



# Statistics in focus

## POPULATION AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

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# Labour Force Survey Principal Results 2002 Acceding Countries

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The spring 2002 Labour Force Survey provides the following estimates for the 66.7 million people living in private households in the 10 Acceding Countries (ACC): Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Slovak Republic.

- 28.9 million had a job during the reference week of the survey:
  - 56.1% of the population aged 15-64 was employed, compared to 64.2% in the EU. The employment rate was highest in Cyprus (68.5%), the Czech Republic (65.6%) and Slovenia (64.3%). It was as low as 51.7% in Poland. The employment rate was on average 11.6 percentage points higher for males (61.9% at ACC level compared to 50.3% for females). The difference reached more than 16 percentage points in Cyprus (19.9), the Czech Republic (16.8) and Malta (41.4).
  - 7.8% of employed persons worked part-time compared to 18.2% in the EU. Part-time employment represented 10.3% of total female employment (from 2.7% in the Slovak Republic to 18.9% in Malta).
  - 22.8 million workers were employees (79.0% of total employment, 84.4% in the EU) and 11.1% of them (13.1% in the EU) had a contract with limited duration (less than 3% in Estonia, more than 14% in Poland and Slovenia).
  - The average usual working hours were 41.4 hours a week for full-time employees and 23.2 hours for part-time employees (from 39.5 hours for full-time employees in Lithuania to 43.6 hours in Latvia). In the EU, the results were respectively 40.0 and 19.7 hours.
- 5.0 million people were unemployed, which represented 14.8% of the overall ACC labour force (15.3% for females). The EU rate was 7.6%.
  - Long term unemployment (one year and more) represented 54.3% of unemployment as a whole (compared to 40.2% in the EU): it was more than 65% in the Slovak Republic.
  - 31.6% of the labour force aged 15-24 years old was unemployed (compared to 12.6% for the age class 25-64) which represented 11.9% of the total population of the same age (6.9% in the EU).
- 26.6 million people aged 15 years and more were inactive.

