



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014 MAIN RESULTS

- In 2014 **the economically active population aged 15 - 64** was 3 308.7 thousand and represented 69.0% of population in the same age group. The activity rate (15 - 64 years) went up by 0.6 percentage points compared to 2013.
- The **total number of employed persons** stood at 2 981.4 thousand, representing 48.0% of population aged 15 and over.
- There were 2 927.4 thousand **employed persons aged 15 - 64**. **The employment rate for the same age group** was 61.0% (63.9% for men and 58.2% for women).
- **The employment rate for the age group 20 - 64 years** was 65.1%, by 1.6 percentage points higher compared to 2013. The employment rate (20 - 64) increased by 1.7 percentage points for men and by 1.3 percentage points for women, achieving 68.1% and 62.0% respectively.
- **The employment rate for people aged 55 - 64** was 50.0%. It registered an increase of 2.6 percentage points between 2013 and 2014 for both men and women reaching 54.5% and 46.0% respectively.
- There were 384.5 thousand **unemployed persons**, of whom 221.4 thousand were men and 163.1 thousand were women.
- **The unemployment rate** went down by 1.5 percentage points in comparison with 2013 and reached 11.4%. The unemployment rates for men and women decreased almost equally standing at 12.3% for men and 10.4% for women.
- **The unemployment rate for the age group 15 - 24 years** was 23.8%, and for the **age group 15 - 29 years** - 17.7%. The unemployment rates for these age groups declined by 4.6 percentage points and 4.1 percentage points respectively, compared to 2013.
- The number of **long-term unemployed persons** (unemployed one year and over) was 232.5 thousand, representing 60.5% of all unemployed. **The long-term unemployment rate** was 6.9% (7.7% for men and 6.0% for women).
- **The economically inactive persons aged 15 - 64** were 1 486.9 thousand, of whom 653.8 thousand men and 833.0 thousand women. **The inactivity rate (15 - 64)** was 31.0% (27.1% for men and 35.0% for women).
- The number of **discouraged persons aged 15 - 64** was 188.7 thousand.
- The share of **early leavers from education and training** of population aged 18 - 24 years was 12.9%.
- The share of population **aged 30 - 34 years, having completed tertiary education** was 30.9%.



Figure 1. Employment rates by age group

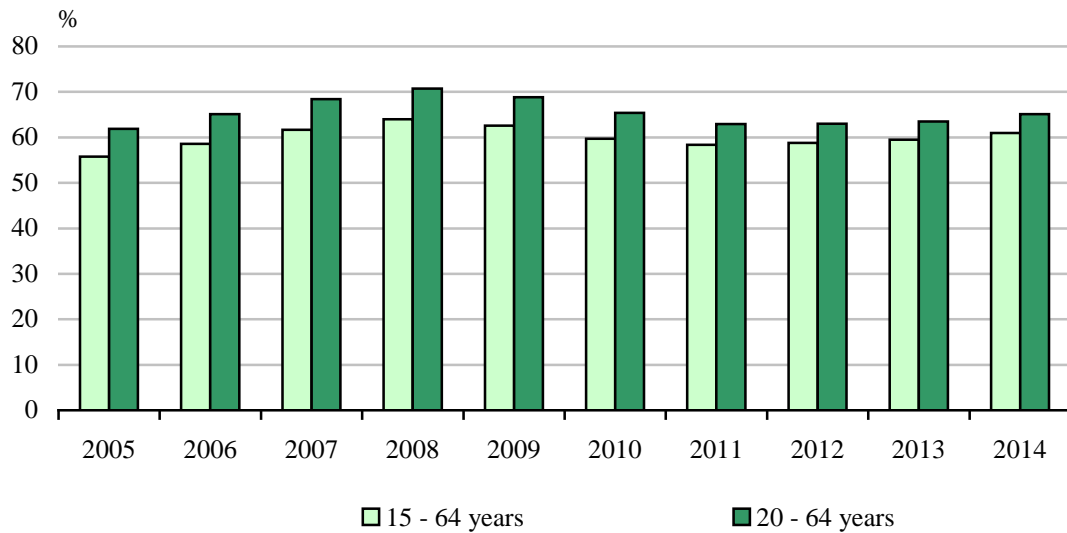
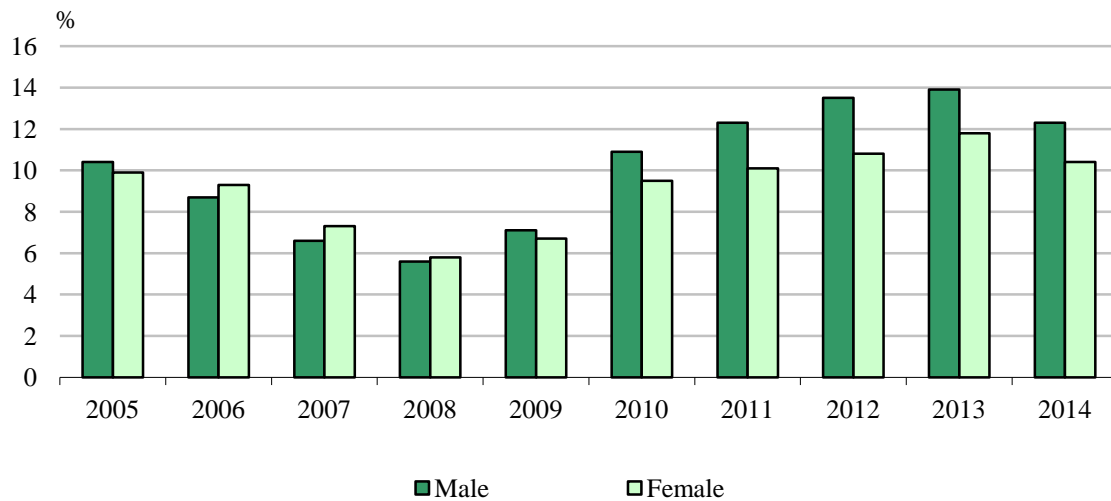


