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Labour market 2018: more full-time employees; fewer unemployed than in 2017

Vienna, 2019-03-20 – 4.319 million people were employed in 2018, according to the Labour Force Survey carried out by Statistics Austria. Compared to 2017 (4.261 million), the number of **employees** increased by 67 400, while the number of **self-employed people** remained fairly stable and **unpaid family workers** decreased slightly (-8 900). In 2018, the number of full-time employees (+65 500) increased clearly and part-time employees remained on the previous year's level. Men benefited from the increase of employees more than women (men +43 200, women +24 200). For men only full-time employment (+51 500) increased, part-time (-8.300) decreased slightly. For women, the rise of full-time (+14 000) was slightly higher than the rise of part-time (+10 200). Furthermore, the rise in the number of employees was especially high for elderly persons (age group 55+: +45 500) and persons with apprenticeship or university as highest level of education (+31 500 resp. +20 100).

In 2018, the number of **unemployed** people (220 100) was lower than in the previous year (2017: 247 900). This resulted in an unemployment rate of 4.9% in 2018 (2017: 5.5%). Both women and men (the latter to a greater extent), persons with Austrian nationality and persons between 25 and 54 years of age benefited from this decrease.

During the **fourth quarter of 2018**, there were 4.345 million people employed and 211 000 unemployed, according to international definitions. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2017, there was a clear rise of **employed** persons (+55 700), resulting from a notable rise in the number of employees (+69 600), mostly in full-time (+63 300), and a decrease in the number of self-employed and unpaid family workers (-13 900). More than half of the increase in the number of employed is related to men. Furthermore, the rise was especially high for persons with Austrian nationality (+38 700) and for elderly persons between 55 and 64 years (+48 400). The number of **unemployed** people (211 000) and the unemployment rate (4.6%) were lower than in the fourth quarter of 2017 (-26 900 persons, -0.6 percentage points).

Both data on employment and unemployment are based on ILO definitions. The results refer to the annual average over all calendar weeks.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).