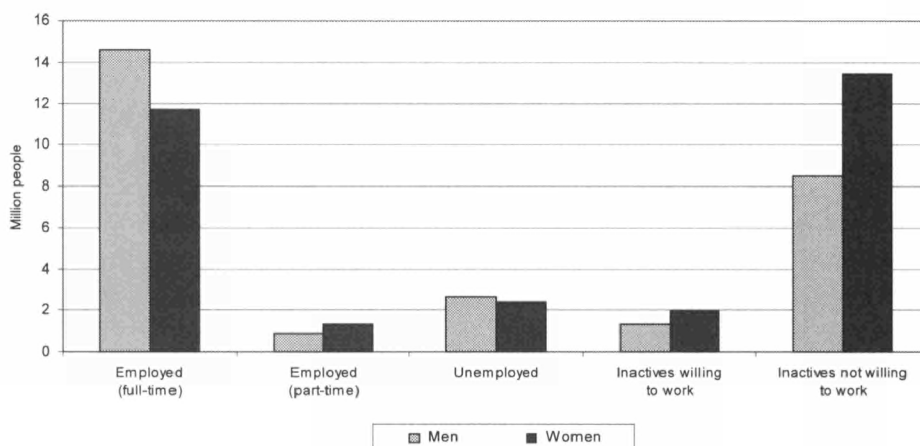
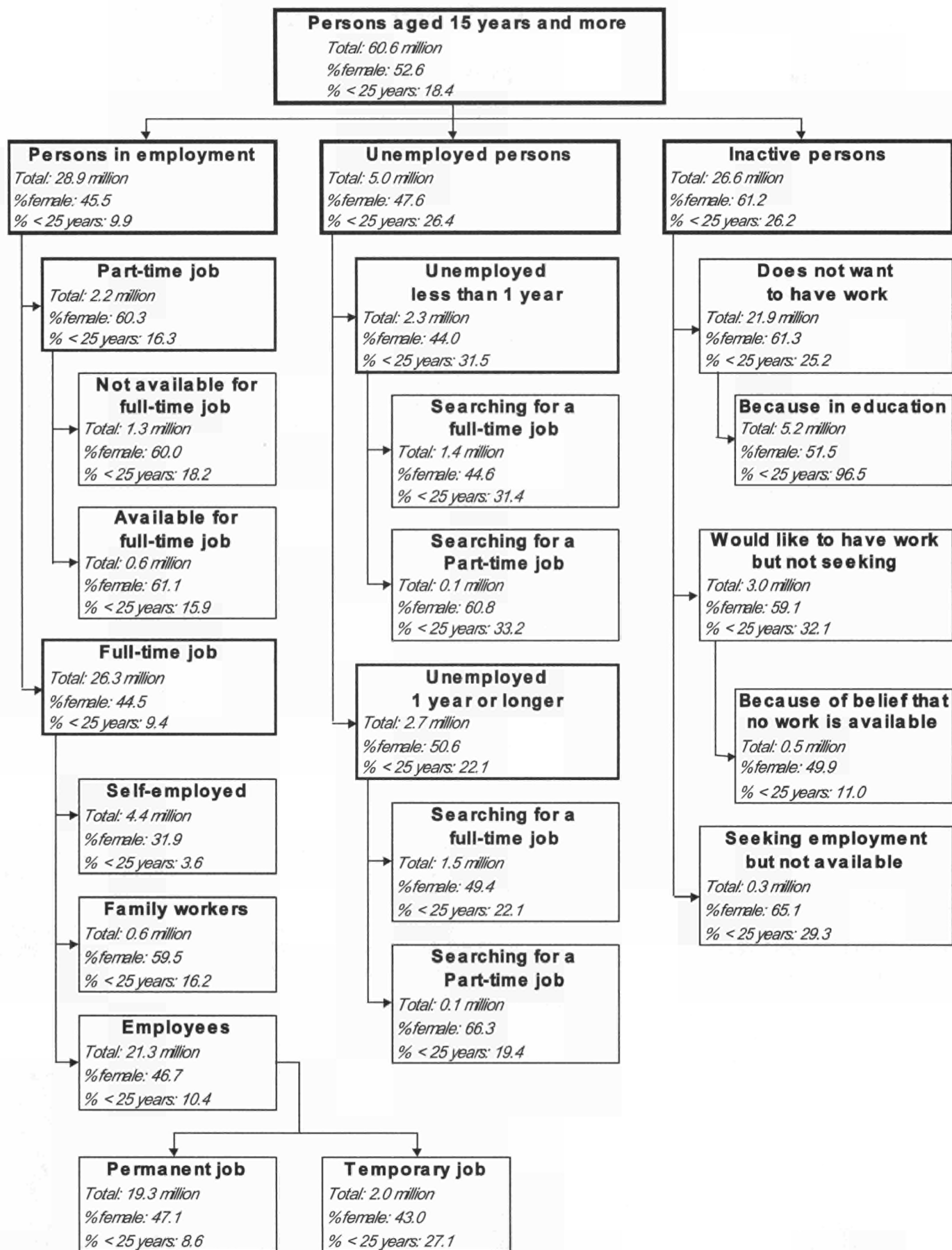


Figure 1: Population by sex and activity status, ACC, 2002

## Work status of persons aged 15 years and more, ACC, 2002 (1)



(1) Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate

## ➤ EXPLANATORY NOTES

The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 2002 in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998. Twelve Candidate countries also participated in the survey. Comparable data are not yet available for Turkey.

A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common EU coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication *Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 2001* and *Labour Force Survey in central and east European countries – Methods and definitions, 2000*.

### **Basic concepts and definitions**

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. Persons carrying out obligatory military service are not included.

**Employed persons** were those who during the reference week did any work for pay or profit for at least one hour, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Family workers are included.

**Unemployed persons** comprise persons aged 15 to 74 who were without work during the reference week, were currently available for work and were actively seeking work or who found a job to start later.

**Duration of unemployment** is defined as:

- (a) the duration of search for a job, or
- (b) the length of the period since the last job was held (if this period is shorter than the duration of search for a job).

