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Preface



The National Employment Office (NEO) regularly publishes its most common statistics. Extensive data on the NEO's most substantial missions are published on its website on a monthly basis. Apart from these tables, the NEO also publishes a monthly commentary on the evolution of unemployment benefits and of career break and time credit schemes based on our payment statistics. Furthermore, the NEO composes a detailed annual report. This consists of a volume on our activities, as well as a substantial statistical volume, describing all schemes that are a part of the NEO's missions (partial and full unemployment, career break and time credit...).

Our brochure called the 'Quarterly Indicators of the Labour Market', however, contains the most recent quarterly data on the NEO's missions. It also provides data on a number of external economical indicators, allowing us to view our data in a larger context, and some elements for comparing Belgian unemployment to European trends. Publishing these data on a quarterly basis enables us to detect trends for these schemes and for the labour market at large at a faster rate than is possible in the context of a yearly report. At the same time, the impact of seasonal or technical effects is softened when compared to monthly statistics. If possible, all data in the 'Quarterly indicators' are published as a series containing the five most recent years. In this way, the NEO hopes to put the most recent numbers in a larger context.

Since the mentioned publications are only being made available in Dutch and French, this abbreviated English version of the 'Quarterly Indicators' was devised in order to enable a larger international public to take note of its contents. Relevant metadata and mention of sources, however, are only provided in the detailed versions in French or Dutch. The English publication contains a summary of the most important trends observed in the brochure, as well as the statistical series containing all quarterly and yearly data on the indicators used for this analysis. The summary of the last edition of each year will focus on the yearly rather than the quarterly data. In this way, the NEO strives to contribute to the analysis and progress of our labour market.

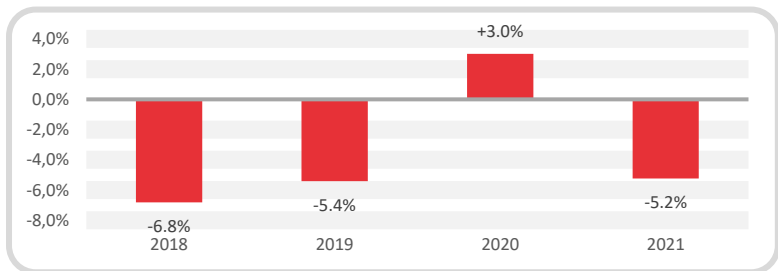
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Summary of observations

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW)

The number of fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) decreased in 2021. On average there were 321,502 FUBR-SW. Compared to 2020, this is a decrease by 5.2% (-17,764 units).

Chart: Variation of the number of FUBR-SW on an annual basis



Compared to 2020, we observe:

- decreasing numbers of FUBR-SW in the Flemish Region by 9.4%, by 3.6% in the Walloon Region and by 0.0% in the Brussels Capital Region. In 2021 we observe 123,461 FUBR-SW in the Flemish Region, 132,178 in the Walloon Region and 65,863 in the Brussels Capital Region;

- a decrease by 5,4% of male and by 5,1% for female FUBR-SW;

- an decrease of FUBR-SW for the age class of < 25 years old (-12,7%), the age class of 25-49 years old (-6,2%) and the age class of 50-59 years old (-4,9%), but an increase for the age class of 60 years old or more (+2,2%).

Fully unemployed benefit recipients not seeking work (FUBR-NSW)

The average number of unemployed not seeking work went from 38,881 in 2020 to 24,996 in 2021. This is a decrease amounting to -35.7% on an annual basis. This evolution is largely to be explained by regulatory reforms in the years 2015 and 2017, related to the age limits for requesting an exemption from registering as a jobseeker, as well as consecutive reforms of the scheme of unemployment with company bonus (namely the raising of age and career length requirements). Furthermore, their evolution is influenced by the effects of the babyboom generation reaching retirement age. Since January 1st 2019, the unemployed with company bonus can also opt for an early retirement before reaching the age of 65.

For the exempted elderly unemployed, we observe a decrease by 86.6% or -2,897 units. For the exempted unemployed with company bonus we observe a decrease by 33.1%: between 2020 and 2021, their number evolved from 32,033 to 21,442 (-10,592).

Influenced by these different factors, the total number of unemployed benefit recipients (seeking work or not and including the unemployed with a company bonus) in 2021 amounts to 346,498 units, which is a decrease by 8.4% on an annual basis.

Partial unemployment

On average, partial unemployment amounted to 300,167 payments per month, which corresponds to 96,784 budgetary units (+/- full time equivalents). We observe a decrease of the number of partially unemployed (-50.3%) on an annual basis, although their number remains quite high.

Of course, in observing these numbers, we need to account for the fact that the corona crisis, which last year caused very high numbers of partial unemployment, was but slowly subsiding in the course of 2021.

Income Guarantee Benefit (IGB)

The total number of payments for the Income Guarantee Benefit (IGB) for part time workers has dropped by 2.2% on an annual basis. Since 2015, the numbers of IGB have decreased sharply in the wake of regulatory changes that took effect in 2015 concerning the computation of benefit amounts and allowance conditions.

Employment schemes

In 2021 we observe a decrease (-7.1%) for the employment and activation schemes and a decrease (-4.3%) for the exemptions.

The evolution of employment measures is influenced by the transfer of competences to the regional level. In 2021 the NEO still remains responsible for the execution of payments for certain transferred employment schemes.

Career break, time-credit and thematic leaves

In 2021, we observe a decrease (-8.3%) for the total number of benefit recipients taking a career break, time-credit or thematic leave (parental leave, leave for medical assistance, leave for palliative care or leave for informal care).

The number of benefits for employees interrupting their work through the time-credit scheme dropped by -4.3% (-4,062 units).

For the career break scheme, we observe a decrease as well (-12.2%). This evolution is partially a consequence of the transfer of competences to the Flemish government since September 2nd 2016. Since then, there have been no new entries in the career break scheme for this region.

The thematic leaves show a decrease (-10.1%) of the number of benefit recipients compared to 2020. The evolution of thematic leaves is mainly influenced by that of parental leave, the largest scheme.

Observed labour market indicators

The year 2021 is characterized by the lingering effects of the corona crisis, which took a turn for the better in the course of the year following the vaccination campaign. The economic growth on a quarterly basis is favorable by +6.1%.

Most labor market indicators show a positive trend. The conjuncture indicator is positive. We see increases for the number of job offers, the hours of agency work performed each day and the creation of enterprises. The number of jobs lost due to bankruptcy and the number of collective dismissals announced have dropped. Furthermore, we observe decreases of partial unemployment, youth unemployment and short-term unemployment.

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Economic climate

Table 1
GDP and conjuncture indicator

		In millions of chained euros	Quarterly variations	GDP		Conjuncture indicator
				Annual variations		
2017	Q1	106 830	+0.7%	+1.9%		-0.7
	Q2	107 088	+0.2%	+1.6%		-1.3
	Q3	107 019	-0.1%	+1.3%		-2.4
	Q4	107 877	+0.8%	+1.6%		+0.7
	Year	428 814	-	+1.6%		-0.9
2018	Q1	108 307	+0.4%	+1.4%		+1.3
	Q2	108 803	+0.5%	+1.6%		+0.6
	Q3	109 222	+0.4%	+2.1%		-0.1
	Q4	110 282	+1.0%	+2.2%		-0.5
	Year	436 614	-	+1.8%		+0.3
2019	Q1	110 567	+0.3%	+2.1%		-1.3
	Q2	111 060	+0.4%	+2.1%		-3.9
	Q3	111 821	+0.7%	+2.4%		-5.5
	Q4	112 552	+0.7%	+2.1%		-4.0
	Year	446 000	-	+2.1%		-3.7
2020	Q1	109 020	-3.1%	-1.4%		-5.2
	Q2	96 331	-11.6%	-13.3%		-31.1
	Q3	107 778	+11.9%	-3.6%		-12.2
	Q4	107 629	-0.1%	-4.4%		-9.7
	Year	420 758	-	-5.7%		-14.6
2021	Q1	108 967	+1.2%	-0.0%		-4.3
	Q2	110 851	+1.7%	+15.1%		+6.9
	Q3	113 112	+2.0%	+4.9%		+7.2
	Q4	113 678	+0.5%	+5.6%		+3.9
	Year	446 608	-	+6.1%		+3.4

