

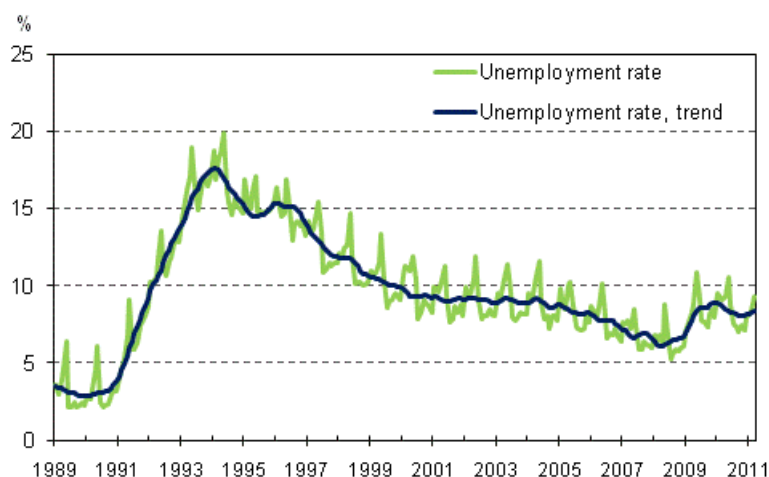
Labour force survey

2011, March and 1st quarter

Unemployment rate 9.3 per cent in March

According to Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey, employment and unemployment were in March 2011 near the level where they were one year earlier. There were 12,000 fewer employed than in March of the previous year. At 9.3 per cent, the unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage points higher than one year before. In the first quarter of the year (January to March), the unemployment rate was 8.6 per cent, having been 9.3 per cent in the corresponding period of 2010.

Unemployment rate and trend of unemployment rate 1989/01 – 2011/03



In March 2011, the number of **employed persons** was 2,388,000, which was 12,000 lower than a year earlier. This change fits within the margin of error for the number of employed persons ($\pm 30,000$). The number of employed men was 16,000 higher, while that of employed women was 28,000 lower than in March 2010. The number of employed persons decreased in the areas of the Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) of Southern and Eastern Finland.

In March, the **employment rate**, that is, the proportion of the employed among persons aged 15 to 64, stood at 66.4 per cent, which was 0.2 percentage points lower than one year before. Adjusted for seasonal and random variation, the trend of the employment rate was 68.1 per cent. Men's employment rate rose

from last year's March by one percentage point to 67.9 per cent whereas women's employment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points to 64.8 per cent.

According to Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey, there were 245,000 **unemployed** in March 2011, i.e. 5,000 more than in March of the year before. This change fits within the margin of error for the number of unemployed persons ($\pm 17,000$). The number of unemployed men was 139,000 and that of women 106,000.

At 9.3 per cent, the **unemployment rate** in March was 0.2 percentage points higher than one year earlier. Men's unemployment rate was 10.1 per cent and women's 8.4 per cent. The trend of the unemployment rate rose to 8.4 per cent. In March 2011, the unemployment rate among young people aged 15 to 24 was 27.8 per cent, which was 2.2 percentage points higher than in March of the year before. The trend of the unemployment rate among young people was 21.6 per cent.

The number of 15 to 74-year-old women **in the inactive population** grew by 25,000 from the previous year's March.

Changes in employment 2010/03 – 2011/03 according to Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey, population aged 15 to 74

	Year/Month		Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons		Per cent, %
Population total	4 038	4 054	0,4
Active population total	2 639	2 633	-0,3
Employed	2 400	2 388	-0,5
– employees	2 069	2 060	-0,4
– self-employed persons and unpaid family workers	331	328	-0,9
Unemployed	240	245	2,0
Inactive population	1 399	1 422	1,6
	Per cent, %		Percentage points
Employment rate, persons aged 15 to 64	66,5	66,4	-0,2
Unemployment rate	9,1	9,3	0,2
Activity rate	65,4	64,9	-0,4
Unrounded figures are used in the Change column. The data comply with the ILO/EU definition.			

Labour Force Survey data for the first quarter of 2011

The average number of employed persons in the first quarter of 2011 was 2,408,000, or 19,000 more than in the corresponding quarter of 2010. The number of employed persons increased in such industries as construction of buildings, education and social work activities without accommodation.

The average number of unemployed persons in the first quarter of 2011 was 227,000, which was 17,000 fewer than in the January to March period of 2010. The unemployment rate in the first quarter of the year was 8.6 per cent, which was 0.6 percentage points lower than in the respective period of 2010.

In the first quarter of 2011, the number of hours worked by employed persons was around 1.7 per cent higher than one year ago.

Changes in employment 2010/I – 2011/I according to Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons		Per cent (%)
Active population total	2 632	2 635	0,1
Employed persons total	2 388	2 408	0,8
Unemployed, total	244	227	-6,9
– men	143	127	-10,8
– women	101	100	-1,3
Unrounded figures are used in the Change column. The data comply with the ILO/EU definition.			

Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy

At the end of March 2011, there were altogether 248,000 persons registered in accordance with the Employment Office Regulations as job seekers at the **employment and economic development offices**. The number of unemployed job seekers was 26,000 lower than in March 2010.

Unemployment decreased from the previous year in the areas of all Employment and Economic Development Centres (ELY). The number of unemployed job-seekers decreased most in South Ostrobothnia (-19%), Ostrobothnia (-17 %) and Pirkanmaa (-12%). At the end of March, the number of temporarily laid off persons registered at the employment and economic development offices was 20,000, which was 10,000 lower than twelve months earlier.

The number of persons covered by labour market policy measures totalled 116,000 at the end of March, which was 16,000 more than in March of the year before. Altogether 4.4 per cent of the labour force was covered by labour market policy measures.

There were 28,000 unemployed job seekers aged under 25 registered at the employment and economic development offices. Their number was 6,000 lower than in last year's March. During this March, 60,000 new vacancies were reported to the employment and economic development offices, which is 8,000 more than in March 2010.

Changes 2010/03– 2011/03 according to the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy

	Year/Month		Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03- 2011/03
	1000 persons		Per cent, %
Unemployed job seekers	273	248	-9,4
– unemployed over a year	51	57	12,5
Total measures	100	116	15,6
– employed with subsidised measures	31	36	15,7
– in labour market training	37	37	-0,2
– in trainee and job alternation places	21	20	-7,9
– in rehabilitative work, self-motivated studies (supported by unemployment benefit)	11	23	114,8
New vacancies at employment and economic development offices	52	60	15,0
Unrounded figures are used in the Change column.			

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Updated tables of the Labour Force Survey: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tau_en.html

Labour Force Survey 2010, Employment and unemployment in 2010:
http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/2010//tyti_2010_2011-02-15_tie_001_en.html

Differences between the Labour Force Survey and the Employment Service Statistics are explained in the [quality description](#) of the Labour Force Survey.

About seasonally adjusted trend: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tramo_seats_en.html

[Latest seasonally adjusted employment figures published by the EU](#) can be found on Eurostat's home page <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>

Job vacancy survey: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/atp/index_en.html

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Appendix tables 2011, March

Appendix table 1. Key indicators in the Labour Force Survey by sex 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Indicator	Sex			
Employment rate, persons aged 15-64	Both sexes	66,5	66,4	-0,2
	Males	66,9	67,9	1,0
	Females	66,2	64,8	-1,4
Unemployment rate, persons aged 15-74	Both sexes	9,1	9,3	0,2
	Males	10,5	10,1	-0,4
	Females	7,5	8,4	0,9
Activity rate, persons aged 15-74	Both sexes	65,4	64,9	-0,4
	Males	67,7	68,0	0,3
	Females	63,0	61,9	-1,1

Appendix table 2. Population aged 15-74 by labour force status and sex 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change	Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Labour force status				
Both sexes	Population total	4 038	4 054	16	0,4
	Active population total	2 639	2 633	-7	-0,3
	- employed	2 400	2 388	-12	-0,5
	- unemployed	240	245	5	2,0
	Inactive population	1 399	1 422	23	1,6
Males	Population total	2 021	2 030	9	0,4
	Active population total	1 368	1 379	11	0,8
	- employed	1 224	1 240	16	1,3
	- unemployed	144	139	-5	-3,4
	Inactive population	653	650	-3	-0,4
Females	Population total	2 017	2 024	7	0,4
	Active population total	1 271	1 253	-18	-1,4
	- employed	1 175	1 148	-28	-2,4
	- unemployed	96	106	10	10,0
	Inactive population	746	771	25	3,4

Appendix table 3. Population by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change	
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	4 038	4 054	16	0,4
	15-64	3 553	3 543	-10	-0,3
	15-24	659	660	1	0,1
	25-34	683	685	2	0,3
	35-44	668	663	-5	-0,8
	45-54	756	751	-4	-0,6
	55-64	787	784	-3	-0,4
Males	15-74	2 021	2 030	9	0,4
	15-64	1 796	1 792	-4	-0,2
	15-24	338	337	-1	-0,4
	25-34	350	352	3	0,7
	35-44	340	339	-1	-0,4
	45-54	380	378	-3	-0,7
	55-64	388	386	-2	-0,4
Females	15-74	2 017	2 024	7	0,4
	15-64	1 757	1 751	-6	-0,3
	15-24	321	323	2	0,6
	25-34	333	333	-1	-0,2
	35-44	329	325	-4	-1,2
	45-54	376	374	-2	-0,4
	55-64	399	397	-2	-0,4

