

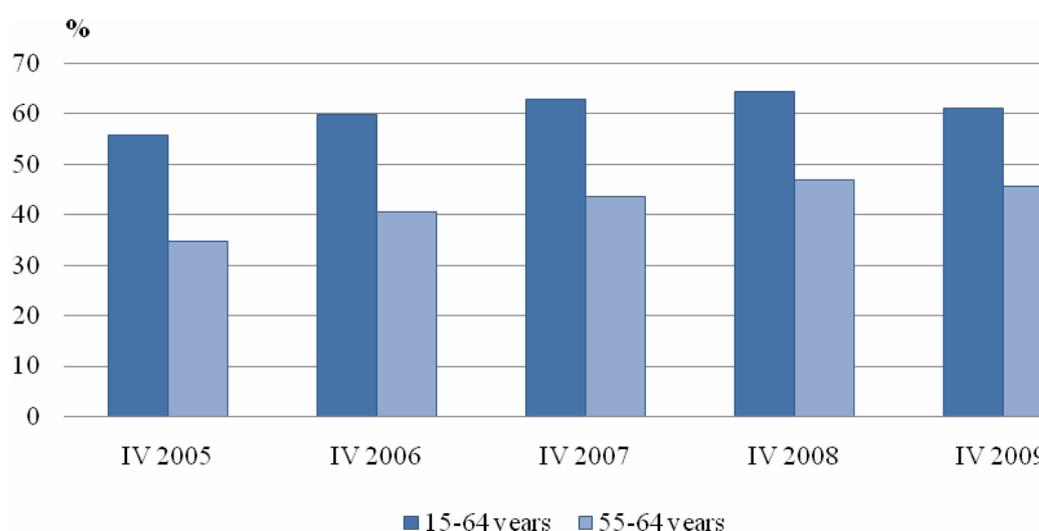
MAIN LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RESULTS FOURTH QUARTER 2009

1. Main labour market indicators for the population aged 15-64

According to the results from the Labour Force Survey, carried out by the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2009 **the number of economically active population aged 15-64** was 3 396.1 thousand, or 66.5% of the population in the same age group. By sex the activity rate was 71.4% for men and 61.7% for women. The total activity rate recorded a fall by 1.3 percentage points in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2008 - by 1.4 percentage points for men and by 1.1 percentage points for women.

In the fourth quarter of 2009 **the employment rate of population of 15-64 years of age** fell by 3.1 percentage points compared to the same quarter of 2008 and stood at 61.2%. By sex a bigger fall was observed for the men and the employment rates achieved 65.3% for men and 57.2% for women respectively (tabl.1).

Figure 1. Employment rate by age group, fourth quarter of the respective year



The **employment rate of older people (aged 55-64)** stood at 45.7%, by 1.3 percentage points lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2008 as the decline was entirely due to the drop in employment of men in this age group - by 3.3 percentage points. In employment were 53.5% of men aged 55 - 64 and 38.8% of women of the same age.

The **economically inactive population aged 15-64** was 1 708.6 thousand, or 33.5% of the population in the same age group. Among all economically inactive population 726.9 thousand were men and 981.7 thousand were women.

The **discouraged persons** aged 15-64 were 220.7 thousand, or 12.9% of the economically inactive population of the same age group. In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2008 their number rose by 69.8 thousand.

2. Main characteristics of the employed persons aged 15 and over

In the fourth quarter of 2009 the total number of **employed persons aged 15 and over** was 3 171.6 thousand and had a relative share of 48.2% of population of the same age. In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2008 their number decreased by 5.7% as the decrease was slightly higher for men - by 6.1%, than for women - by 5.2%. For the same period the total employment rate went down by 2.6 percentage points, 3.2 percentage points for men and 2.1 percentage points for women respectively.

Of the total number of employed 3.5% were employers, 8.0% - self-employed without employees, 87.5% - employees, and 1.0% - unpaid family workers.

Of all employees 2 020.0 thousand (72.8%) were working in the private sector, and 754.5 thousand (27.2%) - in the public sector. The share of male employees was higher in the private sector - 55.9% of all employees in this sector, while in the public sector 58.5% of working population were females.

In the fourth quarter of 2009 more than a half of the total number of employed persons - 1 862.9 thousand (58.7%), were engaged in the Service sector, in the Industry - 1 091.7 thousand (34.4%), and in the Agriculture and forestry sector - 217.0 thousand (6.8%). Compared to the same quarter of 2008 the biggest fall-off in the number of employed persons was in the Industry - by 10.3%.

3. Unemployment

In the fourth quarter of 2009 the number of **unemployed persons** was 272.8 thousand and the **unemployment rate** - 7.9%. Compared to the same quarter of 2008 the number of unemployed went up by 95.1 thousand and the unemployment rate increased by 2.9 percentage points.

