

On the Labour Force Survey Results in the 4th Quarter of 2025 and in 2025

Employment growth resumed in the labour market in 2025

The latest employment indicators show that positive dynamics emerged in the labour market in 2025. After two years of decline, the number of employed persons returned to growth.

According to the Labour Force Survey data of the Central Statistical Bureau, in the 4th quarter of 2025 the number of employed persons increased by 1.8%, or 15.6 thousand, compared to the 4th quarter of 2024. On average in 2025, the number of employed persons increased by 0.6%, or 5.6 thousand, compared to 2024.

The increase in the number of employed persons in 2025 was largely

determined by the increase in economic activity in the economy. The most significant growth in employment was observed in trade, professional, scientific and technical services, manufacturing, as well as public services.

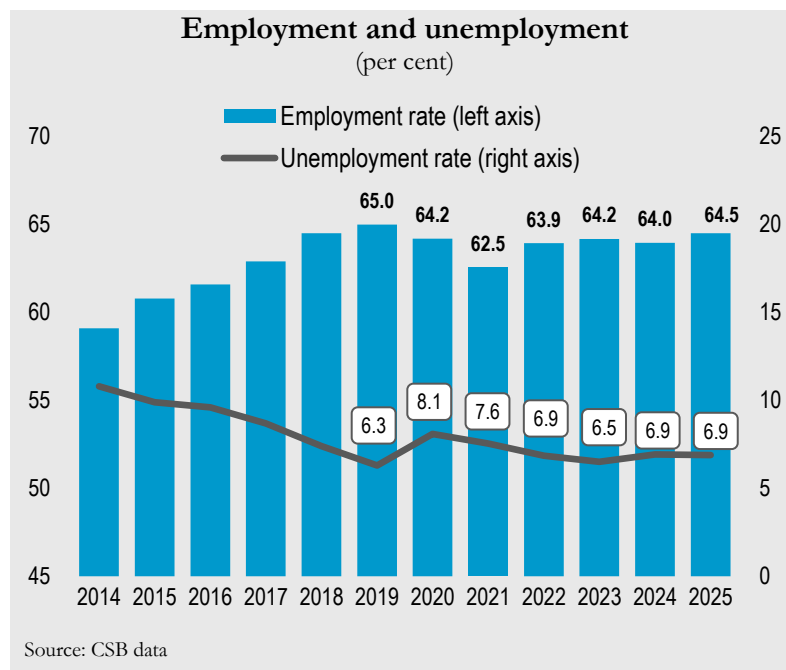
Overall, in the 4th quarter of 2025, 882.8 thousand inhabitants were employed, or 64.8% of all inhabitants aged 15–74. On average in 2025, the number of employed persons amounted to 883.1 thousand, while the employment rate was 64.5%, which is 0.5 percentage points higher than the average in 2024.

In the last quarter of 2025, the unemployment rate declined to 6.7%, which is 0.2 percentage points lower than in the 4th quarter of 2024 and in the 3rd quarter of 2025. In 2025, the unemployment rate remained at the 2024 level – 6.9%. In the 4th quarter of 2025, 63.8 thousand inhabitants aged 15–74 were seeking work, which is identical to the figure in the 4th quarter of 2024.

The dynamics of unemployment in 2025 were largely influenced by the increase in the economic activity of the population. The economic activity rate of the population increased to 69.4% in the 4th quarter of 2025, which is 1.4 percentage points higher than in the 4th quarter of 2024 (68.0%). In the 4th quarter of 2025, the number of economically active inhabitants aged 15–74 amounted to 946.4 thousand, which is 15.6 thousand more than in the 4th quarter of 2024, marking a significant increase in activity in 2025.

The labour market still faces several structural challenges. A high share of long-term unemployed remains – approximately one third of unemployed persons had been seeking work for more than 12 months. At the same time, labour supply is constrained by skills mismatch and pronounced regional imbalances, as well as by adverse demographic trends – in 2025, the number of inhabitants aged 15–74 decreased by 12.5 thousand compared to 2024.

Overall, the economy will continue to grow, and accordingly a gradual increase in labour demand is expected. **It is projected that the number of employed persons in 2026 could increase by around**



0.4%, or approximately 4 thousand, compared to 2025, while the unemployment rate could decline to 5.9%.