

## Employment and unemployment: provisional estimates

December 2011

In order to improve the timeliness of statistical information on the Italian labour market and in accordance with the agreements made within the European Union, Istat publishes monthly estimates of the main labour market indicators resulting from the “Labour force survey”.

Istat estimates that 22.9 million persons were employed in December 2011 (provisional data). Employment rate was 56.9%, unemployment rate 8.9% and inactivity rate 37.5%.

**Population by employment status. December 2011\*, seasonally adjusted** (absolute values in thousands and changes in thousands and percentages)

	Absolute values	Changes on the previous month		Changes on the same month of the previous year	
		Absolute	Percentage	Absolute	Percentage
Employed	22.903	-5	0,0	-23	-0,1
Unemployed	2.243	20	0,9	221	10,9
Inactive (aged 15-64)	14.869	-34	-0,2	-186	-1,2

\* provisional estimates

**Employment, unemployment and inactivity rates by sex. December 2011\*, seasonally adjusted** (percentages)

	Total	Males	Females
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	56,9	67,1	46,8
Unemployment rate	8,9	8,4	9,6
Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24)	31,0	-	-
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	37,5	26,7	48,2

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**For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version**

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