

Labour Force Statistics

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Employment grew and unemployment fell in May 2007

According to the Labour Force Survey of Statistics Finland, the number of employed persons in May was 2,499,000, i.e. 60,000 higher than one year previously. The employment rate stood at 70.2 per cent, while it was 68.7 per cent in May 2006.

There were 232,000 unemployed in May, i.e. 43,000 less than in the previous year. The rate of unemployment was 8.5 per cent, while it was 10.1 per cent one year before.

Changes in the labour force 2007/05 – 2006/05, thousand persons

	May 2007	May 2006	Change, % 2 0 0 7 / 0 5 2006/05 ¹⁾	–
Employed total	2499	2439		2,5
Employment rate, %	70,2	68,7		1,5 ³⁾
Unemployed ²⁾	232	275		-15,7
Unemployment rate, %	8,5	10,1		-1,6 ³⁾
Labour force, total	2730	2714		0,6
Labour force participation rate, %	68,6	68,5		0,1 ³⁾
Economically inactive, total	1248	1247		0,1

1) Unrounded figures are used in the Change column

2) Based on the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

3) percentage points

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Employment and unemployment in May 2007

According to the Labour Force Survey of Statistics Finland, the number of **employed persons** in May was 2,499,000, or 60,000 higher than a year earlier. Employment increased most in the private sector. There were 62,000 more wage and salary earners than twelve months earlier, whereas the number of self-employed persons was almost unchanged. There were 52,000 more wage and salary earners in continuing full-time employment. The number of employed persons went up in all provinces except Eastern Finland where it remained unchanged.

In May, the **employment rate**, that is, the proportion of the employed among persons aged 15 to 64, stood at 70.2 per cent, which was 1.5 percentage points higher than one year before. The employment rate of men was 72.0 per cent and that of women 68.3 per cent. Adjusted for seasonal and random variation, the trend of the employment rate was 70.1 per cent.

According to the Labour Force Survey, there were 232,000 **unemployed** in May 2007, i.e. 43,000 fewer than in May of the year before. At 8.5 per cent the **unemployment rate** was 1.6 percentage points lower than one year before. The trend of the unemployment rate was 6.3 per cent in May. The rate of unemployment was lowest in the Province of Southern Finland, i.e. 6.9 per cent, and highest in the Province of Lapland, at 13.8 per cent. In May 2007, the unemployment rate among young people aged 15 to 24 was 27.0 per cent, which was 6.5 percentage points lower than in the previous year's May. The trend of the unemployment rate among young people was 15.0 per cent.

According to the Labour Force Survey, the average number of employed persons in the **January to May 2007** period was 2,440,000, which is 47,000 more than over the corresponding period of the year before. The average number of unemployed persons was 204,000, or 28,000 fewer than in the January to May period of 2006.

Appendix tables

1.1 Key indicators in the Labour Force Survey by sex 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change	
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05	
Indicator		Sex	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Employment rate (population aged 15-64)	B o t h sexes		70,2	69,2	68,7	1,5
	Males		72,0	70,2	70,5	1,5
	Females		68,3	68,1	66,8	1,5
Unemployment rate	B o t h sexes		8,5	7,2	10,1	-1,6
	Males		8,0	7,4	10,0	-2,1
	Females		9,0	7,0	10,3	-1,2
Labour force participation rate	B o t h sexes		68,6	66,6	68,5	0,1
	Males		71,1	68,6	71,2	-0,1
	Females		66,1	64,5	65,8	0,3

1.2 Population aged 15-74 by labour force status and sex 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Labour force status	Sex				
Population aged 15-74	B o t h sexes	3 978	3 976	3 961	0,4
	Males	1 989	1 988	1 980	0,5
	Females	1 989	1 988	1 981	0,4
Labour force	B o t h sexes	2 730	2 647	2 714	0,6
	Males	1 415	1 364	1 410	0,4
	Females	1 315	1 283	1 304	0,9
Employed	B o t h sexes	2 499	2 456	2 439	2,5
	Males	1 302	1 262	1 269	2,7
	Females	1 196	1 194	1 170	2,2
Unemployed	B o t h sexes	232	191	275	-15,7
	Males	113	101	141	-20,2
	Females	119	90	134	-11,1