The **active population** (labour force) is defined as the sum of employed and unemployed persons.

**Inactive persons** are those who are neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.

**Employees** are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included

The **number of usual hours worked per week** corresponds to the number of hours the person normally work including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal breaks.

**Employment rates** represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population.

**Unemployment rates** represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

**Youth unemployment ratio** represents unemployed aged less than 25 years as a percentage of the population of this age group.

**Population in education** includes persons who had followed any kind of education during the 4 weeks preceding the week of reference. Students who were on holidays in this period are not included.

**Early school leavers** includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 who are not in education/training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).

All rates and ratios are calculated excluding non responses.

**Country codes** applied in this publication: CZ (Czech Republic), EE (Estonia), CY (Cyprus), LV (Latvia), LT (Lithuania), HU (Hungary), MT (Malta), PL (Poland), SI (Slovenia), SK (Slovak Republic), BG (Bulgaria), RO (Romania), ACC (Acceding countries, including all countries except BG and RO), EU-15 (European Union).



**Table 1 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males and females**

		EU-15 (1)	ACC (1)	CZ	EE	CY	LV	LT
<b>Population (1000)</b>								
-Total	(5)	374 849	66 704	10 215	1 356	679	2 344	3 450
-aged 15-64		250 434	50 707	7 179	913	447	1 590	2 302
-aged >64		62 214	9 851	1 425	210	80	364	492
<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b>								
	(3)							
-At most lower secondary level		35,4	19,3	12,2	12,5	33,5	17,4	15,2
-Upper secondary level		42,9	66,2	76,0	57,9	37,4	63,1	40,7
-Third level		21,8	14,5	11,8	29,6	29,1	19,6	44,0
<b>Participation to education</b>								
-In education or training (25-64 years) - %		8,5	1,1	6,0	5,2	3,7	8,2	3,3
-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %		18,8	8,7	5,5	12,6	14,0	19,5	14,3
<b>Total employment</b>								
-1000		162 974	28 917	4 763	581	315	987	1 421
-Employment rate (%)								
15-24 years		40,5	25,7	32,5	25,4	36,7	28,8	25,2
25-54 years		77,2	72,3	82,6	77,3	82,2	76,7	77,2
55-64 years		39,8	30,6	40,4	51,3	49,2	42,6	43,0
15-64 years		64,2	56,1	65,6	61,7	68,5	60,5	60,6
-Part-time - %		18,2	7,8	4,8	6,7	7,2	9,3	9,8
-In the agriculture - %	(2)	4,0	13,4	4,9	6,5	5,3	15,3	18,6
-In the industry - %		28,2	32,1	40,1	30,9	23,2	25,6	27,4
-In the services - %		67,8	54,5	55,0	62,6	71,6	59,1	54,0
<b>Employees</b>								
-1000		137 501	22 840	4 006	541	243	857	1 126
-% of total employment		84,4	79,0	84,1	93,0	77,0	86,8	79,2
Contract of limited duration - %		13,1	11,1	8,3	2,2	9,1	11,6	7,5
Usual hours worked per week								
- employees working full time		40,0	41,4	41,2	41,1	40,0	43,6	39,5
- employees working part-time		19,7	23,2	23,9	21,6	22,0	24,2	20,4
<b>Unemployment</b>								
-1000		13 453	5 012	360	61	11	151	212
-Unemployment rate - %								
15-24 years		14,6	31,6	15,4	17,3	7,7	25,6	20,4
25-64 years		6,7	12,6	6,0	8,8	2,9	11,8	12,4
15+ years		7,6	14,8	7,0	9,4	3,3	13,2	13,0
-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %		6,9	11,9	5,9	5,3	3,1	9,9	6,5
Unemployment by duration (%):								
-less than 6 months		42,2	24,7	27,8	27,7	54,0	39,8	25,6
-6 to 11 months		17,6	21,0	21,7	20,7	25,9	17,9	17,8
-12 months and more		40,2	54,3	50,5	51,6	20,1	42,3	56,6
Unemployed (%):								
-seeking a first job		18,5	20,2	15,6	(13,2)	(12,3)	15,4	11,5
-seeking a part-time job		13,6	5,2	10,4	-	14,8	8,5	5,0
<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b>	(5)	198 423	32 775	5 092	715	353	1 206	1 817

Notes: data in brackets may lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol "-" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.

