



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2011

MAIN RESULTS

- In 2011 **the economically active population aged 15 - 64** was 3 279.1 thousand and represented 66.0% of population in the same age group. Compared to 2010 the activity rate (15 - 64 years) went down by 0.5 percentage points.
- The **total number of employed persons** stood at 2 949.6 thousand, accounting 45.6% of population aged 15 and over.
- **Employed persons aged 15 - 64** were 2 908.3 thousand, by 3.4% less than in 2010.
- **The employment rate (15 - 64 years)** was 58.5% (60.9% for men and 56.2% for women), by 1.2 percentage points lower as compared to 2010.
- **The employment rate for the age group 20 - 64 years** (an indicator laid down in the European Commission strategy Europe 2020) decreased by 1.5 percentage points compared to 2010 and achieved 63.9% (66.6% for men and 61.2% for women).
- **The employment rate for people aged 55 - 64** reached 43.9%, which was by 0.4 percentage points higher than in 2010, and it was wholly due to increase of female employment.
- **Unemployed** were 372.3 thousand persons, of whom 215.7 were men and 156.6 were women.
- As compared to 2010 **the unemployment rate** rose by 1.0 percentage point to 11.2%. The unemployment rate went up by 1.4 percentage points for men and by 0.5 percentage points for women, achieving 12.3 and 10.0% respectively.
- **The youth unemployment rate** (15 - 24 years) was 26.6%.
- The number of **long-term unemployed persons** (unemployed one year and over) was 209.4 thousand, representing 56.2% of all unemployed.
- **The long-term unemployment rate** was 6.3% (7.0% for men and 5.5% for women).
- The **economically inactive persons** aged 15 - 64 were 1 690.5 thousand, of whom 753.2 thousand men and 937.3 women. **The inactivity rate** was 34.0% (30.4% for men and 37.6% for women).
- The number of **discouraged persons** aged 15 - 64 was 235.2 thousand.



Figure 1. Employment rates by age group

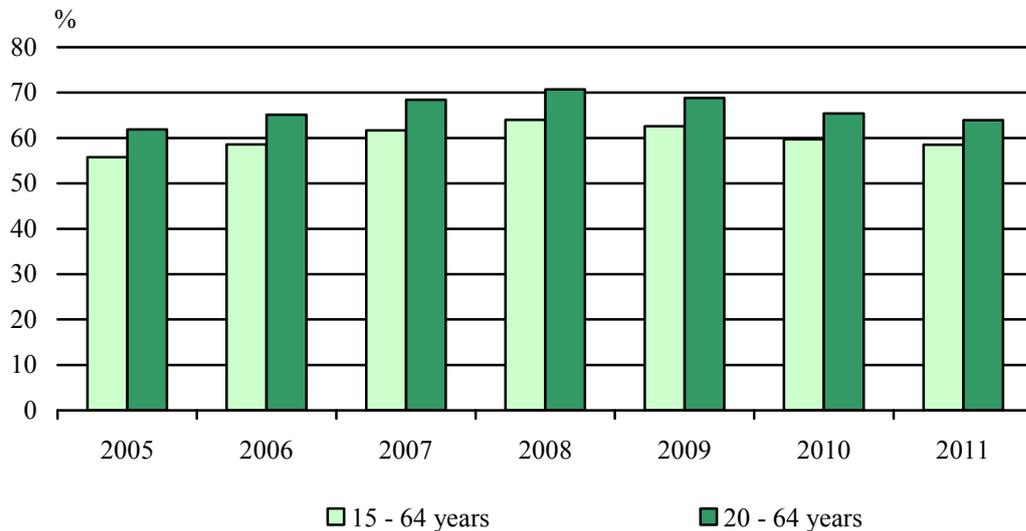
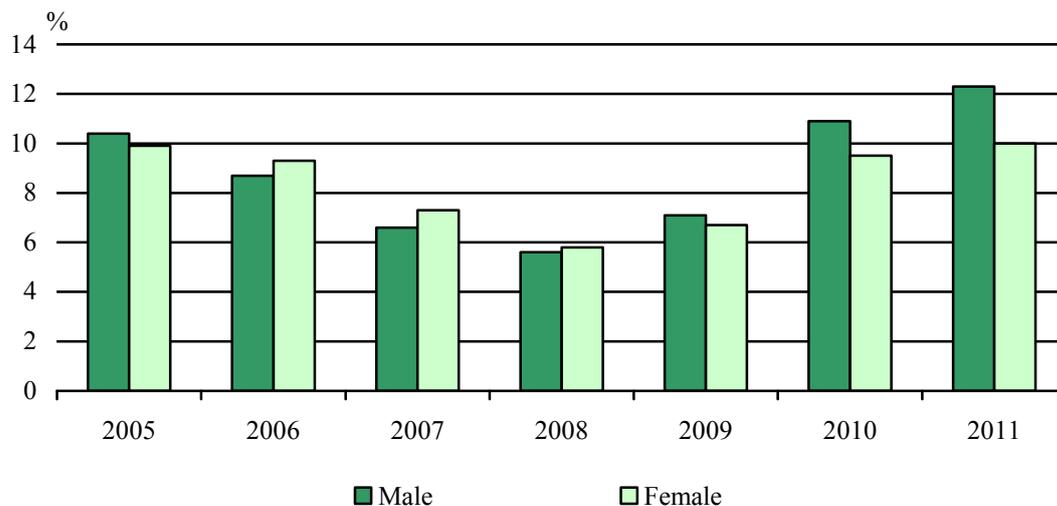


