

Employment and unemployment

3rd quarter 2011

Istat estimates that 22.9 million persons were employed in the 3rd quarter 2011, up 0.7% (+159 thousands) from the 3rd quarter 2010. The employment rate increased to 56.9%. Unemployment reached 1.9 million (+36 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate remained stable at 7.6%. The inactivity rate decreased to 38.3%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity (a). 3rd quarter 2011

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	24,848	195	0.8	25,036	40	0.2	148	0.6
North	12,542	117	0.9	12,653	38	0.3	101	0.8
Centre	5,193	19	0.4	5,215	5	0.1	3	0.0
South and the Islands	7,112	58	0.8	7,168	-3	0.0	44	0.6
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,948	159	0.7	23,006	33	0.1	154	0.7
North	11,897	120	1.0	11,950	39	0.3	101	0.8
Centre	4,817	6	0.1	4,835	-2	0.0	11	0.2
South and the Islands	6,234	34	0.5	6,221	-4	-0.1	42	0.7
Agriculture	890	11	1.3	847	-5	-0.6	-10	-1.1
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,663	38	0.8	4,670	10	0.2	33	0.7
Building and construction	1,833	-97	-5.0	1,858	-37	-2.0	-83	-4.3
Services	15,562	207	1.4	15,631	65	0.4	213	1.4
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	1,900	36	1.9	2,030	8	0.4	-6	-0.3
North	645	-2	-0.4	703	-2	-0.2	1	0.1
Centre	376	14	3.8	380	8	2.0	-8	-2.2
South and the Islands	878	25	2.9	948	2	0.2	2	0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)								
Italy	7.6	0.1		8.1	0.0		-0.1	
North	5.1	-0.1		5.6	0.0		0.0	
Centre	7.2	0.2		7.3	0.1		-0.2	
South and the Islands	12.4	0.2		13.2	0.0		-0.1	

(a) Economic activity is referred to Nace Rev. 2.

(b) Changes in percentage points.

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area, non-seasonally adjusted. 3rd quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
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TOTAL									
Italy	17,309	5,639	22,948	232	-73	159	1.4	-1.3	0.7
North	9,099	2,798	11,897	161	-41	120	1.8	-1.5	1.0
Centre	3,658	1,159	4,817	72	-66	6	2.0	-5.4	0.1
South and the Islands	4,551	1,683	6,234	-1	35	34	0.0	2.1	0.5
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	453	437	890	10	1	11	2.4	0.2	1.3
North	108	204	313	-1	-20	-21	-0.8	-8.9	-6.3
Centre	51	80	131	-7	18	11	-12.4	28.7	8.8
South and the Islands	294	152	446	19	3	21	6.7	1.9	5.0
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,188	1,308	6,496	-9	-51	-59	-0.2	-3.7	-0.9
North	3,245	734	3,979	76	-3	73	2.4	-0.4	1.9
Centre	909	247	1,156	-42	-55	-97	-4.4	-18.3	-7.7
South and the Islands	1,034	327	1,361	-43	8	-35	-4.0	2.4	-2.5
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	4,057	606	4,663	73	-35	38	1.8	-5.5	0.8
North	2,722	361	3,084	107	-10	97	4.1	-2.7	3.2
Centre	655	113	768	-31	-19	-50	-4.6	-14.3	-6.1
South and the Islands	680	131	811	-2	-7	-9	-0.3	-4.8	-1.1
Construction									
Italy	1,131	702	1,833	-82	-15	-97	-6.7	-2.1	-5.0
North	523	372	896	-31	7	-24	-5.6	1.9	-2.6
Centre	254	133	388	-10	-36	-47	-3.9	-21.5	-10.8
South and the Islands	354	196	550	-40	14	-26	-10.2	7.8	-4.5
SERVICES									
Italy	11,668	3,895	15,562	230	-23	207	2.0	-0.6	1.4
North	5,746	1,860	7,605	86	-18	68	1.5	-1.0	0.9
Centre	2,698	832	3,530	121	-29	92	4.7	-3.3	2.7
South and the Islands	3,224	1,203	4,427	23	24	47	0.7	2.0	1.1

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 3rd quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	61.7	72.8	50.6	0.3	0.1	0.4
North	68.7	77.6	59.6	0.3	0.4	0.2
Centre	65.7	75.2	56.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.5
South and the Islands	50.4	65.1	36.0	0.4	0.3	0.5
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	56.9	67.8	46.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
North	65.1	74.1	56.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Centre	60.9	70.5	51.5	-0.3	-0.9	0.3
South and the Islands	44.1	58.1	30.4	0.2	0.5	-0.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	7.6	6.7	9.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3
North	5.1	4.5	6.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Centre	7.2	6.2	8.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
South and the Islands	12.4	10.6	15.4	0.2	-0.4	1.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	26.5	25.1	28.6	1.8	1.5	2.3
North	19.1	18.0	20.6	1.1	1.0	1.2
Centre	27.3	24.6	31.0	5.1	5.9	4.0
South and the Islands	36.7	35.2	39.0	1.4	0.3	3.0
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	38.3	27.2	49.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
North	31.3	22.4	40.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2
Centre	34.3	24.8	43.5	0.1	0.7	-0.5
South and the Islands	49.6	34.9	64.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5

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