Appendix 30

Labour Force

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Labour force participation rate (%)	**70.5**	**69.0**	**68.6**	**67.9**	**67.8**
Male	74.9	72.7	72.2	71.2	71.0
Female	66.8	65.7	65.6	65.2	65.1
Unemployment rate (%)	**2.5**	**2.9**	**3.7**	**2.7**	**1.8**
Male	2.9	3.4	4.0	2.9	1.9
Female	2.2	2.5	3.3	2.4	1.7
Underemployment rate (%)	**3.5**	**4.1**	**6.9**	**1.7**	**1.4**
Active population ('000)	**405.4**	**389.9**	**378.6**	**375.2**	**383.3**
Male	198.6	188.6	182.8	180.4	183.7
Female	206.8	201.3	195.8	194.7	199.6
By age group and gender					
16-24	**22.1**	**19.1**	**16.4**	**15.5**	**15.8**
Male	11.1	9.6	7.6	7.8	7.7
Female	11.0	9.6	8.8	7.7	8.1
25-34	**114.7**	**104.3**	**104.9**	**100.7**	**97.1**
Male	57.2	52.7	50.6	48.2	47.1
Female	57.4	51.5	54.3	52.6	50.0
35-44	**106.5**	**106.0**	**105.0**	**109.6**	**117.4**
Male	50.7	50.1	50.9	52.9	56.3
Female	55.8	56.0	54.1	56.7	61.0
45-54	**86.1**	**84.0**	**81.0**	**81.4**	**85.7**
Male	37.3	35.4	35.3	36.5	39.5
Female	48.8	48.6	45.7	44.9	46.2
55-64	**63.5**	**63.6**	**57.7**	**55.5**	**54.0**
Male	33.9	32.8	29.6	27.6	24.8
Female	29.6	30.8	28.2	27.9	29.2
65 and over	**12.4**	**12.9**	**13.6**	**12.4**	**13.3**
Male	8.3	8.1	8.9	7.5	8.3
Female	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Employed population ('000)	**395.1**	**378.4**	**364.7**	**365.2**	**376.3**
Male	192.8	182.2	175.5	175.2	180.2
Female	202.3	196.2	189.2	190.0	196.2
By age group and gender					
16-24	**20.3**	**17.4**	**14.8**	**14.3**	**14.8**
Male	10.0	8.6	6.7	7.1	7.1
Female	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.2	7.7
25-34	**111.8**	**101.0**	**100.4**	**97.6**	**95.1**
Male	55.5	50.9	48.2	46.6	46.1
Female	56.2	50.1	52.2	51.0	49.0
35-44	**104.4**	**104.0**	**102.2**	**107.9**	**115.7**
Male	50.1	49.2	49.6	52.1	55.6
Female	54.4	54.8	52.6	55.9	60.2
45-54	**84.6**	**82.0**	**78.8**	**79.6**	**84.4**
Male	36.7	34.4	34.3	35.5	38.8
Female	48.0	47.6	44.5	44.0	45.6
55-64	**61.7**	**61.3**	**55.4**	**53.7**	**53.1**
Male	32.4	31.1	28.2	26.6	24.4
Female	29.2	30.2	27.2	27.0	28.7
65 and over	**12.2**	**12.8**	**13.1**	**12.2**	**13.2**
Male	8.1	8.0	8.4	7.3	8.1
Female	4.2	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.0
Unemployed population ('000)	**10.3**	**11.5**	**13.9**	**10.0**	**7.0**
Male	5.8	6.4	7.4	5.2	3.6
Female	4.5	5.1	6.5	4.7	3.4
By age group and gender					
16-24	**1.8**	**1.7**	**1.5**	**1.2**	**1.1**
Male	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Female	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
25-34	**2.9**	**3.2**	**4.5**	**3.1**	**2.0**
Male	1.7	1.8	2.5	1.6	1.0
Female	1.2	1.2	2.1	1.6	1.0

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
35-44	**2.1**	**2.0**	**2.8**	**1.7**	**1.6**
Male	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.7
Female	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.9
45-54	**1.5**	**2.0**	**2.2**	**1.8**	**1.2**
Male	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7
Female	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6
55-64	**1.9**	**2.3**	**2.4**	**1.8**	**0.9**
Male	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.5
Female	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.5
65 and over	**0.2**	**0.2**	**0.5**	**0.2**	**0.1**
Male	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Female	$0^{\#}$	$0^{\#}$	0.1	0.1	$0^{\#}$

$0^{\#}$ *Less than half of the unit employed*

Due to rounding, total may not correspond to the sum of partial figures.