

Population by family status, current activity status, sex and age 31 Dec. 2011

	Total		
	Total	Males	Females
Total			
Total	315,556	158,151	157,405
Employed	166,184	85,963	80,221
Unemployed	10,954	6,124	4,830
Currently not economically active	138,418	66,064	72,354
Persons in a married couple			
Total	103,256	51,624	51,632
Employed	75,653	39,563	36,090
Unemployed	3,271	1,549	1,722
Currently not economically active	24,332	10,512	13,820
Partners in a consensual union			
Total	27,600	13,763	13,837
Employed	22,576	11,943	10,633
Unemployed	1,426	586	840
Currently not economically active	3,598	1,234	2,364
Lone parents			
Total	15,952	2,163	13,789
Employed	11,230	1,623	9,607
Unemployed	1,187	128	1,059
Currently not economically active	3,535	412	3,123
Sons/daughters			
Total	108,296	58,426	49,870
Employed	24,225	13,630	10,595
Unemployed	1,569	1,270	299
Currently not economically active	82,502	43,526	38,976
Not applicable			
Total	60,452	32,175	28,277
Employed	32,500	19,204	13,296
Unemployed	3,501	2,591	910
Currently not economically active	24,451	10,380	14,071

Family status The family nucleus is defined in the narrow sense, that is as two or more persons who belong to the same household and who are related as married persons, as partners in a consensual union, or as parent and child. Thus a family comprises a couple without children, or a couple with one or more children, or a lone parent with one or more children. This family concept limits relationships between children and adults to direct (first-degree) relationships, that is between parents and children.

Child (son/daughter) refers to a blood, step- or adopted son or daughter (regardless of age or marital status) who has usual residence in the household of at least one of the parents, and who has no partner or own children in the same household. Foster children are not included. A son or daughter who lives with a spouse, with a partner in a consensual union, or with one or more own children, is not considered to be a child. A child who alternates between two households (for instance if his or her parents are divorced) is considered to belong to the household of his/her legal registered guardian.

The term couple shall include married couples, couples in registered partnerships, and couples who live in a consensual union.

Two persons are considered to be partners in a 'consensual union' when they

- belong to the same household, and
- have a marriage-like relationship with each other, and
- are not married with each other.

'Skip-generation households' (households consisting of a grandparent or grandparents and one or more grandchildren, but no parent of those grandchildren) are not included in the definition of a family.

Current activity status 'Current activity status' is the current relationship of a person to economic activity, based on a reference period of one month during November 2011. For a small subset, where available, the activity status was based on the economic activity of the person on the reference date of November 30th, 2011.

In ascribing a single activity status to each person, priority is given to the status of 'employed' in preference to 'unemployed', and to the status of 'unemployed' in preference to 'not economically active'.

In lieu of using the age of 15 years on the reference date as the national minimum age for economic activity, persons who turned 15 years of age in the reference year or younger were defined as being under the minimum age for economic activity, this being the criterion for attending mandatory elementary school at the reference date.

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