



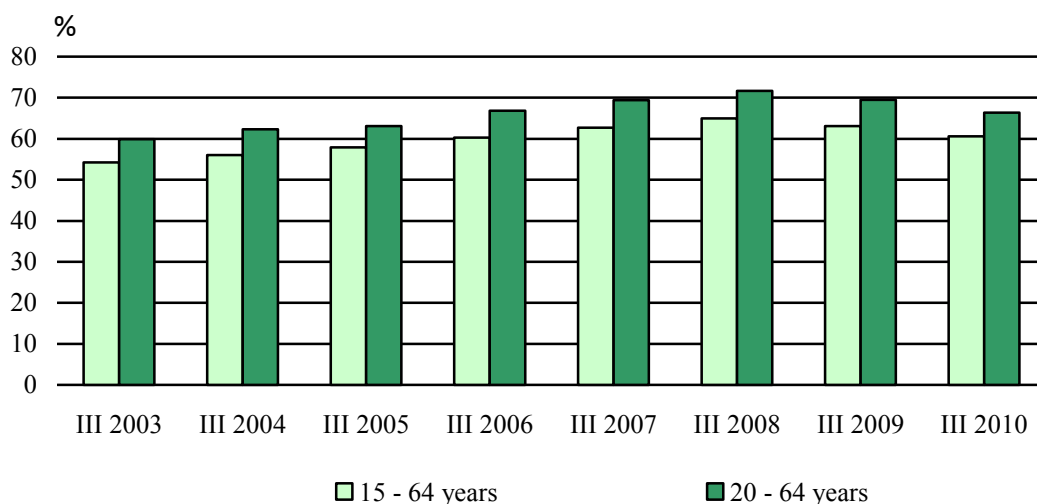
MAIN LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RESULTS THIRD QUARTER 2010

1. Main labour market indicators for the population aged 15 - 64

According to the results from the Labour Force Survey, carried out by the National Statistical Institute in the third quarter of 2010 **the number of economically active population aged 15 - 64** was 3 386.2 thousand, which represented 67.1% of the population in the same age group. The total activity rate recorded a fall by 0.6 percentage points in comparison with the third quarter of 2009. The activity rate in the third quarter of 2010 was 71.4% for men and 62.8% for women.

The employment rate of population of 15 - 64 years of age stood at 60.6% in the third quarter of 2010, declining by 2.5 percentage points as compared to the third quarter of 2009. For men the drop in employment rate was double than that for women (by 3.3 and 1.7 percentage points respectively), reaching 64.1% for men and 57.2% for women.

Figure 1. Employment rate by age group, third quarter of the respective year



Between the third quarters of 2009 and 2010, **the employment rate for the age group 20 - 64 years** (an indicator laid down in the European Commission strategy Europe 2020) dropped by 3.1 percentage points and at the end of the period concerned it was 66.4% - 70.2% for men and 62.6% for women.

In the third quarter of 2010, the **employment rate of older people (aged 55 - 64)** stood at 43.0%, by 3.7 percentage points lower compared to the third quarter of the previous year. The male and female employment rate for the same age group was 49.6 and 37.3% respectively.



The **inactive population aged 15 - 64** was 1 662.2 thousand and had a relative share of 32.9% of the population in the same age group. Among all inactive population 717.6 thousand were men and 944.6 thousand were women. By sex the inactivity rate was 28.6% for men and 37.2% for women.

The **discouraged persons aged 15 - 64** were 219.5 thousand or 13.2% of the inactive population in the same age group. In comparison with the third quarter of 2009 their number rose by 34.2 thousand.

2. Main characteristics of the employed persons aged 15 and over

In the third quarter of 2010, the total number of **employed persons aged 15 and over** was 3 104.2 thousand and had a relative share of 47.5% of population of the same age. In comparison with the same quarter of 2009 their number decreased by 175.8 thousand (5.4%), and the total employment rate went down by 2.3 percentage points. The decrease of level of employment was higher for men - by 3.0 percentage points, than for women - by 1.8 percentage points.

Of the total number of employed 4.0% were employers, 8.0% - self-employed (without employees), 86.9% - employees, and 1.1% - unpaid family workers. Of all employees 1 984.3 thousand (73.6%) were working in the private sector, and 713.0 thousand (26.4%) - in the public sector. Women were 45.5% of the employees in private sector, while in public sector the share of women was predominant - 57.0%.

In the third quarter of 2010, 1 861.3 thousand (60.0% of all employed) were engaged in the Service sector, in the Industry - 1 014.9 thousand (32.7%), and in the Agriculture and forestry sector - 228.0 thousand (7.3%).

3. Unemployment

In the third quarter of 2010, the **number of unemployed** was 326.6 thousand and the **unemployment rate** - 9.5%. In comparison with the same quarter of 2009 the number of unemployed went up by 92.1 thousand and the unemployment rate - by 2.8 percentage points.

