

During the second quarter of 2022, the Labour Force Survey estimated that the total number of persons in employment was 280,469, 4.9 per cent higher when compared to the previous year.

Labour Force Survey: Q2/2022

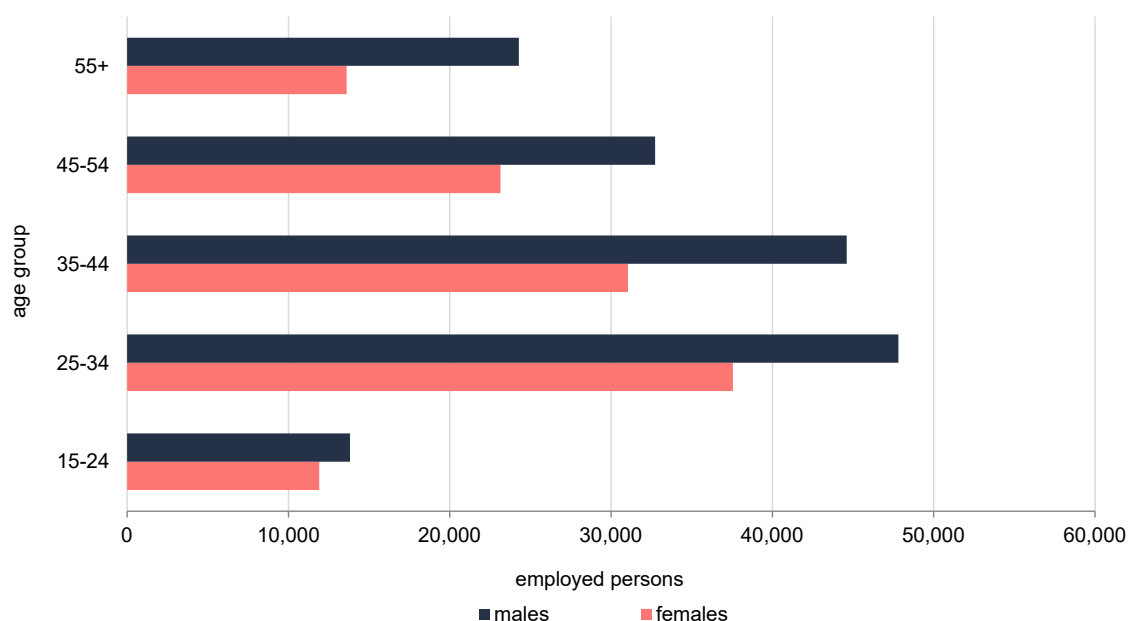
Labour Status

Labour Force Survey estimates indicated that, during the second quarter, total employment stood at 280,469 accounting for 62.4 per cent of the population aged 15 and over. Unemployed persons stood at 8,446 (1.9 per cent) while inactive persons totalled 160,726 (35.7 per cent) (Table 1). The activity rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 79.9 per cent with the highest rate recorded among persons aged 25 to 54 (90.8 per cent) (Table 2).

The Employed Population

On average, out of every 100 persons aged between 15 and 64 years, 78 were employed. The male employment rate for this age bracket was 83.8 per cent while that for females stood at 70.3 per cent (Table 4). The largest share of employed persons was recorded among persons aged between 25 and 34 years, for both males and females (Chart 1).

Chart 1. Employment by age group and sex



Self-employed persons accounted for 15.2 per cent of all persons with a main job (Table 5). The majority of employed persons worked on a full-time basis and amounted to 245,293. A further 35,176 had a part-time job as their primary employment (Table 6). Results show that, on average, full-timers usually worked 41.0 hours while part-timers worked 23.2 hours per week. In the second quarter of 2022, employed persons actually worked 34.4 hours per week, 0.5 hours less when compared to the previous year (Table 7).

The average monthly basic salary of employees for the second quarter of 2022 was estimated at €1,730. The highest basic salary was recorded in the Financial and insurance activities sector (Table 10). Average monthly salaries varied from €1,128 among persons employed in elementary occupations to €2,760 among managers (Table 14).

The Unemployed and Inactive Population

The unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2022, stood at 2.9 per cent (Table 17). The largest share of unemployed persons was recorded among persons aged 25 to 74 years (Table 16). Females accounted for 59.0 per cent of total inactive persons and those over 65 years made up the highest share of the inactive (Table 19). The main reason for inactivity relates to persons reaching retirement age or taking up early retirement (44.0 per cent) (Table 20).