(1) EU-15: see Statistics in focus, Labour Force Survey, Principal results 2002. EU and EFTA countries

ACC (Acceding countries): CZ (Czech Republic), EE (Estonia), CY (Cyprus), LV (Latvia), LT (Lithuania), HU (Hungary), MT (Malta), PL (Poland), SI (Slovenia), SK (Slovak Republic)

(2) Number of persons whose main activity is in the agriculture sector.

BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector

**Table 1 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males and females**

HU	MT (4)	PL (5)	SI	SK	BG	RO (6)	
							<b>Population (1000)</b>
9 868	396	31 017	1 994	5 385	7 898	22 302	-Total (5)
6 774	269	26 105	1 399	3 729	5 400	15 315	-aged 15-64
1 437	49	4 887	288	620	1 329	3 081	-aged >64
							<b>Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %</b> (3)
28,6	81,6	19,2	23,2	14,2	28,5	28,9	-At most lower secondary level
57,3	9,5	68,6	62,1	75,0	50,4	61,1	-Upper secondary level
14,1	8,8	12,2	14,8	10,8	21,1	10,0	-Third level
							<b>Participation to education</b>
							-In education or training (25-64 years) - %
3,3	4,4	4,3	9,1	9,0	1,3	1,1	-Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %
12,3	53,2	7,6	(4,8)	5,6	21,0	23,2	
							<b>Total employment</b>
3 846	150	13 820	922	2 111	2 800	9 768	-1000
							-Employment rate (%)
30,2	51,1	22,0	31,1	26,7	20,5	29,1	15-24 years
73,0	62,6	67,5	84,1	74,8	68,1	73,9	25-54 years
25,9	30,2	26,6	25,9	22,1	27,7	38,5	55-64 years
56,5	55,2	51,7	64,3	56,5	51,1	58,6	15-64 years
3,6	8,8	10,7	6,6	1,9	3,1	11,4	-Part-time - %
6,0	2,3	19,6	9,7	6,6	10,7	37,7	-In the agriculture - % (2)
34,2	31,5	28,5	38,8	38,2	32,7	29,6	-In the industry - %
59,8	66,1	51,8	51,6	55,3	56,6	32,7	-In the services - %
							<b>Employees</b>
3 317	127	9 920	773	1 931	2 364	5 882	-1000
86,3	85,2	71,8	83,8	91,5	84,4	60,2	-% of total employment
7,4	4,2	15,5	14,7	4,8	6,1	0,9	Contract of limited duration - %
							Usual hours worked per week
40,9	40,4	41,6	41,6	41,8	41,1	41,8	- employees working full time
24,1	22,1	23,4	18,8	23,6	20,5	33,1	- employees working part-time
							<b>Unemployment</b>
230	11	3 432	58	486	619	862	-1000
							-Unemployment rate - %
11,2	15,2	41,6	14,8	37,7	35,6	22,2	15-24 years
5,0	4,3	16,9	5,0	15,4	16,3	6,7	25-64 years
5,6	6,7	19,9	5,9	18,7	18,1	8,1	15+ years
							-Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %
3,8	9,2	15,7	5,4	16,1	11,3	8,3	
							Unemployment by duration (%):
31,6	45,9	24,2	27,2	15,8	20,9	21,9	-less than 6 months
23,6	(15,0)	21,4	18,2	18,9	13,6	21,6	-6 to 11 months
44,8	39,1	54,4	54,7	65,3	65,5	56,5	-12 months and more
							Unemployed (%):
12,0	33,7	21,9	24,8	20,6	23,3	32,4	-seeking a first job
6,8	(19,9)	4,8	-	2,7	(1,4)	1,4	-seeking a part-time job
5 792	235	13 764	1 014	2 787	4 478	11 673	<b>Total of non-actives (1000)</b> (5)

(3) LT: technicum programs are included under ISCED 5 (third level)

(4) MT: provisionnal data

(5) PL: estimates 'total population' and 'total of non-actives' cover only the population aged 15 and more

(6) RO: 2002 results lack comparability with previous years due to significant changes in employment and unemployment definitions.