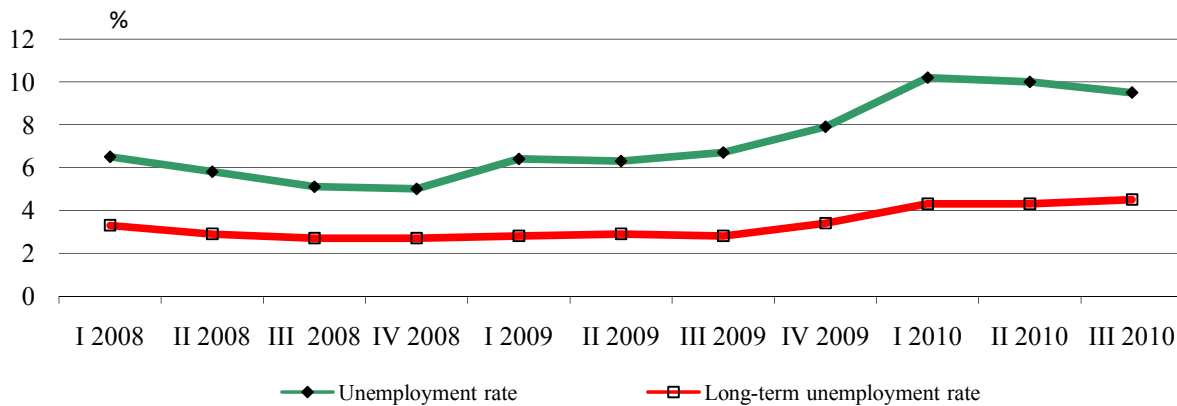
The unemployment rate achieved 10.1% for men, and 8.8% for women, marking an increase of 3.3 and 2.3 percentage points respectively for the period concerned.

The youth unemployed (aged 15 - 24) were 61.5 thousand, and the youth unemployment rate stood at 21.4%.

Between the third quarters of 2009 and 2010 both the number of persons unemployed for less than a year and the number of long-term unemployed increased, the former by 25.7%, the latter by 58.0%. In the third quarter of 2010 they reached 170.6 and 155.9 thousand respectively. The long-term unemployment rate rose by 1.7 percentage points to 4.5%.

Of the total number of unemployed in the third quarter of 2010, 274.5 thousand (84.0%) had ever worked. Over 3/4 of unemployed having previous employment (within last 8 years) lost their job due to dismissal or termination of temporary or seasonal job.

Figure 2. Unemployment rate and long-term unemployment rate 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 of 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.

Inactivity rate - ratio between the economically inactive population and the total population of the same age group.

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

For the assessment of the results the current demographic data as of 31 December 2009 for the total population are used.

As in 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 third quarter of 2010 are as follows:

- total number of employed - 1.3%;
- total number of unemployed - 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.



APPENDIX

Table 1

MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
THIRD QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010

	Third quarter 2009	Third quarter 2010	Change (third quarter 2010 minus third quarter 2009)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	67.7	67.1	-0.6
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3280.0	3104.2	-175.8
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3231.7	3061.6	-170.1
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	243.3	225.7	-17.6
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	3204.1	3042.7	-161.4
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	458.1	417.7	-40.4
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	49.8	47.5	-2.3
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	63.1	60.6	-2.5
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	25.1	24.2	-0.9
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	69.5	66.4	-3.1
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	46.7	43.0	-3.7
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	234.5	326.6	92.1
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	233.4	324.6	91.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	48.1	61.5	13.4
Unemployment rate - %	6.7	9.5	2.8
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.7	9.6	2.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	16.5	21.4	4.9
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.8	4.5	1.7
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	186.5	221.5	35.0
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	185.3	219.5	34.2



Table 1

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
THIRD QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010**

(Continued)

	Third quarter 2009	Third quarter 2010	Change (third quarter 2010 minus third quarter 2009)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	72.4	71.4	-1.0
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1744.6	1638.7	-105.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1712.6	1610.2	-102.4
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	142.4	132.6	-9.8
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1695.8	1597.9	-97.9
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	249.0	222.9	-26.1
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	55.3	52.3	-3.0
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	67.4	64.1	-3.3
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	28.6	27.7	-0.9
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	74.4	70.2	-4.2
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	54.8	49.6	-5.2
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	127.0	184.9	57.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	126.6	183.5	56.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	29.0	34.8	5.8
Unemployment rate - %	6.8	10.1	3.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.9	10.2	3.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	16.9	20.8	3.9
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.8	5.0	2.2
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	93.5	119.1	25.6
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	92.7	117.9	25.2



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**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
THIRD QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010**

(Continued and end)

	Third quarter 2009	Third quarter 2010	Change (third quarter 2010 minus third quarter 2009)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	63.0	62.8	-0.2
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1535.5	1465.5	-70.0
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1519.0	1451.4	-67.6
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	101.0	93.1	-7.9
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1508.3	1444.8	-63.5
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	209.1	194.8	-14.3
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	44.8	43.0	-1.8
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	58.9	57.2	-1.7
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	21.4	20.5	-0.9
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	64.6	62.6	-2.0
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	39.7	37.3	-2.4
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	107.5	141.7	34.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	106.8	141.0	34.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	19.0	26.7	7.7
Unemployment rate - %	6.5	8.8	2.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.6	8.9	2.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	15.9	22.3	6.4
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.8	4.1	1.3
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	93.0	102.5	9.5
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	92.6	101.6	9.0