

Labour force and employed by gender, agegroups, time and mensure

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Labour force in %	Employed in %	Labour force in %	Employed in %	Labour force in %	Employed in %	Labour force in %	Employed in %	Labour force in %	Employed in %	Labour force in %	Employed in %
Male												
15-24 years	94.4	87.3	80.9	74.4	81.7	77.8	79.5	79.5	70.9	58.1	74.4	59.1
25-39 years	98.4	96.1	99.1	99.1	96.3	96.3	97.7	96.6	90.1	86.7	94.3	89.8
40-49 years	97.1	97.1	98.1	97.4	97.2	97.2	96.7	96.7	94.7	93.1	98.3	98.3
50-59 years	94.8	93.8	93.6	93.6	93.8	91.9	95.3	95.3	90.6	88.4	87.1	83.5
60-74 years	78.2	76.3	65.8	65.8	67.1	66.3	62.9	62.0	70.0	65.0	69.8	67.1
15-74 years	93.4	91.0	88.8	87.3	88.1	86.8	87.3	86.8	83.6	78.6	85.3	80.0
Female												
15-24 years	88.3	79.8	84.9	81.3	91.9	89.0	80.6	80.6	69.4	64.3	80.4	64.7
25-39 years	91.3	86.2	91.8	91.8	90.0	87.4	92.2	92.2	84.5	80.2	88.7	80.8
40-49 years	98.9	98.9	95.4	92.3	90.9	88.0	95.9	95.9	89.9	89.3	94.1	92.0
50-59 years	91.8	90.8	84.5	82.4	89.0	88.1	91.1	91.1	84.1	82.4	94.3	90.1
60-74 years	60.4	57.9	49.1	49.1	48.8	48.8	45.8	45.8	53.5	49.3	49.1	48.8
15-74 years	86.9	83.5	82.5	80.8	83.1	81.2	82.1	82.1	76.8	73.5	81.4	75.3
Both												
15-24 years	91.6	83.8	82.7	77.6	86.4	83.0	80.0	80.0	70.2	60.9	77.2	61.7
25-39 years	95.2	91.6	95.8	95.8	93.4	92.2	95.2	94.6	87.6	83.7	91.7	85.7
40-49 years	98.0	98.0	96.8	95.0	94.2	92.9	96.4	96.4	92.5	91.3	96.3	95.3
50-59 years	93.4	92.4	89.3	88.3	91.5	90.1	93.3	93.3	87.5	85.5	90.6	86.7
60-74 years	69.8	67.6	57.9	57.9	58.5	58.1	54.9	54.4	62.2	57.6	60.0	58.4
15-74 years	90.4	87.5	85.8	84.3	85.8	84.2	84.9	84.6	80.4	76.2	83.5	77.8

The unemployment figures are made in accordance with standards of the International Labour Organisation under UN. This ensures that the figures are comparable with similar figures from other countries.

The data is compiled from a labour force survey among residents in the Faroe Islands in the ages 15-74 years (15 years old were not included in 2005). The survey was conducted in late Nov., and rather more than 1,000 individuals were asked about their labour situation in the preceding week. All, who had more than 1 hour of work in the reference week are classified as employed, even if it was unpaid work. Those who have no work are only classified as unemployed if they are actively searching for work and are available for work given a 2 weeks notice. The labour force is then calculated as the sum of the employed and the unemployed. Those who neither have work nor are unemployed are classified as economically inactive. All figures are estimations rounded to nearest multiple of ten. The totals therefore can not be verified by recalculation and it is also not possible to calculate e.g. number of unemployed as the difference between active and employed population. Due to the limited sample size some of the figures are too small to allow reliable estimation, here '..' is shown instead.

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