Figure 2. Unemployment rates by sex





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 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 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 leavers from education and training - 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. The levels of education correspond to the International Standard Classification of Education, revision 2011 (ISCED 2011) in force from 2014.

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.



Annex

Table 1

Main labour market indicators, 2013 and 2014

	2013	2014	Change (2014 minus 2013)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	68.4	69.0	0.6
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	2934.9	2981.4	46.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	2889.4	2927.4	38.0
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	164.5	152.7	-11.8
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	463.4	464.9	1.5
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	2879.6	2916.4	36.8
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	491.5	511.2	19.7
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	46.9	48.0	1.1
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	59.5	61.0	1.5
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	21.2	20.7	-0.5
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	36.7	38.0	1.3
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	63.5	65.1	1.6
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	47.4	50.0	2.6
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	436.3	384.5	-51.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	433.2	381.3	-51.9
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	65.1	47.6	-17.5
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	128.9	100.1	-28.8
Unemployment rate - %	12.9	11.4	-1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	13.0	11.5	-1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	28.4	23.8	-4.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	21.8	17.7	-4.1
Long-term unemployment rate - %	7.4	6.9	-0.5
Discouraged persons - in thousands	209.7	192.1	-17.6
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	206.5	188.7	-17.8



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Main labour market indicators, 2013 and 2014

(Continued)

	2013	2014	Change (2014 minus 2013)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	72.2	72.9	0.7
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	1546.9	1577.1	30.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	1518.0	1543.3	25.3
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	95.3	90.8	-4.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	263.5	264.7	1.2
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	1512.0	1536.7	24.7
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	253.8	263.4	9.6
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	51.4	52.7	1.3
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	62.1	63.9	1.8
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	24.0	24.0	0.0
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	40.6	42.1	1.5
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	66.4	68.1	1.7
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	51.9	54.5	2.6
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	249.8	221.4	-28.4
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	248.3	219.8	-28.5
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	41.2	28.4	-12.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	75.7	58.3	-17.4
Unemployment rate - %	13.9	12.3	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	14.1	12.5	-1.6
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	30.2	23.8	-6.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	22.3	18.1	-4.2
Long-term unemployment rate - %	8.1	7.7	-0.4
Discouraged persons - in thousands	116.5	107.8	-8.7
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	115.0	105.8	-9.2



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Main labour market indicators, 2013 and 2014

(Continued and end)

	2013	2014	Change (2014 minus 2013)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	64.5	65.0	0.5
Employed persons aged 15 and over - in thousands	1388.1	1404.3	16.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	1371.5	1384.1	12.6
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	69.2	61.9	-7.3
Employed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	199.9	200.2	0.3
Employed persons aged 20 - 64 - in thousands	1367.6	1379.6	12.0
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - in thousands	237.8	247.8	10.0
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	42.8	43.6	0.8
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	56.8	58.2	1.4
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	18.4	17.3	-1.1
Employment rate (15 - 29) - %	32.6	33.7	1.1
Employment rate (20 - 64) - %	60.7	62.0	1.3
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	43.4	46.0	2.6
Unemployed persons - total - in thousands	186.5	163.1	-23.4
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - in thousands	185.0	161.5	-23.5
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - in thousands	23.9	19.3	-4.6
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 29 - in thousands	53.2	41.8	-11.4
Unemployment rate - %	11.8	10.4	-1.4
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	11.9	10.4	-1.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	25.7	23.7	-2.0
Unemployment rate (15 - 29) - %	21.0	17.3	-3.7
Long-term unemployment rate - %	6.6	6.0	-0.6
Discouraged persons - in thousands	93.2	84.3	-8.9
Discouraged persons (15 - 64) - in thousands	91.5	82.9	-8.6