



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2013

MAIN RESULTS

- In 2013 the **economically active population aged 15 - 64** was 3 322.7 thousand and represented 68.4% of population in the same age group. Compared to 2012 the activity rate (15 - 64 years) went up by 1.3 percentage points.
- The **total number of employed persons** stood at 2 934.9 thousand, representing 46.9% of population aged 15 and over.
- There were 2 889.4 thousand **employed persons aged 15 - 64**. The **employment rate for the same age group** was 59.5% (62.1% for men and 56.8% for women).
- The **employment rate for the age group 20 - 64 years** was 63.5%, by 0.5 percentage points higher compared to the 2012. The increase in the rate was almost the same for men and women, reaching 66.4% for men and 60.7% for women.
- The **employment rate of older people** (aged 55 - 64) was 47.4%, which was by 1.7 percentage points higher than in 2012 (by 2.1 percentage points for women and 1.1 percentage points for men).
- There were 436.3 thousand **unemployed persons**, of whom 249.8 thousand were men and 186.5 thousand were women.
- As compared to 2012 the **unemployment rate** rose by 0.6 percentage points to 12.9%. The unemployment rate went up by 0.4 percentage points for men and by 1.0 percentage point for women, achieving 13.9 and 11.8% respectively.
- The **unemployment rate for the age group 15 - 24 years** was 28.4%, and for the **age group 15 - 29 years** - 21.8%. Compared to 2012 the rates increased by 0.3 and 1.0 percentage points respectively.
- The number of **long-term unemployed persons** (unemployed one year and over) was 250.3 thousand, representing 57.4% of all unemployed. The **long-term unemployment rate** was 7.4% (8.1% for men and 6.6% for women).
- The **economically inactive persons** aged 15 - 64 were 1 536.5 thousand, of whom 679.4 thousand men and 857.0 thousand women. The **inactivity rate** was 31.6% (27.8% for men and 35.5% for women).
- The number of **discouraged persons** aged 15 - 64 was 206.5 thousand.
- The relative share of **early school leavers** of population aged 18 - 24 years was 12.5%.
- Out of the total population **aged 30 - 34 years**, 29.4% were **with tertiary education**.



Figure 1. Employment rates by age group

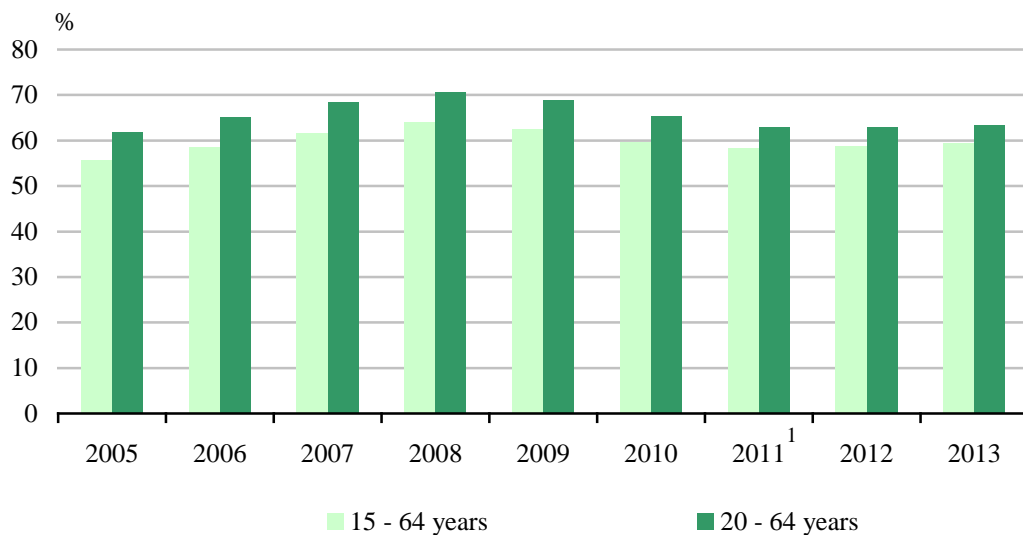
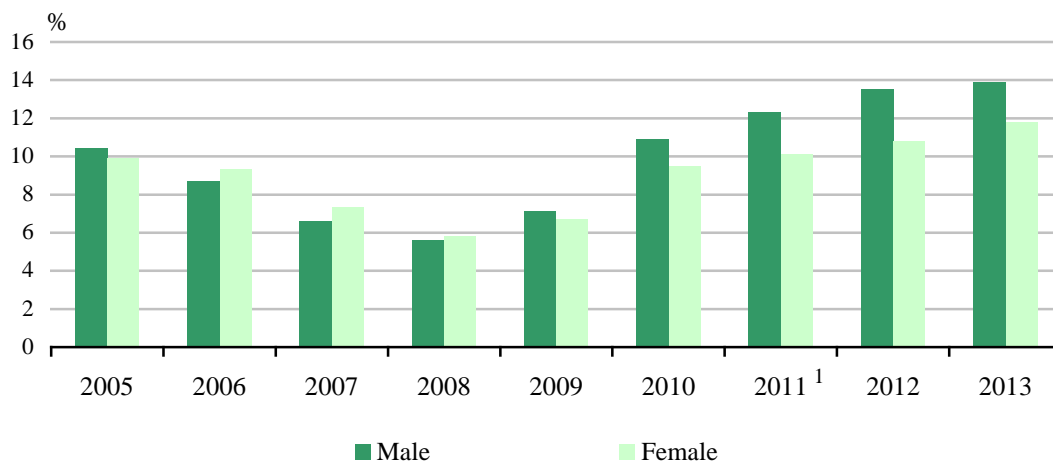


Figure 2. Unemployment rates by sex



¹ Revised data.