Education Attainment

More than 40 per cent of persons aged 15 years and over had attained a low level of education (43.0 per cent) (Table 21). By contrast, 33.6 per cent of the employed had a tertiary level of education (Table 22).

Table 1. Persons aged 15 and over by sex and labour status

Labour status	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Employed	163,247	69.7	117,222	54.4	280,469	62.4
Unemployed	5,166 ^u	2.2 ^u	3,280 ^u	1.5 ^u	8,446	1.9
Inactive	65,865	28.1	94,861	44.0	160,726	35.7
Total	234,278	100.0	215,363	100.0	449,641	100.0
	April-June 2021 (Revised)					
Employed	157,229	68.5	110,260	52.1	267,489	60.6
Unemployed	6,371	2.8	3,030 ^u	1.4 ^u	9,401	2.1
Inactive	66,043	28.8	98,533	46.5	164,576	37.3
Total	229,643	100.0	211,823	100.0	441,466	100.0

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

Table 2. Activity rates by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
	April-June 2022 (Revised)					
15-24	59.7		55.4		57.7	
25-54	96.9		83.6		90.8	
55-64	63.9		42.6		53.5	
Total (15-64)	86.5		72.3		79.9	
	April-June 2021					
15-24	51.6		52.6		52.1	
25-54	96.6		78.7		88.3	
55-64	68.3		42.1		55.7	
Total (15-64)	85.5		68.4		77.5	

Table 3. Distribution of employed persons with a main job by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
15-24	13,813	8.5	11,901	10.2	25,714	9.2
25-34	47,817	29.3	37,545	32.0	85,362	30.4
35-44	44,607	27.3	31,035	26.5	75,642	27.0
45-54	32,725	20.0	23,143	19.7	55,868	19.9
55-64	19,263	11.8	12,310	10.5	31,573	11.3
65+	5,022	3.1	:	:	6,310	2.2
Total	163,247	100.0	117,222	100.0	280,469	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
15-24	11,620	7.4	12,051	10.9	23,671	8.8
25-34	46,127	29.3	34,806	31.6	80,933	30.3
35-44	43,188	27.5	27,162	24.6	70,350	26.3
45-54	30,639	19.5	22,085	20.0	52,724	19.7
55-64	20,479	13.0	11,929	10.8	32,408	12.1
65+	5,176	3.3	2,227 ^u	2.0 ^u	7,403	2.8
Total	157,229	100.0	110,260	100.0	267,489	100.0

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Table 4. Employment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
	April-June 2022					
15-24	53.9		50.6		52.3	
25-54	94.3		81.8		88.6	
55-64	63.2		42.2		52.9	
Total (15-64)	83.8		70.3		77.5	
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
15-24	43.6		50.0		46.6	
25-54	93.7		76.5		85.7	
55-64	66.7		42.1		54.9	
Total (15-64)	82.0		66.5		74.8	

Table 5. Distribution of employed persons by sex and professional status in main occupation

Professional status	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Self-employed without employees	23,000	14.1	7,768	6.6	30,768	11.0
Self-employed with employees	9,112	5.6	2,609 ^u	2.2 ^u	11,721	4.2
Employee	131,135	80.3	106,709	91.0	237,844	84.8
Unpaid family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total	163,247	100.0	117,222	100.0	280,469	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
Self-employed without employees	22,562	14.3	6,314	5.7	28,876	10.8
Self-employed with employees	9,263	5.9	2,313 ^u	2.1 ^u	11,576	4.3
Employee	125,404	79.8	101,338	91.9	226,742	84.8
Unpaid family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
Total	157,229	100.0	110,260	100.0	267,489	100.0

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Table 6. Distribution of employed persons by sex and type of employment in main occupation

Type of employment	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Full-time job	151,768	93.0	93,525	79.8	245,293	87.5
Part-time job	11,479	7.0	23,697	20.2	35,176	12.5
Total	163,247	100.0	117,222	100.0	280,469	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
Full-time job	146,158	93.0	89,634	81.3	235,792	88.2
Part-time job	11,071	7.0	20,626	18.7	31,697	11.8
Total	157,229	100.0	110,260	100.0	267,489	100.0