Figure 2. Unemployment rates by sex



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.

Average annual data are calculated as average of the fourth quarters of the year.

For the assessment of the results the current demographic data as of 31 December 2010 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 data from the Labour Force Survey could be found on the NSI website www.nsi.bg, section "Labor Market", Labour Force Survey



APPENDIX

Table 1

MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
2010 AND 2011

	2010	2011	Change (2011 minus 2010)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	66.5	66.0	-0.5
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3052.8	2949.6	-103.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3010.4	2908.3	-102.1
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	207.4	179.1	-28.3
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	2993.9	2896.9	-97.0
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	421.2	420.6	-0.6
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	46.7	45.6	-1.1
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	59.7	58.5	-1.2
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	22.2	20.1	-2.1
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	65.4	63.9	-1.5
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	43.5	43.9	0.4
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	348.0	372.3	24.3
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	345.9	370.8	24.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	62.5	64.9	2.4
Unemployment rate - %	10.2	11.2	1.0
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	10.3	11.3	1.0
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	23.2	26.6	3.4
Long-term unemployment rate - %	4.8	6.3	1.5
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	224.6	237.0	12.4
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	222.3	235.2	12.9



Table 1

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
2010 AND 2011**

(Continued)

	2010	2011	Change (2011 minus 2010)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	70.8	69.6	-1.2
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1608.3	1536.3	-72.0
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1579.2	1508.0	-71.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	121.3	104.3	-17.0
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1569.3	1501.4	-67.9
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	224.4	220.3	-4.1
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	51.3	49.6	-1.7
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	63.0	60.9	-2.1
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	25.4	22.8	-2.6
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	69.1	66.6	-2.5
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	50.3	49.9	-0.4
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	196.3	215.7	19.4
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	195.3	215.1	19.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	38.6	39.7	1.1
Unemployment rate - %	10.9	12.3	1.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	11.0	12.5	1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	24.1	27.6	3.5
Long-term unemployment rate - %	5.1	7.0	1.9
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	121.2	131.6	10.4
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	119.7	130.4	10.7



Table 1

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS,
2010 AND 2011**

(Continued and end)

	2010	2011	Change (2011 minus 2010)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	62.3	62.4	0.1
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1444.5	1413.3	-31.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1431.2	1400.3	-30.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	86.1	74.8	-11.3
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands	1424.6	1395.6	-29.0
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	196.8	200.3	3.5
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	42.4	41.9	-0.5
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	56.4	56.2	-0.2
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	18.9	17.2	-1.7
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	61.7	61.2	-0.5
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	37.7	38.8	1.1
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	151.7	156.6	4.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	150.7	155.6	4.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	23.9	25.2	1.3
Unemployment rate - %	9.5	10.0	0.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	9.5	10.0	0.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	21.7	25.2	3.5
Long-term unemployment rate - %	4.4	5.5	1.1
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	103.4	105.4	2.0
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	102.5	104.9	2.4