Appendix table 4. Active population by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change	
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	2 639	2 633	-7	-0,3
	15-64	2 603	2 595	-8	-0,3
	15-24	285	294	9	3,2
	25-34	583	572	-11	-1,8
	35-44	599	593	-7	-1,1
	45-54	670	674	3	0,5
	55-64	466	464	-3	-0,6
Males	15-74	1 368	1 379	11	0,8
	15-64	1 344	1 355	11	0,8
	15-24	143	147	4	2,9
	25-34	316	317	1	0,4
	35-44	316	314	-2	-0,5
	45-54	339	340	1	0,3
	55-64	231	237	6	2,7
Females	15-74	1 271	1 253	-18	-1,4
	15-64	1 259	1 240	-19	-1,5
	15-24	142	147	5	3,5
	25-34	267	255	-12	-4,4
	35-44	284	279	-5	-1,8
	45-54	331	333	2	0,7
	55-64	235	226	-9	-3,8

Appendix table 5. Activity rates by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	65,4	64,9	-0,4
	15-64	73,3	73,3	0,0
	15-24	43,2	44,5	1,3
	25-34	85,3	83,5	-1,8
	35-44	89,7	89,4	-0,3
	45-54	88,7	89,6	0,9
	55-64	59,3	59,1	-0,1
Males	15-74	67,7	68,0	0,3
	15-64	74,8	75,6	0,8
	15-24	42,2	43,6	1,4
	25-34	90,3	90,0	-0,3
	35-44	92,8	92,7	-0,1
	45-54	89,2	90,1	0,9
	55-64	59,5	61,4	1,8
Females	15-74	63,0	61,9	-1,1
	15-64	71,6	70,8	-0,8
	15-24	44,2	45,5	1,3
	25-34	79,9	76,5	-3,4
	35-44	86,4	85,9	-0,5
	45-54	88,2	89,2	1,0
	55-64	59,0	57,0	-2,0

Appendix table 6. Employed persons by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change	
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	2 400	2 388	-12	-0,5
	15-64	2 364	2 351	-13	-0,5
	15-24	212	212	0	0,1
	25-34	537	525	-12	-2,3
	35-44	563	556	-7	-1,2
	45-54	618	630	12	2,0
	55-64	434	428	-6	-1,4
Males	15-74	1 224	1 240	16	1,3
	15-64	1 201	1 217	16	1,3
	15-24	100	103	3	3,0
	25-34	288	291	2	0,8
	35-44	292	291	-1	-0,3
	45-54	306	316	10	3,2
	55-64	215	216	1	0,6
Females	15-74	1 175	1 148	-28	-2,4
	15-64	1 163	1 135	-28	-2,4
	15-24	112	109	-3	-2,5
	25-34	249	234	-14	-5,8
	35-44	271	265	-6	-2,2
	45-54	312	314	2	0,8
	55-64	220	212	-7	-3,4

Appendix table 7. Employment rates by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	59,4	58,9	-0,5
	15-64	66,5	66,4	-0,2
	15-24	32,2	32,2	0,0
	25-34	78,6	76,6	-2,0
	35-44	84,2	83,8	-0,4
	45-54	81,7	83,8	2,1
	55-64	55,2	54,6	-0,6
Males	15-74	60,6	61,1	0,5
	15-64	66,9	67,9	1,0
	15-24	29,7	30,7	1,0
	25-34	82,5	82,5	0,0
	35-44	85,9	86,0	0,1
	45-54	80,4	83,6	3,2
	55-64	55,3	55,9	0,5
Females	15-74	58,3	56,7	-1,6
	15-64	66,2	64,8	-1,4
	15-24	34,8	33,7	-1,1
	25-34	74,6	70,4	-4,2
	35-44	82,5	81,6	-0,9
	45-54	83,1	84,1	1,0
	55-64	55,1	53,4	-1,7

Appendix table 8. Employed persons aged 15-74 by status in employment 2010/03 - 2011/03

	Year/Month		Change	Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Status in employment				
Employed persons total	2 400	2 388	-12	-0,5
Employees total	2 069	2 060	-9	-0,4
Self-employed persons and unpaid family workers	331	328	-3	-0,9

Appendix table 9. Employed persons aged 15-74 by employer sector 2010/03 - 2011/03

	Year/Month		Change	Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Employer sector				
Employer sector total (incl. employer sector unknown)	2 400	2 388	-12	-0,5
Private sector	1 722	1 724	2	0,1
Public sector	672	655	-17	-2,5
- central government	167	154	-14	-8,1
- local government	504	501	-3	-0,6

Appendix table 10. Employed persons aged 15-74 by Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) 2010/03 - 2011/03

	Year/Month		Change	
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Regional State Administrative Agencies				
Whole country (incl. Åland)	2 400	2 388	-12	-0,5
Southern Finland AVI	1 071	1 045	-26	-2,4
Southwestern Finland AVI	305	309	4	1,3
Eastern Finland AVI	227	220	-7	-3,0
Western and Inland Finland AVI	519	526	8	1,5
Northern Finland AVI	190	194	4	2,1
Lapland AVI	74	80	6	7,3

Appendix table 11. Part-time employed persons aged 15-74 by sex 2010/03 - 2011/03

	Year/Month		Change	
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex				
Both sexes	363	373	10	2,7
Males	119	146	27	22,8
Females	244	226	-18	-7,2

Appendix table 12. Proportion of part-time employed persons in all employed persons aged 15-74 by sex 2010/03 - 2011/03, %

	Year/Month		Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex			
Both sexes	15,1	15,6	0,5
Males	9,7	11,8	2,1
Females	20,7	19,7	-1,0

Appendix table 13. Employees aged 15-74 by type of employment relationship 2010/03 - 2011/03

	Year/Month		Change	
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Employment relationship				
Employees total	2 069	2 060	-9	-0,4
- permanent full-time work	1 580	1 546	-34	-2,1
- permanent part-time work	211	218	7	3,5
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	190	211	21	10,9
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	87	85	-2	-2,2
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	277	296	19	6,8
Part-time work total	297	303	6	1,8

Appendix table 14. Employees aged 15-74 by type of employment relationship 2010/03 - 2011/03, %

	Year/Month		Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Employees total	100,0	100,0	0,0
- permanent full-time work	76,4	75,1	-1,3
- permanent part-time work	10,2	10,6	0,4
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	9,2	10,2	1,0
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	4,2	4,1	-0,1
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	13,4	14,4	1,0
Part-time work total	14,4	14,7	0,3

Appendix table 15. Unemployed persons by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change	Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	240	245	5	2,0
	15-64	239	244	5	2,1
	15-24	73	82	9	12,2
	25-34	45	47	2	3,6
	35-44	37	37	0	0,4
	45-54	52	43	-9	-17,2
	55-64	32	35	3	10,5
Males	15-74	144	139	-5	-3,4
	15-64	143	139	-5	-3,2
	15-24	43	44	1	2,6
	25-34	28	27	-1	-3,6
	35-44	24	23	-1	-3,4
	45-54	33	24	-9	-26,8
	55-64	16	21	5	30,6
Females	15-74	96	106	10	10,0
	15-64	96	105	10	10,0
	15-24	30	38	8	25,7
	25-34	18	20	3	14,7
	35-44	13	14	1	7,5
	45-54	19	19	-0	-0,5
	55-64	16	14	-2	-10,4

Appendix table 16. Unemployment rates by sex and age 2010/03 - 2011/03

		Year/Month		Change
		2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	9,1	9,3	0,2
	15-64	9,2	9,4	0,2
	15-24	25,5	27,8	2,2
	25-34	7,8	8,2	0,4
	35-44	6,1	6,2	0,1
	45-54	7,8	6,4	-1,4
	55-64	6,9	7,6	0,8
Males	15-74	10,5	10,1	-0,4
	15-64	10,7	10,2	-0,4
	15-24	29,8	29,7	-0,1
	25-34	8,7	8,4	-0,3
	35-44	7,5	7,3	-0,2
	45-54	9,8	7,2	-2,7
	55-64	7,1	9,0	1,9
Females	15-74	7,5	8,4	0,9
	15-64	7,6	8,5	0,9
	15-24	21,3	25,8	4,6
	25-34	6,7	8,0	1,3
	35-44	4,6	5,0	0,4
	45-54	5,8	5,7	-0,1
	55-64	6,7	6,2	-0,5

Appendix table 17. Unemployment rates by Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) 2010/03 - 2011/03, persons aged 15-74

	Year/Month		Change
	2010/03	2011/03	2010/03 - 2011/03
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Regional State Administrative Agencies			
Whole country (incl. Åland)	9,1	9,3	0,2
Southern Finland AVI	7,6	8,5	0,9
Southwestern Finland AVI	9,6	7,7	-1,9
Eastern Finland AVI	10,8	11,4	0,6
Western and Inland Finland AVI	9,4	9,8	0,3
Northern Finland AVI	11,1	13,2	2,2
Lapland AVI	.	.	.

