

Appendix 30

Labour Force

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Labour force participation rate (%)	69.0	68.6	67.9	67.8	66.8
Male	72.7	72.2	71.2	71.0	70.1
Female	65.7	65.6	65.2	65.1	64.0
Unemployment rate (%)	2.9	3.7	2.7	1.8	1.9
Male	3.4	4.0	2.9	1.9	2.1
Female	2.5	3.3	2.4	1.7	1.7
Underemployment rate (%)	4.1	6.9	1.7	1.4	1.5
Active population ('000)	389.9	378.6	375.2	383.3	381.9
Male	188.6	182.8	180.4	183.7	180.4
Female	201.3	195.8	194.7	199.6	201.5
By age group and gender					
16-24	19.1	16.4	15.5	15.8	15.3
Male	9.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.8
Female	9.6	8.8	7.7	8.1	7.4
25-34	104.3	104.9	100.7	97.1	91.0
Male	52.7	50.6	48.2	47.1	43.9
Female	51.5	54.3	52.6	50.0	47.1
35-44	106.0	105.0	109.6	117.4	120.9
Male	50.1	50.9	52.9	56.3	57.5
Female	56.0	54.1	56.7	61.0	63.4
45-54	84.0	81.0	81.4	85.7	85.2
Male	35.4	35.3	36.5	39.5	38.0
Female	48.6	45.7	44.9	46.2	47.3
55-64	63.6	57.7	55.5	54.0	56.0
Male	32.8	29.6	27.6	24.8	25.0
Female	30.8	28.2	27.9	29.2	31.0
65 and over	12.9	13.6	12.4	13.3	13.6
Male	8.1	8.9	7.5	8.3	8.2
Female	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.4

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Employed population ('000)	378.4	364.7	365.2	376.3	374.7
Male	182.2	175.5	175.2	180.2	176.6
Female	196.2	189.2	190.0	196.2	198.1
By age group and gender					
16-24	17.4	14.8	14.3	14.8	14.1
Male	8.6	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.2
Female	8.7	8.1	7.2	7.7	6.8
25-34	101.0	100.4	97.6	95.1	88.6
Male	50.9	48.2	46.6	46.1	42.6
Female	50.1	52.2	51.0	49.0	46.0
35-44	104.0	102.2	107.9	115.7	119.3
Male	49.2	49.6	52.1	55.6	56.9
Female	54.8	52.6	55.9	60.2	62.5
45-54	82.0	78.8	79.6	84.4	84.1
Male	34.4	34.3	35.5	38.8	37.3
Female	47.6	44.5	44.0	45.6	46.8
55-64	61.3	55.4	53.7	53.1	55.0
Male	31.1	28.2	26.6	24.4	24.4
Female	30.2	27.2	27.0	28.7	30.6
65 and over	12.8	13.1	12.2	13.2	13.5
Male	8.0	8.4	7.3	8.1	8.1
Female	4.8	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.4
Unemployed population ('000)	11.5	13.9	10.0	7.0	7.2
Male	6.4	7.4	5.2	3.6	3.8
Female	5.1	6.5	4.7	3.4	3.5
By age group and gender					
16-24	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.2
Male	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Female	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
25-34	3.2	4.5	3.1	2.0	2.3
Male	1.8	2.5	1.6	1.0	1.3
Female	1.2	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.0

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
35-44	2.0	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Male	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.6
Female	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.0
45-54	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.2	1.1
Male	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
Female	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.5
55-64	2.3	2.4	1.8	0.9	0.9
Male	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.5
Female	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.4
65 and over	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1
Male	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Female	0 [#]	0.1	0.1	0 [#]	0 [#]

0[#] Less than half of the unit employed

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