

## Employment and unemployment: provisional estimates

May 2015

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 May 2015 22.330 million persons were employed, -0.3% with respect to April 2015. Unemployed were 3.157 million, unchanged over the previous month.

POPULATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX. MAY 2015\*, 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
<b>Males</b>					
Employed	12,909	-40	-0.3	-51	-0.4
Unemployed	1,783	30	1.7	81	4.8
Inactive (aged 15-64)	5,092	-11	-0.2	-97	-1.9
<b>Females</b>					
Employed	9,421	-23	-0.2	111	1.2
Unemployed	1,374	-31	-2.2	-141	-9.3
Inactive (aged 15-64)	8,958	47	0.5	-37	-0.4
<b>Total</b>					
Employed	22,330	-63	-0.3	60	0.3
Unemployed	3,157	-1	0.0	-59	-1.8
Inactive (aged 15-64)	14,050	36	0.3	-135	-0.9

\* Provisional estimates.

Employment rate was 55.9%, -0.1 percentage points with respect to April 2015, unemployment rate was 12.4%, unchanged over the previous month, and inactivity rate was 36.0%, +0.1 percentage points in a month.

Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24) was 41.5%, -0.1 percentage points in a month, youth unemployment ratio in the same age group was 10.6%, -0.3 percentage points compared to the previous month.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND INACTIVITY RATES BY SEX. MAY 2015\*, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
(PERCENTAGES)

	Percentage values	Changes on the previous month	Changes on the same month of the previous year
		Percentage points	Percentage points
Males			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	64.6	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment rate	12.1	0.2	0.5
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	26.2	-0.1	-0.4
Females			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	47.4	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment rate	12.7	-0.2	-1.3
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	45.6	0.3	0.0
Total			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	55.9	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment rate	12.4	0.0	-0.2
Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24)	41.5	-0.1	-1.0
Youth unemployment ratio (aged 15-24)	10.6	-0.3	-1.2
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	36.0	0.1	-0.2

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**For more details please refer to the Italian version**

Time series are available at database I.stat: <http://dati.istat.it/?lang=en>

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