Appendix table 18. Seasonally adjusted trends 2011/03

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployed job seekers (MEE)	Unemployment rate, persons aged 15-74	Unemployment rate, persons aged 15-24
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %	Per cent, %
2009/03	2 485	208	248	7,7	18,7
2009/04	2 473	218	254	8,1	20,1
2009/05	2 462	225	259	8,4	21,3
2009/06	2 451	228	264	8,5	22,0
2009/07	2 443	228	268	8,6	22,2
2009/08	2 438	226	274	8,5	22,1
2009/09	2 435	228	279	8,6	22,1
2009/10	2 433	233	282	8,7	22,4
2009/11	2 433	237	283	8,9	23,0
2009/12	2 434	237	283	8,9	23,3
2010/01	2 436	238	279	8,9	23,4
2010/02	2 439	236	276	8,8	23,0
2010/03	2 444	230	273	8,7	22,4
2010/04	2 447	226	270	8,5	21,6
2010/05	2 449	223	269	8,4	20,9
2010/06	2 450	222	267	8,3	20,5
2010/07	2 452	221	265	8,3	20,2
2010/08	2 453	219	261	8,2	20,2
2010/09	2 453	216	258	8,1	20,3
2010/10	2 453	214	255	8,0	20,3
2010/11	2 453	215	253	8,1	20,4
2010/12	2 452	217	251	8,1	20,5
2011/01	2 453	218	250	8,2	20,6
2011/02	2 454	220	248	8,2	21,0
2011/03	2 453	224	247	8,4	21,6

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Appendix table 19. Key indicators in the Labour Force Survey by sex 2010/I - 2011/I

Indicator	Sex	Year/Quarter		Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Employment rate, persons aged 15-64	Both sexes	66,1	66,8	0,6
	Males	66,5	67,9	1,4
	Females	65,8	65,6	-0,2
Unemployment rate, persons aged 15-74	Both sexes	9,3	8,6	-0,6
	Males	10,5	9,3	-1,2
	Females	8,0	7,9	-0,1
Activity rate, persons aged 15-74	Both sexes	65,2	65,0	-0,2
	Males	67,4	67,5	0,1
	Females	63,0	62,5	-0,5

Appendix table 20. Population aged 15-74 by labour force status and sex 2010/I - 2011/I

Labour force status	Sex	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Population total	Both sexes	4 037	4 053	16	0,4
	Males	2 020	2 029	9	0,4
	Females	2 017	2 024	7	0,4
Active population total	Both sexes	2 632	2 635	3	0,1
	Males	1 362	1 370	7	0,5
	Females	1 270	1 265	-5	-0,4
- employed	Both sexes	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
	Males	1 220	1 243	23	1,9
	Females	1 169	1 165	-3	-0,3
- unemployed	Both sexes	244	227	-17	-6,9
	Males	143	127	-16	-10,9
	Females	101	100	-1	-1,3
Inactive population	Both sexes	1 405	1 418	13	1,0
	Males	658	659	1	0,2
	Females	747	759	12	1,6

Appendix table 21. Population by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	4 037	4 053	16	0,4
	15-64	3 553	3 545	-8	-0,2
	15-24	659	660	1	0,1
	25-34	683	685	2	0,4
	35-44	669	663	-6	-0,8
	45-54	756	752	-4	-0,6
	55-64	786	785	-1	-0,2
Males	15-74	2 020	2 029	9	0,4
	15-64	1 796	1 792	-3	-0,2
	15-24	338	338	-0	-0,1
	25-34	350	352	2	0,5
	35-44	340	339	-2	-0,5
	45-54	380	378	-3	-0,7
	55-64	387	387	-0	-0,1
Females	15-74	2 017	2 024	7	0,4
	15-64	1 757	1 752	-5	-0,3
	15-24	321	322	1	0,3
	25-34	333	334	1	0,2
	35-44	328	325	-4	-1,2
	45-54	376	374	-2	-0,4
	55-64	399	398	-1	-0,2

Appendix table 22. Active population by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	2 632	2 635	3	0,1
	15-64	2 593	2 593	-0	0,0
	15-24	281	287	7	2,3
	25-34	572	569	-3	-0,5
	35-44	603	596	-8	-1,2
	45-54	670	669	-1	-0,2
	55-64	468	473	5	1,1
Males	15-74	1 362	1 370	7	0,5
	15-64	1 337	1 344	7	0,5
	15-24	142	142	0	0,3
	25-34	313	317	4	1,3
	35-44	316	315	-0	-0,1
	45-54	335	335	-0	-0,1
	55-64	231	234	4	1,5
Females	15-74	1 270	1 265	-5	-0,4
	15-64	1 257	1 249	-7	-0,6
	15-24	139	145	6	4,4
	25-34	259	252	-7	-2,7
	35-44	288	280	-7	-2,5
	45-54	334	334	-1	-0,2
	55-64	237	239	2	0,7

Appendix table 23. Activity rates by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	65,2	65,0	-0,2
	15-64	73,0	73,2	0,2
	15-24	42,6	43,5	0,9
	25-34	83,7	83,0	-0,7
	35-44	90,2	89,8	-0,4
	45-54	88,6	89,0	0,4
	55-64	59,6	60,3	0,7
Males	15-74	67,4	67,5	0,1
	15-64	74,4	75,0	0,5
	15-24	41,9	42,1	0,2
	25-34	89,5	90,2	0,7
	35-44	92,7	93,1	0,4
	45-54	88,2	88,7	0,5
	55-64	59,6	60,6	1,0
Females	15-74	63,0	62,5	-0,5
	15-64	71,5	71,3	-0,2
	15-24	43,3	45,0	1,7
	25-34	77,7	75,4	-2,3
	35-44	87,5	86,4	-1,2
	45-54	89,0	89,2	0,2
	55-64	59,5	60,0	0,5

Appendix table 24. Employed persons by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
	15-64	2 350	2 367	17	0,7
	15-24	211	222	10	4,9
	25-34	520	524	4	0,7
	35-44	564	556	-8	-1,5
	45-54	621	627	6	0,9
	55-64	433	439	6	1,3
Males	15-74	1 220	1 243	23	1,9
	15-64	1 194	1 217	23	1,9
	15-24	101	109	7	7,2
	25-34	284	291	7	2,6
	35-44	293	292	-1	-0,4
	45-54	305	311	6	2,0
	55-64	211	214	3	1,6
Females	15-74	1 169	1 165	-3	-0,3
	15-64	1 156	1 150	-6	-0,5
	15-24	110	113	3	2,7
	25-34	237	233	-4	-1,6
	35-44	271	264	-7	-2,6
	45-54	316	315	-1	-0,1
	55-64	222	225	3	1,1

Appendix table 25. Employment rates by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	59,2	59,4	0,2
	15-64	66,1	66,8	0,6
	15-24	32,1	33,6	1,5
	25-34	76,2	76,5	0,3
	35-44	84,4	83,8	-0,6
	45-54	82,1	83,4	1,2
	55-64	55,1	55,9	0,8
Males	15-74	60,4	61,2	0,9
	15-64	66,5	67,9	1,4
	15-24	30,0	32,2	2,2
	25-34	81,1	82,8	1,7
	35-44	86,1	86,2	0,1
	45-54	80,3	82,4	2,2
	55-64	54,4	55,3	0,9
Females	15-74	58,0	57,6	-0,4
	15-64	65,8	65,6	-0,2
	15-24	34,2	35,0	0,8
	25-34	71,1	69,8	-1,3
	35-44	82,5	81,3	-1,2
	45-54	84,0	84,3	0,3
	55-64	55,8	56,5	0,7

Appendix table 26. Employed persons aged 15-74 by status in employment 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Status in employment				
Employed persons total	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
Employees total	2 061	2 079	18	0,9
Self-employed persons and unpaid family workers	328	329	1	0,3

Appendix table 27. Employed persons aged 15-74 by employer sector 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Employer sector				
Employer sector total (incl. employer sector unknown)	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
Private sector	1 728	1 736	8	0,5
Public sector	652	663	11	1,8
- central government	151	153	2	1,4
- local government	501	510	9	1,9

Appendix table 28. Employed persons aged 15-74 by industry (TOL 2008) 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Industry	TOL 2008				
Industries total	00-99	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
A, B Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying	01-09	115	110	-5	-4,6
Agriculture	01	85	80	-5	-5,9
C Manufacturing	10-33	355	348	-7	-2,0
Manufacture of food products, beverages and textiles	10-15	42	50	7	17,6
Manufacture of wood products, paper and paper products; printing and reproduction of recorded media	16-18	55	55	0	0,8
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and basic pharmaceutical products	19-23	50	46	-4	-8,1
Manufacture of basic metals and of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	24-25	60	58	-2	-3,2
Manufacture of electronic and optical products, electrical equipment, machinery and vehicles	26-30	115	110	-5	-4,4
Manufacture of furniture, other manufacturing; repair and installation of machinery and equipment	31-33	33	29	-4	-12,0
D, E Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning and water supply; sewerage and waste management	35-39	27	23	-4	-16,1
F Construction	41-43	161	163	3	1,6
Construction of buildings	41	55	62	8	13,6
Specialised construction activities	43	86	84	-3	-3,1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45-47	284	288	4	1,3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	39	40	0	1,1
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	90	92	2	1,8
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	154	156	2	1,0
H Transportation and storage	49-53	156	149	-7	-4,6
Land, water and air transport	49-51	104	97	-7	-6,5
Warehousing and support activities for transportation; postal and courier activities	52-53	52	52	-1	-0,9
I Accommodation and food service activities	55-56	81	80	-1	-0,9
J Information and communication	58-63	92	96	3	3,4
K, L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	64-68	67	73	5	8,0
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	69-75	148	153	4	2,7
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	56	57	2	3,1
N Administrative and support service activities	77-82	95	94	-1	-0,8
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	59	58	-1	-2,3
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	113	112	-1	-0,8
P Education	85	179	191	12	6,4
Q Human health and social work activities	86-88	372	378	7	1,8
Human health activities	86	177	177	0	0,1
Residential care activities	87	77	76	-1	-1,9

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Social work activities without accommodation	88	118	125	8	6,7
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	90-93	52	60	8	14,3
S-U Other service activities	94-99	80	81	1	0,8
X Industry unknown	00	10	11	.	.

