

Employment, unemployment and underemployment statistics

Employment

Period	4 th quarter 1987	4 th quarter 1992	4 th quarter 1997*	4 th quarter 2002	4 th quarter 2009
Labour force	2 782 900	2 817 100	3 296 900	3 518 800	3 669 900
Employed persons	2 735 200	2 760 600	3 221 300	3 266 200	3 497 100
Male	1 716 500	1 750 900	1 925 400	1 803 700	1 941 700
Female	1 018 700	1 009 700	1 295 900	1 462 500	1 728 200
Persons aged below 20	127 500	103 800	84 700	54 700	50 900
Persons aged 60 or over	172 200	157 100	124 200	113 500	164 800

Unemployment

Period	4 th quarter 1987	4 th quarter 1992	4 th quarter 1997*	4 th quarter 2002	4 th quarter 2009
Number of unemployed	47 700	56 500	75 600	252 600	172 800
Male	29 900	35 000	46 100	160 500	106 000
Female	17 700	21 500	29 600	92 100	66 800
Persons aged below 20	8 400	8 000	9 900	22 800	10 200
Persons aged 60 or over	2 700	1 500	2 300	4 900	4 100
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	1.7% [#]	2.4% [#]	2.2%	7.2%	4.9%

Underemployment

Period	4th quarter 1987	4 th quarter 1992	4 th quarter 1997*	4 th quarter 2002	4th quarter 2009
Number of underemployed	28 400	56 600	42 500	109 700	84 500
Male	19 200	45 500	32 500	75 300	59 800
Female	9 200	11 100	10 100	34 400	24 700
Persons aged below 20	1 200	900	2 300	3 900	1 500
Persons aged 60 or over	2 200	3 700	2 100	3 400	3 700
Underemploye nt rate	1.0%	2.0%	1.3%	3.1%	2.3%

Notes: * Figures for 4th Quarter 1997 have been revised following the findings of the 2001 Population Census.

In the first Quarter of 2001, we replaced the previous method for the seasonal adjustment of the unemployment rate with the 'X-11 ARIMA' method. The historical time series of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates has been revised accordingly.