

Active population by gender, time, agegroups and Employment indicator

	15-24 years		25-39 years		40-49 years		50-59 years		60-74 years		15-74 years	
	Employed	Labour force	Employed	Labour force	Employed	Labour force	Employed	Labour force	Employed	Labour force	Employed	Labour force
Males												
2005	2,670	2,880	4,850	4,970	3,370	3,370	2,890	2,920	2,310	2,370	16,080	16,510
2006	2,680	2,920	4,870	4,870	3,440	3,470	2,950	2,950	2,020	2,020	15,960	16,220
2007	2,840	2,990	4,590	4,590	3,510	3,510	2,880	2,940	2,110	2,140	15,930	16,160
2008	2,920	2,920	4,550	4,610	3,520	3,520	2,990	2,990	2,050	2,070	16,030	16,110
2009	2,120	2,590	4,040	4,200	3,360	3,420	2,780	2,850	2,220	2,390	14,520	15,450
2010	2,140	2,690	4,090	4,290	3,560	3,560	2,610	2,720	2,370	2,460	14,760	15,720
Females												
2005	2,080	2,300	3,680	3,890	3,070	3,070	2,500	2,530	1,580	1,650	12,920	13,450
2006	2,490	2,600	3,810	3,810	2,920	3,020	2,320	2,380	1,360	1,360	12,910	13,170
2007	2,760	2,850	3,550	3,660	2,820	2,920	2,520	2,550	1,370	1,370	13,030	13,340
2008	2,560	2,560	3,700	3,700	3,080	3,080	2,640	2,640	1,340	1,340	13,320	13,320
2009	2,000	2,160	3,140	3,310	2,870	2,890	2,380	2,430	1,510	1,640	11,900	12,430
2010	2,020	2,510	3,110	3,420	2,960	3,030	2,610	2,730	1,550	1,560	12,260	13,250
Both												
2005	4,750	5,190	8,530	8,860	6,440	6,440	5,390	5,450	3,890	4,020	29,000	29,960
2006	5,170	5,520	8,680	8,680	6,370	6,490	5,260	5,320	3,390	3,390	28,870	29,400
2007	5,610	5,840	8,140	8,250	6,330	6,420	5,400	5,480	3,480	3,510	28,960	29,500
2008	5,480	5,480	8,250	8,310	6,600	6,600	5,630	5,630	3,390	3,410	29,350	29,430
2009	4,120	4,750	7,180	7,510	6,230	6,310	5,160	5,280	3,730	4,030	26,420	27,880
2010	4,160	5,200	7,200	7,710	6,510	6,580	5,220	5,450	3,920	4,030	27,010	28,970

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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