Appendix table 29. Hours actually worked of employed persons aged 15-74 by industry (TOL 2008) 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Million hours	Million hours	Million hours	Per cent, %
Industry	TOL 2008				
Industries total	00-99	985,1	1002,3	17,2	1,7
A, B Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying	01-09	52,7	52,5	-0,2	-0,4
Agriculture	01	39,9	38,7	-1,3	-3,2
C Manufacturing	10-33	150,1	154,6	4,5	3,0
Manufacture of food products, beverages and textiles	10-15	17,3	20,5	3,2	18,3
Manufacture of wood products, paper and paper products; printing and reproduction of recorded media	16-18	21,9	24,0	2,1	9,6
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and basic pharmaceutical products	19-23	21,3	20,9	-0,4	-1,9
Manufacture of basic metals and of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	24-25	25,0	27,1	2,0	8,1
Manufacture of electronic and optical products, electrical equipment, machinery and vehicles	26-30	50,3	48,5	-1,9	-3,7
Manufacture of furniture, other manufacturing; repair and installation of machinery and equipment	31-33	14,3	13,7	-0,6	-4,0
D, E Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning and water supply; sewerage and waste management	35-39	11,4	9,8	-1,6	-14,1
F Construction	41-43	69,6	72,4	2,8	4,0
Construction of buildings	41	23,6	27,5	3,9	16,7
Specialised construction activities	43	37,8	38,0	0,2	0,5
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45-47	118,6	118,0	-0,6	-0,5
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	18,8	18,6	-0,2	-0,9
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	39,2	42,3	3,1	7,9
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	60,7	57,1	-3,5	-5,8
H Transportation and storage	49-53	67,2	66,2	-1,0	-1,4
Land, water and air transport	49-51	47,8	45,7	-2,1	-4,4
Warehousing and support activities for transportation; postal and courier activities	52-53	19,4	20,5	1,1	5,7
I Accommodation and food service activities	55-56	31,4	31,2	-0,2	-0,7
J Information and communication	58-63	41,9	40,8	-1,1	-2,6
K, L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	64-68	28,9	31,2	2,3	8,0
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	69-75	63,1	65,5	2,5	3,9
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	24,0	24,1	0,2	0,6
N Administrative and support service activities	77-82	37,6	36,9	-0,8	-2,0
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	23,4	22,3	-1,1	-4,8
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	46,6	46,4	-0,2	-0,4
P Education	85	67,4	72,1	4,7	7,0
Q Human health and social work activities	86-88	143,9	147,9	4,0	2,8
Human health activities	86	68,4	68,6	0,1	0,2
Residential care activities	87	31,8	30,9	-0,9	-2,9

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Million hours	Million hours	Million hours	Per cent, %
Social work activities without accommodation	88	43,6	48,4	4,8	10,9
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	90-93	19,4	22,0	2,6	13,7
S-U Other service activities	94-99	31,4	29,6	-1,8	-5,8
X Industry unknown	00	3,8	5,1	.	.

Appendix table 30. Employed persons aged 15-74 by Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Regional State Administrative Agencies				
Whole country (incl. Åland)	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
Southern Finland AVI	1 058	1 066	8	0,8
Southwestern Finland AVI	304	306	3	0,8
Eastern Finland AVI	229	230	2	0,8
Western and Inland Finland AVI	516	518	2	0,4
Northern Finland AVI	194	199	5	2,5
Lapland AVI	74	74	-0	-0,2

Appendix table 31. Employed persons aged 15-74 by region (2011) 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Region				
Whole country (incl. Åland)	2 388	2 408	19	0,8
Uusimaa	771	779	8	1,0
Varsinais-Suomi	208	209	1	0,5
Satakunta	95	97	1	1,5
Kanta-Häme	74	74	0	0,2
Pirkanmaa	215	216	2	0,8
Päijät-Häme	84	86	2	1,7
Kymenlaakso	74	74	-0	-0,2
South Karelia	55	54	-1	-1,8
Etelä-Savo	62	62	0	0,4
Pohjois-Savo	102	101	-1	-0,5
North Karelia	65	67	2	3,3
Central Finland	110	110	-0	-0,3
South Ostrobothnia	84	84	0	0,0
Ostrobothnia	80	76	-3	-4,1
Central Ostrobothnia	27	31	4	14,2
North Ostrobothnia	162	165	3	2,0
Kainuu	32	33	2	5,0
Lapland	74	74	-0	-0,2

Appendix table 32. Part-time employed persons aged 15-74 by sex 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex				
Both sexes	364	381	17	4,5
Males	126	141	14	11,4
Females	238	240	2	0,9

Appendix table 33. Proportion of part-time employed persons in all employed persons aged 15-74 by sex 2010/I - 2011/I, %

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex			
Both sexes	15,3	15,8	0,6
Males	10,3	11,3	1,0
Females	20,4	20,6	0,2

Appendix table 34. Employees aged 15-74 by industry (TOL 2008) 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Industry	TOL 2008				
Industries total	00-99	2 061	2 079	18	0,9
A, B Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying	01-09	38	36	-2	-5,3
Agriculture	01	17	14	-2	-13,7
C Manufacturing	10-33	335	327	-8	-2,4
Manufacture of food products, beverages and textiles	10-15	38	45	7	17,4
Manufacture of wood products, paper and paper products; printing and reproduction of recorded media	16-18	51	52	0	0,8
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and basic pharmaceutical products	19-23	49	45	-4	-9,0
Manufacture of basic metals and of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	24-25	55	53	-3	-4,5
Manufacture of electronic and optical products, electrical equipment, machinery and vehicles	26-30	113	108	-5	-4,3
Manufacture of furniture, other manufacturing; repair and installation of machinery and equipment	31-33	28	25	-3	-12,2
D, E Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning and water supply; sewerage and waste management	35-39	26	22	-4	-14,8
F Construction	41-43	119	122	3	2,7
Construction of buildings	41	39	45	6	16,3
Specialised construction activities	43	62	60	-1	-1,9
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45-47	247	247	1	0,3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	32	30	-2	-7,1
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	81	82	1	0,7
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	133	136	2	1,7
H Transportation and storage	49-53	130	126	-4	-3,3
Land, water and air transport	49-51	79	76	-4	-4,4
Warehousing and support activities for transportation; postal and courier activities	52-53	51	50	-1	-1,6
I Accommodation and food service activities	55-56	69	70	1	1,3
J Information and communication	58-63	83	87	4	4,8
K, L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	64-68	62	67	5	8,1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	69-75	118	119	2	1,5
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	50	50	0	-0,1
N Administrative and support service activities	77-82	82	83	1	1,2
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	51	51	-0	-0,3
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	113	112	-1	-0,8
P Education	85	176	187	11	6,5
Q Human health and social work activities	86-88	355	360	5	1,5
Human health activities	86	165	165	-1	-0,5
Residential care activities	87	76	74	-2	-2,1

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Social work activities without accommodation	88	114	121	8	6,7
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	90-93	41	44	4	9,1
S-U Other service activities	94-99	59	59	0	0,6
X Industry unknown	00	10	10	.	.