Chart 1
GDP

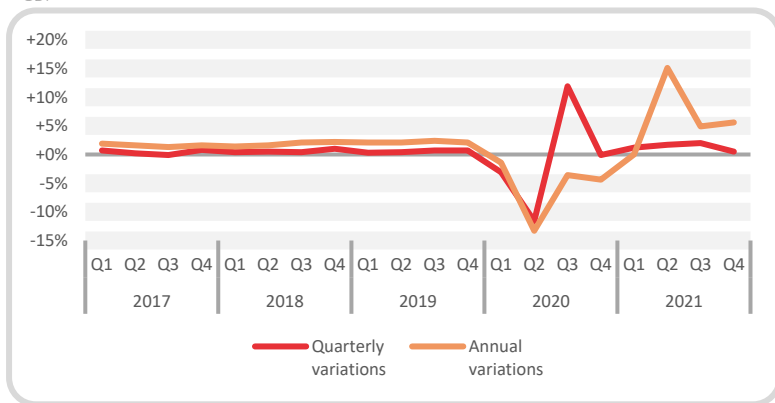


Chart 2
Conjuncture indicator

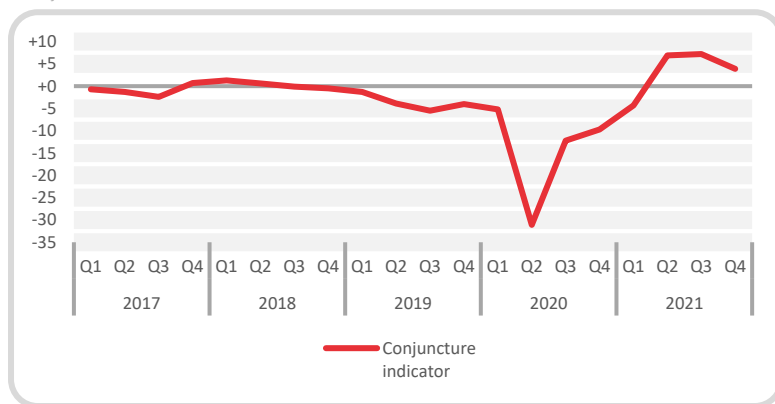


Table 2
Job offers

		VDA B	FOREM	ADG	Actiris	Country
2017	Q1	65 868	17 642	321	6 032	89 863
	Q2	66 742	16 898	321	5 859	89 820
	Q3	61 829	15 009	338	6 464	83 640
	Q4	63 685	15 392	326	6 699	86 102
	Year	258 124	64 941	1 306	25 054	349 425
2018	Q1	73 099	19 618	415	7 339	100 471
	Q2	73 277	18 581	360	7 496	99 714
	Q3	70 658	16 443	331	6 824	94 256
	Q4	70 154	15 795	339	7 209	93 497
	Year	287 188	70 437	1 445	28 868	387 938
2019	Q1	76 138	19 772	369	7 696	103 975
	Q2	72 432	18 893	307	7 099	98 731
	Q3	74 774	16 967	323	6 493	98 557
	Q4	68 889	19 226	284	5 929	94 328
	Year	292 233	74 858	1 283	27 217	395 591
2020	Q1	69 774	17 094	261	7 156	94 285
	Q2	49 657	10 890	127	4 852	65 526
	Q3	59 683	15 400	240	6 029	81 352
	Q4	61 697	14 349	235	5 551	81 832
	Year	240 811	57 733	863	23 588	322 995
2021	Q1	76 043	21 175	325	6 708	104 251
	Q2	89 407	20 309	326	8 738	118 780
	Q3	99 783	21 611	399	8 790	130 583
	Q4	97 277	20 946	277	12 543	131 043
	Year	362 510	84 041	1 327	36 779	484 657

Table 3
Hours of agency work performed each day

		Blue collar workers	White collar workers	Total
2017	Q1	360 848	261 318	622 166
	Q2	427 703	295 326	723 029
	Q3	475 346	358 337	833 683
	Q4	430 930	307 520	738 450
	Year	423 707	305 626	729 332
2018	Q1	382 171	277 268	659 438
	Q2	433 586	303 580	737 166
	Q3	468 721	357 966	826 687
	Q4	416 011	306 732	722 743
	Year	425 122	311 386	736 509
2019	Q1	370 365	276 144	646 510
	Q2	418 156	300 270	718 426
	Q3	447 412	351 837	799 249
	Q4	399 154	302 269	701 423
	Year	408 772	307 630	716 402
2020	Q1	324 090	251 976	576 066
	Q2	266 760	219 702	486 461
	Q3	374 334	307 508	681 842
	Q4	361 107	284 428	645 535
	Year	331 573	265 903	597 476
2021	Q1	319 912	255 755	575 667
	Q2	370 913	290 132	661 045
	Q3	429 949	340 846	770 795
	Q4	398 914	298 248	697 161
	Year	379 922	296 245	676 167

Table 4
Creation of enterprises

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	5 310	1 810	1 453	8 575
	Q2	4 563	1 687	1 381	7 631
	Q3	4 081	1 402	1 139	6 625
	Q4	4 697	1 718	1 470	7 885
	Year	18 651	6 617	5 443	30 716
2018	Q1	5 862	1 813	1 516	9 192
	Q2	4 663	1 519	1 404	7 588
	Q3	4 419	1 269	1 209	6 897
	Q4	6 321	1 997	1 704	10 023
	Year	21 265	6 598	5 833	33 700
2019	Q1	6 476	2 032	1 599	10 110
	Q2	5 324	1 751	1 370	8 445
	Q3	5 980	1 876	1 382	9 238
	Q4	7 465	2 384	1 739	11 588
	Year	25 245	8 043	6 090	39 381
2020	Q1	7 469	2 316	1 620	11 405
	Q2	5 076	1 496	1 026	7 598
	Q3	6 881	2 094	1 442	10 417
	Q4	8 455	2 531	1 599	12 588
	Year	27 881	8 437	5 687	42 008
2021	Q1	8 778	2 790	1 674	13 244
	Q2	7 835	2 561	1 515	11 911
	Q3	7 054	2 008	1 265	10 329
	Q4	8 824	2 903	1 691	13 418
	Year	32 491	10 262	6 145	48 902

Table 5
Bankruptcies resulting in job loss

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	389	283	170	842
	Q2	381	313	233	927
	Q3	326	228	137	691
	Q4	428	339	250	1 017
	Year	1 524	1 163	790	3 477
2018	Q1	428	303	266	997
	Q2	352	263	197	812
	Q3	315	225	162	702
	Q4	469	336	274	1 079
	Year	1 564	1 127	899	3 590
2019	Q1	415	273	208	896
	Q2	401	354	239	994
	Q3	333	251	163	747
	Q4	427	308	218	953
	Year	1 576	1 186	828	3 590
2020	Q1	447	297	204	948
	Q2	241	170	92	503
	Q3	291	163	102	556
	Q4	247	153	111	511
	Year	1 226	783	509	2 518
2021	Q1	261	184	110	555
	Q2	249	143	128	520
	Q3	218	127	111	456
	Q4	292	192	179	663
	Year	1 020	646	528	2 194

Table 6
Job loss due to bankruptcies

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	2 546	1 630	832	5 008
	Q2	2 527	2 462	1 268	6 257
	Q3	2 431	1 224	1 122	4 777
	Q4	2 660	1 797	1 275	5 732
	Year	10 164	7 113	4 497	21 774
2018	Q1	2 980	1 590	1 842	6 412
	Q2	2 311	1 189	1 159	4 659
	Q3	2 063	1 209	805	4 077
	Q4	3 151	1 908	1 390	6 449
	Year	10 505	5 896	5 196	21 597
2019	Q1	3 986	1 732	1 250	6 968
	Q2	2 624	2 631	1 295	6 550
	Q3	2 261	1 450	795	4 506
	Q4	3 442	2 003	1 031	6 476
	Year	12 313	7 816	4 371	24 500
2020	Q1	3 698	1 613	1 173	6 484
	Q2	3 340	835	561	4 736
	Q3	4 107	965	1 158	6 230
	Q4	2 671	771	716	4 158
	Year	13 816	4 184	3 608	21 608
2021	Q1	2 194	1 622	741	4 557
	Q2	1 159	952	775	2 886
	Q3	1 102	740	520	2 362
	Q4	1 199	1 011	808	3 018
	Year	5 654	4 325	2 844	12 823

