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Labour Force Survey

Quarter 2 2020 Results

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Section 1:

Introduction

COVID-19 and the Labour Force Survey

- Updated Information Note published on 24 August 2020 – please see link
<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/in/lfs/informationnote-implicationsofcovid-19onthelabourforcesurvey-quarter22020update/>
- COVID-19 continues to have a very significant impact on data collection for the LFS – all interviews carried out by telephone
- Q2 2020 results today adhere to the standard International Labour Organisation (ILO) criteria for calculating labour market estimates



COVID-19 Adjusted Unemployment Estimates

- COVID-19 Adjusted Unemployment rates and volumes have been published as part of the Monthly Unemployment Estimates release since March 2020
- Can be considered as the upper bound for Unemployment
- The latest COVID-18 Adjusted Estimates of Unemployment were published on 05 August for July 2020



COVID-19 Adjusted Employment Estimates

- COVID-19 Adjusted Employment Estimates were first published in the LFS in Q1 2020
- Can be considered as the lower bound for Employment
- COVID-19 Adjusted Estimates of Employment volumes for persons 15 years and over and corresponding Employment Rates for persons aged 15-64 are included in the LFS today for the end of June 2020 and the end of July 2020



Labour Market Insight Series

- First of a series of bulletin style releases being published today – see <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/br/b-lfs/labourmarketinsightseries1q22020/>
- Designed to provide high-level supplementary analysis to users alongside the current outputs and metrics.
- Data is sourced from the LFS and administrative datasets
- Today's bulletin is specifically designed to give some context to the standard LFS results for Q2 2020.
- Further iterations of this new output are likely to provide extra detail and focus on specific aspects of the Labour Market.



ILO classification in the LFS

- **Employment**
 - Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who were away from work during the reference week but had a job to which they could return to.



ILO classification in the LFS

- **Unemployment**

- Persons who in the week before the survey, were
 - without work
 - available for work within the next two weeks
 - had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks to find work



ILO classification and LFS

- **Inactive**
 - All other persons



Persons away from work due to temporary lay-off

- Specific rules apply, depending on degree of attachment to job
- **Employed if**
 - Period of absence not expected to be more than 3 months
 - If period of absence expected to be more than 3 months and continues to receive at least 50% of wage/salary from employer



Persons away from work due to temporary lay-off

- **Unemployed if**
 - Expected period of absence is more than 3 months or unknown and continues to receive less than half of wage/salary from employer
 - Active steps taken in previous four weeks to find work and is available for work within the next 2 weeks
- **Otherwise Inactive**





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Section 2:

Headline Statistics



LFS Q2 2020 headline estimates

Indicator	Standard LFS	COVID-19 Adjusted
	Methodology (ILO) Q2 2020	Estimates June 2020 (end of Q2 2020)
Employed persons aged 15 years and over	2,222,500	1,783,567
Employment rate for those aged 15-64 years	65.7%	52.2%



LFS Q2 2020 headline estimates

Indicator	Standard LFS	COVID-19 Adjusted
	Methodology (ILO) Q2 2020	Estimates June 2020 (end of Q2 2020)
Unemployed persons aged 15-74 years	118,700	531,412
Unemployment rate for those aged 15-74 years	5.1%	23.1%



LFS Q2 2020 headline estimates

Indicator	Standard LFS	COVID-19 Adjusted
	Methodology (ILO) Q2 2020	Estimates June 2020 (end of Q2 2020)
In labour force	2,341,200	
Participation rate	58.9%	-
Not in labour force	1,632,600	-



Labour Market Estimates – ILO criteria

- Many of those who were away from work during the reference week or permanently laid-off were either still classified as employed or fail to meet the criteria for being classified as unemployed and thus defaulted to as inactive.



Persons away from work during reference week but had job to return to

- Expected to return to work within three months or were paid at least half their wage/salary
- Classified as EMPLOYED



Q2 2020 ILO status of persons who lost their job in 2020

Unemployed	5.0%
Inactive	95.0%
<i>of which,</i>	
Seeking work but not immediately available	0.4%
Available for work but not seeking work	72.8%
Wants job, neither available nor seeking work	5.0%
Does not want job	21.4%
Persons aged 75 or over	0.4%



ILO Status of PUP/TWSS Recipients

Percentage of persons aged 15 years and over and in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) or the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) and all persons in Q2 2020 classified by ILO status , LFS Q2 2020

	PUP recipients in Q2 2020	TWSS recipients in Q2 2020	All persons aged 15 years and over
	%	%	%
Employed	71.7	92.6	55.9
Unemployed	4.4	0.8	3.0
Inactive	23.9	6.6	41.1





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Section 3: Employment



Employment and hours worked

Number of persons in employment (ILO), number of persons 'Away' from work and Actual Hours worked per week (in millions) in Q2 2019 and Q2 2020

