

## Employment and unemployment

### 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

Istat estimates that 22.9 million persons were employed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011, up 0.1% (+18 thousands) from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010. The employment rate was equal to 56.9%. Unemployment reached 2.4 million (+249 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate rise to 9.6%. The inactivity rate decreased to 37%.

#### Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity (a). 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

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)	(%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
Italy	25.382	267	1,1	25.181	87	0,3	230	0,9
North	12.811	171	1,4	12.707	41	0,3	138	1,1
Centre	5.272	22	0,4	5.237	7	0,1	18	0,3
South and the Islands	7.298	74	1,0	7.236	38	0,5	74	1,0
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>								
Italy	22.953	18	0,1	22.974	-17	-0,1	65	0,3
North	11.951	88	0,7	11.951	12	0,1	95	0,8
Centre	4.788	-47	-1,0	4.813	-19	-0,4	-25	-0,5
South and the Islands	6.214	-24	-0,4	6.209	-10	-0,2	-5	-0,1
Agriculture	867	-46	-5,0	831	-17	-2,0	-31	-3,6
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4.743	92	2,0	4.703	25	0,5	71	1,5
Building and construction	1.775	-154	-8,0	1.815	-31	-1,7	-112	-5,8
Services	15.568	125	0,8	15.625	5	0,0	137	0,9
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>								
Italy	2.429	249	11,4	2.207	104	4,9	165	8,1
North	860	82	10,6	756	30	4,1	43	6,1
Centre	485	69	16,5	424	26	6,4	43	11,3
South and the Islands	1,084	98	10,0	1,027	48	4,9	79	8,3
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)</b>								
Italy	9.6	0.9		8.8	0.4		0.6	
North	6.7	0.6		5.9	0.2		0.3	
Centre	9.2	1.3		8.1	0.5		0.8	
South and the Islands	14.9	1.2		14.2	0.6		1.0	

(a) Economic activity is referred to Nace Rev. 2.

(b) Changes in percentage points.

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area, non-seasonally adjusted. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
				Employees	Employed not employees	Total	Employees	Employed not employees	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Italy	17.385	5.568	22.953	95	-77	18	0,5	-1,4	0,1
North	9.183	2.768	11.951	85	3	88	0,9	0,1	0,7
Centre	3.590	1.197	4.788	-21	-25	-47	-0,6	-2,1	-1,0
South and the Islands	4.611	1.603	6.214	30	-54	-24	0,7	-3,3	-0,4
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>									
Italy	464	403	867	5	-51	-46	1,2	-11,3	-5,0
North	100	208	308	-2	-30	-32	-2,0	-12,5	-9,4
Centre	52	55	107	-4	-4	-8	-7,6	-6,1	-6,9
South and the Islands	312	140	452	12	-18	-6	3,9	-11,5	-1,4
<b>INDUSTRY</b>									
Italy	5.248	1.270	6.518	-7	-54	-61	-0,1	-4,1	-0,9
North	3.306	706	4.012	66	2	68	2,0	0,3	1,7
Centre	903	269	1.172	-58	-37	-94	-6,0	-12,0	-7,5
South and the Islands	1.038	296	1.334	-15	-20	-35	-1,4	-6,3	-2,6
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	4.155	587	4.743	95	-3	92	2,3	-0,4	2,0
North	2.795	333	3.128	88	-1	87	3,3	-0,4	2,9
Centre	681	135	816	-25	3	-23	-3,6	2,0	-2,7
South and the Islands	679	119	798	32	-4	28	4,9	-3,3	3,6
Construction									
Italy	1.092	683	1.775	-102	-51	-154	-8,6	-7,0	-8,0
North	511	373	884	-22	3	-19	-4,2	0,9	-2,1
Centre	222	133	355	-33	-39	-72	-12,8	-22,7	-16,8
South and the Islands	359	177	536	-47	-16	-63	-11,6	-8,2	-10,5
<b>SERVICES</b>									
Italy	11,676	3,897	15,573	99	30	129	0,9	0,8	0,8
North	5,777	1,855	7,631	22	31	52	0,4	1,7	0,7
Centre	2,637	875	3,513	43	16	59	1,7	1,8	1,7
South and the Islands	3,262	1,167	4,429	34	-16	18	1,1	-1,4	0,4

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
<b>ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
Italy	63.0	73.5	52.5	0.5	0.1	0.9
North	70.1	78.3	61.9	0.7	0.4	1.0
Centre	66.7	76.5	57.1	0.0	-0.4	0.4
South and the Islands	51.7	65.6	38.2	0.6	0.2	1.0
<b>EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
Italy	56.9	67.0	46.8	-0.1	-0.6	0.3
North	65.3	73.6	57.0	0.2	-0.4	0.8
Centre	60.5	70.0	51.1	-0.9	-1.5	-0.3
South and the Islands	44.0	56.7	31.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE</b>						
Italy	9.6	8.7	10.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
North	6.7	5.9	7.8	0.6	0.9	0.1
Centre	9.2	8.3	10.4	1.3	1.4	1.1
South and the Islands	14.9	13.4	17.4	1.2	0.8	1.9
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS</b>						
Italy	32.6	31.2	34.5	2.8	3.5	1.6
North	24.1	23.1	25.3	1.1	3.5	-2.0
Centre	32.9	32.0	34.2	3.4	3.8	2.9
South and the Islands	44.9	42.1	49.2	5.4	4.3	6.8
<b>INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
Italy	37.0	26.5	47.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.9
North	29.9	21.7	38.1	-0.7	-0.4	-1.0
Centre	33.3	23.5	42.9	0.0	0.4	-0.4
South and the Islands	48.3	34.4	61.8	-0.6	-0.2	-1.0

For further details please refer to the Italian version.

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