Table 7. Hours worked per week by sex and type of employment in main occupation

Type of employment	Males	Females	Total	Total
	Average Normal Hours ¹			Average Actual Hours ²
	April-June 2022			
Full-time job	41.3	40.4	41.0	36.2
Part-time job	23.0	23.2	23.2	21.5
Total	40.2	36.9	38.8	34.4
April-June 2021 (Revised)				
Full-time job	41.6	40.7	41.3	36.8
Part-time job	23.1	24.1	23.8	20.4
Total	40.4	37.6	39.2	34.9

¹ Normal hours worked: refer to the number of usual hours worked per week in the main job over a long reference period, excluding weeks when an absence from work occurs (e.g. holidays, vacation leave or sick leave).

² Actual hours worked: refer to the number of hours actually spent at the place of work during the reference week for the main job. A person may work extra hours (e.g. overtime, variable hours) or work less hours than usual (e.g. vacation leave, education, sick leave or slack work) due to various reasons. Owing to increased flexibility at work places coupled with technology, the place of work may also include one's home. In this regard, actual hours worked also include the hours of work carried out by persons who telework.

**Table 8. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity
in the main occupation: April-June 2022**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,890 ^u	1.2 ^u	:	:	2,076 ^u	0.7 ^u
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	22,133	13.6	10,105	8.6	32,238	11.5
Construction	15,785	9.7	:	:	17,039	6.1
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	46,916	28.7	23,005	19.6	69,921	24.9
Information and communication	9,228	5.7	3,215 ^u	2.7 ^u	12,443	4.4
Financial and insurance activities	7,625	4.7	9,738	8.3	17,363	6.2
Real estate activities	3,009 ^u	1.8 ^u	:	:	3,862 ^u	1.4 ^u
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	16,403	10.0	14,379	12.3	30,782	11.0
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	28,388	17.4	41,466	35.4	69,854	24.9
Other services	11,870	7.3	13,021	11.1	24,891	8.9
Total	163,247	100.0	117,222	100.0	280,469	100.0

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Note: Estimates include both public and private sectors.

**Table 9. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity
in the main occupation: April-June 2021 (Revised)**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,758 ^u	1.1 ^u	:	:	2,163 ^u	0.8 ^u
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	23,335	14.8	8,164	7.4	31,499	11.8
Construction	17,365	11.0	:	:	18,034	6.7
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	39,838	25.3	21,964	19.9	61,802	23.1
Information and communication	8,277	5.3	2,447 ^u	2.2 ^u	10,724	4.0
Financial and insurance activities	7,018	4.5	9,405	8.5	16,423	6.1
Real estate activities	2,402 ^u	1.5 ^u	:	:	4,983 ^u	1.9 ^u
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	15,255	9.7	14,004	12.7	29,259	10.9
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	27,768	17.7	40,351	36.6	68,119	25.5
Other services	14,213	9.0	10,270	9.3	24,483	9.2
Total	157,229	100.0	110,260	100.0	267,489	100.0

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Table 10. Average monthly basic salary for employees by sex and economic activity in the main occupation: April-June 2022

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	19,930	1,522	9,337	1,317	29,267	1,456
Construction	8,892	1,498	:	:	10,146	1,517
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	34,569	1,513	19,737	1,273	54,306	1,426
Information and communication	8,624	2,336	2,727 ^u	1,576 ^u	11,351	2,153
Financial and insurance activities	7,363	2,723	9,694	2,052	17,057	2,341
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	12,095	1,868	12,810	1,898	24,905	1,883
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	27,303	1,917	40,544	1,751	67,847	1,818
Other services	9,661	2,122	9,929 ^u	1,486 ^u	19,590	1,800
Total	131,135	1,803	106,709	1,640	237,844	1,730

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Notes:

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2. Data is provisional and subject to revisions.