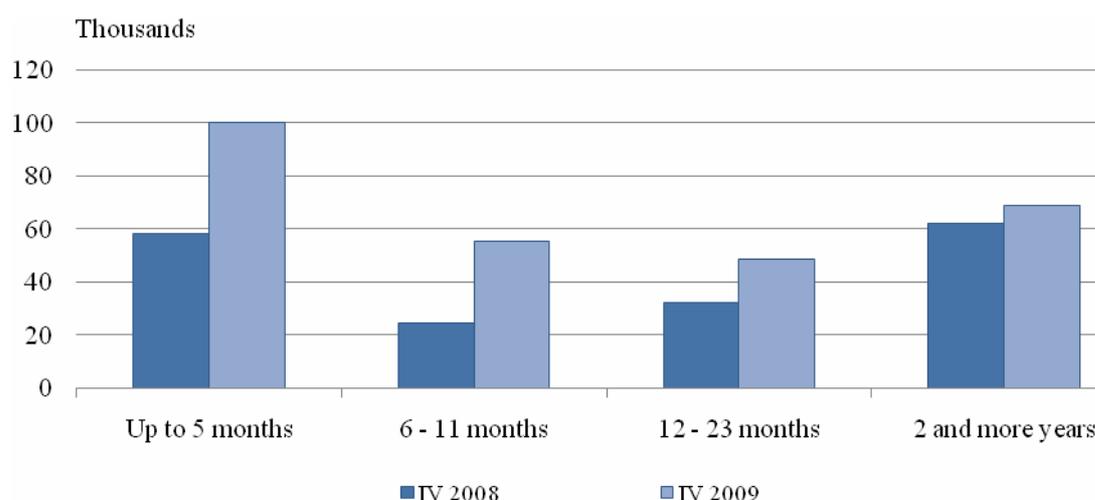
The unemployment growth was larger for men than for women (the unemployment rate rose by 3.5 and 2.3 percentage points respectively), and in the fourth quarter of 2009 the male unemployment rate (8.4%) surpassed the female unemployment rate by one percentage point (7.4%).

The young unemployed (15 - 24 years of age) were 53.2 thousand, and the youth unemployment rate reached 19.5%, 20.9% for men and 17.3% for women respectively.

Between the fourth quarters of 2008 and 2009 more significant increase of the number of people unemployed for less than a year was observed. This number went up by 86.8% to 155.2 thousand, representing 56.9% of total unemployed. Of all who were unemployed less than a year 46.8% were dismissed or made redundant from the last job, 21.7% ended temporary or seasonal job, 19.4% left the last job by other reason and 12.1% have never worked.

For the period concerned the number of long-term unemployed rose by 24.2% to 117.6 thousand or 43.1% of all unemployed. The long-term unemployment rate went up by 0.7 percentage points and achieved 3.4%.

Figure 2. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, fourth quarter of 2008 and 2009



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.

Economically 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.

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 2008 for the total population are used.

As in all sample surveys data from the labour force survey are subject of errors due to the sample (stochastic errors).

The calculated relative standard errors for the main LFS indicators for the fourth quarter of 2009 are as follows:

- total number of employed - 1.2%;
- total number of unemployed - 4.2%;
- unemployment rate - 3.9%.

Because of the rounding of the figures some of the totals (rows and columns) are not equal to the sum of the components.

APPENDIX

Table 1

MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009

	Fourth quarter 2008	Fourth quarter 2009	Change (fourth quarter 2009 toward fourth quarter 2008)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	67.8	66.5	-1.3
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3363.5	3171.6	-191.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3310.3	3124.4	-185.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	260.9	219.5	-41.4
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	452.9	442.0	-10.9
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	50.8	48.2	-2.6
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	64.3	61.2	-3.1
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	26.1	22.7	-3.4
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	47.0	45.7	-1.3
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	177.7	272.8	95.1
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	176.1	271.7	95.6
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	35.8	53.2	17.4
Unemployment rate - %	5.0	7.9	2.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	5.1	8.0	2.9
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	12.1	19.5	7.4
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.7	3.4	0.7
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	152.8	223.7	70.9
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	150.9	220.7	69.8

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009**

(Continued)

	Fourth quarter 2008	Fourth quarter 2009	Change (fourth quarter 2009 toward fourth quarter 2008)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	72.8	71.4	-1.4
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1802.3	1691.6	-110.7
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1765.1	1657.2	-107.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	149.8	131.9	-17.9
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	252.7	243.4	-9.3
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	56.8	53.6	-3.2
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	69.2	65.3	-3.9
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	29.3	26.5	-2.8
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	56.8	53.5	-3.3
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	93.4	154.2	60.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	92.9	154.1	61.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	20.6	34.8	14.2
Unemployment rate - %	4.9	8.4	3.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	5.0	8.5	3.5
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	12.1	20.9	8.8
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.6	3.5	0.9
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	76.9	122.2	45.3
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	75.8	120.7	44.9

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 2008 AND 2009**

(Continued and end)

	Fourth quarter 2008	Fourth quarter 2009	Change (fourth quarter 2009 toward fourth quarter 2008)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	62.8	61.7	-1.1
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1561.2	1 480.0	-81.2
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1545.2	1 467.2	-78.0
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	111.1	87.6	-23.5
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	200.2	198.6	-1.6
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	45.3	43.2	-2.1
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	59.6	57.2	-2.4
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	22.8	18.6	-4.2
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	38.6	38.8	0.2
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	84.3	118.6	34.3
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	83.2	117.6	34.4
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	15.2	18.3	3.1
Unemployment rate - %	5.1	7.4	2.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	5.1	7.4	2.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	12.1	17.3	5.2
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.8	3.3	0.5
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	75.9	101.4	25.5
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	75.1	100.0	24.9