Table 7
Announced collective dismissals

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	874	164	61	1 099
	Q2	406	98	280	784
	Q3	171	14	104	289
	Q4	367	145	372	884
	Year	1 818	421	817	3 056
2018	Q1	1 002	95	1 129	2 226
	Q2	809	568	194	1 571
	Q3	470	68	13	551
	Q4	976	164	162	1 302
	Year	3 257	895	1 498	5 650
2019	Q1	815	629	174	1 618
	Q2	330	43	163	536
	Q3	632	503	294	1 429
	Q4	592	119	149	860
	Year	2 369	1 294	780	4 443
2020	Q1	66	392	70	528
	Q2	2 068	194	905	3 167
	Q3	990	318	707	2 015
	Q4	1 268	346	905	2 519
	Year	4 392	1 250	2 587	8 229
2021	Q1	729	456	712	1 897
	Q2	909	127	116	1 152
	Q3	299	677	98	1 074
	Q4	318	23	15	356
	Year	2 255	1 283	941	4 479

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Partial unemployment

Table 8
By region (physical units)

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	80 993	46 870	6 454	134 316
	Q2	55 181	31 683	5 213	92 077
	Q3	44 218	26 409	3 942	74 569
	Q4	53 496	30 485	4 087	88 068
	Year	58 472	33 862	4 924	97 258
2018	Q1	84 975	45 724	6 132	136 831
	Q2	52 038	28 983	4 771	85 793
	Q3	40 160	22 701	3 669	66 529
	Q4	52 463	27 104	3 756	83 324
	Year	57 409	31 128	4 582	93 119
2019	Q1	85 661	45 802	5 568	137 030
	Q2	57 560	30 172	4 710	92 442
	Q3	43 837	21 989	3 253	69 079
	Q4	58 914	31 474	3 416	93 803
	Year	61 493	32 359	4 237	98 089
2020	Q1	185 449	94 108	18 596	298 153
	Q2	620 268	272 899	89 499	982 666
	Q3	188 660	87 343	33 732	309 735
	Q4	239 737	125 884	41 962	407 583
	Year	308 528	145 058	45 947	499 534
2021	Q1	275 797	135 705	42 875	454 376
	Q2	210 585	106 417	36 577	353 579
	Q3	98 585	60 498	20 364	179 447
	Q4	128 664	66 335	18 267	213 266
	Year	178 408	92 239	29 521	300 167

Table 9

By region (budgetary units)

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	17 366	14 064	1 556	32 985
	Q2	9 466	7 171	1 104	17 741
	Q3	7 671	5 887	935	14 493
	Q4	9 286	7 183	921	17 390
	Year	10 947	8 576	1 129	20 652
2018	Q1	16 996	13 560	1 413	31 969
	Q2	9 145	6 605	988	16 737
	Q3	6 940	5 001	896	12 837
	Q4	8 350	5 674	811	14 836
	Year	10 358	7 710	1 027	19 095
2019	Q1	16 589	12 381	1 262	30 232
	Q2	9 057	6 323	937	16 317
	Q3	7 242	4 685	706	12 633
	Q4	9 870	6 967	726	17 563
	Year	10 690	7 589	908	19 186
2020	Q1	52 155	30 643	6 369	89 166
	Q2	269 662	133 403	48 673	451 738
	Q3	54 260	28 227	14 566	97 053
	Q4	77 234	44 759	18 649	140 643
	Year	113 328	59 258	22 064	194 650
2021	Q1	98 875	54 144	21 821	174 840
	Q2	63 523	35 606	16 460	115 589
	Q3	24 655	16 728	8 010	49 393
	Q4	24 896	16 561	5 854	47 312
	Year	52 987	30 760	13 036	96 784

Table 10
By reason (in compensated days)

		Economical reasons	Force majeure	Bad weather	Other	<i>among which suspension for white collar workers</i>	Total
2017	Q1	1 333 368	140 792	968 842	94 506	35 178	2 537 507
	Q2	995 239	140 326	211 457	44 028	26 106	1 391 050
	Q3	683 286	139 186	165 203	157 334	16 145	1 145 008
	Q4	761 147	132 168	382 696	82 249	15 234	1 358 260
	Year	3 773 040	552 471	1 728 197	378 117	92 663	6 431 825
2018	Q1	1 126 346	136 145	1 121 056	75 940	20 126	2 459 487
	Q2	796 215	137 140	340 247	40 082	21 955	1 313 685
	Q3	637 336	129 526	92 424	147 958	19 113	1 007 244
	Q4	762 656	119 587	220 513	66 891	17 067	1 169 647
	Year	3 322 553	522 399	1 774 240	330 871	78 261	5 950 063
2019	Q1	1 141 571	126 472	1 013 902	73 155	17 408	2 355 099
	Q2	856 973	129 467	257 876	31 783	16 783	1 276 098
	Q3	649 851	124 615	89 704	131 405	15 792	995 576
	Q4	780 738	121 289	418 039	64 891	20 147	1 384 957
	Year	3 429 132	501 843	1 779 521	301 234	70 130	6 011 730
2020	Q1	928 461	5 096 899	831 140	96 966	20 509	6 953 467
	Q2	25 818	35 112 914	68 585	26 763	370	35 234 079
	Q3	41 760	7 426 441	104 063	105 172	4 371	7 677 436
	Q4	67 090	10 640 725	232 473	63 326	13 555	11 003 615
	Year	1 063 128	58 276 979	1 236 262	292 227	38 805	60 868 596
2021	Q1	0	12 420 824	976 900	45 525	0	13 443 249
	Q2	0	8 761 559	250 426	17 823	0	9 029 808
	Q3	0	3 692 095	113 409	96 551	0	3 902 055
	Q4	0	3 387 421	284 987	60 376	0	3 732 783
	Year	0	28 261 898	1 625 721	220 275	0	30 107 894

Table 11
By sector (budgetary units)

		Con- struction	Industry	Services	Commerce, banks and assurances	Other
2017	Q1	13 912	7 484	7 503	1 593	2 493
	Q2	5 711	5 047	4 727	1 119	1 137
	Q3	4 941	3 633	3 986	964	969
	Q4	7 109	4 315	3 866	1 064	1 035
	Year	7 918	5 120	5 021	1 185	1 408
2018	Q1	14 731	6 476	7 201	1 410	2 150
	Q2	5 990	4 494	4 149	1 035	1 069
	Q3	3 644	3 660	3 781	865	887
	Q4	4 968	4 692	3 434	855	887
	Year	7 333	4 831	4 641	1 041	1 248
2019	Q1	13 487	6 442	6 931	1 226	2 146
	Q2	5 303	4 917	4 128	805	1 163
	Q3	3 295	4 204	3 359	702	1 072
	Q4	6 609	5 446	3 559	804	1 144
	Year	7 174	5 252	4 495	884	1 381
2020	Q1	21 200	16 463	31 223	14 070	6 210
	Q2	39 535	70 103	215 528	95 250	31 323
	Q3	7 727	17 018	49 559	12 958	9 792
	Q4	10 449	17 018	76 637	26 931	9 609
	Year	19 728	30 150	93 236	37 302	14 233
2021	Q1	20 278	20 907	99 988	21 138	12 528
	Q2	9 291	15 045	65 011	17 843	8 398
	Q3	5 772	9 447	23 236	6 801	4 137
	Q4	8 155	10 130	19 616	5 934	3 476
	Year	10 874	13 882	51 963	12 929	7 135

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Full unemployment

Table 12
Total number of fully unemployed benefit recipients (SW + NSW)

