



## 7 Labour market Labour Force Survey Results, Slovenia, 3rd quarter 2008 - PROVISIONAL DATA

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*In the third quarter of 2008 the unemployment rate was 4.1% (3.9% for men and 4.4% for women). In the previous quarter the unemployment rate was 4.2% (3.5% for men and 4.9% for women).*

### The number of persons in employment up

In the third quarter of 2008 there were 1,023,000 persons in employment in Slovenia, which 33,000 or 3% more than in the previous quarter. The largest increase was registered among persons working via student employment services, which is quite logical since the third quarter is holiday time.

Distribution of persons in employment by sections of activity is relatively stable among the quarters. As usual, also in the third quarter of this year slightly more than a quarter of all persons in employment worked in manufacturing and almost 13% worked in wholesale and retail.

### The number of unemployed persons up

In comparison with the second quarter 2008, in the third quarter of 2008 the number of unemployed persons increased by almost 1,000 (more than 2%) reaching 44,000. Almost seven out of ten unemployed persons lived in Vzhodna Slovenija. The unemployment rate in this region was 5.0%, while in Zahodna Slovenija it was 3.0%.

As usual, the unemployment rate was the highest among young persons, i.e. among those in the age group 15–24 years; it was 9.5% or 0.2 of a percentage point higher than in the previous quarter.

### The number of inactive population down

In comparison with the second quarter of 2008, the number of inactive population decreased by 21,000 persons or by 3%. Inactive population is mainly composed of women; in the third quarter of 2008 there were 405,000 inactive women, which means that almost six out of ten inactive persons were women.

### Comparison with the register data

In the third quarter of 2008 the number of persons in employment kept in the Statistical Register of Employment increased by slightly more than 2,000 or by 0.3% in comparison with the second quarter of 2008. The number of registered unemployed persons decreased by more than 1%. The registered unemployment rate decreased, too; in the third quarter of 2008 it was 6.4% or 0.1 of a percentage point lower than in the second quarter of 2008.

## Measures of activity of the population, Slovenia, 3rd quarter 2008

	Total	Men	Women
	1000		
Population total	2,039	1,012	1,027
Labour force	1,066	581	485
- persons in employment	1,023	558	464
- unemployed persons	44	23	21
Inactive persons	691	286	405

## Measures of activity of the population, Slovenia, 3rd quarter 2008

	Total	Men	Women
	%		
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.9	4.4
Activity rate	60.7	67.0	54.5
Employment/population ratio	58.2	64.4	52.2

### Methodological note

The source of information is the Labour Force Survey, which is based on internationally adjusted definitions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Eurostat. Data differ from monthly published data on labour force because of the differences in definitions and sources. In 2008 a new, internationally comparable classification of activities started to be used (NACE Rev. 2) and the data at NUTS 2 level started to be published.

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