

## Large firms labour indicators

*December 2009*

Since January 2009 the labour indicators for large firms (enterprises with 500 employees and more) are calculated with reference to the base year 2005 using the new Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2).

In December 2009 the seasonally adjusted employment index in large firms decreased by 0.2% (–0.2% in services and unchanged in industry) compared with November 2009; net of workers in cassa integrazione guadagni (c.i.g. = short-time working allowance) the percentage change was –0.1 (+0.2 in industry and –0.3 in services). The percentage change of the average of the last three months compared to the previous three months was –0.4 gross of c.i.g. and –0.2 net of c.i.g.

The unadjusted employment index in large firms declined by 2.1% compared with December 2008 (–3.0% net of c.i.g.); in the average of 2009 compared with the average of 2008 employment fell by 1.5% (–3.7 per cent net of c.i.g.).

In December 2009 the seasonally adjusted index of gross average earnings per hour increased by 0.6% with respect to the previous month (unchanged in industry and +1.3% in services). The percentage change of the average of the last three months compared to the previous three months was +0.4 (–0.1 in industry and 0.6 in services).

The unadjusted index of gross average earnings per hour rose by 1.0% compared with December 2008 (–2.8 in industry and +3.0 in services); in the yearly average the percentage change of 2009 with respect to 2008 was +1.7 (+3.8 in industry and +0.5 in services).

**Large firms employment and gross average earnings per hours worked (indices 2005 = 100). December 2009**

Economic Activities	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted		
	Index	Percentage changes		Index	Percentage changes	
		Dec 09	Oct-Dec 09		Dec 09	Jan-Dec 09
	Dec 09	Nov 09	Jul-Sep 09	Dec 08	Jan-Dec 08	
<b>Industry</b> (sections B-F of Nace rev. 2)						
Employees	93.3	0.0	-0.6	92.6	-3.5	-2.8
Employees ( <i>excluding c.i.g.</i> )	88.5	0.2	-0.2	87.6	-5.3	-8.1
Gross average earnings per hours worked	120.4	0.0	-0.1	204.7	-2.8	3.8
<b>Services</b> (sections G-N of Nace rev. 2)						
Employees	100.7	-0.2	-0.3	100.1	-1.4	-0.9
Employees ( <i>excluding c.i.g.</i> )	100.1	-0.3	-0.3	99.7	-1.8	-1.4
Gross average earnings per hours worked	109.6	1.3	0.6	165.6	3.0	0.5
<b>Total</b> (sections B-N of Nace rev. 2)						
Employees	97.9	-0.2	-0.4	97.4	-2.1	-1.5
Employees ( <i>excluding c.i.g.</i> )	95.9	-0.1	-0.2	95.3	-3.0	-3.7
Gross average earnings per hours worked	109.6	0.6	0.4	178.4	1.0	1.7

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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