

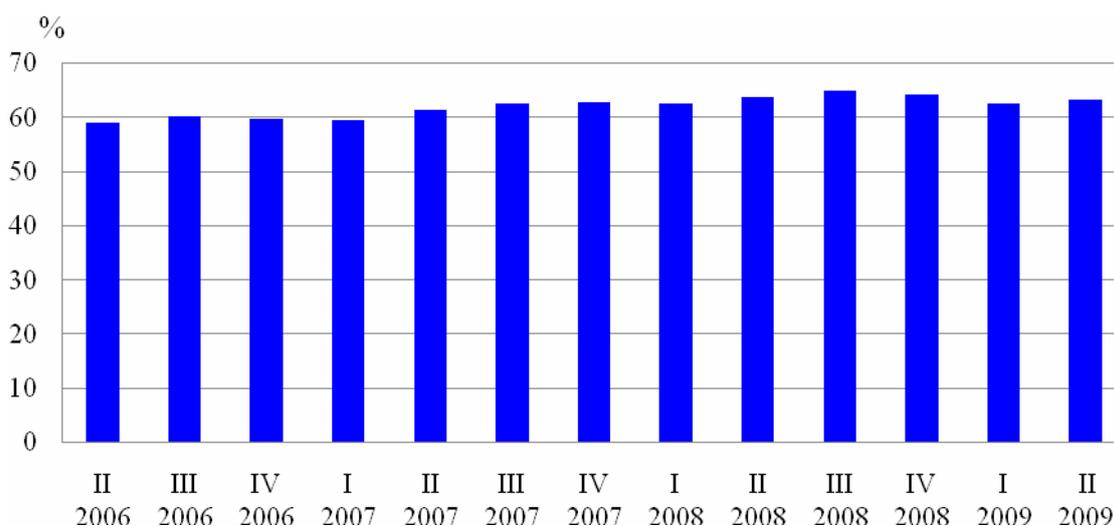
## MAIN RESULTS FROM THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2009

### 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 second quarter of 2009 **the number of economically active population aged 15 - 64** was 3 470.4 thousand, which represented a share of 67.6% of the total population in the same age group. The level of economic activity of population registered insignificant decrease by 0.3 percentage points in comparison with the second quarter of 2008. The activity rate was 72.3% for men and 63.0% for women.

In the second quarter of 2009 **the employment rate of population of 15 - 64 years of age** went down by 0.6 percentage points in comparison with the same quarter of previous year and stood at 63.3%. The reduction of employment was almost the same for men and women and the employment rate achieved the value of 67.7% for men and 59.0% for women.

*Employment rate (15 - 64 years of age) by quarters*



Despite the overall decrease in employment the **employment rate for population aged 55 - 64** rose by 0.7 percentage points in comparison with the second quarter of 2008 and stood at 46.5% in the second quarter of 2009 (54.4% for men and 40.0% for women). The increase concerned only women (by 2.1 percentage points).

The total number of the **economically inactive population aged 15 - 64** was 1 661.9 thousand and had a relative share of 32.4% of the population in the same age group. Among all economically inactive population 703.6 thousand were men and 958.3 thousand were women.



The **discouraged persons** aged 15 - 64 were 171.0 thousand or 10.3% of the economically inactive population of the same age group. In comparison with the second quarter of 2008 their number registered an increase of 19.0 thousand.

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

In the second quarter of 2009 the total number of **employed persons aged 15 and over** was 3 300.1 thousand and had a relative share of 50.1% of population in the same age group. Compared with the same period of 2008 their number decreased by 2.1%, and their relative share - by 0.9 percentage points. Of all employed persons 1 754.5 thousand (53.2%) were men and 1 545.6 thousand (46.8%) were women.

Self-employed (with or without employees) or unpaid family workers were 418.8 thousand (12.7% of the total number of employed persons) and 2 881.3 thousand (87.3%) were employees. In the private sector were working 2 094.5 thousand (72.7% of all employees) and in the public sector - 786.8 thousand (27.3%). The share of women of all employees in the private sector was 45.2%, and of the employees in the public sector - 57.0%.

In the Service sector were engaged 1 883.8 thousand (57.1%) of the total number of the employed persons, in the Industry - 1 171.4 thousand (35.5%), and in the Agriculture and forestry sector - 244.8 thousand (7.4%).

## 3. Unemployment

In the second quarter of 2009 the number of **unemployed persons** (aged 15 – 74) was 222.6 thousand, of which 117.3 thousand men and 105.2 thousand women. **The unemployment rate** was 6.3% and compared to the second quarter of 2008 rose by 0.5 percentage points.

