

Employment and unemployment

4th quarter 2012

Istat estimates that 22,8 million persons were employed in the 4th quarter 2012, down 0,6% (-148 thousands) from 4th quarter 2011. The employment rate decreased to 56.5%. Unemployment passed 2.9 million (+559 thousands persons), while the unemployment rate rise to 11.6%. The inactivity rate decreased to 35.9%.

Population by employment status and geographical area; employment by economic activity. 4th quarter 2012

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	25,793	411	1.6	25,744	66	0.3	450	1.8
North	12,892	72	0.6	12,873	-3	0.0	128	1.0
Centre	5,371	107	2.0	5,369	37	0.7	117	2.2
South and the Islands	7,530	232	3.2	7,502	31	0.4	205	2.8
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,805	-148	-0.6	22,855	-74	-0.3	-106	-0.5
North	11,867	-92	-0.8	11,875	-29	-0.2	-59	-0.5
Centre	4,788	8	0.2	4,824	-6	-0.1	15	0.3
South and the Islands	6,150	-64	-1.0	6,155	-39	-0.6	-62	-1.0
Agriculture	841	-26	-3.0	843	-6	-0.7	-9	-1.0
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,626	-117	-2.5	4,617	-15	-0.3	-57	-1.2
Building and construction	1,694	-81	-4.6	1,704	-33	-1.9	-96	-5.4
Services	15,644	76	0.5	15,691	-20	-0.1	56	0.4
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	2,988	559	23.0	2,890	139	5.1	555	23.8
North	1,026	164	19.1	998	26	2.7	187	23.1
Centre	582	99	20.4	545	43	8.6	102	22.9
South and the Islands	1,380	296	27.3	1,347	70	5.5	267	24.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b)								
Italy	11.6	2.0		11.2	0.5		2.0	
North	8.0	1.2		7.7	0.2		1.4	
Centre	10.8	1.7		10.2	0.7		1.7	
South and the Islands	18.3	3.5		18.0	0.9		3.2	

(a) Changes in percentage points.

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area, non-seasonally adjusted. 4th quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
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TOTAL									
Italy	17,226	5,579	22,805	-158	10	-148	-0.9	0.2	-0.6
North	9,063	2,804	11,867	-126	3	88	-1.4	1.2	-0.8
Centre	3,623	1,166	4,788	39	-30	8	1.1	-2.5	0.2
South and the Islands	4,540	1,610	6,150	-71	7	-64	-1.5	0.4	-1.0
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	457	384	841	-8	-19	-26	-1.6	-4.6	-3.0
North	97	188	285	-3	-20	-23	-2.7	-9.6	-7.4
Centre	63	58	121	11	3	14	20.5	5.4	12.8
South and the Islands	296	138	434	-16	-2	-17	-5.0	-1.1	-3.8
INDUSTRY									
Italy	5,065	1,255	6,320	-183	-15	-198	-3.5	-1.2	-3.0
North	3,179	710	3,889	-131	4	-128	-4.0	0.5	-3.2
Centre	855	244	1,099	-44	-24	-68	-4.9	-9.0	-5.8
South and the Islands	1,031	301	1,332	-8	5	-2	-0.7	1.8	-0.2
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	4,042	584	4,626	-114	-3	-117	-2.7	-0.5	-2.5
North	2,698	330	3,028	-101	-3	-103	-3.6	-0.8	-3.3
Centre	645	116	761	-32	-19	-52	-4.8	-14.4	-6.4
South and the Islands	698	138	837	19	19	39	2.8	16.1	4.8
Construction									
Italy	1,023	671	1,694	-69	-12	-81	-6.3	-1.8	-4.6
North	481	380	861	-31	6	-24	-6.0	1.7	-2.8
Centre	210	128	338	-11	-5	-16	-5.2	-3.4	-4.5
South and the Islands	333	163	495	-27	-14	-41	-7.5	-7.9	-7.6
SERVICES									
Italy	11,705	3,940	15,644	32	44	76	0.3	1.1	0.5
North	5,787	1,906	7,693	8	50	58	0.1	2.7	0.8
Centre	2,705	864	3,568	72	-9	62	2.7	-1.1	1.8
South and the Islands	3,213	1,170	4,384	-48	3	-45	-1.5	0.3	-1.0

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 4th quarter 2012

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	64.1	74.1	54.1	1.1	0.6	1.5
North	70.5	78.5	62.4	0.4	0.2	0.6
Centre	68.0	76.2	60.1	1.4	-0.2	2.9
South and the Islands	53.6	67.3	40.2	1.8	1.7	2.0
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	56.5	66.1	47.1	-0.3	-0.9	0.3
North	64.8	72.9	56.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3
Centre	60.6	68.4	52.9	0.1	-1.6	1.7
South and the Islands	43.6	55.8	31.7	-0.3	-0.9	0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	11.6	10.7	12.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
North	8.0	7.0	9.1	1.2	1.1	1.3
Centre	10.8	10.0	11.9	1.7	1.7	1.5
South and the Islands	18.3	16.7	20.9	3.5	3.4	3.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	39.0	37.1	41.6	6.4	5.9	7.1
North	29.7	29.6	30.0	5.7	6.5	4.7
Centre	39.3	36.1	43.6	6.4	4.0	9.3
South and the Islands	50.5	46.7	56.1	5.6	4.6	6.9
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	35.9	25.9	45.9	-1.1	-0.6	-1.5
North	29.5	21.5	37.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6
Centre	32.0	23.8	39.9	-1.4	0.2	-2.9
South and the Islands	46.4	32.7	59.8	-1.8	-1.7	-2.0

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