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- In the second quarter of 2019, the employment rate for the population aged 20-64 years was 71.6%, 1.6 percentage points over the national target of 70% established in the context of the Strategy Europe 2020.
- In the second quarter of 2019, the economically active population of Romania was 9159 thousand persons, out of which 8814 thousand were employed persons and 345 thousand unemployed persons.

In the second quarter of 2019, the employment rate for the working age population (15-64 years) was 66.4%, increasing as against the one recorded during the previous quarter by 2.2 percentage points. The employment rate was higher for men (75.1% as against 57.5% for women) and for residents in the urban area (67.1% as against 65.6% in rural area).

The employment rate for youth (15-24 years) was 25.6%.
Unemployment rate\(^2\) in the second quarter of 2019 was 3.8%, decreasing with 0.3 percentage points as compared with the one recorded for the previous quarter.

By sex, the gap between the two unemployment rates was 0.8 percentage points (4.1% for men as against 3.3% for women), while by residential areas it was 0.7 percentage points (4.1% for rural area, as against 3.4% for urban area).

By age groups, the unemployment rate reached the highest level (15.0%) 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.

The next press release about the data for the Q III 2019 is to be issued on Friday, the 20\(^{th}\) of December, 2019.


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