

Employment and unemployment

IV quarter 2010

Istat estimates that 22.9 million persons were employed in the IV quarter 2010, up 0.1% (+14 thousands) from IV quarter 2009. Employment rate decreased to 57% from 57.1% IV quarter 2009. Unemployed went up to 2.2 million people (+35 thousands). Unemployed rate was 8.7% from 8.6% IV quarter 2009. Inactivity rate was stable to 37.5%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activities. IV quarter 2010 (absolute values in thousands and changes in thousands and percentages)

Geographical area and economic activity	RAW DATA			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA				
	Absolute values	Changes on previous year		Absolute values	Changes on previous quarter		Changes on previous year	
		Absolute	Percentage		Absolute	Percentage	Absolute	Percentage
LABOUR FORCE								
Italy	25,115	48	0.2	25,000	78	0.3	35	0.1
North	12,640	7	0.1	12,587	19	0.1	-12	-0.1
Centre	5,251	-10	-0.2	5,234	18	0.3	9	0.2
South and the Islands	7,224	52	0.7	7,178	41	0.6	38	0.5
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,935	14	0.1	22,869	36	0.2	-29	-0.1
North	11,863	-3	0.0	11,831	-6	0.0	-31	-0.3
Centre	4,834	1	0.0	4,835	14	0.3	11	0.2
South and the Islands	6,238	16	0.3	6,203	28	0.4	-9	-0.1
Agriculture	931	23	2.5	880	-1	-0.1	13	1.5
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,597	-81	-1.7	4,566	-9	-0.2	-114	-2.4
Building and construction	1,911	-78	-3.9	1,905	-14	-0.7	-43	-2.2
Services	15,497	149	1.0	15,518	59	0.4	114	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	2,180	35	1.6	2,131	42	2.0	63	3.1
North	778	10	1.3	756	25	3.4	19	2.6
Centre	416	-12	-2.7	399	4	0.9	-2	-0.6
South and the Islands	986	36	3.8	975	14	1.4	47	5.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE								
Italy	8.7	0.1		8.5	0.1		0.2	
North	6.2	0.1		6.0	0.2		0.2	
Centre	7.9	-0.2		7.6	0.0		-0.1	
South and the Islands	13.6	0.4		13.6	0.1		0.6	

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area. IV quarter 2010 (absolute values in thousands and changes in thousands and percentages)

Geographical area	Absolute values			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Not employees	Total	Absolute			Percentage		
				Employees	Not employees	Total	Employees	Not employees	Total
TOTAL									
Italy	17,290	5,645	22,935	8	6	14	0.0	0.1	0.1
North	9,098	2,765	11,863	38	-41	-3	0.4	-1.5	0.0
Centre	3,611	1,223	4,834	0	1	1	0.0	0.1	0.0
South and the Islands	4,581	1,657	6,238	-30	46	16	-0.7	2.8	0.3
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	473	458	931	4	19	23	0.9	4.3	2.5
North	110	240	350	12	28	39	11.8	13.1	12.7
Centre	59	59	117	-10	-18	-28	-14.3	-23.9	-19.4
South and the Islands	304	159	463	2	10	12	0.8	6.4	2.7
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,156	1,351	6,508	-115	-44	-159	-2.2	-3.1	-2.4
North	3,222	721	3,943	6	-41	-35	0.2	-5.4	-0.9
Centre	936	314	1,250	-50	-9	-59	-5.1	-2.8	-4.5
South and the Islands	998	317	1,315	-71	7	-64	-6.6	2.1	-4.7
Manufacturing, fuel and power products									
Italy	3,974	623	4,597	-39	-42	-81	-1.0	-6.4	-1.7
North	2,692	355	3,048	50	-24	26	1.9	-6.4	0.9
Centre	686	143	828	-42	-16	-58	-5.8	-10.1	-6.6
South and the Islands	596	125	721	-47	-2	-49	-7.3	-1.4	-6.3
Building and construction									
Italy	1,182	729	1,911	-77	-1	-78	-6.1	-0.2	-3.9
North	530	365	895	-44	-17	-61	-7.7	-4.4	-6.4
Centre	250	172	422	-8	7	-1	-3.1	4.3	-0.3
South and the Islands	402	192	594	-24	8	-16	-5.7	4.6	-2.6
SERVICES									
Italy	11,660	3,836	15,497	119	30	149	1.0	0.8	1.0
North	5,765	1,805	7,570	20	-28	-7	0.4	-1.5	-0.1
Centre	2,616	850	3,467	60	29	89	2.4	3.5	2.6
South and the Islands	3,279	1,181	4,460	39	29	68	1.2	2.5	1.5

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. IV quarter 2010

Geographical area	Percentage values			Absolute changes on previous year		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	62.5	73.4	51.7	0.0	-0.3	0.3
North	69.5	77.9	60.9	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Centre	66.7	76.9	56.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6
South and the Islands	51.2	65.4	37.2	0.2	-0.5	0.9
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	57.0	67.6	46.5	-0.1	-0.6	0.3
North	65.1	74.0	56.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Centre	61.3	71.5	51.4	-0.4	-1.0	0.2
South and the Islands	44.1	57.1	31.4	-0.1	-0.9	0.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	8.7	7.8	10.0	0.1	0.3	-0.2
North	6.2	5.0	7.6	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Centre	7.9	6.9	9.3	-0.2	0.6	-1.3
South and the Islands	13.6	12.6	15.4	0.4	0.7	-0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	29.8	27.7	32.9	1.9	1.5	2.3
North	22.9	19.6	27.3	2.2	1.2	3.4
Centre	29.5	28.2	31.3	2.5	4.8	-0.6
South and the Islands	39.5	37.7	42.4	0.7	-0.2	2.0
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	37.5	26.6	48.3	0.0	0.3	-0.3
North	30.5	22.1	39.1	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Centre	33.3	23.1	43.2	0.6	0.5	0.6
South and the Islands	48.8	34.6	62.8	-0.2	0.5	-0.9

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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