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EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY IN 1978

According to estimates made by the national statistical services, the civilian working population of the Community rose to 108.2 million in 1978. During the last five years, this working population increased by 2.2% although the total population grew only marginally (+ 0.7%).

The activity rate (working population as a percentage of the total population) has, as a result, risen from 41.2% in 1974 to 41.7% in 1978. It is noteworthy that this rate is declining for men while the female participation in working life continues to increase (28.6% in 1974, 30.6% in 1978).

In spite of a continuing high level of unemployment, civilian employment increased by 0.4% in 1978, as in the previous year. This increase was greater for female employment (+ 0.7%) than for male employment (+ 0.2%). Such divergences in the trend of employment between the sexes can be noticed also in previous years; in 1975, male employment in the Community fell by 1.6% while female employment fell by only 0.6%. In 1977, male employment was still in decline but this was more than offset by the continuing increase in female employment.

In 1978, agriculture represented 8% of civilian employment in the Community, industry 39% and services almost 53%. Moreover, the service sector has been growing continuously during the last five years, whereas employment in industry and agriculture declined by almost 4% in 1975.

Tables 1974 - 1978:

- 1 - Population and working population
- 2 - Civilian employment trends
- 3 - Structure of civilian employment



POPULATION AND WORKING POPULATION

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9
					1000						
<b>Total population</b>	1974	62 054	52 460	55 413	13 545	9 772	358	56 010	3 090	5 045	257 747
<b>Males and females</b>	1975	61 829	52 705	55 830	13 666	9 801	359	55 981	3 127	5 060	258 358
	1976	61 531	52 892	56 168	13 774	9 818	358	55 959	3 162	5 073	258 735
	1977	61 400	53 078	56 461	13 856	9 830	358	55 919	3 192	5 089	259 183
	1978	61 310	53 302	56 697	13 937	9 841	358	55 889	3 221	5 104	259 659
<b>Males</b>	1974	29 669	25 699	27 104	6 747	4 783	178	27 274	1 550	2 501	125 505
	1975	29 499	25 819	27 305	6 804	4 799	178	27 273	1 568	2 506	125 751
	1976	29 316	25 910	27 465	6 854	4 807	177	27 268	1 585	2 510	125 892
	1977	29 244	26 001	27 602	6 889	4 811	177	27 249	1 599	2 517	126 089
	1978	29 201	26 102	27 713	6 924	4 816	177	27 235	1 614	2 523	126 305
