



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2010

MAIN RESULTS

- In 2010 **the economically active population** aged 15 - 64 was 3 356.3 thousand and accounted 66.5% of the population in the same age group. Compared to 2009 the activity rate (15-64) went down by 0.7 percentage points.
- The total **number of employed persons** reached 3 052.8 thousand, of which 3 010.4 thousand aged 15-64 and in comparison with 2009 decreased by 6.2% and 6.1% respectively.
- **The employment rate** (15-64) was 59.7%, by 2.9 percentage points lower in comparison with 2009 (by sex: 63.0% for men and 56.4% for women).
- **The employment rate** for the age group 20-64 years (an indicator laid down in the European Commission strategy Europe 2020) fell by 3.4 percentage points compared to 2009 and achieved 65.4% (69.1% for men and 61.7% for women).
- In 2010 the employment rate of older people (aged 55-64) reached 43.5% and in comparison with 2009 declined by 2.6 percentage points - by 3.8 percentage points for men (to 50.3%) and by 1.5 percentage points for women (to 37.7%).
- **Unemployed** were 348.0 thousand persons, of which 196.3 thousand were men and 151.7 thousand - women.
- In 2010 **the unemployment rate** was 10.2% and in comparison with 2009 increased by 3.4 percentage points. The raise of unemployment rate was higher for men (by 3.9 percentage points) than for women (by 2.9 percentage points).
- The youth unemployment rate (15-24) was 23.2%.
- The number of **long-term unemployed persons** (unemployed more than a year) was 161.7 thousand, representing 46.5% of all unemployed.
- The long-term unemployment rate was 4.8%, 5.1% for men and 4.4% for women respectively.
- The **economically inactive persons** aged 15-64 were 1 689.8 thousand, of which 733.3 thousand were men and 956.5 thousand - women. The inactivity rate was 33.5% (29.2% for men and 37.7% for women).
- The number of **discouraged persons** aged 15-64 was 222.3 thousand and increased by 38.1 thousand compared to 2009.



Figure 1. Employment rates by age group

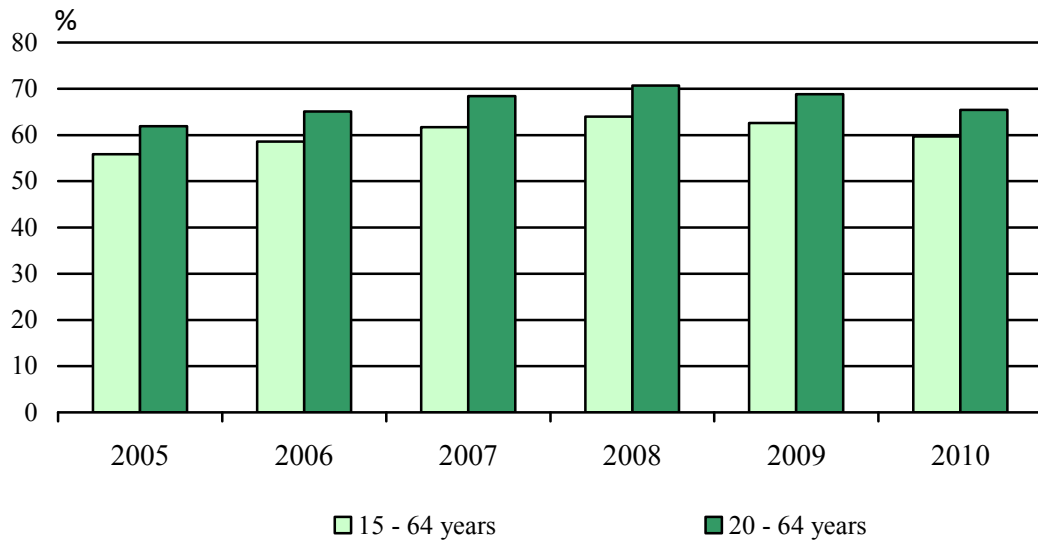


Figure 2. Unemployment rates by sex





APPENDIX

Table 1

Main labour market indicators, 2009 and 2010

	2009	2010	Change (2010 minus 2009)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	67.2	66.5	-0.7
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3253.6	3052.8	-200.8
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3204.8	3010.4	-194.4
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	240.0	207.4	-32.6
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	3178.6	2993.9	-184.7
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	452.0	421.2	-30.8
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	49.4	46.7	-2.7
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	62.6	59.7	-2.9
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	24.8	22.2	-2.6
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	68.8	65.4	-3.4
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	46.1	43.5	-2.6
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	238.0	348.0	110.0
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	236.7	345.9	109.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	46.2	62.5	16.3
Unemployment rate - %	6.8	10.2	3.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.9	10.3	3.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	16.2	23.2	7.0
Long-term unemployment rate - %	3.0	4.8	1.8
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	186.4	224.6	38.2
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	184.2	222.3	38.1



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Main labour market indicators, 2009 and 2010

(Continued)

	2009	2010	Change (2010 minus 2009)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	72.0	70.8	-1.2
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1732.3	1608.3	-124
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1698.7	1579.2	-119.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	139.0	121.3	-17.7
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1683.1	1569.3	-113.8
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	244.5	224.4	-20.1
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	54.9	51.3	-3.6
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	66.9	63.0	-3.9
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	28.0	25.4	-2.6
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	73.8	69.1	-4.7
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	54.1	50.3	-3.8
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	130.1	196.3	66.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	129.3	195.3	66.0
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	30.0	38.6	8.6
Unemployment rate - %	7.0	10.9	3.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	7.1	11.0	3.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	17.8	24.1	6.3
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.9	5.1	2.2
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	97.1	121.2	24.1
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	95.8	119.7	23.9



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Main labour market indicators, 2009 and 2010

(Continued and end)

	2009	2010	Change (2010 minus 2009)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	62.5	62.3	-0.2
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1521.3	1444.5	-76.8
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1506.1	1431.2	-74.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	101.0	86.1	-14.9
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1495.5	1424.6	-70.9
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	207.5	196.8	-10.7
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	44.4	42.4	-2.0
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	58.3	56.4	-1.9
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	21.4	18.9	-2.5
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	64.0	61.7	-2.3
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	39.2	37.7	-1.5
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	107.9	151.7	43.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	107.4	150.7	43.3
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	16.2	23.9	7.7
Unemployment rate - %	6.6	9.5	2.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.7	9.5	2.8
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	13.8	21.7	7.9
Long-term unemployment rate - %	3.1	4.4	1.3
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	89.3	103.4	14.1
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	88.4	102.5	14.1



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 had already 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 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.



Annual data are calculated as average of the fourth quarters of the year.

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.

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 information from the Labour Force Survey can be found on the website of the NSI - www.nsi.bg, Section "Labour Market".