1.3 Population aged 15-74 by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	3 978	3 976	3 961	0,4
	15-24	658	658	656	0,3
	25-54	2 123	2 124	2 134	-0,5
	55-74	1 197	1 195	1 172	2,2
	15-64	3 513	3 510	3 507	0,2
Males	15-74	1 989	1 988	1 980	0,5
	15-24	335	335	334	0,2
	25-54	1 078	1 078	1 084	-0,6
	55-74	576	575	561	2,7
	15-64	1 775	1 774	1 772	0,2
Females	15-74	1 989	1 988	1 981	0,4
	15-24	323	322	322	0,4
	25-54	1 045	1 046	1 049	-0,4
	55-74	621	620	610	1,7
	15-64	1 738	1 735	1 734	0,2

2.1 Labour force participation rate by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	68,6	66,6	68,5	0,1
	15-24	59,6	50,8	59,1	0,5
	25-54	88,5	87,9	88,1	0,5
	55-74	38,3	37,3	38,1	0,2
	15-64	76,8	74,6	76,5	0,2
Males	15-74	71,1	68,6	71,2	-0,1
	15-24	58,3	48,0	58,5	-0,2
	25-54	91,1	90,8	90,6	0,5
	55-74	41,3	38,9	41,4	-0,1
	15-64	78,3	76,0	78,5	-0,2
Females	15-74	66,1	64,5	65,8	0,3
	15-24	60,9	53,8	59,7	1,2
	25-54	85,9	84,9	85,5	0,4
	55-74	35,5	35,8	35,2	0,3
	15-64	75,1	73,3	74,5	0,6

2.2 Labour force by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	2 730	2 647	2 714	0,6
	15-24	392	334	388	1,1
	25-54	1 880	1 867	1 879	0,0
	55-74	459	446	447	2,6
	15-64	2 696	2 620	2 684	0,5
Males	15-74	1 415	1 364	1 410	0,4
	15-24	195	161	195	-0,1
	25-54	982	979	982	0,0
	55-74	238	224	232	2,5
	15-64	1 391	1 348	1 391	0,0
Females	15-74	1 315	1 283	1 304	0,9
	15-24	197	173	192	2,4
	25-54	898	888	897	0,1
	55-74	221	222	215	2,7
	15-64	1 306	1 272	1 293	1,0

3.1 Employment rate by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	62,8	61,8	61,6	1,2
	15-24	43,5	40,4	39,3	4,2
	25-54	83,7	83,2	82,5	1,2
	55-74	36,3	35,3	35,9	0,5
	15-64	70,2	69,2	68,7	1,5
Males	15-74	65,5	63,5	64,1	1,4
	15-24	44,0	37,6	38,9	5,1
	25-54	86,1	85,9	84,7	1,4
	55-74	39,3	36,6	39,2	0,2
	15-64	72,0	70,2	70,5	1,5
Females	15-74	60,1	60,0	59,1	1,1
	15-24	43,0	43,3	39,8	3,2
	25-54	81,2	80,5	80,2	1,0
	55-74	33,6	34,2	32,8	0,7
	15-64	68,3	68,1	66,8	1,5

3.2 Employment by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	2 499	2 456	2 439	2,5
	15-24	286	266	258	11,0
	25-54	1 777	1 768	1 761	0,9
	55-74	435	422	420	3,5
	15-64	2 465	2 428	2 409	2,3
Males	15-74	1 302	1 262	1 269	2,7
	15-24	147	126	130	13,4
	25-54	929	926	919	1,0
	55-74	227	210	220	3,1
	15-64	1 278	1 246	1 250	2,2
Females	15-74	1 196	1 194	1 170	2,2
	15-24	139	140	128	8,6
	25-54	849	842	842	0,8
	55-74	208	212	200	4,0
	15-64	1 187	1 182	1 159	2,4

3.3 Employed by status in employment 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Status in employment				
Employed persons total	2 499	2 456	2 439	2,5
Self-employed persons and unpaid family workers	331	315	333	-0,6
Employees	2 168	2 141	2 106	2,9
-salaried employees	1 400	1 402	1 373	2,0
-wage earners	766	735	730	4,9