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 work 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.

Early school leavers - persons aged 18 to 24 having attained lower secondary education as a highest and not received any education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey.

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



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



Appendix

Table 1

Main labour market indicators,
2012 and 2013

| | 2012 | 2013 | Change (2013 minus 2012) |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Total | | | |
| Activity rate (15 - 64) - % | 67.1 | 68.4 | 1.3 |
| Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands | 2934.0 | 2934.9 | 0.9 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 2894.9 | 2889.4 | -5.5 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 178.3 | 164.5 | -13.8 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 488.6 | 463.4 | -25.2 |
| Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands | 2882.2 | 2879.6 | -2.6 |
| Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands | 479.2 | 491.5 | 12.3 |
| Employment rate (15 and over) - % | 46.6 | 46.9 | 0.3 |
| Employment rate (15 - 64) - % | 58.8 | 59.5 | 0.7 |
| Employment rate (15 - 24) - % | 21.9 | 21.2 | -0.7 |
| Employment rate (15 - 29) - % | 37.5 | 36.7 | -0.8 |
| Employment rate (20 - 64) - % | 63.0 | 63.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment rate (55 - 64) - % | 45.7 | 47.4 | 1.7 |
| Unemployed persons - total - thousands | 410.3 | 436.3 | 26.0 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 409.0 | 433.2 | 24.2 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 69.7 | 65.1 | -4.6 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 128.5 | 128.9 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment rate - % | 12.3 | 12.9 | 0.6 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - % | 12.4 | 13.0 | 0.6 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - % | 28.1 | 28.4 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - % | 20.8 | 21.8 | 1.0 |
| Long-term unemployment rate - % | 6.8 | 7.4 | 0.6 |
| Discouraged persons - thousands | 227.7 | 209.7 | -18.0 |
| Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - thousands | 225.6 | 206.5 | -19.1 |



Table 1

**Main labour market indicators,
2012 and 2013**

(Continued)

| | 2012 | 2013 | Change (2013 minus 2012) |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Male | | | |
| Activity rate (15 - 64) - % | 71.0 | 72.2 | 1.2 |
| Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands | 1541.7 | 1546.9 | 5.2 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 1517.2 | 1518.0 | 0.8 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 104.0 | 95.3 | -8.7 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 276.8 | 263.5 | -13.3 |
| Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands | 1511.0 | 1512.0 | 1.0 |
| Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands | 250.1 | 253.8 | 3.7 |
| Employment rate (15 and over) - % | 50.8 | 51.4 | 0.6 |
| Employment rate (15 - 64) - % | 61.3 | 62.1 | 0.8 |
| Employment rate (15 - 24) - % | 24.9 | 24.0 | -0.9 |
| Employment rate (15 - 29) - % | 41.3 | 40.6 | -0.7 |
| Employment rate (20 - 64) - % | 65.8 | 66.4 | 0.6 |
| Employment rate (55 - 64) - % | 50.8 | 51.9 | 1.1 |
| Unemployed persons - total - thousands | 241.1 | 249.8 | 8.7 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 240.5 | 248.3 | 7.8 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 43.5 | 41.2 | -2.3 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 78.3 | 75.7 | -2.6 |
| Unemployment rate - % | 13.5 | 13.9 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - % | 13.7 | 14.1 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - % | 29.5 | 30.2 | 0.7 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - % | 22.1 | 22.3 | 0.2 |
| Long-term unemployment rate - % | 7.7 | 8.1 | 0.4 |
| Discouraged persons - thousands | 125.4 | 116.5 | -8.9 |
| Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - thousands | 124.3 | 115.0 | -9.3 |



Table 1

**Main labour market indicators,
2012 and 2013**

(Continued and end)

| | 2012 | 2013 | Change (2013 minus 2012) |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Female | | | |
| Activity rate (15 - 64) - % | 63.2 | 64.5 | 1.3 |
| Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands | 1392.3 | 1388.1 | -4.2 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 1377.7 | 1371.5 | -6.2 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 74.3 | 69.2 | -5.1 |
| Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 211.8 | 199.9 | -11.9 |
| Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - thousands | 1371.2 | 1367.6 | -3.6 |
| Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands | 229.1 | 237.8 | 8.7 |
| Employment rate (15 and over) - % | 42.6 | 42.8 | 0.2 |
| Employment rate (15 - 64) - % | 56.3 | 56.8 | 0.5 |
| Employment rate (15 - 24) - % | 18.7 | 18.4 | -0.3 |
| Employment rate (15 - 29) - % | 33.5 | 32.6 | -0.9 |
| Employment rate (20 - 64) - % | 60.2 | 60.7 | 0.5 |
| Employment rate (55 - 64) - % | 41.3 | 43.4 | 2.1 |
| Unemployed persons - total - thousands | 169.3 | 186.5 | 17.2 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands | 168.5 | 185.0 | 16.5 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands | 26.1 | 23.9 | -2.2 |
| Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - thousands | 50.2 | 53.2 | 3.0 |
| Unemployment rate - % | 10.8 | 11.8 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - % | 10.9 | 11.9 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - % | 26.0 | 25.7 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - % | 19.1 | 21.0 | 1.9 |
| Long-term unemployment rate - % | 5.7 | 6.6 | 0.9 |
| Discouraged persons - thousands | 102.3 | 93.2 | -9.1 |
| Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - thousands | 101.3 | 91.5 | -9.8 |