

Employment and unemployment

2nd quarter 2012

Istat estimates that 23 million persons were employed in the 2nd quarter 2012, down by 0.2% (-48 thousands) from the 2nd quarter 2011. The employment rate decreased to 57.1%. Unemployment reached 2.7 million (+758 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate rise to 10.5%. The inactivity rate decreased to 36.1%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity. 2nd quarter 2012

Geographical area and economic activity	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	Levels (x 1000)	Changes on previous year		Levels (x 1000)	Changes on previous quarter		Changes on previous year	
		(x 1000)	(%)		(x 1000)	(%)	(x 1000)	(%)
LABOUR FORCE								
Italy	25,751	710	2.8	25,733	189	0.7	753	3.0
North	12,862	279	2.2	12,918	74	0.6	326	2.6
Centre	5,359	129	2.5	5,329	38	0.7	112	2.1
South and the Islands	7,530	302	4.2	7,485	78	1.1	315	4.4
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	23,046	-48	-0.2	23,002	31	0.1	27	0.1
North	11,918	-9	-0.1	11,953	10	0.1	43	0.4
Centre	4,882	-2	-0.1	4,838	19	0.4	-2	0.0
South and the Islands	6,245	-37	-0.6	6,211	2	0.0	-13	-0.2
Agriculture	891	52	6.2	867	0	0.0	28	3.3
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,555	-104	-2.2	4,655	-15	-0.3	-13	-0.3
Building and construction	1,821	-98	-5.1	1,811	3	0.2	-97	-5.1
Services	15,779	101	0.6	15,669	43	0.3	110	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	2,705	758	38.9	2,731	158	6.1	726	36.2
North	944	288	43.8	965	63	7.0	283	41.6
Centre	477	132	38.2	491	19	4.1	114	30.2
South and the Islands	1,285	339	35.8	1,275	76	6.3	328	34.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)								
Italy	10.5	2.7		10.6	0.5		2.6	
North	7.3	2.1		7.5	0.4		2.1	
Centre	8.9	2.3		9.2	0.3		2.0	
South and the Islands	17.1	4.0		17.0	0.8		3.8	

(a) Changes in percentage points.

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area, non-seasonally adjusted. 2nd quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
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TOTAL									
Italy	17,256	5,790	23,046	42	-90	-48	0.2	-1.5	-0.2
North	9,079	2,839	11,918	53	3	88	0.6	-2.1	-0.1
Centre	3,651	1,231	4,882	31	-34	-2	0.9	-2.7	-0.1
South and the Islands	4,525	1,720	6,245	-42	5	-37	-0.9	0.3	-0.6
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	431	460	891	40	13	52	10.1	2.9	6.2
North	101	242	343	19	22	41	23.4	10.1	13.7
Centre	50	64	114	5	-9	-4	11.9	-12.3	-3.2
South and the Islands	280	154	434	15	0	15	5.7	-0.3	3.5
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,105	1,271	6,376	-129	-73	-202	-2.5	-5.4	-3.1
North	3,203	704	3,907	-35	-25	-60	-1.1	-3.5	-1.5
Centre	909	273	1,182	-32	-18	-50	-3.4	-6.2	-4.1
South and the Islands	993	294	1,287	-62	-29	-91	-5.9	-9.0	-6.6
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	3,981	574	4,555	-56	-48	-104	-1.4	-7.7	-2.2
North	2,664	325	2,989	-28	-25	-52	-1.0	-7.1	-1.7
Centre	667	123	790	-10	-7	-18	-1.5	-5.7	-2.2
South and the Islands	650	126	776	-18	-16	-34	-2.7	-11.1	-4.2
Construction									
Italy	1,124	697	1,821	-73	-25	-98	-6.1	-3.4	-5.1
North	539	379	919	-7	-1	-8	-1.3	-0.2	-0.9
Centre	242	150	392	-22	-11	-32	-8.2	-6.7	-7.6
South and the Islands	343	168	510	-44	-13	-57	-11.4	-7.3	-10.1
SERVICES									
Italy	11,719	4,060	15,779	132	-30	101	1.1	-0.7	0.6
North	5,775	1,893	7,668	68	-58	10	1.2	-3.0	0.1
Centre	2,692	894	3,586	58	-6	51	2.2	-0.7	1.5
South and the Islands	3,252	1,272	4,524	6	34	40	0.2	2.8	0.9

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 2nd quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	63.9	74.2	53.7	1.8	1.2	2.3
North	70.4	78.0	62.6	1.5	0.8	2.1
Centre	67.9	77.3	58.7	1.6	1.4	1.8
South and the Islands	53.4	67.5	39.6	2.2	1.7	2.8
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	57.1	66.8	47.5	-0.1	-1.1	0.8
North	65.1	72.6	57.5	-0.1	-1.0	0.8
Centre	61.8	71.3	52.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.2
South and the Islands	44.2	56.6	32.1	-0.2	-1.5	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	10.5	9.8	11.4	2.7	2.9	2.4
North	7.3	6.8	8.1	2.1	2.3	1.9
Centre	8.9	7.7	10.5	2.3	2.2	2.4
South and the Islands	17.1	16.0	18.9	4.0	4.3	3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	33.9	33.2	35.0	6.6	9.3	2.7
North	24.5	23.2	26.4	5.5	6.8	3.7
Centre	32.8	31.9	34.1	7.6	13.2	-0.7
South and the Islands	46.6	45.7	48.0	7.4	9.8	3.9
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	36.1	25.8	46.3	-1.8	-1.2	-2.3
North	29.6	22.0	37.4	-1.5	-0.8	-2.1
Centre	32.1	22.7	41.3	-1.6	-1.4	-1.8
South and the Islands	46.6	32.5	60.4	-2.2	-1.7	-2.8

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