

## Employment and unemployment: provisional estimates

May 2012

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 23.0 million persons were employed in May 2012 (provisional data). Employment rate was 57.1%, unemployment rate 10.1% and inactivity rate 36.5%.

**Population by employment status. May 2012\*, 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	23.034	60	0,3	98	0,4
Unemployed	2.584	-18	-0,7	534	26,0
Inactive (aged 15-64)	14.448	-25	-0,2	-598	-4,0

\* provisional estimates

**Employment, unemployment and inactivity rates by sex. May 2012\*, seasonally adjusted** (percentages)

	Total	Males	Females
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	57,1	67,2	47,2
Unemployment rate	10,1	9,3	11,2
Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24)	36,2	-	-
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	36,5	25,9	47,0

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

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