		FUBR-SW	FUBR-NSW	Total
2017	Q1	394 734	123 111	517 845
	Q2	368 335	116 002	484 337
	Q3	373 011	110 763	483 775
	Q4	358 723	104 484	463 206
	Year	373 701	113 590	487 291
2018	Q1	369 026	98 745	467 771
	Q2	344 480	92 830	437 310
	Q3	346 817	88 096	434 913
	Q4	332 561	81 352	413 913
	Year	348 221	90 256	438 477
2019	Q1	346 969	72 184	419 153
	Q2	322 926	64 226	387 152
	Q3	329 464	58 627	388 092
	Q4	318 081	51 676	369 757
	Year	329 360	61 678	391 038
2020	Q1	330 910	46 107	377 016
	Q2	346 504	40 658	387 162
	Q3	346 784	36 970	383 753
	Q4	332 867	31 790	364 657
	Year	339 266	38 881	378 147
2021	Q1	350 713	28 476	379 189
	Q2	326 318	25 945	352 263
	Q3	312 417	24 360	336 777
	Q4	296 561	21 204	317 765
	Year	321 502	24 996	346 498

Table 13

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by scheme

		After working full time	After studies	With company bonus - SW	After working part time volun- tarily	Protection benefit	Total
2017	Q1	318 672	47 415	6 597	22 050	0	394 734
	Q2	298 906	41 596	6 913	20 920	0	368 335
	Q3	302 794	41 349	7 315	21 553	0	373 011
	Q4	289 905	40 852	7 763	20 203	0	358 723
	Year	302 569	42 803	7 147	21 181	0	373 701
2018	Q1	298 966	40 673	8 314	21 072	0	369 026
	Q2	279 889	35 871	8 584	20 136	0	344 480
	Q3	281 742	35 542	8 969	20 564	0	346 817
	Q4	268 921	35 338	9 307	18 995	0	332 561
	Year	282 380	36 856	8 794	20 192	0	348 221
2019	Q1	282 305	35 244	9 500	19 920	0	346 969
	Q2	263 651	30 795	9 627	18 852	0	322 926
	Q3	268 501	31 156	10 201	19 607	0	329 464
	Q4	258 366	31 055	10 454	18 207	0	318 081
	Year	268 206	32 063	9 945	19 146	0	329 360
2020	Q1	270 648	30 749	10 574	18 939	0	330 910
	Q2	284 282	30 782	10 507	20 934	0	346 504
	Q3	284 229	30 471	10 580	21 503	0	346 784
	Q4	271 816	28 095	10 750	20 060	2 146	332 867
	Year	277 744	30 024	10 603	20 359	536	339 266
2021	Q1	286 656	29 300	10 966	21 393	2 397	350 713
	Q2	266 263	26 465	10 867	20 337	2 386	326 318
	Q3	255 543	24 446	10 849	19 278	2 301	312 417
	Q4	242 099	23 953	10 789	17 461	2 259	296 561
	Year	262 640	26 041	10 868	19 617	2 336	321 502

Table 14

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by region

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	164 856	162 765	67 113	394 734
	Q2	152 456	151 164	64 715	368 335
	Q3	154 038	152 527	66 447	373 011
	Q4	148 227	146 456	64 040	358 723
	Year	154 894	153 228	65 579	373 701
2018	Q1	153 943	149 964	65 119	369 026
	Q2	141 153	139 465	63 861	344 480
	Q3	139 497	141 397	65 923	346 817
	Q4	133 190	136 818	62 553	332 561
	Year	141 946	141 911	64 364	348 221
2019	Q1	141 328	141 030	64 610	346 969
	Q2	129 517	130 904	62 505	322 926
	Q3	130 386	134 265	64 814	329 464
	Q4	125 641	130 239	62 201	318 081
	Year	131 718	134 109	63 533	329 360
2020	Q1	132 716	134 600	63 593	330 910
	Q2	140 430	140 415	65 660	346 504
	Q3	139 809	138 787	68 188	346 784
	Q4	132 213	134 542	66 112	332 867
	Year	136 292	137 086	65 888	339 266
2021	Q1	139 724	142 208	68 780	350 713
	Q2	126 051	133 207	67 061	326 318
	Q3	117 899	128 915	65 604	312 417
	Q4	110 170	124 383	62 007	296 561
	Year	123 461	132 178	65 863	321 502

Table 15

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by gender

		Men	Women	Total
2017	Q1	218 554	176 181	394 734
	Q2	203 277	165 058	368 335
	Q3	204 349	168 662	373 011
	Q4	196 780	161 943	358 723
	Year	205 740	167 961	373 701
2018	Q1	204 045	164 981	369 026
	Q2	189 738	154 741	344 480
	Q3	189 265	157 552	346 817
	Q4	182 639	149 922	332 561
	Year	191 422	156 799	348 221
2019	Q1	193 407	153 562	346 969
	Q2	179 882	143 044	322 926
	Q3	181 853	147 611	329 464
	Q4	176 195	141 886	318 081
	Year	182 834	146 526	329 360
2020	Q1	185 827	145 082	330 910
	Q2	194 237	152 268	346 504
	Q3	192 584	154 199	346 784
	Q4	184 355	148 512	332 867
	Year	189 251	150 015	339 266
2021	Q1	196 605	154 108	350 713
	Q2	182 124	144 194	326 318
	Q3	172 992	139 425	312 417
	Q4	164 531	132 030	296 561
	Year	179 063	142 439	321 502

Table 16

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by age

		< 25 years old	25 - 49 years old	50 - 59 years old	60 years old or more	Total
2017	Q1	37 093	229 129	106 597	21 916	394 734
	Q2	30 818	212 033	100 997	24 487	368 335
	Q3	30 490	216 163	99 146	27 212	373 011
	Q4	30 452	204 546	94 347	29 378	358 723
	Year	32 213	215 468	100 271	25 748	373 701
2018	Q1	31 315	211 889	94 028	31 794	369 026
	Q2	26 292	196 185	88 733	33 270	344 480
	Q3	25 793	198 660	87 057	35 307	346 817
	Q4	26 130	186 580	82 468	37 383	332 561
	Year	27 383	198 328	88 072	34 438	348 221
2019	Q1	27 603	196 462	83 283	39 621	346 969
	Q2	23 320	180 817	77 888	40 901	322 926
	Q3	23 936	185 996	76 689	42 843	329 464
	Q4	24 344	176 320	72 828	44 589	318 081
	Year	24 801	184 899	77 672	41 989	329 360
2020	Q1	25 346	185 323	73 774	46 467	330 910
	Q2	26 734	197 907	75 054	46 809	346 504
	Q3	25 252	198 753	75 193	47 587	346 784
	Q4	24 631	186 485	72 898	48 853	332 867
	Year	25 491	192 117	74 230	47 429	339 266
2021	Q1	26 445	198 090	75 778	50 400	350 713
	Q2	22 714	183 094	71 747	48 763	326 318
	Q3	20 236	175 530	69 104	47 548	312 417
	Q4	19 646	164 193	65 635	47 086	296 561
	Year	22 260	180 227	70 566	48 449	321 502

Table 17

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by unemployment duration

		< 1 year	1 - < 2 years	2 years or more	Total
2017	Q1	144 034	70 431	180 269	394 734
	Q2	126 999	65 893	175 443	368 335
	Q3	127 765	66 741	178 505	373 011
	Q4	124 540	61 063	173 119	358 723
	Year	130 835	66 032	176 834	373 701
2018	Q1	134 483	61 535	173 008	369 026
	Q2	121 167	56 919	166 394	344 480
	Q3	123 985	56 738	166 094	346 817
	Q4	120 504	52 684	159 373	332 561
	Year	125 035	56 969	166 217	348 221
2019	Q1	133 703	52 735	160 531	346 969
	Q2	114 173	53 571	155 183	322 926
	Q3	116 649	56 611	156 204	329 464
	Q4	113 985	53 243	150 853	318 081
	Year	119 628	54 040	155 693	329 360
2020	Q1	124 611	56 019	150 280	330 910
	Q2	133 195	57 588	155 722	346 504
	Q3	126 057	61 398	159 329	346 784
	Q4	113 101	62 004	157 762	332 867
	Year	124 241	59 252	155 773	339 266
2021	Q1	114 530	70 367	165 816	350 713
	Q2	98 614	65 145	162 559	326 318
	Q3	88 100	61 317	163 001	312 417
	Q4	84 940	51 992	159 628	296 561
	Year	96 546	62 205	162 751	321 502