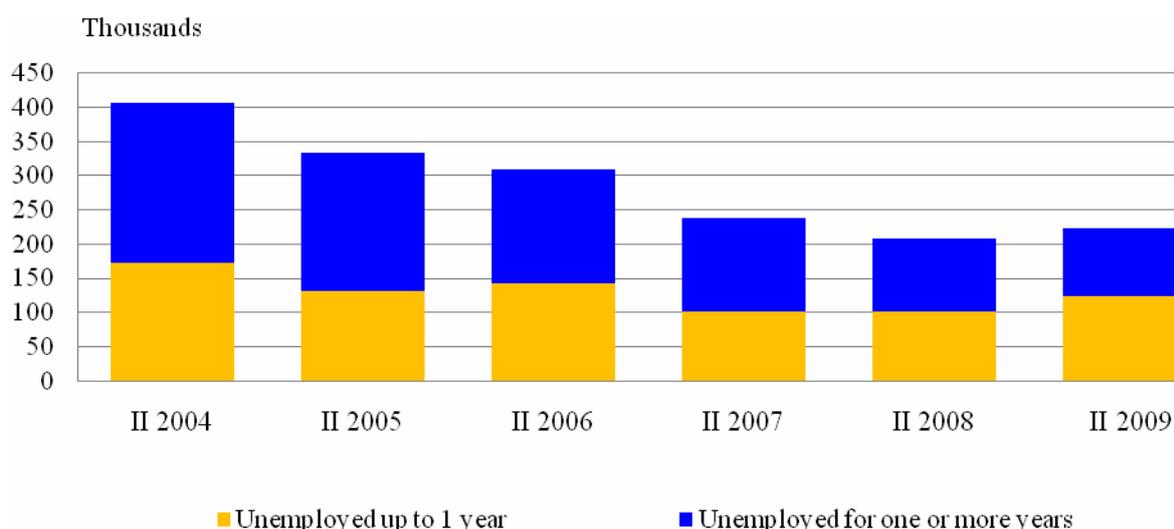
The unemployment rates by gender did not disagree considerably and stood at 6.3% for men and 6.4% for women. For the period concerned the unemployment rate for men increased by 0.7 percentage points and for women - by 0.4 percentage points. The difference between the unemployment rates by place of residence remained significant. In the rural areas the unemployment rate was 9.0%, by 3.5 percentage points higher than that in the urban areas (5.5%).

The number of unemployed aged 15 - 24 was 42.3 thousand. The youth unemployment rate was 14.6% and it was 16.5% for men and 12.0% for women respectively.

The number of unemployed with duration of the unemployment less than a year increased by 20.3% compared to the second quarter of 2008 and reached 122.9 thousand in the second quarter of 2009. The number of long-term unemployed was 99.7 thousand, which is 44.8% of all unemployed. The long-term unemployment rate remained at the same level as in the second quarter of the previous year - 2.9%.

Previous employment experience had 189.1 thousand unemployed persons, or 85.0% of the total number of unemployed and 33.4 thousand (15.0%) were looking for their first job. In comparison with the second quarter of the previous year the share of the unemployed with previous employment experience increased at the expense of those looking for a first job.

*Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment in the second quarter*



#### METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The Labour force survey 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.

**Economically 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 in the same age group.

**Employment rate** - ratio between the employed population and the total population in 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 in 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 2008 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 second quarter of 2009 are as follows:

- total number of employed - 1.2%;
- total number of unemployed - 4.5%;
- unemployment rate - 4.3%.

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  
IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009

	Second quarter 2008	Second quarter 2009	Change (second quarter 2009 toward second quarter 2008)
<b>Total</b>			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	67.9	67.6	-0.3
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3372.1	3300.1	-72.0
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3315.7	3249.2	-66.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	265.7	247.3	-18.4
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	457.8	459.9	2.1
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	51.0	50.1	-0.9
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	63.9	63.3	-0.6
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	26.6	25.5	-1.1
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	45.8	46.5	0.7
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	207.2	222.6	15.4
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	206.1	221.2	15.1
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	40.0	42.3	2.3
Unemployment rate - %	5.8	6.3	0.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	5.9	6.4	0.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	13.1	14.6	1.5
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.9	2.9	0.0
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	154.4	173.0	18.6
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	152.0	171.0	19.0

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS  
IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009**

(Continued)

	Second quarter 2008	Second quarter 2009	Change (second quarter 2009 toward second quarter 2008)
<b>Male</b>			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	72.5	72.3	-0.2
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1794.4	1754.5	-39.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1756.8	1721.1	-35.7
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	153.6	140.4	-13.2
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	253.4	244.1	-9.3
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	56.5	55.6	-0.9
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	68.4	67.7	-0.7
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	30.0	28.2	-1.8
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	55.0	54.4	-0.6
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	106.6	117.3	10.7
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	105.9	116.2	10.3
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	25.7	27.7	2.0
Unemployment rate - %	5.6	6.3	0.7
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	5.7	6.3	0.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	14.3	16.5	2.2
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.9	2.5	-0.4
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	80.7	88.8	8.1
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	78.7	87.7	9.0

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS  
IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009**

(Continued and end)

	Second quarter 2008	Second quarter 2009	Change (second quarter 2009 toward second quarter 2008)
<b>Female</b>			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	63.3	63.0	-0.3
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1577.7	1 545.6	-32.1
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1558.9	1 528.0	-30.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	112.1	107.0	-5.1
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	204.4	215.8	11.4
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	45.8	45.1	-0.7
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	59.5	59.0	-0.5
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	23.0	22.7	-0.3
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	37.9	40.0	2.1
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	100.6	105.2	4.6
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	100.2	105.1	4.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	14.3	14.6	0.3
Unemployment rate - %	6.0	6.4	0.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.0	6.4	0.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	11.3	12.0	0.7
Long-term unemployment rate - %	3.0	3.3	0.3
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	73.7	84.2	10.5
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	73.3	83.4	10.1