<b>Females</b>	1974	32 385	26 761	28 309	6 798	4 989	180	28 736	1 540	2 544	132 242
	1975	32 330	26 886	28 525	6 862	5 002	181	28 708	1 559	2 554	132 607
	1976	32 215	26 982	28 703	6 920	5 011	181	28 691	1 577	2 563	132 843
	1977	32 156	27 077	28 859	6 967	5 019	181	28 670	1 593	2 572	133 094
	1978	32 109	27 200	28 984	7 013	5 025	181	28 654	1 607	2 581	133 354
					1000						
<b>Civilian working population</b>	1974	26 270	21 574	20 522	4 840	3 895	153.3	25 257	1 119	2 444	106 074
<b>Males and females</b>	1975	25 872	21 593	20 759	4 889	3 915	152.5	25 459	1 128	2 453	106 221
	1976	25 616	21 784	21 079	4 935	3 942	151.4	25 762	1 128	2 499	106 896
	1977	25 541	22 027	21 392	4 990	3 968	151.1	25 997	1 130	2 544	107 740
	1978	25 672	22 089	21 503	5 049	3 989	150.8	26 042	1 133	2 589	108 217
<b>Males</b>	1974	16 385	13 462	14 372	3 500	2 542	110.2*	15 670	814*	1 430	68 285
	1975	16 054	13 395	14 459	3 505	2 540	108.4*	15 754	816*	1 430	68 061
	1976	15 846	13 423	14 492	3 524	2 535	107.3*	15 915	813*	1 449	68 104
	1977	15 735	13 468	14 449	3 535	2 526	105.8*	15 941	811*	1 455	68 026
	1978	15 812	13 476	14 507	3 548	2 517	105.6*	15 891	810*	1 465	68 132
<b>Females</b>	1974	9 885	8 112	6 150	1 340	1 353	43.1*	9 587	305*	1 014	37 789
	1975	9 818	8 198	6 300	1 384	1 375	44.1*	9 705	312*	1 023	38 159
	1976	9 770	8 361	6 587	1 411	1 407	44.1*	9 847	315*	1 050	38 792
	1977	9 806	8 559	6 943	1 455	1 442	45.3*	10 056	319*	1 089	39 714
	1978	9 860	8 613	6 996	1 501	1 472	45.2*	10 151	323*	1 124	40 085
					%						
<b>Activity rates</b>	1974	42.3	41.1	37.0	35.7	39.9	42.8	45.1	36.2	48.4	41.2
<b>Males and females</b>	1975	41.8	41.0	37.2	35.8	39.9	42.5	45.5	36.1	48.5	41.1
	1976	41.6	41.2	37.5	35.8	40.2	42.3	46.0	35.7	49.3	41.3
	1977	41.6	41.5	37.9	36.0	40.4	42.2	46.5	35.4	50.0	41.6
	1978	41.9	41.4	37.9	36.2	40.5	42.1	46.6	35.2	50.7	41.7
<b>Males</b>	1974	55.2	52.4	53.0	51.9	53.1	61.9*	57.5	52.5*	57.2	54.4
	1975	54.4	51.9	53.0	51.5	52.9	60.9*	57.8	52.0*	57.1	54.1
	1976	54.1	51.8	52.8	51.4	52.7	60.6*	58.4	51.3*	57.7	54.1
	1977	53.8	51.8	52.3	51.3	52.5	59.8*	58.5	50.7*	57.8	54.0
	1978	54.1	51.6	52.3	51.2	52.3	59.7*	58.3	50.2*	58.1	53.9
<b>Females</b>	1974	30.5	30.3	21.7	19.7	27.1	23.9*	33.4	19.8*	39.9	28.6
	1975	30.4	30.5	22.1	20.2	27.5	24.4*	33.8	20.0*	40.1	28.8
	1976	30.3	31.0	22.9	20.4	28.1	24.4*	34.3	20.0*	41.0	29.2
	1977	30.5	31.6	24.1	20.9	28.7	25.0*	35.1	20.0*	42.3	29.8
	1978	30.7	31.7	24.1	21.4	29.3	25.0*	35.4	20.1*	43.5	30.1



CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9		
					1000								
Civilian employment													
Male: and females	1974	25 688	20 959	19 409	4 578	3 801	153.2	24 715	1 055	2 355	102 713		
	1975	24 798	20 691	19 529	4 552	3 747	152.2	24 593	1 038	2 332	101 432		
	1976	24 556	20 790	19 653	4 547	3 718	150.8	24 430	1 020	2 392	101 257		
	1977	24 511	20 922	19 849	4 560	3 711	150.3	24 547	1 022	2 414	101 686		
	1978	24 679	20 921	19 932	4 569	3 711	149.6	24 596	1 033	2 459	102 050		
Males	1974	16 061	13 225	13 848	:	2 497	:	15 210	:	1 378	66 446*		
	1975	15 432	13 006	13 901	:	2 459	:	15 046	:	1 361	65 385*		
	1976	15 280	13 020	13 868	:	2 439	:	14 906	:	1 392	65 057*		
	1977	15 217	13 017	13 777	:	2 424	:	14 890	:	1 392	64 870*		
	1978	15 323	12 980	13 816	:	2 409	:	14 868	:	1 403	64 972*		
Females	1974	9 627	7 734	5 561	:	1 304	:	9 505	:	977	36 267*		
	1975	9 366	7 685	5 628	:	1 288	:	9 547	:	971	36 047*		
	1976	9 276	7 770	5 785	:	1 279	:	9 524	:	1 000	36 200*		
	1977	9 294	7 905	6 072	:	1 287	:	9 657	:	1 022	36 816*		
	1978	9 356	7 941	6 116	:	1 302	:	9 728	:	1 056	37 078*		
Agriculture	1974	1 882	2 221	3 412	304	140	9.7	681	254	227	9 131		
	1975	1 823	2 104	3 274	299	136	9.3	664	252	228	8 789		
	1976	1 743	2 037	3 244	295	128	8.9	660	242	223	8 581		
	1977	1 655	1 973	3 149	289	123	8.6	658	235	218	8 309		
	1978	1 608	1 907	3 090	284	118	8.4	654	229	216	8 114		
Industry	1974	12 158	8 298	7 639	1 629	1 565	72.2	10 460	331	760	42 912		
	1975	11 408	8 025	7 669	1 573	1 494	70.1	10 016	315	734	41 304		
	1976	11 190	7 948	7 566	1 530	1 449	68.1	9 763	304	749	40 567		
	1977	11 103	7 906	7 666	1 508	1 407	66.3	9 817	310	735	40 518		
	1978	11 124	7 764	7 633	1 485	1 361	65.1	9 768	319	746	40 265		
Services	1974	11 648	10 440	8 358	2 645	2 096	71.3	13 574	470	1 368	50 670		
	1975	11 567	10 561	8 586	2 680	2 117	72.8	13 913	471	1 370	51 338		
	1976	11 623	10 805	8 843	2 722	2 141	73.8	14 007	474	1 420	52 109		
	1977	11 753	11 043	9 034	2 763	2 181	75.4	14 072	477	1 461	52 859		
	1978	11 947	11 250	9 209	2 800	2 232	76.1	14 174	485	1 497	53 670		
					Annual changes (%)								
Civilian employment													
Males and females	1974	-2.0	0.7	2.2	0.0	1.5	3.3	0.4	0.8	-1.3	0.2		
	1975	-3.5	-1.3	0.6	-0.6	-1.4	-0.7	-0.5	-1.6	-1.0	-1.2		
	1976	-1.0	0.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-1.7	2.6	-0.2		
	1977	-0.2	0.6	1.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4		
	1978	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.2	1.1	1.9	0.4		
Males	1974	-2.5	0.4	1.5	:	1.0	:	-0.9	:	-1.9	-0.4*		
	1975	-3.9	-1.7	0.4	:	-1.5	:	-1.1	:	-1.2	-1.6*		
	1976	-1.0	0.1	-0.2	:	-0.8	:	-0.9	:	2.3	-0.5		
	1977	-0.4	0.0	-0.7	:	-0.6	:	-0.1	:	0.0	-0.3*		
	1978	0.7	-0.3	0.3	:	-0.6	:	-0.1	:	0.8	0.2*		
Females	1974	-1.1	1.2	4.0	:	2.4	:	2.6	:	-0.4	1.3*		
	1975	-2.7	-0.6	1.2	:	-1.2	:	0.4	:	-0.6	-0.6*		
	1976	-1.0	1.1	2.8	:	-0.7	:	-0.2	:	3.0	0.4*		
	1977	0.2	1.7	5.0	:	0.6	:	1.4	:	2.2	1.7*		
	1978	0.7	0.5	0.7	:	1.2	:	0.7	:	3.3	0.7*		
Agriculture	1974	-3.7	-6.0	-2.2	-1.6	-2.8	-4.9	-4.5	-2.3	0.0	-3.6		
	1975	-3.1	-5.3	-4.0	-1.6	-2.9	-4.1	-2.5	-0.8	0.4	-3.7		
	1976	-4.4	-3.2	-0.9	-1.3	-5.9	-4.3	-0.6	-4.0	-2.2	-2.4		
	1977	-5.0	-3.1	-2.9	-2.0	-3.9	-3.4	-0.3	-2.9	-2.2	-3.2		
	1978	-2.8	-3.3	-1.9	-1.7	-4.1	-2.3	-0.6	-2.6	-0.9	-2.3		
Industry	1974	-2.3	0.4	2.3	-1.7	0.7	4.9	-0.2	2.2	-5.7	-0.4		
	1975	-6.2	-3.3	0.4	-3.4	-4.5	-2.9	-4.2	-4.8	-3.4	-3.7		
	1976	-1.9	-1.0	-1.3	-2.7	-3.0	-2.9	-2.5	-3.5	2.0	-1.8		
	1977	-0.8	-0.5	1.3	-1.4	-2.9	-2.6	0.6	2.0	-1.9	-0.1		
	1978	0.2	-1.8	-0.4	-1.5	-3.3	-1.8	-0.5	2.9	1.5	-0.6		
Services	1974	-1.3	2.5	4.1	1.4	2.3	2.9	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.4		
	1975	-0.7	1.2	2.7	1.3	1.0	2.1	2.5	0.2	0.1	1.3		
	1976	0.5	2.3	3.0	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.6	3.6	1.5		
	1977	1.1	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.9	2.2	0.5	0.6	2.9	1.4		
	1978	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.3	2.3	0.9	0.7	1.7	2.5	1.5		



