

## Employment and unemployment: provisional data

May 2018

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 2018, 23.382 million persons were employed, +0.5% over April. Unemployed were 2.793 million, -2.9% over the previous month.

**POPULATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX.** May 2018\*, 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	13,551	+80	+0.6	+250	+1.9
Unemployed	1,465	-37	-2.5	-95	-6.1
Inactive (aged 15-64)	4,701	-26	-0.6	-159	-3.3
<b>Females</b>					
Employed	9,831	+35	+0.4	+207	+2.1
Unemployed	1,328	-47	-3.4	-59	-4.2
Inactive (aged 15-64)	8,424	+14	+0.2	-185	-2.2
<b>Total</b>					
Employed	23,382	+114	+0.5	+457	+2.0
Unemployed	2,793	-84	-2.9	-153	-5.2
Inactive (aged 15-64)	13,125	-13	-0.1	-345	-2.6

\* Provisional estimates.

Employment rate was 58.8%, +0.2 percentage points over the previous month, unemployment rate was 10.7%, -0.3 percentage points over April 2018 and inactivity rate was 34.0%, steady over the previous month.

Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24) was 31.9%, -1.0 percentage points over the previous month and youth unemployment ratio in the same age group was 8.3%, -0.4 percentage points over April 2018.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND INACTIVITY RATES BY SEX. May 2018\*, seasonally adjusted (percentages)

	Percentage values	Changes on the previous month	Changes on the same month of the previous year
		Percentage points	Percentage points
<b>Males</b>			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	68.0	+0.3	+1.2
Unemployment rate	9.8	-0.3	-0.7
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	24.4	-0.1	-0.8
<b>Females</b>			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	49.7	+0.2	+1.0
Unemployment rate	11.9	-0.4	-0.7
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	43.5	+0.1	-0.8
<b>Total</b>			
Employment rate (aged 15-64)	58.8	+0.2	+1.1
Unemployment rate	10.7	-0.3	-0.7
Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24)	31.9	-1.0	-4.6
Youth unemployment ratio (aged 15-24)	8.3	-0.4	-1.2
Inactivity rate (aged 15-64)	34.0	0.0	-0.8

\* Provisional estimates.

**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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