

Employment and unemployment

1st quarter 2012

Istat estimates that 22.8 million persons were employed in the 1st quarter 2012, down by 0.4% (-81 thousands) from the 1st quarter 2011. The employment rate decreased to 56.5%. Unemployment reached 2.8 million (+646 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate rise to 10.9%. The inactivity rate decreased to 36.4%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity (a). 4th 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	25,594	565	2.3	25,515	239	0.9	570	2.3
North	12,871	184	1.4	12,815	78	0.6	208	1.7
Centre	5,288	81	1.6	5,305	53	1.0	97	1.9
South and the Islands	7,436	300	4.2	7,395	108	1.5	265	3.7
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,793	-81	-0.4	23,009	41	0.2	47	0.2
North	11,893	-32	-0.3	11,950	6	0.1	35	0.3
Centre	4,782	-34	-0.7	4,835	23	0.5	-4	-0.1
South and the Islands	6,118	-15	-0.2	6,224	12	0.2	17	0.3
Agriculture	813	6	0.8	854	7	0.9	-18	-2.1
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,671	-31	-0.7	4,719	20	0.4	47	1.0
Building and construction	1,775	-84	-4.5	1,814	-8	-0.5	-70	-3.7
Services	15,534	28	0.2	15,622	21	0.1	88	0.6
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	2,801	646	30.0	2,506	199	8.6	522	26.3
North	978	216	28.4	865	71	9.0	174	25.1
Centre	505	115	29.4	470	31	7.0	101	27.3
South and the Islands	1,318	315	31.4	1,171	97	9.0	248	26.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)								
Italy	10.9	2.3		9.8	0.7		1.9	
North	7.6	1.6		6.7	0.5		1.3	
Centre	9.6	2.1		8.9	0.5		1.8	
South and the Islands	17.7	3.7		15.8	1.1		2.9	

(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. 1st quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
				(x 1000)			(%)		
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	Employees	Employed not employees	Total
TOTAL									
Italy	17,087	5,706	22,793	33	-114	-81	0.2	-2.0	-0.4
North	9,072	2,821	11,893	21	3	88	0.2	-1.9	-0.3
Centre	3,538	1,244	4,782	-5	-28	-34	-0.2	-2.2	-0.7
South and the Islands	4,477	1,641	6,118	18	-33	-15	0.4	-2.0	-0.2
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	365	448	813	23	-17	6	6.7	-3.6	0.8
North	94	239	333	12	2	14	14.2	0.9	4.3
Centre	50	59	109	0	-3	-3	-0.4	-5.2	-3.1
South and the Islands	221	150	371	11	-15	-4	5.4	-9.3	-1.1
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,198	1,247	6,446	-37	-78	-115	-0.7	-5.9	-1.8
North	3,260	683	3,943	16	-30	-14	0.5	-4.2	-0.4
Centre	902	266	1,169	-60	-24	-84	-6.2	-8.3	-6.7
South and the Islands	1,036	298	1,333	6	-23	-17	0.6	-7.2	-1.3
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	4,094	577	4,671	-12	-19	-31	-0.3	-3.2	-0.7
North	2,727	313	3,040	6	-15	-9	0.2	-4.7	-0.3
Centre	673	136	808	-43	-3	-46	-6.0	-2.3	-5.4
South and the Islands	693	129	823	25	-1	25	3.8	-0.4	3.1
Construction									
Italy	1,105	670	1,775	-26	-59	-84	-2.3	-8.1	-4.5
North	533	370	903	10	-15	-5	1.9	-3.9	-0.6
Centre	229	131	360	-17	-21	-38	-6.7	-13.8	-9.5
South and the Islands	342	169	511	-19	-23	-42	-5.3	-11.9	-7.6
SERVICES									
Italy	11,524	4,010	15,534	48	-20	28	0.4	-0.5	0.2
North	5,718	1,898	7,616	-7	-25	-32	-0.1	-1.3	-0.4
Centre	2,586	919	3,505	55	-1	54	2.2	-0.1	1.6
South and the Islands	3,220	1,193	4,414	0	6	6	0.0	0.5	0.1

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 1st quarter 2011

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	63.6	73.8	53.4	1.4	0.7	2.0
North	70.4	78.2	62.6	0.9	0.4	1.5
Centre	67.2	76.1	58.4	1.0	0.4	1.6
South and the Islands	52.7	66.7	39.1	2.1	1.3	2.9
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	56.5	66.2	46.9	-0.2	-0.9	0.5
North	65.0	73.0	57.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.2
Centre	60.6	69.8	51.7	-0.4	-0.7	-0.2
South and the Islands	43.3	55.4	31.4	-0.1	-1.4	1.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	10.9	10.0	12.2	2.3	2.1	2.6
North	7.6	6.6	8.9	1.6	1.4	1.9
Centre	9.6	8.1	11.4	2.1	1.4	2.9
South and the Islands	17.7	16.6	19.6	3.7	3.7	3.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	35.9	33.6	39.3	6.3	5.9	6.8
North	27.3	25.9	29.4	5.4	6.4	3.9
Centre	34.7	28.6	43.3	5.3	-1.2	14.5
South and the Islands	48.3	46.1	51.8	7.7	8.7	5.8
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	36.4	26.2	46.6	-1.4	-0.7	-2.0
North	29.6	21.8	37.4	-0.9	-0.4	-1.5
Centre	32.8	23.9	41.6	-1.0	-0.4	-1.6
South and the Islands	47.3	33.3	60.9	-2.1	-1.3	-2.9

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