

## Total hours worked in National Accounts

The indicator of total hours worked comprises the aggregate number of hours actually worked by all persons in employment ( as an employee or self-employed) during a reference period. This includes the hours actually worked by persons performing one or more jobs at the same time. However, working hours paid but not worked – for example because of annual leave, short-time work or sick leave- are not included, while hours worked in addition to normal hours are counted in total hours worked.

The definition of total hours worked is the same suggested by the European System of National Accounts (ESA 1995). As a result of the growing flexibilisation of working hours, the number of hours worked is gaining in importance in regard to productivity analysis and labour factor utilisation.

Total hours worked estimations are shown as part of national accounts according to the domestic concept (place-of-employment concept). This means that they cover all hours actually worked by persons engaged who have a place of employment in Italy, irrespective of their place of residence.

Years	Total hours worked (in thousands)	% growth of total hours worked	Hours worked per job	Hours worked per person employed
1993	41.445.699,4	-3,0	1.554	1.863
1994	40.630.533,0	-2,0	1.536	1.857
1995	40.599.839,2	-0,1	1.539	1.859
1996	41.143.485,6	1,3	1.543	1.873
1997	41.054.172,2	-0,2	1.532	1.863
1998	41.827.743,7	1,9	1.537	1.880
1999	42.189.165,0	0,9	1.541	1.876
2000	42.680.822,0	1,2	1.527	1.861
2001	43.115.092,1	1,0	1.512	1.843
2002	43.564.346,3	1,0	1.506	1.831
2003	44.087.231,7	1,2	1.498	1.826
2004	44.292.887,5	0,5	1.499	1.826
2005	44.171.675,9	-0,3	1.495	1.815
2006	44.568.247,0	0,9	1.495	1.800

Time series are available in Istat web site

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