



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Labour Market Accounts

Description

Labour Market Accounts (LMA) help us understand labour market dynamics. These statistics provide information regarding the transition from employment, unemployment and inactivity. In this sense, the LMA serve as a complement to the Employment Statistics (ES) and Unemployment Statistics (ILO-based). The LMA also show migration flows as well as births and deaths. They create a link between labour market statistics and population statistics.

Available since:
1991

Published results:
Balance of the labour force, labour market dynamics: individual transitions between employment, unemployment based on ILO definition and inactivity, workforce migrations and natural population change.

Methodology

Methodology used:
Labour Market Accounts (LMA) are a summary statistics, which are compiled from various sources, including the Population and Household Statistics (STATPOP, available in French & German) and the Central Information Service on Migration (ZESIM). Data on labour market status are based on both the Employment Statistics (ES) and the Cross-border Commuter Statistics (CCS), and also the Unemployment Statistics (ILO-based) and the SECO Unemployment Statistics. Panel data from the Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS) provide information regarding the transition from employment, unemployment based on the ILO definition and inactivity.

Variables used:

- Labour market status
- Sex
- Nationality

Survey date:
LMA measure transitions during the calendar year. Persons' labour market status at the beginning of the year is compared with their status the end of the year.

Periodicity of publication:
Yearly

Degree of regionalisation:
Switzerland

Quality of statistical information:
Margin of error cannot be estimated because LMA are compiled from various sources. However, as one of the main source of the LMA is a sample survey (SLFS), published tables are not as detailed.

Policy on revisions

Routine revisions:
Routine revisions are based on the annual revision of the CCS, which is carried out every 3rd quarter on the basis of the newly available data. The last available results of the LMA

are revised and published at the same time as the new results of the LMA.
Methodology revisions:
Methodology is revised as necessary (e.g. revision of sources).

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992

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