Appendix table 35. Hours actually worked of employees aged 15-74 by industry (TOL 2008) 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Million hours	Million hours	Million hours	Per cent, %
Industry	TOL 2008				
Industries total	00-99	833,7	847,3	13,6	1,6
A, B Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying	01-09	17,3	16,7	-0,6	-3,7
Agriculture	01	7,8	6,7	-1,1	-14,3
C Manufacturing	10-33	140,4	143,1	2,6	1,9
Manufacture of food products, beverages and textiles	10-15	15,4	18,1	2,7	17,2
Manufacture of wood products, paper and paper products; printing and reproduction of recorded media	16-18	20,3	22,4	2,1	10,4
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products and basic pharmaceutical products	19-23	20,8	20,0	-0,7	-3,6
Manufacture of basic metals and of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	24-25	22,9	24,1	1,1	5,0
Manufacture of electronic and optical products, electrical equipment, machinery and vehicles	26-30	49,4	47,6	-1,8	-3,7
Manufacture of furniture, other manufacturing; repair and installation of machinery and equipment	31-33	11,7	11,0	-0,7	-6,1
D, E Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning and water supply; sewerage and waste management	35-39	11,1	9,6	-1,5	-13,9
F Construction	41-43	50,3	52,5	2,2	4,5
Construction of buildings	41	16,1	19,1	3,1	19,1
Specialised construction activities	43	26,3	26,8	0,5	1,9
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45-47	99,3	97,3	-2,0	-2,0
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	14,5	13,2	-1,3	-9,1
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	35,5	37,1	1,6	4,6
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	49,4	47,0	-2,3	-4,7
H Transportation and storage	49-53	53,2	53,5	0,3	0,6
Land, water and air transport	49-51	34,4	33,9	-0,5	-1,4
Warehousing and support activities for transportation; postal and courier activities	52-53	18,8	19,6	0,8	4,3
I Accommodation and food service activities	55-56	24,2	25,0	0,9	3,6
J Information and communication	58-63	37,9	37,3	-0,6	-1,6
K, L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	64-68	26,3	28,5	2,2	8,3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	69-75	49,8	52,2	2,4	4,8
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	21,3	21,2	-0,1	-0,6
N Administrative and support service activities	77-82	32,3	31,8	-0,5	-1,7
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	19,7	19,4	-0,3	-1,5
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	46,6	46,4	-0,2	-0,4
P Education	85	66,2	70,4	4,2	6,3
Q Human health and social work activities	86-88	137,7	141,0	3,3	2,4
Human health activities	86	65,0	64,3	-0,6	-1,0
Residential care activities	87	30,8	29,7	-1,1	-3,5

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Million hours	Million hours	Million hours	Per cent, %
Social work activities without accommodation	88	41,9	46,9	5,0	12,0
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	90-93	14,7	16,0	1,3	8,8
S-U Other service activities	94-99	22,8	21,3	-1,5	-6,7
X Industry unknown	00	3,6	4,8	.	.

Appendix table 36. Employees aged 15-74 by type of employment relationship 2010/I - 2011/I

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Employment relationship				
Employees total	2 061	2 079	18	0,9
- permanent full-time work	1 570	1 561	-9	-0,6
- permanent part-time work	218	227	9	4,0
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	192	206	13	7,0
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	80	85	5	6,8
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	272	291	19	6,9
Part-time work total	298	312	14	4,7

Appendix table 37. Employees aged 15-74 by type of employment relationship 2010/I - 2011/I, %

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Employment relationship			
Employees total	100,0	100,0	0,0
- permanent full-time work	76,2	75,1	-1,1
- permanent part-time work	10,6	10,9	0,3
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	9,3	9,9	0,6
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	3,9	4,1	0,2
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	13,2	14,0	0,8
Part-time work total	14,5	15,0	0,6

Appendix table 38. Different types of employment relationships less than 12 month's duration 2010/I - 2011/I, persons aged 15-74

	Year/Quarter		Change	Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Employment relationship				
Employees total	316	391	75	23,8
- permanent full-time work	113	153	40	35,2
- permanent part-time work	44	50	6	12,8
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	109	131	22	19,7
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	49	57	8	16,3
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	158	187	29	18,6
Part-time work total	93	106	14	14,6

Appendix table 39. Different types of employment relationships less than 12 month's duration 2010/I - 2011/I, persons aged 15-74, %

	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Employment relationship			
Employees total	100,0	100,0	0,0
- permanent full-time work	35,9	39,3	3,3
- permanent part-time work	14,0	12,8	-1,2
- temporary (fixed-term) full-time work	34,7	33,5	-1,2
- temporary (fixed-term) part-time work	15,4	14,5	-0,9
Temporary (fixed-term) work total	50,1	48,0	-2,1
Part-time work total	29,4	27,2	-2,2

Appendix table 40. Unemployed persons by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change	Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent, %
Sex	Age group				
Both sexes	15-74	244	227	-17	-6,9
	15-64	244	227	-17	-7,0
	15-24	69	65	-4	-5,5
	25-34	51	45	-7	-12,8
	35-44	39	40	1	2,3
	45-54	49	42	-7	-13,6
	55-64	35	34	-1	-2,1
Males	15-74	143	127	-16	-10,9
	15-64	142	127	-16	-10,9
	15-24	40	33	-7	-17,2
	25-34	29	26	-3	-11,3
	35-44	23	24	1	4,3
	45-54	30	24	-6	-21,2
	55-64	20	20	0	0,9
Females	15-74	101	100	-1	-1,3
	15-64	101	100	-2	-1,5
	15-24	29	32	3	10,6
	25-34	22	19	-3	-14,9
	35-44	16	16	-0	-0,4
	45-54	19	18	-0	-1,5
	55-64	15	14	-1	-6,2

Appendix table 41. Unemployment rate by sex and age 2010/I - 2011/I

		Year/Quarter		Change
		2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
		Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Sex	Age group			
Both sexes	15-74	9,3	8,6	-0,6
	15-64	9,4	8,7	-0,7
	15-24	24,7	22,8	-1,9
	25-34	9,0	7,9	-1,1
	35-44	6,5	6,7	0,2
	45-54	7,3	6,3	-1,0
	55-64	7,5	7,2	-0,2
Males	15-74	10,5	9,3	-1,2
	15-64	10,7	9,4	-1,2
	15-24	28,4	23,4	-5,0
	25-34	9,4	8,2	-1,2
	35-44	7,1	7,5	0,3
	45-54	9,0	7,1	-1,9
	55-64	8,7	8,7	-0,1
Females	15-74	8,0	7,9	-0,1
	15-64	8,0	8,0	-0,1
	15-24	20,9	22,2	1,2
	25-34	8,5	7,4	-1,1
	35-44	5,7	5,9	0,1
	45-54	5,6	5,5	-0,1
	55-64	6,3	5,8	-0,4

Appendix table 42. Unemployment rates by Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) 2010/I - 2011/I

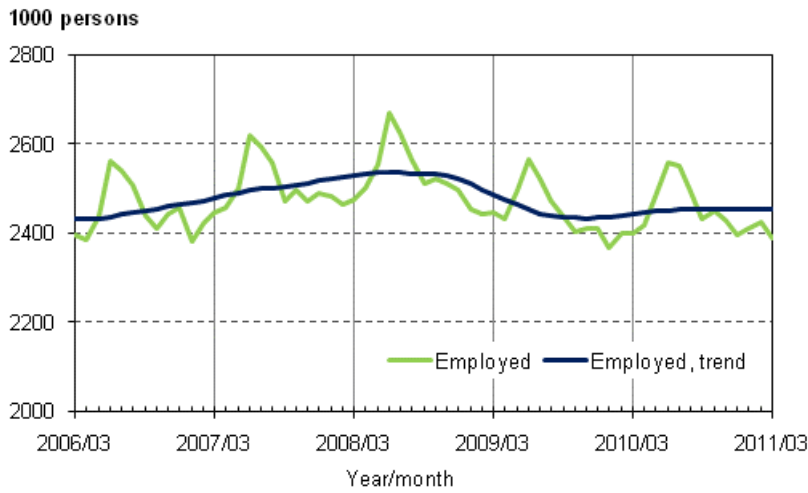
	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Regional State Administrative Agencies			
Whole country (incl. Åland)	9,3	8,6	-0,6
Southern Finland AVI	7,9	7,3	-0,5
Southwestern Finland AVI	9,0	8,3	-0,8
Eastern Finland AVI	12,1	10,2	-1,9
Western and Inland Finland AVI	9,9	9,7	-0,2
Northern Finland AVI	10,4	10,3	-0,1
Lapland AVI	13,6	12,0	-1,6

