In the first quarter of 2019, the employment rate for the working age population (15-64 years) was 64.2%, decreasing as against the one recorded during the previous quarter by 0.3 percentage points.

- In the first quarter of 2019, the employment rate¹ for the population aged 20-64 years was 69.2%, at a distance of 0.8 percentage points of the national target of 70% established in the context of the Strategy Europe 2020.
- In the first quarter of 2019, the economically active population of Romania was 8852 thousand persons, out of which 8488 thousand were employed persons and 364 thousand unemployed persons.

Population categories in the first quarter of 2019

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- Economically active population (8852)
- Employment* (8488)
- Employees* (6480)
- Unemployed*** (364)
- Other categories ** (2008)

* Including military staff and assimilated and the persons working in underground economy.
** Other categories: employers, self-employed persons, contributing family worker, members of agricultural holdings or non agricultural co-operatives.
*** According to the standards of International Labour Office (ILO).

In the first quarter of 2019, the employment rate for the working age population (15-64 years) was 64.2%, decreasing as against the one recorded during the previous quarter by 0.3 percentage points. The employment rate was higher for men (72.4% as against 55.7% for women) and for residents in the urban area (65.8% as against 62.1% in rural area).

The employment rate for youth (15-24 years) was 23.0%.
Unemployment rate\(^2\) in the first quarter of 2019 was 4.1%, the same value as the one recorded for the previous quarter.

By sex, the gap between the two unemployment rates was 1.1 percentage points (4.6% for men as against 3.5% for women), while by residential areas it was 0.7 percentage points (4.5% for rural area, as against 3.8% for urban area).

By age groups, the unemployment rate reached the highest level (15.6%) among young persons (15-24 years).

Additional information:

1. The employment rate represents the weight of employment from the age group \(x\) in total population belonging to the same age group \(x\).
2. The unemployment rate represents the weight of unemployed persons in total economically active population.

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the Methodological explanations.

The main indicators of labor force participation of the population are shown in Annex.

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**Evolution of employment rate for population aged 15 years and over, by age groups**

**Unemployment rate by age groups, sex and area, in the first quarter of 2019**