## STRUCTURE OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

		BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	EUR 9	
Females as part of the civilian employment	1974	37.5	36.9	28.7	:	34.3	27.9	38.5	27.9	41.5	35.3*	
	1975	37.8	37.1	28.8	:	34.4	28.5	38.8	28.4	41.6	35.5*	
	1976	37.8	37.4	29.4	:	34.4	29.1	39.0	28.6	41.8	35.8*	
	1977	37.9	37.8	30.6	:	34.7	30.0	39.3	28.9	42.3	36.2*	
	1978	37.9	38.0	30.7	:	35.1	30.0	39.6	29.0	42.9	36.3*	
Civilian employment by sector of activity:												
	Agriculture	1974	7.3	10.6	17.6	6.6	3.7	6.3	2.8	24.1	9.6	8.9
		1975	7.4	10.2	16.8	6.6	3.6	6.1	2.7	24.3	9.8	8.7
		1976	7.1	9.8	16.5	6.5	3.4	5.9	2.7	23.7	9.3	8.5
		1977	6.8	9.4	15.9	6.3	3.3	5.7	2.7	23.0	9.0	8.2
	1978	6.5	9.1	15.5	6.2	3.2	5.6	2.7	22.2	8.8	8.0	
Industry	1974	47.3	39.6	39.4	35.6	41.2	47.1	42.3	31.4	32.3	41.8	
	1975	46.0	38.8	39.3	34.6	39.9	46.1	40.7	30.3	31.5	40.7	
	1976	45.6	38.2	38.5	33.6	39.0	45.2	40.0	29.8	31.3	40.1	
	1977	45.3	37.8	38.6	33.1	37.9	44.1	40.0	30.3	30.4	39.8	
	1978	45.1	37.1	38.3	32.5	36.7	43.5	39.7	30.9	30.3	39.5	
Services	1974	45.3	49.8	43.1	57.8	55.1	46.5	54.9	44.5	58.1	49.3	
	1975	46.6	51.0	44.0	58.9	56.5	47.8	56.6	45.4	58.8	50.6	
	1976	47.3	52.0	45.0	59.9	57.6	48.9	57.3	46.5	59.4	51.5	
	1977	47.9	52.8	45.5	60.6	58.8	50.2	57.3	46.7	60.5	52.0	
	1978	48.4	53.8	46.2	61.3	60.1	50.9	57.6	47.0	60.9	52.6	
Employees as part of civilian employment:												
	Total civilian employ- ment	1974	84.2	81.4	69.8	84.4	83.3	85.1	92.2	71.3	81.8	82.6
		1975	84.1	81.8	70.4	84.6	83.2	85.4	92.3	70.8	81.4	82.8
		1976	84.5	82.1	70.7	85.0	83.2	85.5	92.3	70.9	82.1	83.0
		1977	84.9	82.4	71.3	85.5	83.3	85.8	92.3	71.3	82.5	83.3
	1978	85.3	82.6	70.9	85.7	83.3	85.8	92.3	72.2	83.1	83.4	
Employment in agri- culture	1974	13.1	20.4	36.2	23.4	9.3	8.2	60.9	12.2	20.7	27.5	
	1975	13.3	20.4	36.0	23.4	9.6	8.6	59.8	11.9	23.2	27.5	
	1976	13.9	20.1	36.9	23.7	10.2	9.0	59.7	12.0	23.8	28.1	
	1977	14.7	19.8	37.7	24.2	10.6	9.3	59.4	11.1	23.9	28.6	
	1978	15.4	19.3	36.6	24.6	10.2	9.5	59.2	10.9	24.1	28.3	