Appendix table 43. Unemployment rates by region (2011) 2010/I - 2011/I

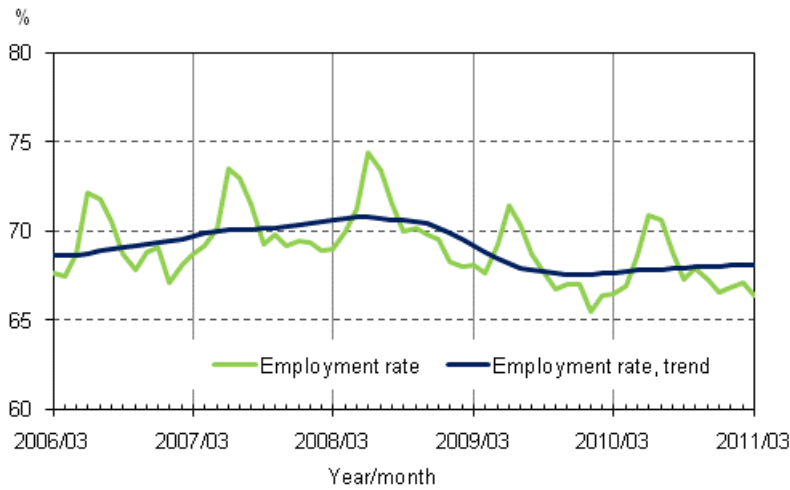
Region	Year/Quarter		Change
	2010/I	2011/I	2010/I - 2011/I
	Per cent, %	Per cent, %	Percentage points
Whole country (incl. Åland)	9,3	8,6	-0,6
Uusimaa	6,7	6,0	-0,7
Varsinais-Suomi	8,6	8,7	0,1
Satakunta	10,0	7,3	-2,7
Kanta-Häme	9,5	8,7	-0,9
Pirkanmaa	11,0	10,1	-0,9
Päijät-Häme	12,1	9,9	-2,2
Kymenlaakso	11,1	13,5	2,4
South Karelia	10,9	11,3	0,4
Etelä-Savo	10,7	6,8	-3,9
Pohjois-Savo	11,1	10,3	-0,9
North Karelia	14,8	12,9	-1,8
Central Finland	11,1	11,0	-0,1
South Ostrobothnia	8,1	8,8	0,7
Ostrobothnia	7,9	8,8	0,9
Central Ostrobothnia	7,7	7,2	-0,6
North Ostrobothnia	10,3	10,5	0,2
Kainuu	11,1	9,5	-1,6
Lapland	13,6	12,0	-1,6

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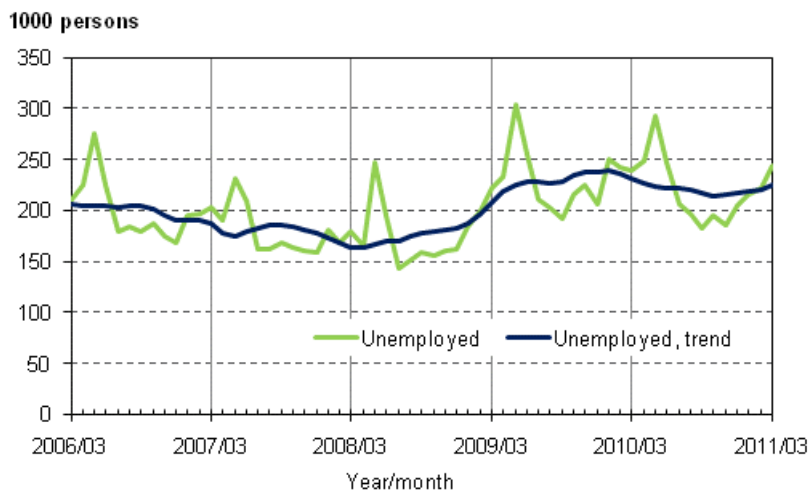
Appendix figure 1. Employed and trend of employed



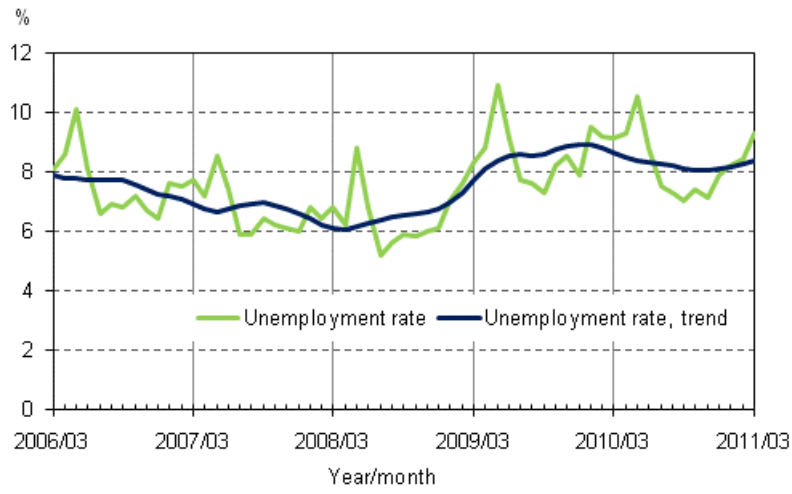
Appendix figure 2. Employment rate and trend of employment rate



Appendix figure 3. Unemployed and trend of unemployed



Appendix figure 4. Unemployment rate and trend of unemployment rate



Quality Description: Labour force survey

1. Relevance of statistical information

The Labour Force Survey is a sample survey used in the compilation of monthly, quarterly and annual statistics on participation in the labour market, employment, unemployment and working hours among the population aged between 15 and 74. The data content of the Survey is based on an EU regulation, and approximately 12,000 persons are interviewed for it every month. The information provided by the respondents is used to draw a picture of the activities of the entire population aged between 15 and 74 on the labour market during one week. In the basic classification of labour market status, the population is divided into the employed, the unemployed and the economically inactive. The active population (labour force) consists of the employed and the unemployed.

The Survey provides an up-to-date and comprehensive picture of the active population (labour force) and changes on the labour market. Public attention focuses each month especially on the changes in employment and unemployment from the corresponding month of the previous year. Seasonally adjusted figures are used to monitor the trend of the changes. The Survey also provides information about persons of working age who are not employed or job seekers. Since 2003, information has also been obtained from a subsample about the structure of households and the activities of all household members aged 15 to 74 relative to the labour market. A description of the data content of the Labour Force Survey is available at:

http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tyti_2008-02-19_tlu_001_en.html.

The monthly and quarterly results of the Labour Force Survey describe the seasonal and trend variation of employment. The Labour Force Survey time series describe long term changes in the labour market. Annual averages describe the active population, that is, the employed and the unemployed, and the economically inactive persons by, for instance, industry, occupation, education, age, gender and area.

The results of the Survey are used in preparing, among other things, labour market projections and plans, as support for decision-making and in the monitoring of the effects of different measures on employment. Key users of the results are ministries, authorities responsible for regional planning, employers' and employees' organisations, universities and research institutes, international organisations and the European Union. At Statistics Finland the data are used in, for instance, calculations of National Accounts. The Statistical Office of the European Communities, Eurostat, steers the content of the Survey and monitors its quality. Eurostat produces structural indicators and other statistics from the quarterly data that are submitted to it.

The concepts and definitions used in the Survey comply with the recommendations of ILO, the International Labour Organisation of the UN, and the regulations of the European Union on official statistics. The current data content of the Labour Force Survey is mainly based on the EU Regulations concerning Labour Force Surveys (Nos 577/98, 2257/2003 and 430/2005). A detailed description of the EU Labour Force Survey is available at: http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_ifs/index.htm. Since 1999 a harmonised EU ad hoc survey with an annually changing topic has been conducted in connection with the Labour Force Survey. Further information about the ad hoc surveys can be found (in Finnish) at: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tyti_2010-01-15_men_001.html

Concepts:

- A person is **employed** if he/she has during the survey week been in gainful employment for at least one hour against pay in money or fringe benefits, or to make a profit, or has been temporarily absent from work. Persons absent from work during the survey week are classified as employed if the reason for absence is own illness or maternity or paternity leave or the absence has lasted for under three months. The employed are divided into employees, self-employed or unpaid family workers.
- A person is **unemployed** if he/she is without work during the survey week, has actively sought employment in the past four weeks as an employee or self-employed and would be available for work within two weeks. A person who is without work and waiting for an agreed job to start within three months is also classified as unemployed, if he/she could start work within two weeks.

- The **active population (labour force)** comprises all persons who are employed or unemployed during the survey week.
- The **economically inactive population** consists of persons who are not employed or unemployed during the survey week. The economically inactive population can also be referred as persons outside the labour force. Explanations for other concepts of the Labour Force Survey can be found at: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/kas_en.html.

The classifications used in the Labour Force Survey in 2010 include the Standard Industrial Classification (TOL 2008, NACE Rev. 2), the Classification of Occupations 2001 (ISCO-88), the Classification of Socio-economic Groups 1989 and the Classification of Education 1997 (ISCED 1997) as well as the regional classification into Major Regions, Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI), Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centre) and Regions.

2. Methodological description of the statistical survey

The population of the Labour Force Survey consists of persons aged between 15 and 74 who are permanent residents of Finland. The population also comprises persons residing temporarily (for under one year) abroad as well as foreign nationals registered in the Finnish Population Information System whose stay in Finland will last for at least one year

(<http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/vrk/home.nsf/www/populationinformationsystem>).

The sample of the Labour Force Survey is drawn twice a year as a stratified random sample from Statistics Finland's population database, which is based on the Central Population Register. The survey is a panel survey in which one person is interviewed five times. The interviews are conducted every three months, apart from the fourth interview which is conducted six months after the third interview. The first and last interviews are 15 months apart. The sample of each month consists of approximately 12,000 persons, which is, on the average, every 300th person in the population. The sample for one survey month consists of five rotation groups which have entered the survey at different points of time. The sample changes gradually so that different persons answer the questions during three consecutive months. In consecutive quarters three-fifths of the respondents are the same. In consecutive years the overlap is two-fifths. The data are collected from all weeks of the year.

