

Employment by Activities and Status (ALFS)

■Population & Scope

■Statistical population

The "Employment by activities and status (ALFS)" dataset is a subset of the Annual Labour Force Statistics (ALFS) database which contains annual labour force statistics for the 35 OECD member countries plus Colombia, Brazil and Russian Federation.

This dataset contains civilian employment and the number of employees, broken down:

- by economic activities (1);by professional status (2):
- employees, employers and own-account workers and unpaid family workers.

Data are presented in number of persons, in percentage or as indices with base year 2010=100. Annual data refer to monthly or quarterly averages or to a specific month of each year.

(1) Economic activities are defined according to the Major divisions of the International standard International Classification (ISIC). Data are presented according to the latest revisions of the ISIC: Revision 2 (1968), Revision 3 (1990) and Revision 4 with the exception of the United States for which data is only available in Revision 2 until 2002 only.

There are years for which data are available in both Revision 2 and 3. This overlap period varies from 10 years for Canadian data to one year for Japan data.

In some cases, the data according to both revisions are updated while only the latest is revised in other cases. This explains why in some cases, the level of employment or the number of employees are different according to the two ISIC revisions. Unless otherwise specified in the country notes data are compiled from the Labour Force Surveys.

(2) The professional status is defined in the International Classification by status in Employment (ICSE-1993). To be considered as an unpaid family worker, the hour-threshold varies from one hour to 18 hours a week.

■Other Aspects

■Recommended uses and limitations

Changes in Annual Labour Force Statistics (ALFS) : The data collection of the information related to Population Statistics and to some Annual Labour Force Statistics (ALFS) indicators (i.e. data on Armed forces as well as data on the number of persons in civilian employment, broken down by professional status in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing) have been stopped. The information related to the series no longer collected will remain available through archived datasets (it can be found under the "Annual Labour Force Statistics - archives" sub-theme). ALFS data for all European Union (EU) member countries, for the European Union as a whole and for the euro area, as well as data for Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey are now collected directly from the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat). Breaks in the series indicate methodological changes. Information on break in series, reference period is available in the country notes as well as all specific information and departure from target series. Target definitions are available in the subject notes.