3.4 Employed by employer sector 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Employer sector				
Employer sector total (incl. employer sector unknown)	2 499	2 456	2 439	2,5
Private sector	1 829	1 792	1 786	2,4
Public sector	665	659	651	2,3
-state	150	148	151	-0,7
-municipality	516	512	500	3,2

3.5 Employed by province 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Province				
Whole country (incl. Åland)	2 499	2 456	2 439	2,5
Southern Finland	1 086	1 082	1 067	1,8
Western Finland	882	867	854	3,2
Eastern Finland	234	238	235	-0,3
Oulu	205	188	195	4,9
Lapland	78	68	74	5,1

3.6 Proportion of part-time employed persons of employed persons by sex 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Sex				
B o t h sexes	13,7	14,5	13,4	0,3
Males	9,0	9,5	9,0	0,0
Females	18,7	19,8	18,2	0,6

3.7 Part-time employed persons by sex 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Sex				
B o t h sexes	342	357	327	4,6
Males	118	120	114	3,1
Females	224	236	212	5,4

3.8 Employees by type of employment relationship (%) 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Employment relationship				
Employees total	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0
-permanent full-time job	74,3	75,5	74,1	0,3
-permanent part-time job	9,4	10,1	9,3	0,1
-fixed-term full-time job	12,5	10,7	12,7	-0,2
-fixed-term part-time job	3,8	3,7	3,9	-0,1
Fixed-term job total	16,3	14,4	16,7	-0,4
Part-time job total	13,2	13,8	13,2	0,0

3.9 Employees by type of employment relationship 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Employment relationship				
Employees total	2 168	2 141	2 106	2,9
-permanent full-time job	1 612	1 617	1 560	3,3
-permanent part-time job	203	216	195	4,0
-fixed-term full-time job	271	229	268	1,0
-fixed-term part-time job	82	80	83	-0,2
Fixed-term job total	353	308	351	0,7
Part-time job total	285	295	278	2,8

4.1 Unemployment rate by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	8,5	7,2	10,1	-1,6
	15-24	27,0	20,5	33,4	-6,5
	25-54	5,4	5,3	6,3	-0,9
	55-74	5,1	5,3	6,0	-0,8
	15-64	8,6	7,3	10,2	-1,7
Males	15-74	8,0	7,4	10,0	-2,1
	15-24	24,6	21,8	33,6	-9,0
	25-54	5,4	5,4	6,4	-1,0
	55-74	4,8	5,9	5,4	-0,6
	15-64	8,1	7,5	10,1	-2,0
Females	15-74	9,0	7,0	10,3	-1,2
	15-24	29,3	19,4	33,3	-4,0
	25-54	5,5	5,2	6,2	-0,7
	55-74	5,5	4,6	6,7	-1,2
	15-64	9,1	7,0	10,4	-1,2

4.2 Unemployed persons by sex and age 2007/05 - 2006/05

		Year/Month			Change
		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Sex	A g e group				
B o t h sexes	15-74	232	191	275	-15,7
	15-24	106	69	130	-18,5
	25-54	102	99	119	-13,6
	55-74	24	24	27	-11,8
	15-64	232	191	275	-15,7
Males	15-74	113	101	141	-20,2
	15-24	48	35	66	-26,9
	25-54	53	53	63	-15,5
	55-74	11	13	12	-8,1
	15-64	113	101	141	-20,2
Females	15-74	119	90	134	-11,1
	15-24	58	34	64	-9,8
	25-54	49	46	56	-11,5
	55-74	12	10	14	-15,1
	15-64	119	90	134	-11,1

4.3 Unemployment rate by province 2007/05 - 2006/05

	Year/Month			Change
	2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Per cent (%)	Percentage points (%)
Province				
Whole country (incl. Åland)	8,5	7,2	10,1	-1,6
Southern Finland	6,9	6,1	8,5	-1,6
Western Finland	8,1	6,8	9,4	-1,4
Eastern Finland	12,4	9,0	13,2	-0,8
Oulu	11,6	12,0	15,9	-4,3
Lapland	13,8	10,8	14,4	-0,6