In most European countries the Labour Force Survey data are collected from a sample of households, which means that all members of a household living at the same address are interviewed at the same time. Besides Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland are the only other countries where the sample is based on individual persons, i.e. only the target persons drawn into the sample are interviewed. However, the EU regulation also requires data concerning households and in Finland this has been solved by exploiting the panel nature of the Labour Force Survey. In addition to the basic interview, a household interview is conducted on the fifth interview round to ascertain the members who belong to the household of the interviewee and the activity of the household members aged 15 to 74 on the labour market. So that the data would describe the whole population, a supplementing sample is added to it of households in which all members are aged 75 or over. Children under the age of 15 and persons aged over 75 are not interviewed in the Labour Force Survey, but certain data are imputed for them to describe their status on the labour market.

The household data enable examinations of, for instance, employment in the family and the joint status of both spouses on the labour market. In 2009, the household data comprised approximately 59,000 persons who formed 24,000 households. The household data for the Labour Force Survey have been collected by the present method since 2003 and the data can mainly be published starting from the year 2004.

The data content of the survey varies by survey round. Certain basic pieces of information are inquired in the first round and checks are then made in subsequent rounds to see whether they have remained unchanged. The data content is wider in the last, or the fifth, survey round which includes the household module, the annual ad hoc module with variable topics, as well as certain additional questions concerning the main job.

Statistics Finland's interviewers collect the data with computer-assisted telephone interviews. Approximately 111,000 interviews were conducted in 2010. On the average, the non-response rate of this survey was 22 per cent.

The results from the sample are weighted to correspond to the entire population aged between 15 and 74. The effects of non-response on the results are corrected by using so called weight calibration, in which weighting is used to produce the correct population distributions by area, gender and age. Information from the job seeker register of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy is also used as supplementary data.

Like all figures collected with a sample survey, the figures of the Labour Force Survey are so called estimates. An **estimate** is an estimation of a quality of the population derived by applying a mathematical procedure (estimation) to sample observations. For example, the number of the unemployed in January 2010, 250,000 persons, is an estimate of the number of unemployed persons aged between 15 and 74 obtained by such a procedure.

Quarterly and annual estimates are averages of monthly estimates. Working days and hours worked are estimated basing on the number of calendar days in the month concerned. Quarterly and annual estimates of working days and hours worked are sums of monthly estimates.

The employment and unemployment figures of the Labour Force Survey vary relatively regularly in different months of the year. So-called trends are also published from the Labour Force Survey. Variation which occurs annually in similar ways has been removed from these trends. The direction of long-term developments and cyclical variations are easier to see from a trend than from unadjusted monthly data. Due to the method used, the last data of the trend become slightly revised when the data of the following month are inserted into the time series. This preliminary nature of trends should be taken into account when drawing conclusions. Starting from June 2007, the trend components of the time series have been calculated with the Tramo/Seats method recommended by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Further information about the trend and limitations in its use can be found in Finnish at: <http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/men.html>.

3. Correctness and accuracy of data

The reliability of the figures of the Labour Force Survey is affected by non-response (see above), measurement errors and random variation due to sampling.

Measurement errors arise from, among other things, differences in interpreting or understanding of the questions, respondents' inability to recall or unwillingness to give certain information, or erroneous recording of answers. Development and testing of the questions, interviewer instructions and the user interface, and training of interviewers are measures used to contain measurement errors.

Random variation due to sampling means that figures calculated from different samples deviate somewhat from each other. When evaluating roughly the magnitude of random variation due to sampling in different situations, the main principle is that **1) the larger the sample is from which the figures are calculated and 2) the larger the population described by the figures is, the less uncertainty due to sampling there will be in the figures**. For instance, quarterly figures are more accurate than monthly figures in describing the same phenomenon, as quarterly data have been collected by interviewing three times the number of persons interviewed for monthly data. Annual figures are the most accurate. The latter principle means that the figures of the employed and the unemployed, that is the estimates, based on a sample of the same size are the more accurate the larger the subgroup they apply to. As the relevant subgroup becomes smaller, random variation due to sampling increases. Therefore e.g. the numbers of the unemployed in different age groups or in different areas are not as reliable as the number of all the unemployed.

Inaccuracy due to sampling is assessed with the standard error of the estimate. The magnitude of the standard error is influenced by the size of the sample and the variance of the variable being investigated. Standard error can be used to calculate the **confidence interval**, within which the value of the population lies with a certain probability. The **95 per cent confidence interval** used in the Labour Force Survey is **the interval within which the real value of the characteristic being investigated lies with 95 per cent probability**. For example, the confidence interval of the number of the unemployed in January 2009 is

184,000 ± 15,000, i.e. 169,000-199,000. The share to be added to the estimate or deducted from it, in this case 15,000, is obtained by multiplying the estimate's standard error, here 7,500 persons, with the 1.96 coefficient of the 95 per cent confidence interval.

Examples of the accuracy of the number of the employed and the unemployed by size of subgroup

To illustrate the magnitude of random variation, examples of the estimates of different numbers of the employed and the unemployed, their 95 per cent confidence intervals and other key figures of reliability are presented in the following tables 1-3. The magnitude of random variation in the examples is a rough estimate of the upper boundary of random variation, when the figure being investigated is **a correspondingly large estimate of the number of the employed or the unemployed by gender, age or region**. In correspondingly large subgroups by industry, the confidence interval is wider. The examples in table 1 refer to monthly estimates. Tables 2-3 include the corresponding data for quarterly and annual estimates.

Table 1. Examples of the accuracy of monthly estimates of different sizes: the numbers of the employed and the unemployed by gender, age and region.¹⁾

	Monthly estimate	Monthly estimate's 95% confidence interval	Standard error	Relative standard error
	persons	persons	persons	%
Employed	2 400 000	± 27 800	14 200	0,6
	1 200 000	± 21 000	10 700	0,9
	600 000	± 15 300	7 800	1,3
	300 000	± 11 600	5 900	2,0
	100 000	± 6 700	3 400	3,4
	50 000	± 4 700	2 400	4,8
	10 000	± 2 900	1 500	15,0
Unemployed	230 000	± 15 100	7 700	3,3
	120 000	± 11 800	6 000	5,0
	90 000	± 10 800	5 500	6,1
	60 000	± 9 000	4 600	7,7
	30 000	± 6 900	3 500	11,7
	20 000	± 5 100	2 600	13,0
	10 000	± 3 700	1 900	19,0

1) The data can be used as indicative estimates of the accuracy of comparable numbers of the employed and unemployed by gender, age and region.

We can see from table 1 that if the monthly estimate of the employed in the subgroup is 300,000 persons, the real number of the employed lies, with a probability of 95 per cent, within the range 300,000 ± 11,600 persons. The size of this confidence interval relative to the size of the estimate is clearly larger than the corresponding share in the large estimate on the first row of the table. For estimates of less than 300,000 persons the confidence intervals are relatively even wider.

A comparison of data in tables 1–3 illustrates also that annual and quarterly data are more accurate than monthly data. The 95 per cent confidence interval corresponding to the estimate of the employed in a subgroup of 300,000 persons examined above, that is 300,000 ± 6,700 persons (table 2), is clearly narrower than the confidence interval of the monthly estimate. Annual estimates are even more accurate than quarterly estimates (table 3). This difference in accuracy is, however, not as large as the corresponding difference between monthly and quarterly data.

Table 2. Examples of the accuracy of quarterly estimates of different sizes: the numbers of the employed and the unemployed by gender, age and region.¹⁾

	Quarterly estimate	Quarterly estimate's 95% confidence interval	Standard error	Relative standard error
	persons	persons	persons	%
Employed	2 400 000	± 16 100	8 200	0,3
	1 200 000	± 12 500	6 400	0,5
	600 000	± 8 800	4 500	0,8
	300 000	± 6 700	3 400	1,1
	100 000	± 4 700	2 400	2,4
	50 000	± 3 900	2 000	4,0
	10 000	± 2 000	1 000	10,0
Unemployed	230 000	± 8 800	4 500	2,0
	120 000	± 6 900	3 500	2,9
	90 000	± 6 100	3 100	3,4
	60 000	± 5 100	2 600	4,3
	30 000	± 3 500	1 800	6,0
	20 000	± 3 100	1 600	8,0
	10 000	± 2 400	1 200	12,0

1) The data can be used as indicative estimates of the accuracy of comparable numbers of the employed and unemployed by gender, age and region.

Table 3. Examples of the accuracy of annual estimates of different sizes: the numbers of the employed and the unemployed by gender, age and region.¹⁾

	Annual estimate	Annual estimate's 95% confidence interval	Standard error	Relative standard error
	persons	persons	persons	%
Employed	2 400 000	± 15 700	8 000	0,3
	1 200 000	± 11 400	5 800	0,5
	600 000	± 7 800	4 000	0,7
	300 000	± 6 100	3 100	1,0
	100 000	± 3 300	1 700	1,7
	50 000	± 2 500	1 300	2,6
	10 000	± 800	400	4,0
Unemployed	230 000	± 7 100	3 600	1,6
	120 000	± 5 700	2 900	2,4
	90 000	± 4 500	2 300	2,6
	60 000	± 3 500	1 800	3,0
	30 000	± 2 400	1 200	4,0
	20 000	± 2 000	1 000	5,0
	10 000	± 1 600	800	8,0

1) The data can be used as indicative estimates of the accuracy of comparable numbers of the employed and unemployed by gender, age and region.