**Table 2 - Labour force survey 2002 – Females**

	EU-15 (1)	ACC (1)	CZ	EE	CY	LV	LT
<b>Population (1000)</b> (4)							
-Total	191 499	34 847	5 260	733	350	1 265	1 840
-aged 15-64	124 993	25 726	3 600	478	232	828	1 199
-aged >64	36 218	6 127	876	141	44	246	321
<b>Total employment</b>							
-1000	70 165	13 165	2 080	286	139	489	698
-Employment rate (%)							
15-64 years	55,5	50,3	57,2	57,6	59,0	57,6	57,2
55-64 years	30,2	21,5	25,9	46,9	32,1	35,2	34,0
-Part-time - %	33,5	10,3	8,3	9,6	11,3	11,2	11,0
-In the agriculture - %	3,1	12,1	3,4	4,3	4,3	11,5	14,9
-In the industry - %	14,7	21,1	27,8	23,1	12,1	15,5	19,6
-In the services - %	82,2	66,8	68,7	72,7	83,6	73,0	65,5
<b>Employees</b>							
-% of total employment	88,6	82,5	89,5	95,6	84,1	89,1	82,2
Contract of limited duration - %	14,3	10,7	9,5	-	12,7	9,4	4,8
Usual hours worked per week							
- employees working full time	38,6	40,2	40,4	40,4	39,6	42,5	38,5
- employees working part-time	19,9	22,8	24,2	20,8	22,4	23,3	20,5
<b>Unemployment</b>							
-1000	6 610	2 386	195	27	6	64	102
-Unemployment rate - %							
15+ years	8,6	15,3	8,6	8,5	4,2	11,6	12,8
15-24 years	15,0	32,0	15,0	(39,1)	(8,9)	26,2	21,6
Unemployment by duration (%):							
-12 months and more	41,8	57,8	50,0	44,3	(22,7)	38,3	52,6

**Table 3 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males**

	EU-15 (1)	ACC (1)	CZ	EE	CY	LV	LT
<b>Population (1000)</b> (4)							
-Total	183 350	31 857	4 955	624	329	1 078	1 611
-aged 15-64	125 441	24 981	3 578	435	215	762	1 103
-aged >64	25 996	3 723	550	69	36	117	171
<b>Total employment</b>							
-1000	92 809	15 751	2 683	295	177	498	723
-Employment rate (%)							
15-64 years	72,9	61,9	74,0	66,2	78,8	63,6	64,3
55-64 years	49,8	41,4	56,3	57,2	67,0	52,7	54,9
-Part-time - %	6,6	5,7	2,1	3,9	4,0	7,3	8,6
-In the agriculture - %	4,7	14,5	6,0	8,7	6,0	19,0	22,2
-In the industry - %	38,4	41,3	49,6	38,5	31,9	35,5	34,9
-In the services - %	56,8	44,2	44,4	52,9	62,1	45,5	42,9
<b>Employees</b>							
-% of total employment	81,2	76,1	79,9	90,5	71,4	84,5	76,3
Contract of limited duration - %	12,1	11,6	7,1	(3,3)	5,8	13,8	10,3
Usual hours worked per week							
- employees working full time	40,8	42,4	41,9	41,8	40,4	44,8	40,5
- employees working part-time	19,0	23,9	22,9	23,7	21,1	26,1	20,2
<b>Unemployment</b>							
-1000	6 843	2 626	165	34	5	86	110
-Unemployment rate - %							
15+ years	6,9	14,3	5,8	10,3	2,6	14,8	13,2
15-24 years	14,3	31,3	15,7	(19,8)	(9,5)	25,1	19,6
Unemployment by duration (%):							
-12 months and more	38,5	51,2	51,1	57,4	(16,7)	45,3	60,4