Table 11. Average monthly basic salary for employees by sex and economic activity in the main occupation: April-June 2021 (Revised)

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	20,801	1,636	7,777	1,092	28,578	1,488
Construction	10,004	1,306	:	:	10,673	1,303
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	29,400	1,214	19,672	1,008	49,072	1,132
Information and communication	6,865	2,372	2,270 ^u	1,621 ^u	9,135	2,188
Financial and insurance activities	6,708	3,062	9,338	1,990	16,046	2,438
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	10,813	1,798	13,032	1,370	23,845	1,564
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	26,724	1,869	38,538	1,804	65,262	1,831
Other services	12,020	2,211	8,395 ^u	1,598 ^u	20,415	1,959
Total	125,404	1,748	101,338	1,529	226,742	1,650

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Table 12. Distribution of total employed persons by sex and occupational group: April-June 2022

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	2,042 ^u	1.3 ^u	:	:	2,123 ^u	0.8 ^u
Managers	20,412	12.5	11,883	10.1	32,295	11.5
Professionals	29,088	17.8	30,300	25.8	59,388	21.2
Technicians and associate professionals	22,649	13.9	13,987	11.9	36,636	13.1
Clerical support workers	11,211	6.9	17,745	15.1	28,956	10.3
Service and sales workers	23,341	14.3	29,886	25.5	53,227	19.0
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,610 ^u	1.0 ^u	:	:	2,188 ^u	0.8 ^u
Craft and related trades workers	25,826	15.8	:	:	27,026	9.6
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	12,456	7.6	3,108 ^u	2.7 ^u	15,564	5.5
Elementary occupations	14,612	9.0	8,454	7.2	23,066	8.2
Total	163,247	100.0	117,222	100.0	280,469	100.0

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Table 13. Distribution of total employed persons by sex and occupational group: April-June 2021 (Revised)

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	1,859 ^u	1.2 ^u	:	:	1,859 ^u	0.7 ^u
Managers	22,208	14.1	8,732	7.9	30,940	11.6
Professionals	29,226	18.6	29,522	26.8	58,748	22.0
Technicians and associate professionals	22,794	14.5	13,678	12.4	36,472	13.6
Clerical support workers	11,330	7.2	18,247	16.5	29,577	11.1
Service and sales workers	19,789	12.6	27,447	24.9	47,236	17.7
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,496 ^u	1.0 ^u	:	:	1,718 ^u	0.6 ^u
Craft and related trades workers	24,741	15.7	1,227 ^u	1.1 ^u	25,968	9.7
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	10,448	6.6	3,510 ^u	3.2 ^u	13,958	5.2
Elementary occupations	13,338	8.5	7,675	7.0	21,013	7.9
Total	157,229	100.0	110,260	100.0	267,489	100.0

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Table 14. Average monthly basic salary for employees by sex and occupational group: April-June 2022

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)
Armed Forces	2,042 ^u	1,818 ^u	:	:	2,123 ^u	1,829 ^u
Managers	18,889	2,886	11,559	2,556	30,448	2,760
Professionals	24,114	2,506	28,485	2,133	52,599	2,304
Technicians and associate professionals	18,351	1,630	12,580	1,743	30,931	1,676
Clerical support workers	10,889	1,350	17,375	1,293	28,264	1,315
Service and sales workers	16,717	1,298	24,571	1,158	41,288	1,215
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	16,394	1,303	:	:	17,310	1,289
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	9,149	1,291	2,421 ^u	1,271 ^u	11,570	1,287
Elementary occupations	14,169	1,260	8,257	903	22,426	1,128
Total	131,135	1,803	106,709	1,640	237,844	1,730

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Table 15. Average monthly basic salary for employees by sex and occupational group: April-June 2021 (Revised)

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)	No. of employees	Average (€)
Armed Forces	1,859 ^u	1,586 ^u	:	:	1,859 ^u	1,586 ^u
Managers	18,446	2,713	8,308	2,180	26,754	2,547
Professionals	25,263	2,416	28,314	2,135	53,577	2,268
Technicians and associate professionals	19,323	1,721	12,118	1,472	31,441	1,625
Clerical support workers	10,935	1,365	18,019	1,247	28,954	1,291
Service and sales workers	14,246	1,246	22,673	1,126	36,919	1,172
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	14,747	1,152	:	:	15,667	1,143
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,440	1,131	3,510 ^u	1,001 ^u	11,950	1,093
Elementary occupations	11,739	1,052	7,476	819	19,215	962
Total	125,404	1,748	101,338	1,529	226,742	1,650