Employment in industry	1974	93.6	93.0	86.6	93.2	93.0	95.8	94.6	93.4	88.7	92.4	
	1975	93.3	92.9	86.4	93.3	92.8	95.9	94.9	92.4	87.6	92.2	
	1976	94.0	92.9	86.4	93.4	92.6	95.7	94.8	91.5	88.5	92.4	
	1977	93.9	92.8	86.1	93.5	92.4	95.8	94.8	91.6	88.2	92.3	
	1978	94.1	92.6	85.6	93.4	92.1	95.7	94.8	91.9	88.2	92.2	
Employment in services	1974	85.9	85.2	68.2	86.0	81.0	84.7	91.9	87.7	88.1	84.3	
	1975	86.2	85.5	69.2	86.4	81.2	85.2	92.0	87.9	87.8	84.7	
	1976	86.0	85.9	69.7	86.8	81.3	85.4	92.1	87.8	88.0	84.8	
	1977	86.3	86.2	70.4	87.5	81.5	85.7	92.1	87.8	88.4	85.0	
	1978	86.6	86.4	70.2	87.8	81.7	85.8	92.2	88.3	89.0	85.2	
Total of employees:						1000						
	Agriculture	1974	21 625	17 067	13 553	3 863	3 167	130.4	22 790	752	1 926	84 873
		1975	20 861	16 915	13 750	3 852	3 117	130.0	22 707	735	1 899	83 966
		1976	20 756	17 070	13 898	3 863	3 095	129.0	22 545	723	1 965	84 044
		1977	20 814	17 242	14 147	3 897	3 091	128.9	22 661	729	1 991	84 701
	1978	21 054	17 274	14 136	3 916	3 090	128.4	22 710	746	2 043	85 097	
Industry	1974	247	454	1 235	71	13	0.8	415	31	47	2 514	
	1975	243	430	1 179	70	13	0.8	397	30	53	2 416	
	1976	242	410	1 198	70	13	0.8	394	29	53	2 410	
	1977	244	390	1 186	70	13	0.8	391	26	52	2 373	
	1978	248	368	1 132	70	12	0.8	387	25	52	2 295	
Services	1974	11 378	7 714	6 618	1 518	1 456	69.2	9 898	309	674	39 634	
	1975	10 644	7 453	6 627	1 467	1 386	67.2	9 509	291	643	38 087	
	1976	10 521	7 382	6 534	1 429	1 342	65.2	9 256	278	663	37 470	
	1977	10 430	7 336	6 602	1 410	1 300	63.5	9 310	284	648	37 384	
	1978	10 465	7 187	6 537	1 387	1 254	62.3	9 261	293	658	37 104	
	1974	10 000	8 899	5 700	2 274	1 698	60.4	12 477	412	1 205	42 725	
	1975	9 974	9 032	5 944	2 315	1 718	62.0	12 801	414	1 203	43 463	
	1976	9 993	9 278	6 166	2 364	1 740	63.0	12 895	416	1 249	44 164	
	1977	10 140	9 516	6 359	2 417	1 778	64.6	12 960	419	1 291	44 945	
	1978	10 341	9 719	6 467	2 459	1 824	65.3	13 062	428	1 333	45 698	

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