

## Large firms labour indicators

## September 2012

Labour indicators for large firms (enterprises with 500 employees and more) are calculated with reference to the base year 2005 using the Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace rev. 2).

In September 2012 the seasonally adjusted employment index in large firms decreased by -0.1% compared with August (-0.2% both in industry and in services); net of workers in cassa integrazione guadagni (Cig = short-time working allowance) it decreased by 0.2% (-0.7% in industry and -0.1% in services). The percentage change of the average of the last quarter compared to the previous quarter was -0.3% gross of Cig and -0.6% net of Cig.

The unadjusted employment index in large firms decreased by 1.0% compared with September 2011 (-1.9% net of Cig); the percentage change in the first nine months of the year with respect to the same period of 2011 was -0.9% (-1.5% net of Cig).

In September 2012 the seasonally adjusted index of gross average earnings per hours worked increased by 2.6% with respect to the previous month (+0.9% in industry and +1.9% in services). The percentage change of the average of the last quarter compared to the previous quarter was -0.1% (+0.5% in industry and +0.8% in services).

The unadjusted index of gross average earnings per hours worked increased by 12.2% compared with September 2011 (+9.4% in industry and +13.8% in services). The percentage change in the first nine months of the year with respect to the same period of 2011 was +1.8% (+2.4% in industry and +1.4% in services).

Economic Activities	Seasonally adjusted (a)			Unadjusted		
	Index Sep 12	Percentage changes		Index	Percentage changes	
		Sep 12 Aug 12	Jul- Sep 12 Apr- Jun 12	Sep 12	Sep 12 Sep 11	Jan- Sep 12 Jan- Sep 11
Employees	89.6	-0.2	-0.6	89.8	-1.6	-1.4
Employees (excluding Cig)	84.8	-0.7	-1.2	85.3	-3.5	-2.7
Gross average earnings per hours worked	129.3	+0.9	+0.5	114.3	+9.4	+2.4
Services (sections G-N of Nace rev. 2)						
Employees	99.0	-0.2	-0.2	99.0	-0.8	-0.5
Employees (excluding Cig)	98.3	-0.1	-0.3	98.3	-1.0	-0.8
Gross average earnings per hours worked	116.3	+1.9	+0.8	109.2	+13.8	+1.4
Total (sections B-N of Nace rev. 2)						
Employees	95.6	-0.1	-0.3	95.6	-1.0	-0.9
Employees (excluding Cig)	93.3	-0.2	-0.6	93.5	-1.9	-1.5
Gross average earnings per hours worked	121.0	+2.6	-0.1	111.1	+12.2	+1.8

Large firms employment and gross average earnings per hours worked (indices 2005=100). September 2012 (provisional data)

(a) The seasonal adjustment of the indices is done using a direct method, this means that both aggregates and components are seasonally adjusted using their respective models.

For more details please refer to the Italian version Time series are available at <u>http://dati.istat.it/?lang=</u>en Date of previous release: 30 October 2012 Date of next release: 28 December 2012

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