

Employment and unemployment

1st quarter 2015

Istat estimates that 22.1 million persons were employed in the 1st quarter 2015, rising up 0.6% (+133 thousands) from 1st quarter 2014. The employment rate increased to 55.5% (+0.4 percentage points). Unemployment decreased to 3.3 million (-145 thousands persons), and the unemployment rate fell off to 13.0%. The inactivity rate was unchanged at 36.1%.

POPULATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA; EMPLOYMENT BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. 1st QUARTER 2015

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	25,460	-12	0.0	25,456	-98	-0.4	47	0.2
North	12,684	17	0.1	12,674	-45	-0.4	20	0.2
Centre	5,417	20	0.4	5,423	-33	-0.6	23	0.4
South and the Islands	7,359	-49	-0.7	7,359	-20	-0.3	4	0.1
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,158	133	0.6	22,301	-2	0.0	108	0.5
North	11,546	71	0.6	11,614	-15	-0.1	53	0.5
Centre	4,760	15	0.3	4,801	-9	-0.2	10	0.2
South and the Islands	5,852	47	0.8	5,885	22	0.4	45	0.8
Agriculture	772	45	6.2	817	-4	-0.5	28	3.5
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,436	-42	-0.9	4,482	-25	-0.6	-3	-0.1
Building and construction	1,454	-17	-1.2	1,467	4	0.3	-31	-2.1
Services	15,497	147	1.0	15,534	23	0.1	114	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	3,302	-145	-4.2	3,156	-95	-2.9	-62	-1.9
North	1,138	-54	-4.5	1,060	-30	-2.7	-34	-3.1
Centre	657	5	0.8	622	-23	-3.6	13	2.2
South and the Islands	1,507	-96	-6.0	1,474	-42	-2.8	-41	-2.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (a)								
Italy	13.0	-0.6		12.4	-0.3		-0.3	
North	9.0	-0.4		8.4	-0.2		-0.3	
Centre	12.1	0.1		11.5	-0.4		0.2	
South and the Islands	20.5	-1.2		20.0	-0.5		-0.6	

(a) Changes in percentage points.

EMPLOYMENT BY PROFESSIONAL STATUS, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 1st QUARTER 2015

Adjusted: 1st QUARTER 2015

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
TOTAL									
Italy	16,620	5,538	22,158	107	25	133	0.7	0.5	0.6
North	8,789	2,757	11,546	56	14	71	0.6	0.5	0.6
Centre	3,545	1,215	4,760	19	-4	15	0.5	-0.3	0.3
South and the Islands	4,286	1,566	5,852	32	15	47	0.8	1.0	0.8
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	360	412	772	17	28	45	4.9	7.4	6.2
North	98	221	318	16	28	44	20.3	14.3	16.1
Centre	52	54	106	-10	-4	-14	-16.3	-6.3	-11.5
South and the Islands	210	137	347	10	4	15	5.1	3.4	4.4
INDUSTRY									
Italy	4,729	1,160	5,890	-40	-19	-59	-0.8	-1.6	-1.0
North	2,960	641	3,602	-49	-13	-62	-1.6	-2.0	-1.7
Centre	822	253	1,075	-28	-2	-30	-3.3	-0.8	-2.7
South and the Islands	947	266	1,213	37	-4	33	4.1	-1.6	2.8
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	3,908	528	4,436	-14	-28	-42	-0.3	-5.1	-0.9
North	2,573	302	2,875	-23	-16	-39	-0.9	-5.0	-1.3
Centre	654	105	759	-15	-6	-21	-2.2	-5.4	-2.7
South and the Islands	681	121	801	25	-7	18	3.7	-5.1	2.3
Construction									
Italy	822	632	1,454	-26	9	-17	-3.1	1.5	-1.2
North	387	339	726	-26	3	-23	-6.2	0.9	-3.0
Centre	169	148	316	-13	4	-9	-7.4	2.8	-2.9
South and the Islands	266	145	411	13	2	15	5.0	1.6	3.8
SERVICES									
Italy	11,531	3,966	15,497	131	16	147	1.1	0.4	1.0
North	5,731	1,895	7,626	89	0	88	1.6	0.0	1.2
Centre	2,671	908	3,579	57	2	59	2.2	0.2	1.7
South and the Islands	3,129	1,163	4,292	-15	15	-1	-0.5	1.3	0.0

LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS BY SEX AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 1st QUARTER 2015

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	63.9	73.5	54.4	0.0	0.1	0.0
North	70.5	78.0	63.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Centre	68.9	76.5	61.5	0.1	0.0	0.2
South and the Islands	52.7	66.2	39.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	55.5	64.2	46.8	0.4	0.4	0.3
North	64.1	71.5	56.7	0.5	0.6	0.4
Centre	60.4	67.5	53.4	0.0	0.1	-0.1
South and the Islands	41.7	53.0	30.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	13.0	12.4	13.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6
North	9.0	8.1	10.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4
Centre	12.1	11.4	13.1	0.1	-0.3	0.4
South and the Islands	20.5	19.7	21.8	-1.2	-0.7	-1.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	44.9	42.1	48.9	-1.3	-2.5	0.3
North	35.5	32.1	40.0	-0.2	0.3	-0.8
Centre	43.6	41.8	46.1	0.4	-0.9	2.3
South and the Islands	57.6	54.0	63.3	-4.0	-7.2	1.2
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	36.1	26.5	45.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0
North	29.5	22.0	36.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Centre	31.1	23.5	38.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
South and the Islands	47.3	33.8	60.7	0.2	0.1	0.4

For more details please refer to the Italian version.

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