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Table 16. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
15-24	1,501 ^u	29.1 ^u	:	:	2,643 ^u	31.3 ^u
25-74	3,665 ^u	70.9 ^u	:	:	5,803 ^u	68.7 ^u
Total (15-74)	5,166^u	100.0^u	3,280^u	100.0^u	8,446	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
15-24	2,130 ^u	33.4 ^u	:	:	2,770 ^u	29.5 ^u
25-74	4,241 ^u	66.6 ^u	:	:	6,631	70.5
Total (15-74)	6,371	100.0	3,030^u	100.0^u	9,401	100.0

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Table 17. Unemployment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
	April-June 2022					
15-24	9.8 ^u		:		9.3 ^u	
25-74	2.4 ^u		:		2.2 ^u	
Total (15-74)	3.1^u		2.7^u		2.9	
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
15-24	15.5 ^u		:		10.5 ^u	
25-74	2.8 ^u		:		2.7	
Total (15-74)	3.9		2.7^u		3.4	

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Table 18. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and duration of job search

Duration	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Less than 12 months	2,735 ^u	52.9 ^u	2,585 ^u	78.8 ^u	5,320 ^u	63.0 ^u
12 months or more	:	:	:	:	3,126 ^u	37.0 ^u
Total	5,166^u	100.0^u	3,280^u	100.0^u	8,446	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
Less than 12 months	3,580 ^u	56.2 ^u	:	:	5,988	63.7
12 months or more	2,791 ^u	43.8 ^u	:	:	3,413 ^u	36.3 ^u
Total	6,371	100.0	3,030^u	100.0^u	9,401	100.0

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Table 19. Distribution of inactive persons by sex and age group

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
15-24	10,326	15.7	10,494	11.1	20,820	13.0
25-34	:	:	3,946 ^u	4.2 ^u	5,078 ^u	3.2 ^u
35-44	:	:	7,769	8.2	9,149	5.7
45-54	1,642 ^u	2.5 ^u	6,628	7.0	8,270	5.1
55-64	10,994	16.7	16,751	17.7	27,745	17.3
65+	40,391	61.3	49,273	51.9	89,664	55.8
Total	65,865	100.0	94,861	100.0	160,726	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
15-24	12,905	19.5	11,426	11.6	24,331	14.8
25-34	:	:	6,078 ^u	6.2 ^u	7,811	4.7
35-44	:	:	9,574	9.7	10,303	6.3
45-54	1,864 ^u	2.8 ^u	7,799	7.9	9,663	5.9
55-64	9,738	14.7	16,428	16.7	26,166	15.9
65+	39,074	59.2	47,228	47.9	86,302	52.4
Total	66,043	100.0	98,533	100.0	164,576	100.0

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Table 20. Main reasons for being inactive by sex

Reason for inactivity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Care or family responsibilities	:	:	36,977	39.3	37,748	23.7
Education or training	10,212	15.7	10,349	11.0	20,561	12.9
Reached retirement age or uptake of early retirement	46,986	72.1	23,064	24.5	70,050	44.0
Other reasons	7,164	11.0	23,773	25.2	30,937	19.4
Total	65,133	100.0	94,163	100.0	159,296	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
Care or family responsibilities	:	:	41,499	42.5	41,873	25.7
Education or training	12,221	18.7	11,329	11.6	23,550	14.4
Reached retirement age or uptake of early retirement	45,387	69.3	23,206	23.8	68,593	42.1
Other reasons	7,473	11.4	21,594	22.1	29,067	17.8
Total	65,455	100.0	97,628	100.0	163,083	100.0

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

Note: Figures in this table refer to persons between the age of 15 and 90 years

Table 21. Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and highest educational attainment

Education level	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022					
Secondary level education or less	98,910	42.2	94,321	43.8	193,231	43.0
Post-Secondary level education	81,158	34.6	65,721	30.5	146,879	32.7
Tertiary level education	54,210	23.1	55,321	25.7	109,531	24.4
Total	234,278	100.0	215,363	100.0	449,641	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)						
Secondary level education or less	97,487	42.5	95,744	45.2	193,231	43.8
Post-Secondary level education	76,777	33.4	60,917	28.8	137,694	31.2
Tertiary level education	55,379	24.1	55,162	26.0	110,541	25.0
Total	229,643	100.0	211,823	100.0	441,466	100.0

Table 22. Persons aged 15 years and over by labour status and highest educational attainment

