

## Employment and unemployment

### 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015

Istat estimates that 22.1 million persons were employed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015, rising up 0.6% (+133 thousands) from 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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)	(%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
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
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>								
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
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>								
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
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (a)</b>								
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. 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2015

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(% )		
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<b>TOTAL</b>									
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
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>									
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
<b>INDUSTRY</b>									
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
<b>SERVICES</b>									
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. 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2015

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
<b>ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
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
<b>EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
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
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE</b>						
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
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS</b>						
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
<b>INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS</b>						
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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