Statistical description of the reliability of estimation

The estimation procedure of the Labour Force Survey is based on the calibration of weights in which the original sample weights calculated on the basis of the sample design are adjusted with a regression model to get the desired population distributions.

The accuracy of estimates is evaluated on the basis of their standard error. **Standard error** (the square root of the sample variance) describes how neatly the value of the parameter estimated from the observations is concentrated around the parameter of the population. The magnitude of the standard error is affected by sample design, the number of observations in the relevant population or subgroup, variation due to the distribution of the research variable as well as properties of the mathematical formula.

Key figures of reliability derived from the standard error are the confidence intervals and relative standard error. **Confidence interval** describes the width of the range in which the real value of the parameter is relative to the estimate calculated from the sample. When calculating the confidence interval, the desired level of risk is fixed. The 5 per cent risk level applied in the Labour Force Survey means that if the samples were drawn again, in 95 cases out of one hundred the real value of the parameter would be within the confidence interval and in 5 cases out of one hundred it would be outside the confidence interval.

Relative standard error (variation coefficient) is the percentage share of the standard error of the estimate. Proportioning the standard error to the estimate's size removes the effect of the scale of the variable. Hence the values of the relative standard error of different variables and the values of the standard error of the same variable in different subgroups are easy to compare with one another.

In the monthly and quarterly data of the Labour Force Survey, the estimator of the standard error is the variance estimator of the generalised regression estimator (GREG). The statistical accuracy of the annual estimates and its evaluation is also affected by the fact that the sample of the Labour Force Survey changes gradually during the year. In consecutive quarters 60 per cent of the respondents are the same. During one year 90 per cent of the interviewees have been interviewed at least twice. The responses given by the same persons in different interviews during the year correlate to one another if the person's labour market status does not change between interviews. To account for this co-dependence of responses, the Labour Force Survey uses an approximation of single stage cluster sampling in which a cluster internal variance is calculated for persons interviewed several times during the year. Clusters are formed on the basis of interviewee's age. Cluster internal variance is zero if the interviewee's labour market status does not change during the year between different interviews.

For example, the standard error calculated for annual estimate of the unemployed in a subgroup of 230,000 persons is 3,600 persons and the confidence interval is $230,000 \pm 7,100$ persons. If the interviews on which the annual estimate is based had all been with different persons, the standard error of the estimate of the unemployed would have been 2,300 persons and the confidence interval $230,000 \pm 4,500$ persons. Interviewing the same persons again in different quarters of the year explains why the difference in the accuracy of the annual and quarterly data of the Labour Force Survey is not as large as could be expected on the basis of the number of interviews conducted.

4. Timeliness and promptness of published data

The results of the Labour Force Survey are released monthly, quarterly and annually. Quarterly and annual results are the averages of monthly results, i.e. they describe the situation on an "average" week during the survey period. Data on labour input are sums of the results of periods. The released data are final. Only seasonal adjustment slightly alters the latest seasonally adjusted monthly results. Monthly data are released approximately three weeks from the end of the survey month. Quarterly data are released simultaneously with the last monthly data of each quarter. Quarterly data are statistically more reliable than monthly data and contain more detailed data on, among other things, employment and labour input by industry and more specific regional data. The most detailed results are published in annual statistics. Quarterly deliveries of data are made to the Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, which are used to compile statistics on EU Member States.

5. Accessibility and transparency/clarity of data

The results of the Labour Force Survey are published in the Labour market series of Official Statistics of Finland. The key monthly, quarterly and annual results are released on predefined days on the Internet on the home page of the Labour Force Survey http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/index_en. The links on the home page lead to, among other things, a description of the statistics, concepts and definitions as well as the

free of charge tables from the statistical databases of the Labour Force Survey (StatFin). Data are also available over the Internet from Statistics Finland's chargeable time series database (ASTIKA). Eurostat publishes quarterly and annual Labour Force Survey data on its own website.

The printed annual publication of Labour Force Statistics contains a review of the past statistical reference year, definitions of key concepts, descriptions of the classifications used, time series and annual tables as well as this Quality description of Labour Force Survey. In addition, Labour Force Survey data are published regularly in the Statistical Yearbook of Finland and in the Bulletin of Statistics. Chargeable special compilations can be requested from the Labour Force Survey information service.

Labour Force Survey data are not released outside Statistics Finland in identifiable form (Statistics Act 280/2004, Personal Data Act 523/1999). Data can be released only on the basis of a separate application for licence to use statistical data and without identifiers for scientific research and statistical surveys. Data adjusted for the EU Labour Force Survey are delivered to Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities without identifiers. The Labour Force Survey data are protected according to the protection class defined in Statistics Finland's data protection guidelines. A register description can be found (in Finnish) at: http://www.tilastokeskus.fi/meta/rekisteriselosteet/rekisteriseloste_tyovoimatutkimusty81.html

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6. Comparability of statistics

A monthly Labour Force Survey, initially called Labour Force Inquiry, has been conducted since 1959. During this time the data content, data collection methods and methodology have been revised on several occasions. A comparable time series of the key data exists since 1989.

Initially, the inquiry with a somewhat limited data content was conducted as a postal survey. In 1976 the data content was expanded and the methodology modernised. During 1977–1993 the survey consisted of a monthly inquiry and supplementary annual interviews conducted over the telephone. The data collection of the monthly inquiry was changed in 1983 from a postal survey to telephone interviews, as a result of which non-response dropped from 30 to 4 per cent.

When Finland joined the European Union the Labour Force Survey was harmonised with the EU Labour Force Survey. At the beginning in 1995–1998, the data for the EU Labour Force Survey were collected as a separate interview survey in March-May. The monthly survey was gradually revised to correspond to the EU Labour Force Survey. The contents of the monthly survey were extended, computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) were introduced in the data collection and the concepts and definitions were harmonised to correspond better than before to the EU and ILO guidelines and recommendations. The definition of an unemployed person was revised in May 1998 and the published time series were retrospectively revised to correspond with the new definitions starting from 1989.

In April 1999 the Labour Force Survey's data content was widened again with the combining of the monthly survey and the EU Labour Force Survey into a single, continuous Labour Force Survey. As of the beginning of 2000 the survey changed over into a continuous survey week, whereas previously data for each month had been collected in one survey week. This changeover affected data on working days and hours worked, which are not fully comparable with earlier data starting from the beginning of the year 2000. Starting from 2003 the data content of the survey widened with the so-called household module which is collected from a subsample. A new data collection questionnaire was introduced in 2008. In consequence of this the data content of the survey became slightly revised and collection of some of the data was started from a subsample, whose data are only used as annual data.

7. Coherence and consistency/uniformity

In addition to the Labour Force Survey Statistics Finland's statistics related to the labour market include the Job Vacancy Survey, the Quality of Work Life Survey, statistics on labour disputes, statistics on accidents at work as well as register-based employment statistics (RES).

Of these the RES provide data on the labour market activities of the population. The data in them differ from those of the Labour Force Survey due to the data collection method and the definitions of the employed

and the unemployed. The RES are based on total data derived from the administrative data of different authorities. The RES data on a person's activities mainly describe the last week of the year. RES data on unemployment are based on the Ministry of Employment and the Economy's register of unemployed job seekers. The statistics take good 18 months to complete; preliminary data are ready within about a year. Since the employment statistics represent total data, they offer better regional data (incl. data by municipality) as well as better data on small population groups, e.g. small industries and occupations, than the Labour Force Survey. The concepts of the employment statistics based on administrative registers are not internationally comparable.

Statistics Finland uses the Labour Force Survey data in the compiling of National Accounts. This is among the reasons why the definitions of the key concepts in the Labour Force Survey, such as population, employment and working hours, follow as closely as possible the recommendations for National Accounts (the UN System of National Accounts, SNA, and the European System of Accounts, ESA). The Labour Force Survey definition of the public sector is somewhat different from the classification of sectors in National Accounts. In National Accounts, conscripts are classified as employed according to ILO recommendations, whereas in the Labour Force Survey conscripts are outside the labour force.

The results from the Finnish Labour Force Survey published by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, differ from those published in Finland in that conscripts are not included in the statistics published by Eurostat. In most EU countries conscripts are not included in the target group of the Labour Force Survey, i.e. population living in private households. This causes differences especially in the results concerning the 15 to 24 age group. In the figures published by Finland persons performing their conscript duty are included in the population outside the labour force. In some cases differences can arise from the fact that Eurostat's figures include the whole population living in private household whereas in Finland the figures only include those between the ages of 15 and 74.

The Ministry of Employment and the Economy also publishes data on unemployed job seekers. The Ministry's data derive from register-based Employment Service Statistics, which describe the last working day of the month. The definition of unemployed applied in the Employment Service Statistics is based on legislation and administrative orders which make the statistical data internationally incomparable. In the Employment Service Statistics an unemployed person is not expected to seek work as actively as in the Labour Force Survey. There are also differences in the acceptance of students as unemployed. More detailed information about differences between the statistics is available in Finnish at: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tyti_2008-02-19_men_002.html.

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