

Employment and unemployment

3rd quarter 2012

Istat estimates that 22,9 million persons were employed in the 3rd quarter 2012, unchanged compared with the 3rd quarter 2011. The employment rate was stable at 56.9%. Unemployment reached 2.4 million (+581 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate rise to 9.8%. The inactivity rate decreased to 36.9%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity. 3rd 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	25,432	584	2.3	25,726	32	0.1	597	2.4
North	12,801	258	2.1	12,921	18	0.1	258	2.0
Centre	5,282	89	1.7	5,325	6	0.1	84	1.6
South and the Islands	7,349	237	3.3	7,480	8	0.1	254	3.5
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,951	3	0.0	22,996	7	0.0	13	0.1
North	11,924	27	0.2	11,948	2	0.0	23	0.2
Centre	4,819	1	0.0	4,834	5	0.1	1	0.0
South and the Islands	6,208	-25	-0.4	6,213	0	0.0	-11	-0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Agriculture	852	-38	-4.3	850	-15	-1.7	-14	-1.6
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,580	-82	-1.8	4,657	14	0.3	-16	-0.3
Building and construction	1,726	-107	-5.8	1,745	-40	-2.2	-102	-5.5
Services	15,793	230	1.5	15,745	47	0.3	144	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)								
Italy	9.8	2.1		10.6	0.1		2.1	
North	6.8	1.7		7.5	0.1		1.7	
Centre	8.8	1.5		9.2	0.0		1.4	
South and the Islands	15.5	3.2		16.9	0.1		3.1	

(a) Changes in percentage points.

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area, non-seasonally adjusted. 3rd quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
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TOTAL									
Italy	17,286	5,666	22,951	-24	27	3	-0.1	0.5	0.0
North	9,121	2,804	11,924	21	3	88	0.2	0.2	0.2
Centre	3,636	1,182	4,819	-22	24	1	-0.6	2.0	0.0
South and the Islands	4,529	1,680	6,208	-23	-3	-25	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	458	394	852	5	-43	-38	1.1	-9.8	-4.3
North	108	191	299	0	-13	-14	-0.4	-6.6	-4.4
Centre	57	61	117	6	-20	-14	11.0	-24.4	-10.7
South and the Islands	294	142	436	0	-10	-10	0.0	-6.6	-2.2
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,042	1,265	6,307	-146	-43	-189	-2.8	-3.3	-2.9
North	3,176	691	3,868	-69	-42	-112	-2.1	-5.8	-2.8
Centre	873	266	1,139	-36	19	-17	-4.0	7.7	-1.5
South and the Islands	993	308	1,300	-41	-20	-61	-4.0	-6.0	-4.5
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	4,003	578	4,580	-55	-28	-82	-1.3	-4.6	-1.8
North	2,686	328	3,015	-36	-33	-69	-1.3	-9.1	-2.2
Centre	652	111	763	-3	-2	-6	-0.5	-2.1	-0.8
South and the Islands	665	138	803	-15	7	-8	-2.2	5.7	-1.0
Construction									
Italy	1,040	687	1,726	-92	-15	-107	-8.1	-2.2	-5.8
North	490	363	853	-33	-10	-43	-6.3	-2.6	-4.8
Centre	222	155	376	-33	21	-11	-12.8	16.0	-2.9
South and the Islands	328	169	497	-26	-27	-53	-7.3	-13.8	-9.6
SERVICES									
Italy	11,785	4,008	15,793	117	113	230	1.0	2.9	1.5
North	5,837	1,922	7,758	91	62	153	1.6	3.3	2.0
Centre	2,706	856	3,562	8	24	33	0.3	2.9	0.9
South and the Islands	3,242	1,230	4,472	18	27	45	0.6	2.2	1.0

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 3rd quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	63.1	73.6	52.7	1.4	0.8	2.1
North	70.0	78.1	61.8	1.3	0.5	2.2
Centre	66.8	75.9	58.0	1.1	0.6	1.5
South and the Islands	52.2	66.4	38.3	1.8	1.3	2.3
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	56.9	67.0	46.9	0.0	-0.8	0.8
North	65.1	73.4	56.7	0.0	-0.7	0.8
Centre	60.9	69.9	52.1	0.0	-0.6	0.5
South and the Islands	44.0	56.8	31.4	-0.1	-1.3	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	9.8	8.8	11.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
North	6.8	5.9	8.1	1.7	1.4	2.1
Centre	8.8	7.7	10.2	1.5	1.5	1.6
South and the Islands	15.5	14.2	17.7	3.2	3.6	2.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	32.1	31.0	33.8	5.6	5.9	5.3
North	24.8	23.3	27.0	5.8	5.2	6.4
Centre	31.5	29.4	34.5	4.2	4.8	3.5
South and the Islands	42.3	41.7	43.2	5.6	6.6	4.2
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	36.9	26.4	47.3	-1.4	-0.8	-2.1
North	30.0	21.9	38.2	-1.3	-0.5	-2.2
Centre	33.2	24.1	42.0	-1.1	-0.6	-1.5
South and the Islands	47.8	33.6	61.7	-1.8	-1.3	-2.3

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