

Employment and unemployment

2nd quarter 2015

Istat estimates that 22.5 million persons were employed in the 2nd quarter 2015, rising up 0.8% (+180 thousands) from 2nd quarter 2014. The employment rate increased to 56.3% (+0.6 percentage points). Unemployment was unchanged at 3.1 million, and the unemployment rate decreased to 12.1%. The inactivity rate fell off to 35.8% (-0.6 percentage points).

POPULATION BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA; EMPLOYMENT BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. 2nd 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)	(%)
LABOUR FORCE								
Italy	25,598	179	0.7	25,625	138	0.5	213	0.8
North	12,681	-16	-0.1	12,706	24	0.2	18	0.1
Centre	5,437	47	0.9	5,450	24	0.4	54	1.0
South and the Islands	7,480	148	2.0	7,469	89	1.2	141	1.9
EMPLOYMENT								
Italy	22,497	180	0.8	22,446	103	0.5	204	0.9
North	11,674	24	0.2	11,656	28	0.2	54	0.5
Centre	4,852	36	0.7	4,839	31	0.6	41	0.8
South and the Islands	5,970	120	2.1	5,952	44	0.7	110	1.9
Agriculture	815	16	2.0	832	5	0.6	23	2.9
Manufacturing, fuel and power products	4,504	3	0.1	4,512	16	0.4	-1	0.0
Building and construction	1,530	34	2.3	1,503	27	1.8	23	1.6
Services	15,648	127	0.8	15,599	54	0.3	158	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT								
Italy	3,101	-1	0.0	3,179	35	1.1	9	0.3
North	1,007	-40	-3.8	1,050	-4	-0.4	-36	-3.3
Centre	584	11	1.9	611	-7	-1.1	13	2.1
South and the Islands	1,510	28	1.9	1,517	45	3.1	32	2.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (a)								
Italy	12.1	-0.1		12.4	0.1		-0.1	
North	7.9	-0.3		8.3	0.0		-0.3	
Centre	10.7	0.1		11.2	-0.2		0.1	
South and the Islands	20.2	0.0		20.3	0.4		0.0	

(a) Changes in percentage points.

EMPLOYMENT BY PROFESSIONAL STATUS, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 2nd QUARTER 2015

Geographical area	Levels (x1000)			Changes on previous year					
	Employees	Employed not employees	Total	(x 1000)			(%)		
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TOTAL									
Italy	16,990	5,507	22,497	183	-3	180	1.1	-0.1	0.8
North	8,940	2,734	11,674	19	6	24	0.2	0.2	0.2
Centre	3,646	1,207	4,852	56	-20	36	1.5	-1.6	0.7
South and the Islands	4,404	1,566	5,970	109	11	120	2.5	0.7	2.1
AGRICULTURE									
Italy	420	394	815	21	-5	16	5.1	-1.2	2.0
North	111	188	300	0	-4	-4	0.2	-2.1	-1.2
Centre	67	59	126	-4	-6	-10	-6.0	-9.5	-7.7
South and the Islands	242	147	389	25	6	30	11.3	3.9	8.4
INDUSTRY									
Italy	4,888	1,147	6,034	66	-29	37	1.4	-2.5	0.6
North	3,081	649	3,730	51	9	60	1.7	1.4	1.6
Centre	874	240	1,114	8	-30	-22	0.9	-11.0	-1.9
South and the Islands	932	258	1,190	7	-8	-2	0.7	-3.1	-0.1
Total industry excluding construction									
Italy	3,988	516	4,504	42	-39	3	1.1	-7.1	0.1
North	2,662	305	2,967	52	-14	38	2.0	-4.4	1.3
Centre	687	104	792	-3	-17	-21	-0.5	-14.2	-2.6
South and the Islands	639	107	745	-7	-8	-15	-1.0	-7.0	-1.9
Construction									
Italy	900	631	1,530	24	10	34	2.7	1.6	2.3
North	419	344	763	-1	23	22	-0.1	7.1	3.0
Centre	187	135	322	11	-12	-1	6.5	-8.4	-0.3
South and the Islands	293	152	445	13	0	13	4.7	-0.1	3.0
SERVICES									
Italy	11,682	3,966	15,648	97	31	127	0.8	0.8	0.8
North	5,747	1,897	7,644	-33	1	-32	-0.6	0.0	-0.4
Centre	2,704	908	3,612	52	16	68	2.0	1.8	1.9
South and the Islands	3,230	1,161	4,392	78	14	92	2.5	1.2	2.1

LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS BY SEX AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 2nd QUARTER 2015

Geographical area	Levels (%)			Absolute changes on previous year (percentage points)		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	64.2	74.1	54.4	0.6	0.8	0.3
North	70.5	78.3	62.7	0.1	0.4	-0.1
Centre	68.9	77.2	60.9	0.6	0.4	0.7
South and the Islands	53.5	67.0	40.2	1.1	1.6	0.6
EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	56.3	65.3	47.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
North	64.8	72.5	57.1	0.4	0.7	0.0
Centre	61.3	69.0	53.8	0.4	-0.2	0.9
South and the Islands	42.6	53.9	31.4	0.9	0.8	0.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE						
Italy	12.1	11.6	12.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.5
North	7.9	7.2	8.9	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1
Centre	10.7	10.2	11.4	0.1	0.7	-0.6
South and the Islands	20.2	19.2	21.7	0.0	0.7	-1.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS						
Italy	41.1	39.8	43.0	-0.5	-1.9	1.5
North	28.8	28.3	29.6	-1.5	-3.4	1.0
Centre	37.8	35.1	41.7	-3.2	-3.9	-2.1
South and the Islands	57.4	55.0	61.0	1.3	0.0	3.5
INACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS						
Italy	35.8	25.9	45.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.3
North	29.5	21.7	37.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1
Centre	31.1	22.8	39.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7
South and the Islands	46.5	33.0	59.8	-1.1	-1.6	-0.6

For more details please refer to the Italian version.

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