

Employment and unemployment: provisional estimates

December 2014

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".

In December 2014 22.422 million persons were employed, +0.4% compared with November 2014. Unemployed were 3.322 million, -3.2% with respect to the previous month.

POPULATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX. DECEMBER 2014*, 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
			Males		
Employed	13,071	69	0,5	73	0,6
Unemployed	1,786	-56	-3,0	21	1,2
Inactive (aged 15-64)	5,132	6	0,1	-108	-2,1
			Females		
Employed	9,351	24	0,3	37	0,4
Unemployed	1,537	-53	-3,3	74	5,1
Inactive (aged 15-64)	8,973	22	0,2	-162	-1,8
	Total				
Employed	22,422	93	0,4	109	0.5
Unemployed	3,322	-109	-3,2	95	2.9
Inactive (aged 15-64)	14,106	28	0,2	-270	-1.9

^{*} Provisional estimates.

Employment rate was 55.7%, +0.2 percentage points with respect to November 2014, unemployment rate was 12.9%, -0.4 percentage points over the previous month, and inactivity rate was 35.8%, +0.1 percentage points over November.

Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24) was 42.0%, -1.0 percentage points in a month, youth unemployment ratio in the same age group was 11.1%, -0.5 percentage points over the previous month.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND INACTIVITY RATES BY SEX. DECEMBER 2014*, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (PERCENTAGES)

	Percentage	Changes on the previous month	Changes on the same month of the previous year Percentage points		
	values -	Percentage points			
		Males			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	64.7	0.3	0.3		
Unemployment rate	12.0	-0.4	0.1		
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	26.2	0.0	-0.5		
		Females			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	46.8	0.1	0.3		
Unemployment rate	14.1	-0.4	0.5		
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	45.4	0.1	-0.7		
		Total			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	55.7	0.2	0.3		
Unemployment rate	12.9	-0.4	0.3		
Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24)	42.0	-1.0	0.1		
Youth unemployment ratio (aged 15-24)	11.1	-0.5	-0.3		
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	35.8	0.1	-0.6		

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For more details please refer to the Italian version

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