Education level	Employed		Unemployed		Inactive		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2022							
Secondary level education or less	77,086	27.5	3,080 ^u	36.5 ^u	113,065	70.3	193,231	43.0
Post-Secondary level education	109,047	38.9	2,836 ^u	33.6 ^u	34,996	21.8	146,879	32.7
Tertiary level education	94,336	33.6	2,530 ^u	29.9 ^u	12,665	7.9	109,531	24.4
Total	280,469	100.0	8,446	100.0	160,726	100.0	449,641	100.0
April-June 2021 (Revised)								
Secondary level education or less	76,788	28.7	3,762 ^u	40.0 ^u	112,681	68.5	193,231	43.8
Post-Secondary level education	95,306	35.6	3,770 ^u	40.1 ^u	38,618	23.5	137,694	31.2
Tertiary level education	95,395	35.7	1,869 ^u	19.9 ^u	13,277	8.1	110,541	25.0
Total	267,489	100.0	9,401	100.0	164,576	100.0	441,466	100.0

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Methodological Notes

1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is carried out on an ongoing basis using a quarterly gross sample of 3,200 private households. The objective is to have a continuous assessment of labour market trends given that the reference weeks are evenly spread throughout the 13 weeks of the quarter. One-fourth of the sample is made up of households who have been selected to participate in the LFS for the first time. Three-fourths of the quarterly sample is made up of households who were selected to participate in the survey in previous instances, either one quarter before, or one year before, or one year and a quarter before (2-(2)-2). Unless otherwise indicated, figures provided in this release refer to persons aged 15 and over and living in private households during the reference period. All criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
2. The LFS is designed to satisfy the concepts and definitions as outlined by Eurostat, which is the EU Statistical Agency. This allows the comparability of results with other EU Member States and countries following ILO definitions of employment and unemployment. Occupations are classified according to the ISCO - 08 classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations), whereas the economic activity is classified according to NACE Rev. 2 (Nomenclature générale des Activités économiques dans les Communautés Européennes). Educational attainment is classified according to ISCED 2011 (International Standard Classification of Education).
3. As from January 2021, Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/257 of 16th December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying the number and the title of the variables for the labour force domain, came into force.
4. This legislation has mainly led to changes in the LFS questionnaire and mode of data collection. An analysis of the impact of this change on LFS estimates was conducted in order to assess the divergence of LFS results from pre-IESS to post-IESS levels. Technical notes on these divergences are found in:
https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C2/Labour_Market_Statistics/Pages/Labour-Force-Survey.aspx

5. Definitions:

- **Activity rate:** labour force (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).
- **Actual hours worked:** refers to the number of hours actually spent at the place of work during the reference week for the main job. A person may work extra hours (e.g. overtime, variable hours) or work less hours than usual (e.g. vacation leave, education, sick leave or slack work) due to various reasons. Owing to increased flexibility at work places coupled with technology, the place of work may also include one's home. In this regard, actual hours worked also includes the hours of work carried out by persons who telework.
- **Average monthly basic salary:** refers to the average monthly basic salary received by employees before any social contributions and tax deductions. This amount excludes payments for overtime, allowances and bonuses. The monthly basic salary takes into account the wage supplement scheme. As a result persons who stated that they were receiving this supplement during the quarter under review had their monthly salary modified to account for this change in their income. Data for this variable is provisional and subject to revisions.
- **Educational Attainment:**
 - **secondary or less level of education:** comprising persons with no schooling, primary education, schools for children with special needs and persons who attained a secondary level education and have less than 2 ordinary level qualifications or equivalent. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'low' includes ISCED 0 to 2.
 - **post-secondary level of education:** comprising persons with a secondary level education and having 2 ordinary level qualifications or equivalent or more, persons with a post-secondary level attainment who have at least obtained 1 intermediate or advanced level qualification or equivalent. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'medium' refers to ISCED 3 and 4.
 - **tertiary level of education:** comprising persons with a tertiary level education and with qualifications ranging from diploma to doctorate level. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'high' refers to ISCED 5 to 8.
- **Employees:** are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind.
- **Employed persons:** comprise persons aged 15 to 89 who, during the reference week, were in one of the following categories:
 - **worked for at least 1 hour for pay or profit**, including contributing family workers and paid casual work
 - **persons with a job or business who were temporarily not at work** during the reference week but had an attachment to their job, including:
 - (a) persons not at work due to holidays, working time arrangements, sick leave, maternity or paternity leave;
 - (b) persons in job-related training or formal education;
 - (c) persons on parental leave, either receiving and/or being entitled to job-related income or benefits, or whose parental leave is expected to be 3 months or less;
 - (d) seasonal workers during the off-season, where they continue to regularly perform tasks and duties for the job or business, excluding fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations;
 - (e) persons temporarily not at work for other reasons where the expected duration of the absence is 3 months or less.