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**Table 2 - Labour force survey 2002 – Females**

HU	MT (3)	PL (4)	SI	SK	BG	RO (5)	
							<b>Population (1000)</b> (4)
5 171	200	16 234	1 018	2 776	4 066	11 454	-Total
3 456	134	13 222	689	1 886	2 733	7 746	-aged 15-64
909	28	2 999	180	384	766	1 801	-aged >64
							<b>Total employment</b>
1 732	46	6 307	423	966	1 331	4 526	-1000
							-Employment rate (%)
49,9	34,5	46,7	59,8	51,2	48,2	52,8	15-64 years
17,7	(11,9)	19,5	15,1	9,1	19,3	34,1	55-64 years
5,1	18,9	13,4	8,3	2,7	3,7	12,8	-Part-time - %
3,6	-	19,0	9,7	4,3	8,1	40,1	-In the agriculture - % (2)
24,5	22,1	17,3	28,7	26,2	28,8	24,4	-In the industry - %
71,9	77,9	63,7	61,7	69,5	63,0	35,5	-In the services - %
							<b>Employees</b>
90,0	94,5	74,6	87,0	95,4	87,5	58,6	-% of total employment
6,8	(6,3)	14,6	16,7	4,4	5,3	0,8	Contract of limited duration - %
							Usual hours worked per week
40,3	38,7	39,9	41,0	41,4	40,8	41,4	- employees working full time
24,0	21,6	22,6	18,9	23,8	20,0	31,7	- employees working part-time
							<b>Unemployment</b>
93	4	1 644	28	223	280	372	-1000
							-Unemployment rate - %
5,1	8,0	20,7	6,3	18,8	17,4	7,6	15+ years
10,0	(19,5)	42,4	(25,0)	36,3	31,5	22,0	15-24 years
							Unemployment by duration (%):
42,0	-	60,0	46,5	67,2	65,8	56,0	-12 months and more

**Table 3 - Labour force survey 2002 - Males**

HU	MT (3)	PL (4)	SI	SK	BG	RO (5)	
							<b>Population (1000)</b> (4)
4 697	196	14 783	976	2 608	3 832	10 848	-Total
3 318	135	12 883	710	1 842	2 666	7 569	-aged 15-64
528	20	1 888	108	236	563	1 279	-aged >64
							<b>Total employment</b>
2 114	103	7 513	500	1 145	1 469	5 242	-1000
							-Employment rate (%)
63,4	75,8	57,0	68,7	61,9	54,1	64,5	15-64 years
36,1	50,2	34,9	37,4	38,1	37,3	43,5	55-64 years
2,3	4,3	8,3	5,2	1,2	2,4	10,2	-Part-time - %
8,1	3,4	20,1	9,7	8,5	13,0	35,7	-In the agriculture - % (2)
42,2	35,8	37,9	47,3	48,2	36,2	34,0	-In the industry - %
49,8	60,9	41,9	43,1	43,3	50,8	30,3	-In the services - %
							<b>Employees</b>
83,2	81,0	69,4	81,0	88,2	81,6	61,7	-% of total employment
8,0	(3,8)	16,4	12,9	5,1	6,8	1,0	Contract of limited duration - %
							Usual hours worked per week
41,5	41,1	43,1	42,0	42,1	41,4	42,1	- employees working full time
24,2	23,3	24,6	18,5	23,1	22,0	35,2	- employees working part-time
							<b>Unemployment</b>
137	7	1 788	30	263	340	490	-1000
							-Unemployment rate - %
6,1	6,1	19,2	5,6	18,7	18,8	8,6	15+ years
12,2	16,3	41,0	(18,5)	38,8	39,0	22,4	15-24 years
							Unemployment by duration (%):
46,7	58,1	49,2	62,4	63,6	65,2	56,9	-12 months and more

(2) Number of persons whose main activity is in the agriculture sector.

BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector

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