	Q2 2019	Q2 2020	Annual Change
Employment	2,300,000	2,222,500	-77,600 (-3.4%)
'Away' from work (not working)	146,600	552,300	+405,700 (+276.7%)
Actual Hours (millions)	76.0	59.2	-16.8 (-22.1%)



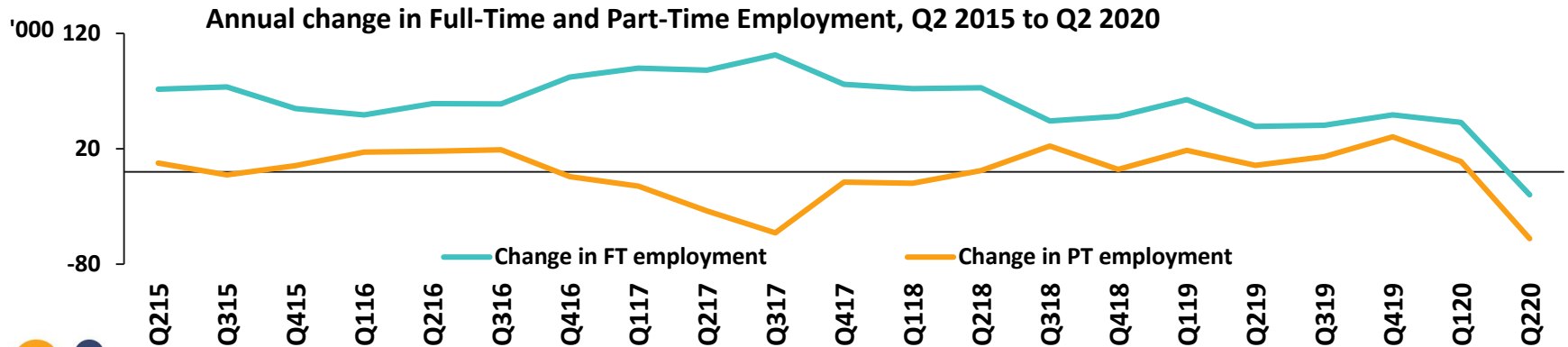
Unadjusted Employment by gender

	Q2 2020	Annual change
Males	1,206,100	-35,800 (-2.9%)
Females	1,016,300	-41,700 (-3.9%)



Annual change in full-time/part-time employment

- In Q2 2020:
 - Full-time : -19,800 (-1.1%)
 - Part-time: -57,800 (-12.5%)
- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employment in main job up 18,700 (+0.9%) between Q2 2019 and Q2 2020



Part-time underemployment

Indicator	Q2 2020	Annual change
Part-time underemployment	107,400	-5,600 (-4.9%)

- Part-time underemployment accounted for 26.6% of part-time employment in Q2 2020.



Employment by sector

- Decreases in 7 sectors
- Largest rates of annual decrease
 - *Accommodation and Food Services Sector (-29.6% or -53,600)*
 - *Other NACE Activities sector (-19.1% or -22,900)*
 - *Administration and Support sector (-17.2% or -18,800)*
 - *Construction sector (-12.1% or -17,800)*
- Largest rates of annual increase:
 - *Financial, Insurance & Real Estate Activities sector (+17.1% or +19,300)*
 - *Information and Communication sector (+14.7% or +17,300)*



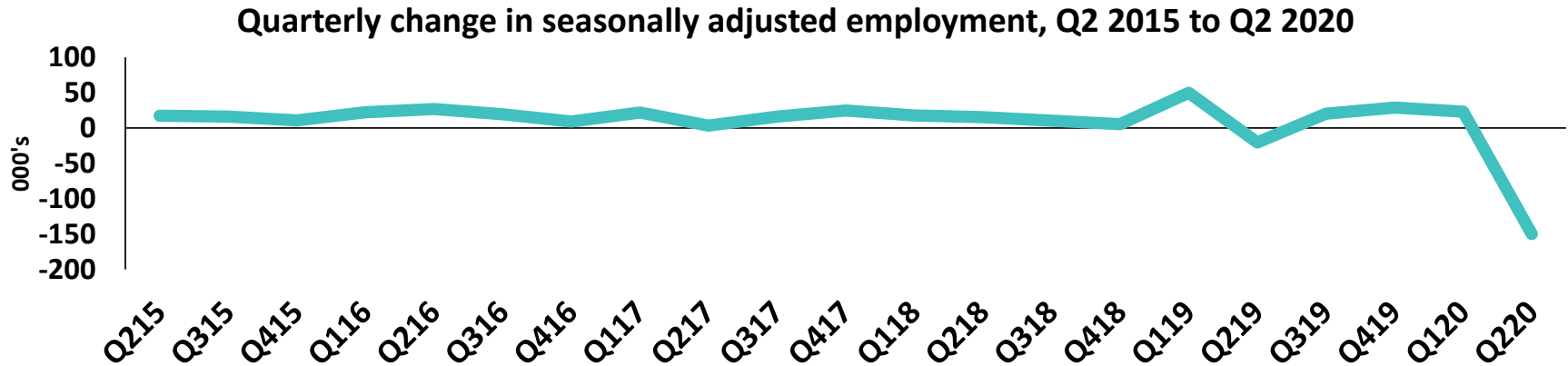
Employment status

Indicator	Q2 2020	Annual change
Self employed	308,500	-9,400 (-2.9%)
Employees	1,898,500	-70,900 (-3.6%)