5.1 Persons not in labour force by main activity and sex 2007/05 - 2006/05

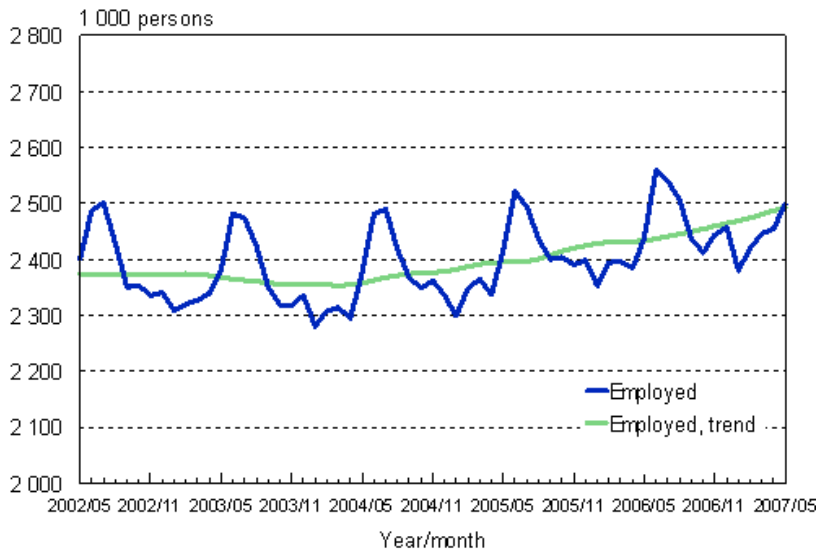
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		2007/05	2007/04	2006/05	2007/05 - 2006/05
		1000 persons	1000 persons	1000 persons	Per cent (%)
Main activity	Sex				
Total persons not in labour force	B o t h sexes	1 248	1 330	1 247	0,1
	Males	574	625	570	0,7
	Females	674	705	677	-0,5
Students	B o t h sexes	268	334	263	1,8
Disabled persons	B o t h sexes	215	221	222	-3,3
Retired on the basis of age	B o t h sexes	557	574	541	3,0
Persons performing domestic work	B o t h sexes	94	89	100	-6,5
Others (incl. conscripts)	B o t h sexes	115	111	121	-5,2

5.2 Seasonally adjusted trends 2007/05

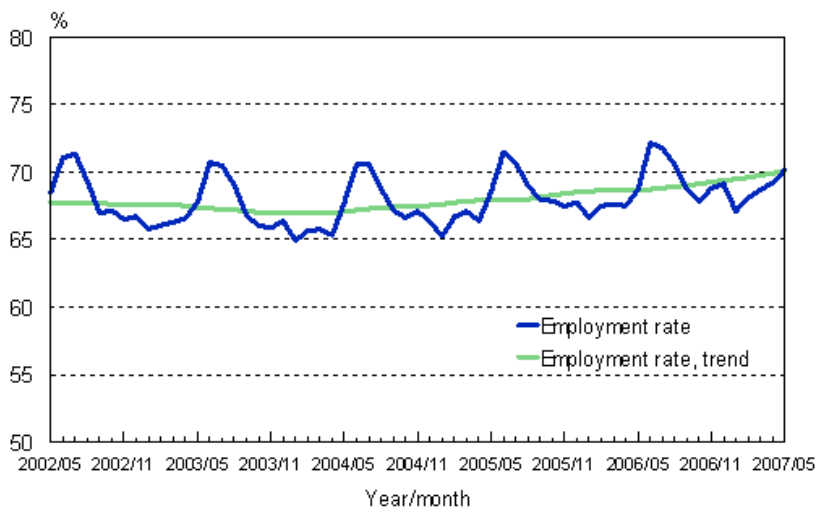
Year/month	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployed job seekers (Ministry of Labour)	Unemployment rate	Unemployment rate
				Aged 15–74	Aged 15–24
	1 000 persons	1 000 persons	1 000 persons	%	%
2005/05	2 395	218	278	8,3	20,2
2005/06	2 395	218	277	8,3	20,1
2005/07	2 397	218	276	8,3	20,0
2005/08	2 401	216	274	8,2	19,7
2005/09	2 408	214	272	8,2	19,3
2005/10	2 415	215	271	8,2	19,2
2005/11	2 420	218	269	8,2	19,6
2005/12	2 425	219	267	8,2	19,9
2006/01	2 428	215	265	8,1	19,7
2006/02	2 431	210	263	7,9	19,2
2006/03	2 432	206	260	7,8	18,7
2006/04	2 432	205	258	7,7	18,8
2006/05	2 433	207	254	7,8	19,1
2006/06	2 437	208	251	7,8	19,1
2006/07	2 441	207	249	7,8	19,0
2006/08	2 445	207	246	7,8	18,9
2006/09	2 449	207	243	7,8	18,8
2006/10	2 454	203	240	7,6	18,5
2006/11	2 460	196	236	7,4	17,8
2006/12	2 465	190	233	7,2	17,2
2007/01	2 469	187	231	7,1	17,1
2007/02	2 474	187	228	7,0	17,0
2007/03	2 480	184	225	6,8	16,6
2007/04	2 487	176	223	6,6	15,7
2007/05	2 493	170	221	6,3	14,9

