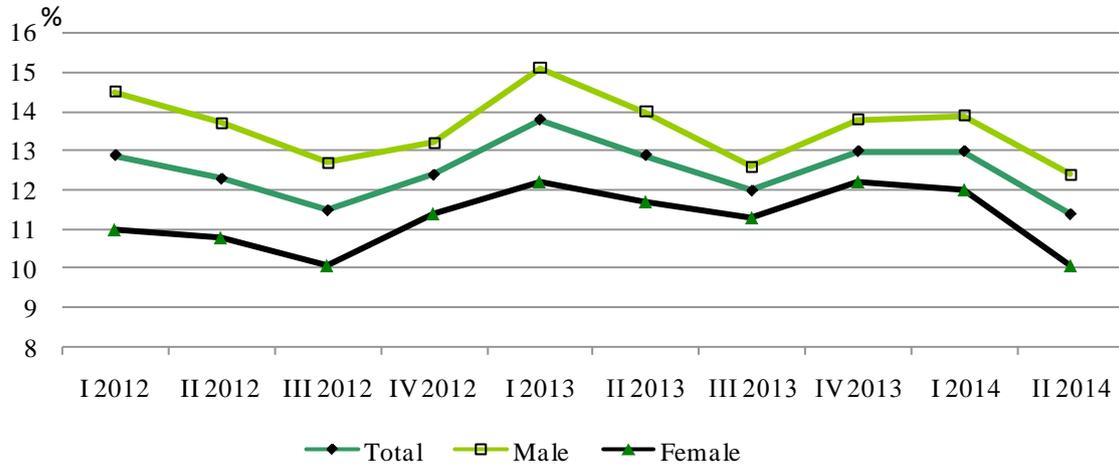
Of the total number of unemployed persons in the second quarter of 2014, 222.2 thousand persons (58.2%) were **long-term unemployed (for one year or over)**, and in comparison with a year earlier their proportion was by 2.4 percentage points higher. For the period concerned **the long-term unemployment rate** went down by 0.6 percentage points and stood at 6.6%, remaining higher for men than for women (7.3 and 5.8% respectively).

Of the total number of unemployed persons 54.0 thousand (14.2%) were looking for a first job.

In the second quarter of 2014 the unemployment rate for **young people aged 15 - 29** was 16.8% (17.5% for men and 15.9% for women). The rate was by 4.6 percentage points lower than in the same quarter of 2013, registering decrease of 4.2 percentage points for men and 5.1 percentage points for women respectively.



Figure 2. Unemployment rate by sex and by quarter





Methodological notes

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a continuous sample survey providing quarterly and annual data on the economic activity of the population aged 15 and over. The survey covers non-institutional households.

Reference period - the characteristics of each interviewee refer to his/her status during a defined calendar week.

Economically active population (labour force) comprises all employed and unemployed persons.

Employed are persons aged 15 and over who during the reference period:

- performed some work for at least one hour for pay in cash or in kind or other income;
- did not work but had a job or an enterprise, a business from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, annual leave, full-paid maternity leave, parental leave, strike or another labour dispute, etc.

Unemployed are persons aged 15 to 74 who:

- did not work at all during the reference period;
- were actively seeking work within the preceding four weeks, including the reference one or have found a new job or business that is expected to start within 3 months following the reference period;
- were available to start working within two weeks following the reference period.

Long-term unemployed are persons who have been unemployed for one or more years.

Inactive population (persons not in the labour force) includes persons aged 15 and over who were neither employed, nor unemployed during the reference period.

Discouraged persons are persons not in the labour force who want to work but they do not actively look for a job, because they do not believe they will find one.

Activity rate - ratio between the economically active population and the total population of the same age group.

Employment rate - ratio between the employed population and the total population of the same age group.

Unemployment rate - ratio between the unemployed persons and the economically active population.

Long-term unemployment rate - ratio between the long-term unemployed persons and the economically active population.

The distribution of the employed persons by economic sector is done in accordance with the Classification of Economic Activities - 2008.