Employment – Seasonally adjusted

- Seasonally adjusted employment was 2,222,500 in Q2 2020, down -6.3% or -149,800 from previous quarter





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Section 4: Unemployment



Unemployment - unadjusted

- 118,700 persons unemployed in Q2 2020
- Unemployment down -9.2% or -12,000 over the year
- Unemployment rate down from 5.4% to 5.1% over the year



Unemployment by gender

Gender	Indicator	Q2 2020	Annual change
Males	Unemployed	64,800	-8,200 (-11.3%)
	Rate	5.1%	-0.4 percentage points
Females	Unemployed	54,000	-3,800 (-6.6%)
	Rate	5.1%	-0.1 percentage points



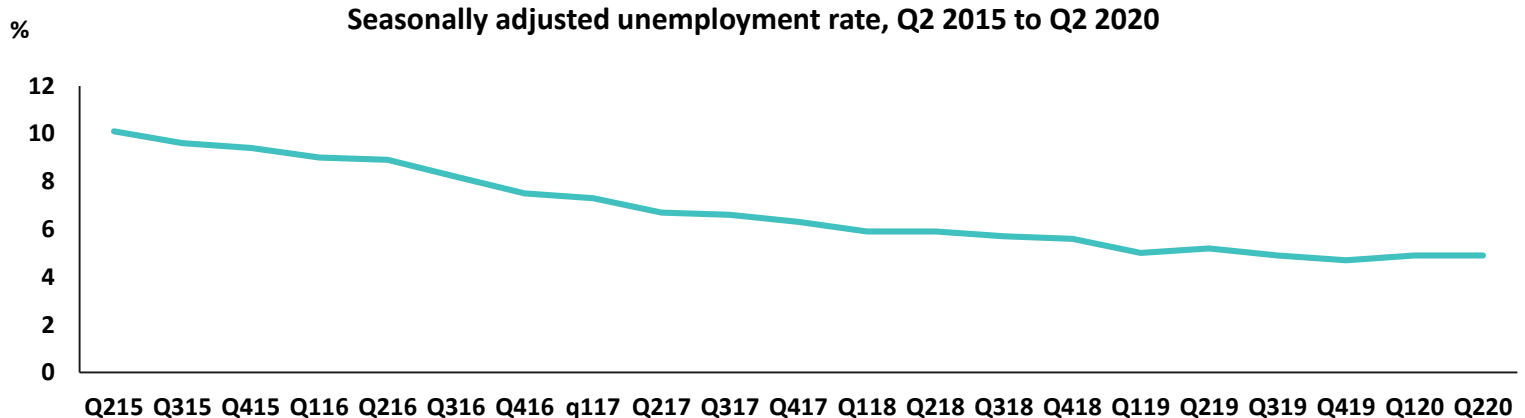
Unemployment - duration

- Long-term unemployment rate down from 1.7% to 1.1% over the year
- Total number of persons classified as long-term unemployed is now 25,700 – down 15,200 (-37.1%) from Q2 2019
- Long-term unemployment as proportion of all unemployed now 21.6%.



Unemployment - seasonally adjusted

- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.9% over the quarter
- The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed is down by 8,000 (-6.6%) from 121,900 to 113,900.





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Section 5: Labour Force



Labour Force

- **Unadjusted**

- Decrease of -3.7% (-89,600) to 2,341,200 in year to Q2 2020
- Participation decreased from 62.1% to 58.9% over the year
- Demographic effect +26,600
- Participation effect -116,200

- **Seasonally Adjusted**

- Decrease of 131,700 or 5.3% over the quarter to just over 2345,000 in Q2 2020.





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Section 6: Forthcoming releases and Summary



Forthcoming releases

- Monthly Unemployment Estimates (August 2020) – 1 September 2020
- Live Register (August 2020) – 3 September 2020
- EHECS Q2 2020 – 8 September 2020
- LFS Households and Family Units Series Q2 2020 – October 2020
- LFS Q3 2020 – 17 November 2020
- Insights Series – further topics and release dates to be confirmed



In summary....

- Results for Q2 2020 compiled according to ILO definitions and concepts
- The ILO methodology does not fully capture the effects of COVID-19 on the Labour Market. However the supplementary estimates presented today give additional insight
- While today's results show that employment fell by 3.4% in the year to Q2 2020, the number of employed persons who were *Away* from work when interviewed had increased by 405,700 or 276.7% over the year. This led to a fall of 16.8 million or 22.1% in the number of *Actual Hours* worked in Q2 2020.



- **Any questions?**





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Thank You.