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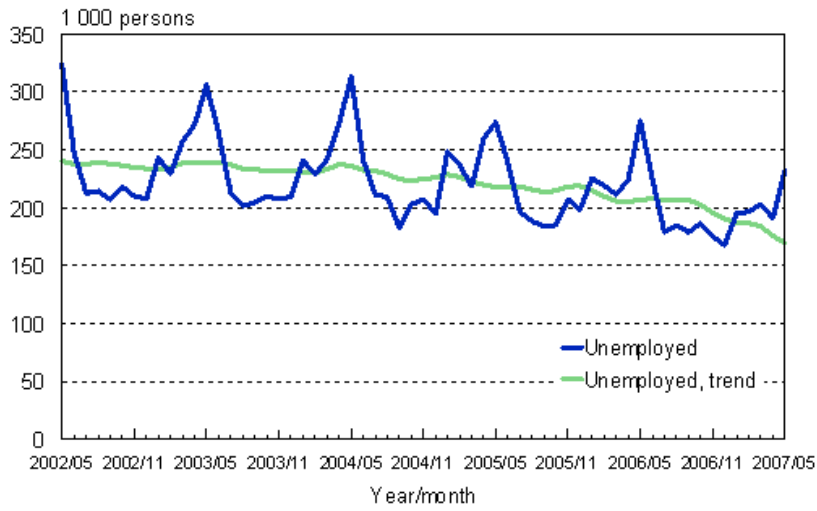
1.1 Employed persons, trend and original series



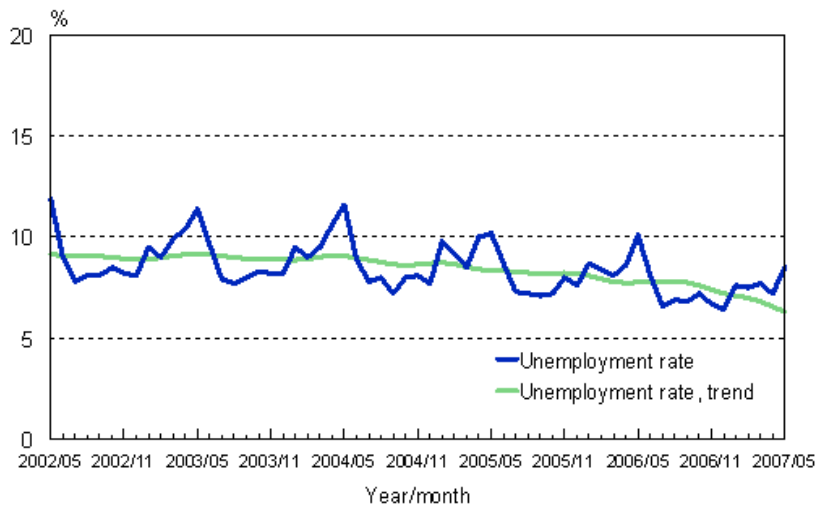
1.2 Employment rate, trend and original series



2.1 Unemployed persons, trend and original series



2.2 Unemployment rate, trend and original series



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