

Hours of work

Introduction

The measurements related to working time gives an overall picture of the time that the employed devote to work activities.

Use of the indicator

In recent years interest in working time issues has intensified. The number of hours worked has an impact on the health and well-being of workers. Some persons in developed and developing economies working full-time have expressed concern about their long working hours and its effects on their family and community life. Additionally, the number of hours worked has an impact on workers' productivity and on the labour costs of establishments. Measuring the level and trends in working time in a society, for different groups of persons and for individuals, is therefore important when monitoring working and living conditions as well as for analyzing economic and broader social developments.

Average usual hours of work per week 15+ (standard definition)

	2000/01			2006		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Paid employment	56	56	55	57	58	55
Self employed	53	57	48	53	58	47
Unpaid	36	39	35	38	41	35
Own farm	44	46	43	40	42	38

Average usual hours of work per week 15+ (national definition)

	2000/01			2006		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Paid employment	56	56	55	57	58	55
Self employed	56	59	52	55	59	49
Unpaid	37	41	34	38	41	36
Own farm	44	46	43	40	42	38

Average current hours of work per week 15+ (standard definition)

	2000/01			2006		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Paid employment	53	53	53	53	54	51
Self employed	45	48	41	47	52	40
Unpaid	29	32	27	29	31	27
Own farm	31	33	29	28	30	27

Average current hours of work per week 15+ (national definition)

	2000/01			2006		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Paid employment	53	53	53	53	54	51
Self employed	48	51	44	50	55	43
Unpaid	30	36	26	30	32	28
Own farm	32	35	30	30	31	28