For the weighting of the results of the survey for the second quarter of 2014 the current population estimates as of 31 March 2014 for the population living in non-institutional households were used.



Like all sample surveys data from the Labour Force Survey are subject of errors due to the sample (stochastic errors). The calculated relative standard errors for the main LFS indicators for the second quarter of 2014 are as follows:

- total number of employed persons - 1.4%;
- total number of unemployed persons - 3.6%;
- unemployment rate - 3.3%.

Because of the rounding of the figures some of the totals (rows and columns) are not equal to the sum of the components.

More detailed data from the Labour Force Survey could be found on the NSI website www.nsi.bg, section “Labour Market”, Labour Force Survey.


Annex
Table 1
Main labour market indicators, second quarter of 2013 and 2014

	Second quarter 2013	Second quarter 2014	Change (Second quarter 2014 minus Second quarter 2013)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	68.4	68.8	0.4
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	2940.2	2979.8	39.6
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	2897.1	2926.3	29.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	163.5	155.1	-8.4
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	463.8	469.6	5.8
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	2887.5	2914.4	26.9
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	492.3	503.8	11.5
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	47.0	47.9	0.9
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	59.5	61.0	1.5
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	20.8	21.0	0.2
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	36.5	38.3	1.8
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	63.6	65.0	1.4
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	47.4	49.2	1.8
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	437.3	381.8	-55.5
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	434.0	378.5	-55.5
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	65.9	47.0	-18.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	126.1	94.9	-31.2
Unemployment rate - %	12.9	11.4	-1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	13.0	11.5	-1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	28.7	23.3	-5.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	21.4	16.8	-4.6
Long-term unemployment rate - %	7.2	6.6	-0.6
Discouraged persons - in thousands	217.8	195.2	-22.6
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	215.5	191.9	-23.6


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Main labour market indicators, second quarter of 2013 and 2014

(Continued)

	Second quarter 2013	Second quarter 2014	Change (Second quarter 2014 minus Second quarter 2013)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	71.9	72.9	1.0
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	1540.5	1576.4	35.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	1513.8	1541.9	28.1
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	94.4	93.5	-0.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	260.3	268.6	8.3
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	1508.6	1534.4	25.8
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	255.3	262.5	7.2
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	51.1	52.7	1.6
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	61.7	63.7	2.0
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	23.4	24.6	1.2
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	39.8	42.6	2.8
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	66.1	68.0	1.9
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	52.1	54.2	2.1
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	251.7	224.0	-27.7
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	250.0	222.3	-27.7
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	40.9	28.3	-12.6
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	72.1	57.1	-15.0
Unemployment rate - %	14.0	12.4	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	14.2	12.6	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	30.2	23.2	-7.0
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	21.7	17.5	-4.2
Long-term unemployment rate - %	8.0	7.3	-0.7
Discouraged persons - in thousands	121.2	112.3	-8.9
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	119.9	109.9	-10.0



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	Second quarter 2013	Second quarter 2014	Change (Second quarter 2014 minus Second quarter 2013)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	64.7	64.7	0.0
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	1399.7	1403.4	3.7
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	1383.2	1384.4	1.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	69.1	61.6	-7.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	203.5	201.0	-2.5
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	1378.9	1380.0	1.1
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	236.9	241.3	4.4
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	43.1	43.5	0.4
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	57.1	58.1	1.0
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	18.1	17.1	-1.0
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	33.0	33.7	0.7
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	61.0	61.9	0.9
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	43.1	44.7	1.6
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	185.6	157.8	-27.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	184.1	156.2	-27.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	25.0	18.7	-6.3
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	54.0	37.9	-16.1
Unemployment rate - %	11.7	10.1	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	11.7	10.1	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	26.6	23.3	-3.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	21.0	15.9	-5.1
Long-term unemployment rate - %	6.3	5.8	-0.5
Discouraged persons - in thousands	96.6	82.9	-13.7
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	95.6	82.0	-13.6