Table 18

Fully unemployed benefit recipients seeking work (FUBR-SW) by household position

		Head of household	Cohabiting	Single person	Total
2017	Q1	111 777	183 961	98 996	394 734
	Q2	107 621	167 095	93 619	368 335
	Q3	108 590	170 234	94 188	373 011
	Q4	103 385	163 469	91 869	358 723
	Year	107 843	171 190	94 668	373 701
2018	Q1	104 165	170 296	94 565	369 026
	Q2	100 124	154 764	89 592	344 480
	Q3	100 616	156 929	89 272	346 817
	Q4	95 452	150 243	86 865	332 561
	Year	100 089	158 058	90 074	348 221
2019	Q1	97 663	158 543	90 763	346 969
	Q2	93 551	143 872	85 503	322 926
	Q3	93 825	149 227	86 412	329 464
	Q4	89 486	143 708	84 888	318 081
	Year	93 631	148 838	86 891	329 360
2020	Q1	91 357	151 062	88 491	330 910
	Q2	95 320	159 273	91 912	346 504
	Q3	95 459	159 472	91 852	346 784
	Q4	90 874	152 371	89 622	332 867
	Year	93 253	155 544	90 469	339 266
2021	Q1	95 467	160 931	94 315	350 713
	Q2	90 233	146 600	89 485	326 318
	Q3	87 815	139 315	85 287	312 417
	Q4	82 177	132 332	82 042	296 561
	Year	88 923	144 794	87 782	321 502

Table 19

Fully unemployed benefit recipients not seeking work (FUBR-NSW) by scheme

		With company bonus - NSW	Elderly exempted unemployed	Exemption for informal care or social and family related reasons	After working part time voluntarily	Total
2017	Q1	81 614	35 809	752	4 935	123 111
	Q2	78 110	32 446	764	4 682	116 002
	Q3	75 173	29 363	781	5 446	110 763
	Q4	72 719	26 688	785	4 291	104 484
	Year	76 904	31 077	771	4 838	113 590
2018	Q1	70 084	23 622	817	4 222	98 745
	Q2	67 242	20 734	824	4 031	92 830
	Q3	64 281	18 108	800	4 906	88 096
	Q4	61 111	15 703	800	3 738	81 352
	Year	65 680	19 542	810	4 224	90 256
2019	Q1	54 257	13 369	821	3 737	72 184
	Q2	48 771	11 114	812	3 529	64 226
	Q3	44 562	8 943	736	4 387	58 627
	Q4	40 862	7 080	664	3 070	51 676
	Year	47 113	10 127	758	3 680	61 678
2020	Q1	36 987	5 480	631	3 009	46 107
	Q2	33 330	4 051	597	2 680	40 658
	Q3	30 229	2 579	541	3 620	36 970
	Q4	27 587	1 269	509	2 425	31 790
	Year	32 033	3 345	570	2 933	38 881
2021	Q1	25 006	542	485	2 443	28 476
	Q2	22 515	464	475	2 491	25 945
	Q3	20 159	411	428	3 362	24 360
	Q4	18 088	373	412	2 331	21 204
	Year	21 442	448	450	2 657	24 996

Table 20
Dynamic evolution of the FUBR-SW (absolute numbers)

		Entries	Remainers	Stock	Exits	Stock in Q-1
2017	Q1	78 303	357 481	435 784	72 326	429 807
	Q2	59 597	351 922	411 519	83 862	435 784
	Q3	76 728	342 609	419 337	68 910	411 519
	Q4	70 420	333 807	404 227	85 530	419 337
	Year	71 262	346 455	417 717	77 657	424 112
2018	Q1	76 013	334 557	410 570	69 670	404 227
	Q2	56 966	329 273	386 239	81 297	410 570
	Q3	74 210	317 373	391 583	68 866	386 239
	Q4	67 013	308 390	375 403	83 193	391 583
	Year	68 551	322 398	390 949	75 757	398 155
2019	Q1	74 944	310 707	385 651	64 696	375 403
	Q2	54 928	306 761	361 689	78 890	385 651
	Q3	73 687	298 644	372 331	63 045	361 689
	Q4	66 007	293 669	359 676	78 662	372 331
	Year	67 392	302 445	369 837	71 323	373 769
2020	Q1	71 852	297 266	369 118	62 410	359 676
	Q2	56 649	307 004	363 653	64 018	371 022
	Q3	69 201	312 867	382 068	50 877	363 744
	Q4	59 665	304 499	364 164	77 569	382 068
	Year	64 342	305 409	369 751	63 719	369 128
2021	Q1	64 052	309 259	373 311	54 905	364 164
	Q2	48 206	306 953	355 159	66 358	373 311
	Q3	55 293	289 838	345 131	65 319	355 157
	Q4	53 372	273 905	327 277	71 226	345 131
	Year	55 231	294 989	350 220	64 452	359 441

Table 21

Dynamic evolution of the FUBR-SW (relative numbers)

		Entries	Remainers	Exits
2017	Q1	18.0%	82.0%	16.8%
	Q2	14.5%	85.5%	19.2%
	Q3	18.3%	81.7%	16.7%
	Q4	17.4%	82.6%	20.4%
	Year	17.1%	82.9%	18.3%
2018	Q1	18.5%	81.5%	17.2%
	Q2	14.7%	85.3%	19.8%
	Q3	19.0%	81.0%	17.8%
	Q4	17.9%	82.1%	21.2%
	Year	17.5%	82.5%	19.0%
2019	Q1	19.4%	80.6%	17.2%
	Q2	15.2%	84.8%	20.5%
	Q3	19.8%	80.2%	17.4%
	Q4	18.4%	81.6%	21.1%
	Year	18.2%	81.8%	19.1%
2020	Q1	19.5%	80.5%	17.4%
	Q2	15.6%	84.4%	17.3%
	Q3	18.1%	81.9%	14.0%
	Q4	16.4%	83.6%	20.3%
	Year	17.4%	82.6%	17.3%
2021	Q1	17.2%	82.8%	15.1%
	Q2	13.6%	86.4%	17.8%
	Q3	16.0%	84.0%	18.4%
	Q4	16.3%	83.7%	20.6%
	Year	15.8%	84.2%	17.9%

Table 22

Jobseekers not working and not receiving benefits by type of registration

		Youngsters in insertion stage	Other jobseekers registered by obligation	Jobseekers registered voluntarily	Total
2017	Q1	47 490	57 376	64 061	168 927
	Q2	39 742	56 651	60 239	156 632
	Q3	58 382	56 670	60 340	175 391
	Q4	52 878	53 674	59 720	166 272
	Year	49 623	56 093	61 090	166 806
2018	Q1	47 057	52 729	59 177	158 963
	Q2	40 655	50 782	55 463	146 900
	Q3	57 067	65 563	56 687	179 317
	Q4	50 350	63 362	56 701	170 413
	Year	48 782	58 109	57 007	163 898
2019	Q1	42 612	62 677	57 596	162 885
	Q2	36 557	61 352	56 457	154 367
	Q3	51 337	61 964	61 783	175 084
	Q4	47 035	62 430	60 980	170 444
	Year	44 385	62 106	59 204	165 695
2020	Q1	42 766	62 098	61 226	166 090
	Q2	43 153	59 150	54 949	157 252
	Q3	57 648	60 705	58 729	177 081
	Q4	50 725	60 325	57 933	168 983
	Year	48 573	60 570	58 209	167 352
2021	Q1	45 944	59 223	59 480	164 646
	Q2	40 219	59 786	53 773	153 778
	Q3	53 511	60 129	55 048	168 688
	Q4	49 533	57 366	57 042	163 941
	Year	47 302	59 126	56 336	162 763

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Part time workers

Table 23
Part time workers with in income guarantee benefit (IGB) by scheme

		Part time workers retaining rights and an IGB	Voluntary part time workers with an IGB	Total
2017	Q1	39 014	403	39 416
	Q2	38 365	399	38 763
	Q3	35 513	334	35 847
	Q4	36 984	365	37 349
	Year	37 469	375	37 844
2018	Q1	36 947	388	37 335
	Q2	36 738	432	37 170
	Q3	33 513	353	33 867
	Q4	34 272	376	34 648
	Year	35 368	387	35 755
2019	Q1	35 694	424	36 118
	Q2	33 771	398	34 169
	Q3	30 956	344	31 300
	Q4	32 339	377	32 716
	Year	33 190	386	33 576
2020	Q1	34 022	407	34 429
	Q2	32 867	457	33 324
	Q3	27 922	368	28 290
	Q4	30 689	419	31 108
	Year	31 375	413	31 788
2021	Q1	32 516	448	32 963
	Q2	31 811	482	32 293
	Q3	27 851	396	28 247
	Q4	30 330	466	30 795
	Year	30 627	448	31 075

Table 24

Part time workers with in income guarantee benefit (IGB) by region

		Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Brussels Capital Region	Country
2017	Q1	18 022	16 933	4 462	39 416
	Q2	17 567	16 880	4 317	38 763
	Q3	16 243	15 821	3 783	35 847
	Q4	16 801	16 509	4 040	37 349
	Year	17 158	16 536	4 151	37 844
2018	Q1	16 534	16 798	4 003	37 335
	Q2	16 465	16 643	4 062	37 170
	Q3	14 970	15 199	3 698	33 867
	Q4	15 083	15 767	3 798	34 648
	Year	15 763	16 102	3 890	35 755
2019	Q1	15 691	16 454	3 973	36 118
	Q2	14 787	15 496	3 886	34 169
	Q3	13 559	14 260	3 482	31 300
	Q4	14 076	14 937	3 703	32 716
	Year	14 528	15 287	3 761	33 576
2020	Q1	14 793	15 762	3 874	34 429
	Q2	14 504	15 116	3 704	33 324
	Q3	12 377	12 820	3 093	28 290
	Q4	13 570	14 167	3 371	31 108
	Year	13 811	14 466	3 511	31 788
2021	Q1	14 372	15 002	3 589	32 963
	Q2	14 057	14 753	3 483	32 293
	Q3	12 191	13 090	2 966	28 247
	Q4	13 131	14 471	3 193	30 795
	Year	13 438	14 329	3 308	31 075

Table 25

Part time workers with in income guarantee benefit (IGB) by gender

		Women	Men	Total
2017	Q1	30 101	9 315	39 416
	Q2	29 549	9 214	38 763
	Q3	27 537	8 310	35 847
	Q4	28 552	8 797	37 349
	Year	28 935	8 909	37 844
2018	Q1	28 440	8 895	37 335
	Q2	28 305	8 865	37 170
	Q3	25 845	8 022	33 867
	Q4	26 315	8 333	34 648
	Year	27 226	8 529	35 755
2019	Q1	27 426	8 692	36 118
	Q2	25 812	8 358	34 169
	Q3	23 780	7 520	31 300
	Q4	24 693	8 023	32 716
	Year	25 428	8 148	33 576
2020	Q1	25 944	8 485	34 429
	Q2	25 191	8 133	33 324
	Q3	21 441	6 849	28 290
	Q4	23 415	7 693	31 108
	Year	23 998	7 790	31 788
2021	Q1	24 820	8 143	32 963
	Q2	24 276	8 017	32 293
	Q3	21 333	6 914	28 247
	Q4	23 178	7 617	30 795
	Year	23 402	7 673	31 075

Table 26

Part time workers with in income guarantee benefit (IGB) by age

		< 25 years old	25 - 49 years old	50 years old or more	Total
2017	Q1	1 315	24 878	13 224	39 416
	Q2	1 349	24 475	12 939	38 763
	Q3	1 085	22 436	12 326	35 847
	Q4	1 194	23 351	12 804	37 349
	Year	1 236	23 785	12 823	37 844
2018	Q1	1 132	23 120	13 083	37 335
	Q2	1 104	22 914	13 152	37 170
	Q3	869	20 717	12 280	33 867
	Q4	954	21 291	12 403	34 648
	Year	1 015	22 011	12 730	35 755
2019	Q1	1 002	22 012	13 104	36 118
	Q2	880	20 832	12 458	34 169
	Q3	754	18 868	11 679	31 300
	Q4	844	19 857	12 015	32 716
	Year	870	20 392	12 314	33 576
2020	Q1	867	20 725	12 838	34 429
	Q2	853	19 933	12 538	33 324
	Q3	622	16 698	10 970	28 290
	Q4	824	18 402	11 882	31 108
	Year	791	18 940	12 057	31 788
2021	Q1	825	19 342	12 796	32 963
	Q2	823	19 111	12 359	32 293
	Q3	660	16 529	11 058	28 247
	Q4	783	18 066	11 946	30 795
	Year	773	18 262	12 040	31 075

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Employment and training schemes

Table 27
Employment and activation schemes

		Transferred competences (federal to regional level)					Tailor made workshops	Non-transferred competences (federal)	
		Active Plan	Social advancement schemes	SINE	Active Start	Resumption of work allowance			Entry internship
2017	Q1	35 896	3 413	10 258	44	14 425	1 227	3 028	237
	Q2	32 942	3 453	9 991	25	14 755	1 543	2 503	218
	Q3	31 379	2 288	9 873	16	14 450	1 632	2 241	178
	Q4	34 209	3 602	9 674	21	14 587	749	2 439	164
	Year	33 606	3 189	9 949	26	14 554	1 288	2 553	199
2018	Q1	33 426	3 518	9 970	14	14 149	97	2 247	204
	Q2	34 475	3 372	9 942	2	13 212	44	1 881	192
	Q3	34 488	2 146	9 278	1	11 958	17	1 779	158
	Q4	34 584	3 248	9 654	0	11 052	5	1 223	163
	Year	34 243	3 071	9 711	4	12 593	41	1 783	179
2019	Q1	35 327	2 863	9 898	0	10 026	17	539	187
	Q2	35 620	2 706	9 629	2	9 286	33	173	169
	Q3	34 524	1 593	9 594	0	8 659	6	144	145
	Q4	38 059	2 699	9 289	0	8 083	1	158	153
	Year	35 883	2 465	9 602	1	9 013	14	254	164
2020	Q1	35 947	2 330	9 527	0	7 500	23	173	195
	Q2	24 500	2 078	7 697	0	6 692	27	121	118
	Q3	28 308	502	8 234	0	5 229	3	81	138
	Q4	29 386	544	8 384	0	5 296	1	97	174
	Year	29 535	1 363	8 461	0	6 179	14	118	156
2021	Q1	29 709	54	8 337	0	4 904	27	108	191
	Q2	30 288	1	7 983	0	4 426	33	99	164
	Q3	29 755	0	7 563	0	3 899	9	93	137
	Q4	30 979	0	7 697	0	3 602	3	73	129
	Year	30 183	14	7 895	0	4 208	18	93	155

Table 28
Special exemptions

		Trainings		Other exemptions		Total
		Vocational training	Recommending studies	Foreign activity	Activity in LEA or as a civic guard	
2017	Q1	24 383	13 936	6	1 682	40 006
	Q2	25 251	13 086	7	1 721	40 066
	Q3	19 264	10 822	7	1 750	31 843
	Q4	24 512	12 330	6	1 735	38 582
	Year	23 352	12 543	6	1 722	37 624
2018	Q1	25 898	12 309	6	1 725	39 938
	Q2	26 586	11 785	7	1 677	40 055
	Q3	21 706	9 544	6	1 634	32 890
	Q4	27 800	10 627	5	1 623	40 055
	Year	25 497	11 066	6	1 665	38 235
2019	Q1	28 892	10 786	4	1 620	41 302
	Q2	28 701	10 297	4	1 632	40 635
	Q3	23 332	8 339	4	1 608	33 283
	Q4	28 194	9 435	4	1 598	39 230
	Year	27 280	9 714	4	1 614	38 612
2020	Q1	27 728	9 653	7	1 585	38 973
	Q2	24 107	9 307	3	1 497	34 914
	Q3	21 452	8 153	3	1 342	30 950
	Q4	25 256	9 302	4	1 307	35 868
	Year	24 636	9 104	4	1 433	35 176
2021	Q1	25 614	9 211	5	1 297	36 127
	Q2	25 634	8 964	4	1 237	35 840
	Q3	20 305	7 515	4	1 172	28 996
	Q4	23 814	8 677	4	1 183	33 678
	Year	23 842	8 592	4	1 222	33 660

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Interruption benefits

Table 29
Career break, time-credit and thematic leaves

		Career break	Time- credit	Thematic leaves	Total
2017	Q1	78 932	122 012	79 167	280 111
	Q2	76 676	118 791	80 774	276 242
	Q3	70 569	115 815	86 208	272 592
	Q4	62 755	115 070	81 510	259 334
	Year	72 233	117 922	81 915	272 070
2018	Q1	61 516	113 921	83 480	258 916
	Q2	60 006	111 873	83 213	255 093
	Q3	58 127	109 420	87 750	255 297
	Q4	56 989	110 382	81 489	248 860
	Year	59 160	111 399	83 983	254 541
2019	Q1	55 543	111 973	84 981	252 497
	Q2	54 423	108 664	84 965	248 052
	Q3	52 814	105 290	92 898	251 002
	Q4	51 925	103 642	90 351	245 918
	Year	53 676	107 392	88 299	249 367
2020	Q1	50 545	102 012	96 672	249 229
	Q2	48 120	95 027	117 927	261 074
	Q3	45 396	87 821	129 815	263 032
	Q4	45 153	95 140	94 557	234 851
	Year	47 303	95 000	109 743	252 046
2021	Q1	44 321	96 125	97 133	237 579
	Q2	42 601	92 195	97 218	232 014
	Q3	40 121	87 805	100 109	228 035
	Q4	39 179	87 626	100 074	226 880
	Year	41 556	90 938	98 633	231 127

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General overview

Table 30
Overview of all benefits

	Unemployment benefit recipients	<i>among which jobseekers</i>	<i>among which non-jobseekers</i>	Partial unemployment, related schemes and leaves	Part time workers	Employment and activation schemes	Special exemptions
2017 Q1	517 845	394 734	123 111	139 368	39 416	69 233	40 006
Q2	484 337	368 335	116 002	95 052	38 763	66 167	40 066
Q3	483 775	373 011	110 763	93 613	35 847	62 759	31 843
Q4	463 206	358 723	104 484	97 398	37 349	66 069	38 582
Year	487 291	373 701	113 590	106 358	37 844	66 057	37 624
2018 Q1	467 771	369 026	98 745	141 501	37 335	64 167	39 938
Q2	437 310	344 480	92 830	88 291	37 170	63 644	40 055
Q3	434 913	346 817	88 096	85 360	33 867	60 300	32 890
Q4	413 913	332 561	81 352	92 717	34 648	60 410	40 055
Year	438 477	348 221	90 256	101 967	35 755	62 130	38 235
2019 Q1	419 153	346 969	72 184	141 295	36 118	59 395	41 302
Q2	387 152	322 926	64 226	94 690	34 169	58 129	40 635
Q3	388 092	329 464	58 627	87 737	31 300	55 141	33 283
Q4	369 757	318 081	51 676	102 983	32 716	58 963	39 230
Year	391 038	329 360	61 678	106 676	33 576	57 907	38 612
2020 Q1	377 016	330 910	46 107	301 778	34 429	56 169	38 973
Q2	387 162	346 504	40 658	984 228	33 324	41 612	34 914
Q3	383 756	346 786	36 970	323 599	28 290	42 730	30 950
Q4	364 657	332 869	31 789	414 566	31 108	44 064	35 868
Year	378 148	339 267	38 881	506 043	31 788	46 144	35 176
2021 Q1	379 189	350 713	28 476	457 249	32 963	43 446	36 127
Q2	352 263	326 320	25 943	365 130	32 293	43 175	35 840
Q3	336 777	312 418	24 360	198 180	28 247	41 810	28 996
Q4	317 765	296 561	21 204	221 040	30 795	42 943	33 678
Year	346 498	321 503	24 996	310 400	31 075	42 843	33 660

Table 30 (continued)

	Interruption benefits	among which time- credit	among which career break	among which thematic leaves	Other	among which Single Statute	among which remainder	Total
2017 Q1	280 111	122 012	78 932	79 167	4 102	3 677	425	805 869
Q2	276 242	118 791	76 676	80 774	3 628	3 312	317	724 385
Q3	272 592	115 815	70 569	86 208	3 314	3 006	308	707 836
Q4	259 334	115 070	62 755	81 510	3 538	3 241	296	702 605
Year	272 070	117 922	72 233	81 915	3 646	3 309	336	735 174
2018 Q1	258 916	113 921	61 516	83 480	3 424	3 097	327	750 711
Q2	255 093	111 873	60 006	83 213	2 599	2 345	254	666 470
Q3	255 297	109 420	58 127	87 750	2 341	2 112	229	647 330
Q4	248 860	110 382	56 989	81 489	2 250	2 028	222	641 742
Year	254 541	111 399	59 160	83 983	2 654	2 396	258	676 563
2019 Q1	252 497	111 973	55 543	84 981	2 460	2 217	243	697 263
Q2	248 052	108 664	54 423	84 965	2 104	1 903	201	614 775
Q3	251 002	105 290	52 814	92 898	1 992	1 807	185	595 554
Q4	245 918	103 642	51 925	90 351	1 819	1 659	160	603 649
Year	249 367	107 392	53 676	88 299	2 094	1 897	197	627 810
2020 Q1	249 229	102 012	50 545	96 672	2 102	1 918	184	808 365
Q2	261 074	95 027	48 120	117 927	2 168	2 024	144	1 481 240
Q3	263 032	87 821	45 396	129 815	2 348	2 222	126	809 325
Q4	234 851	95 140	45 153	94 557	2 100	1 977	122	890 263
Year	252 046	95 000	47 303	109 743	2 179	2 035	144	997 298
2021 Q1	237 579	96 125	44 321	97 133	2 103	1 947	156	948 973
Q2	232 014	92 195	42 601	97 218	1 852	1 721	131	828 701
Q3	228 035	87 805	40 121	100 109	1 721	1 616	105	634 011
Q4	226 880	87 626	39 179	100 074	1 633	1 525	108	646 221
Year	231 127	90 938	41 556	98 633	1 827	1 702	125	764 477

International comparison

Table 31
Harmonized unemployment (in thousands)

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	18 706.9	15 873.4	382.0
	Q2	17 181.7	14 548.3	347.4
	Q3	16 575.6	14 106.8	361.9
	Q4	16 507.7	14 157.8	321.1
	Year	17 243.0	14 671.6	353.1
2018	Q1	16 723.4	14 413.6	306.7
	Q2	15 393.0	13 277.6	303.8
	Q3	14 694.3	12 604.8	299.7
	Q4	14 949.9	12 886.7	290.4
	Year	15 440.2	13 295.7	300.2
2019	Q1	15 295.3	13 140.5	283.6
	Q2	14 021.2	12 096.9	270.9
	Q3	13 789.4	11 896.5	273.4
	Q4	13 985.7	12 132.8	263.4
	Year	14 272.9	12 316.7	272.8
2020	Q1	14 268.4	12 252.3	257.7
	Q2	13 894.0	11 589.8	244.6
	Q3	16 097.2	13 747.7	331.3
	Q4	15 373.2	13 083.4	293.3
	Year	14 908.2	12 668.3	281.7
2021	Q1	16 240.0	13 583.0	336.8
	Q2	15 158.2	12 771.9	313.6
	Q3	14 285.0	12 131.9	342.4

Table 32
Harmonized unemployment rate

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	9.0	10.0	7.8
	Q2	8.2	9.1	7.1
	Q3	7.9	8.8	7.3
	Q4	7.9	8.8	6.4
	Year	8.3	9.2	7.1
2018	Q1	8.1	9.0	6.2
	Q2	7.4	8.3	6.1
	Q3	7.0	7.9	5.9
	Q4	7.2	8.0	5.8
	Year	7.4	8.3	6.0
2019	Q1	7.3	8.2	5.7
	Q2	6.7	7.5	5.4
	Q3	6.6	7.4	5.4
	Q4	6.7	7.5	5.2
	Year	6.8	7.7	5.4
2020	Q1	6.9	7.7	5.1
	Q2	6.8	7.4	4.9
	Q3	7.7	8.6	6.5
	Q4	7.4	8.2	5.8
	Year	7.2	8.0	5.6
2021	Q1	7.9	8.6	6.7
	Q2	7.3	8.0	6.2
	Q3	6.8	7.5	6.6

Chart 3
Harmonized unemployment rate

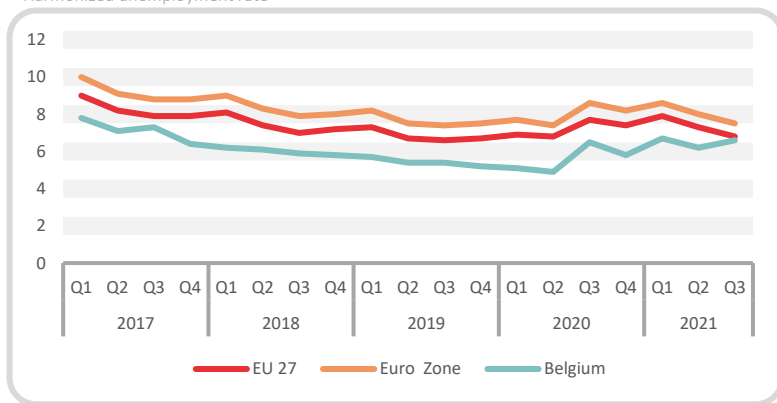


Table 33
Harmonized employment (in thousands)

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	188 330.1	143 045.7	4 520.0
	Q2	191 281.0	144 819.1	4 563.5
	Q3	192 759.0	146 145.6	4 601.9
	Q4	191 981.7	145 870.9	4 663.6
	Year	191 088.0	144 970.3	4 587.3
2018	Q1	190 845.4	145 004.6	4 658.1
	Q2	193 300.7	146 611.8	4 643.3
	Q3	194 662.8	147 783.7	4 737.6
	Q4	193 738.0	147 461.8	4 758.6
	Year	193 136.7	146 715.5	4 699.4
2019	Q1	192 896.2	146 851.0	4 709.2
	Q2	194 927.1	148 163.3	4 788.0
	Q3	195 748.5	148 774.3	4 805.9
	Q4	195 790.9	149 204.1	4 779.7
	Year	194 840.7	148 248.2	4 770.7
2020	Q1	192 950.8	146 855.5	4 765.8
	Q2	189 753.3	144 043.5	4 703.0
	Q3	191 964.7	145 701.1	4 762.6
	Q4	192 359.5	146 213.4	4 731.0
	Year	191 757.1	145 703.4	4 740.6
2021	Q1	188 679.2	143 598.4	4 661.9
	Q2	192 347.3	146 560.7	4 768.4
	Q3	195 348.8	149 129.5	4 872.8

Table 34
Harmonized employment rate

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	65.7	65.4	62.2
	Q2	66.8	66.3	62.8
	Q3	67.3	66.8	63.4
	Q4	67.1	66.8	64.1
	Year	66.7	66.4	63.1
2018	Q1	66.8	66.4	63.9
	Q2	67.7	67.3	63.7
	Q3	68.2	67.8	65.0
	Q4	67.9	67.6	65.2
	Year	67.7	67.3	64.5
2019	Q1	67.7	67.3	64.5
	Q2	68.5	68.0	65.6
	Q3	68.8	68.2	65.8
	Q4	68.6	68.3	65.3
	Year	68.4	68.0	65.3
2020	Q1	67.8	67.4	65.1
	Q2	66.8	66.1	64.2
	Q3	67.6	66.9	65.1
	Q4	67.8	67.1	64.5
	Year	67.5	66.9	64.7
2021	Q1	66.8	66.3	63.6
	Q2	68.1	67.7	65.0
	Q3	69.2	68.9	66.4

Chart 4
Harmonized employment rate

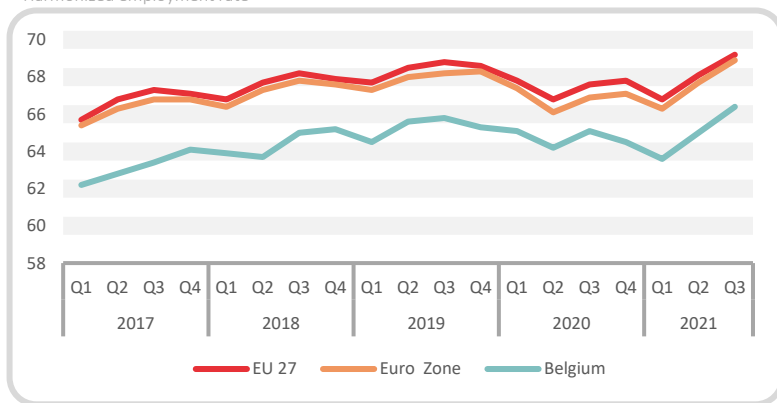


Table 35
Harmonized inactivity (in thousands)

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	79 783.7	59 676.5	2 364.7
	Q2	78 085.2	58 996.7	2 354.6
	Q3	77 275.3	58 456.1	2 296.9
	Q4	77 575.3	58 217.1	2 285.4
	Year	78 179.9	58 836.6	2 325.4
2018	Q1	78 232.0	58 807.5	2 320.7
	Q2	76 741.8	58 068.6	2 339.4
	Q3	76 043.6	57 736.2	2 245.9
	Q4	76 521.8	57 663.2	2 250.0
	Year	76 884.8	58 068.9	2 289.0
2019	Q1	76 865.2	58 090.4	2 308.1
	Q2	75 696.6	57 500.1	2 243.5
	Q3	75 165.1	57 336.3	2 222.2
	Q4	75 452.5	57 275.0	2 279.9
	Year	75 794.9	57 550.5	2 263.4
2020	Q1	77 182.6	58 807.6	2 299.0
	Q2	80 614.0	62 250.0	2 374.0
	Q3	75 921.4	58 336.0	2 227.1
	Q4	76 113.5	58 453.7	2 313.2
	Year	77 457.9	59 461.8	2 303.3
2021	Q1	77 637.1	59 543.3	2 334.9
	Q2	74 842.6	57 302.1	2 256.6
	Q3	72 469.9	55 310.6	2 127.3

Table 36
Harmonized inactivity rate

		EU 27	Euro Zone	Belgium
2017	Q1	27.8	27.3	32.5
	Q2	27.3	27.0	32.4
	Q3	27.0	26.7	31.6
	Q4	27.1	26.7	31.4
	Year	27.3	26.9	32.0
2018	Q1	27.4	26.9	31.9
	Q2	26.9	26.6	32.1
	Q3	26.6	26.5	30.8
	Q4	26.8	26.4	30.8
	Year	26.9	26.6	31.4
2019	Q1	27.0	26.6	31.6
	Q2	26.6	26.4	30.7
	Q3	26.4	26.3	30.4
	Q4	26.5	26.2	31.1
	Year	26.6	26.4	31.0
2020	Q1	27.1	27.0	31.4
	Q2	28.4	28.6	32.4
	Q3	26.7	26.8	30.4
	Q4	26.8	26.8	31.5
	Year	27.3	27.3	31.4
2021	Q1	27.5	27.5	31.8
	Q2	26.5	26.5	30.7
	Q3	25.7	25.5	29.0

Chart 5
Harmonized inactivity rate