- **Employment rate:** persons in employment (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).
- **Inactive persons:** all persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as inactive.
- **Labour force:** all persons in employment and unemployed persons.
- **Normal hours worked:** refers to the number of usual hours worked per week in the main job over a long reference period, excluding weeks when an absence from work occurs (e.g. holidays, vacation leave or sick leave).
- **Part-time employment:** a part-time worker is an employed person whose normal hours are less than those of comparable full-time workers. Persons employed on a full-time with reduced hours basis are included in this category.
- **Reference week:** the week to which the collected data relate.
- **Unemployed persons:** all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, satisfied the following criteria:
 - **without work**
 - **actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks:** i.e. had either carried out activities in the four-week period ending with the reference week to seek paid employment or self-employment or found a job to start within a period of at most 3 months from the end of the reference week. Examples of active job search include contacting Jobsplus, studying job advertisement or placing or updating CVs online.
 - **currently available for work:** i.e. available for paid employment or self-employment before the end of the 2 weeks following the reference week.
- **Unemployment rate:** unemployed persons (15-74 years) as a percentage of the labour force (15-74 years).

6. Sampling variability

Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for specific variables, which gives an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

Sampling variability of LFS figures

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% confidence interval
Employment	280,469	3,640	280,469 ± 3,640
Employment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	77.53	1.06	77.53 ± 1.06
<i>Males</i>	83.80	1.22	83.80 ± 1.22
<i>Females</i>	70.35	1.58	70.35 ± 1.58
15-24	52.29	3.54	52.29 ± 3.54
25-54	88.60	1.24	88.60 ± 1.24
55-64	52.92	3.72	52.92 ± 3.72
Unemployment	8,446	2,178	8,446 ± 2,178
Unemployment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	2.93	0.74	2.93 ± 0.74
<i>Males</i>	3.08	1.11	3.08 ± 1.11
<i>Females</i>	2.72	1.09	2.72 ± 1.09
15-24	9.32	3.17	9.32 ± 3.17
25-74	2.23	0.76	2.23 ± 0.76
Inactivity	160,726	3,883	160,726 ± 3,883
Activity rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	79.90	1.07	79.90 ± 1.07
<i>Males</i>	86.51	1.11	86.51 ± 1.11
<i>Females</i>	72.34	1.56	72.34 ± 1.56
15-24	57.66	3.53	57.66 ± 3.53
25-54	90.81	1.18	90.81 ± 1.18
55-64	53.49	3.70	53.49 ± 3.70

The table above provides estimated measures of sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 280,469 and the margin of error is 3,640. Hence, the actual figure in the population lies between 276,829 and 284,109 persons.

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7. Amendments were carried out in this news release to allow for more accurate interpretations of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the labour market.
 - In Table 7 'Hours worked by sex and type of employment in main occupation' more information is given with regards to the actual number of hours worked.
 - The annual basic salary has been replaced by the monthly basic salary in order to better reflect the changes in salary levels which are being experienced by employees as a result of the impact of COVID-19 (Tables 10-11 and Tables 14-15).
8. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
9. Absolute changes between one survey estimate and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (i.e. less than 2,100 persons) might be the result of sampling error.
10. More information is available from the NSO upon written request.
<https://workflow.gov.mt/Runtime/Runtime/Form/01+NSO+Request+for+Statistical+Information/?language=en>
11. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
Sources and Methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C2/Labour_Market_Statistics/Pages/Labour-Force-Survey.aspx
Statistical Concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>
Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=33>
Classification: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCO%202008>
<https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=NACE%20Rev.%202008>
<https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/classificationdetails.aspx?id=ISCED%202011>
12. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
13. Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.
14. A detailed news release calendar is available on:
https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx