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PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, BY ACTIVITIES, APRIL 2026

In April 2026, the total number of persons in employment in the Republic of Croatia was 1 702 293, out of which 794 495 were women. Compared to March 2026, the total number of persons in employment increased by **0.2%** and the number of employed women by 0.5%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment in April 2026 decreased by 1.9% and the number of employed women by 1.0%. In the period from January to April 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment decreased by 1.5% and the number of employed women by 0.8%.

In April 2026, the total number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia amounted to 1 465 514, out of which 697 177 were women. Compared to March 2026, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities decreased by **0.2%**, while the number of employed women increased by 0.1%. The number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in April 2026, as compared to the same month of the previous year, decreased by 2.5%, while the number of employed women decreased by 1.2%. In the period from January to April 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities decreased by 1.9% and the number of employed women by 1.0%.

In April 2026, as compared to the previous month, the number of persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances increased by 3.3%, and the number of employed women by 3.6%. The total number of employed insured persons – private farmers decreased by 0.3%, and the number of employed female farmers by 0.1%.

The total number of unemployed persons decreased by 11.1% and the number of unemployed women by 11.5% in April 2026, as compared to March 2026. The total registered unemployment rate in April 2026 was **3.8%** and for women, it was 4.3%.

Detailed data by activities can be downloaded from the link [Statistics in Line](#).

1 LABOUR FORCE OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES AND BY SEX

	III 2026		IV 2026		Indices					
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	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Active population (labour force)	1 774 188	830 805	1 769 814	830 178	99,8	99,9	97,4	98,2	97,9	98,5
Total persons in employment	1 698 257	790 480	1 702 293	794 495	100,2	100,5	98,1	99,0	98,5	99,2
Persons in paid employment in legal entities ¹⁾	1 468 415	696 339	1 465 514	697 177	99,8	100,1	97,5	98,8	98,1	99,0
Persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances ²⁾	212 223	88 774	219 221	91 957	103,3	103,6	101,4	101,2	101,4	101,0
Employed insured persons – private farmers ²⁾	17 619	5 367	17 558	5 361	99,7	99,9	100,3	98,0	100,3	98,1
Unemployed persons ³⁾	75 931	40 325	67 521	35 683	88,9	88,5	82,9	82,5	86,2	85,8
Registered unemployment rate ⁴⁾ , %	4,3	4,9	3,8	4,3						

1) The results of processing data from JOPPD forms. The data for March and April 2026 are provisional.

2) The data were taken over from the records of active insured persons kept at the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute.

3) The data were taken over from the Croatian Employment Service.

4) The registered unemployment rate is calculated as the ratio of unemployed persons to the total active population (labour force).

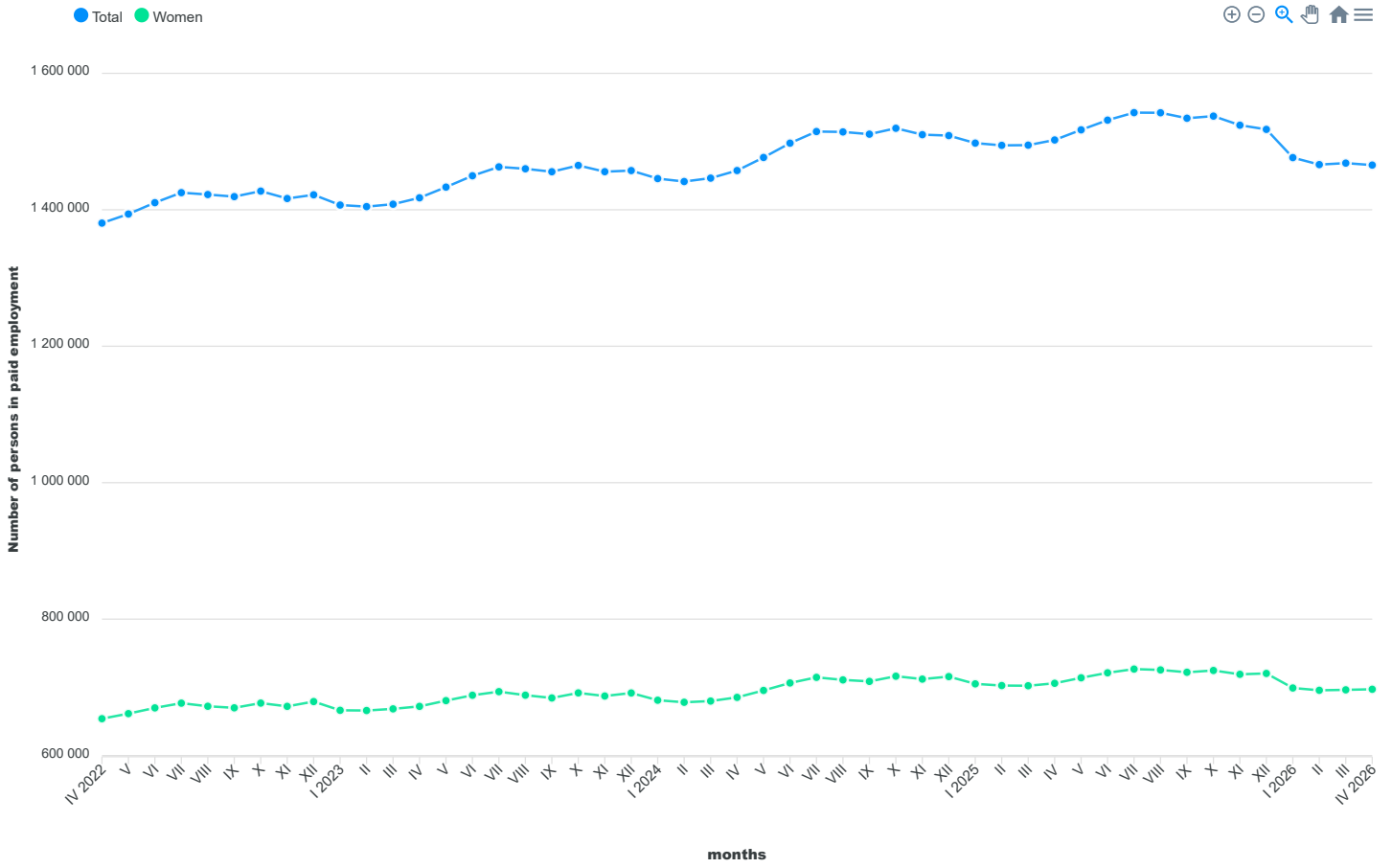
2 INDICES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025¹⁾ AND BY SEX, APRIL 2026

	Number of persons in paid employment, April 2026 ²⁾		Indices					
			IV 2026 III 2026		IV 2026 IV 2025		I – IV 2026 I – IV 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total	1 465 514	697 177	99,8	100,1	97,5	98,8	98,1	99,0
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 196	6 783	100,8	101,2	94,9	95,5	94,7	95,1
B Mining and quarrying	3 750	489	99,3	98,6	97,8	101,2	98,6	102,7
C Manufacturing	222 125	74 605	99,2	99,5	94,8	94,4	95,2	94,7
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 648	3 394	100,2	100,3	99,7	99,5	100,0	99,6
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	26 767	5 900	98,6	98,5	97,1	97,6	99,0	99,2
F Construction	125 924	13 441	98,8	98,9	94,4	97,3	96,1	98,6
G Wholesale and retail trade	220 282	123 529	99,9	100,2	99,2	99,3	99,6	99,4
H Transportation and storage	82 768	18 675	99,6	101,0	95,8	97,1	96,7	96,9
I Accommodation and food service activities	85 247	43 423	104,5	104,8	96,7	96,5	96,8	96,4
J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	10 223	5 048	100,6	101,2	93,4	94,4	92,8	93,2
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	49 462	16 263	99,6	99,6	97,7	98,0	98,1	98,2
L Financial and insurance activities	35 751	24 369	100,1	100,1	99,4	99,0	99,3	98,9
M Real estate activities	11 722	5 625	99,3	100,2	96,5	99,8	97,6	101,0
N Professional, scientific and technical activities	71 642	36 213	98,6	98,9	94,4	95,9	95,5	96,7
O Administrative and support service activities	55 937	24 629	99,4	99,9	93,0	93,5	94,7	94,7
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113 926	61 721	99,8	99,8	99,5	100,3	99,8	100,6
Q Education	136 596	109 929	100,2	100,1	103,3	102,8	103,1	102,7
R Human health and social work activities	116 057	90 461	99,7	99,6	101,9	101,6	102,1	101,9
S Arts, sports and recreation	29 580	16 324	99,4	99,4	98,5	98,1	99,6	99,5
T Other service activities	28 911	16 356	98,6	98,9	96,2	96,4	97,4	97,3

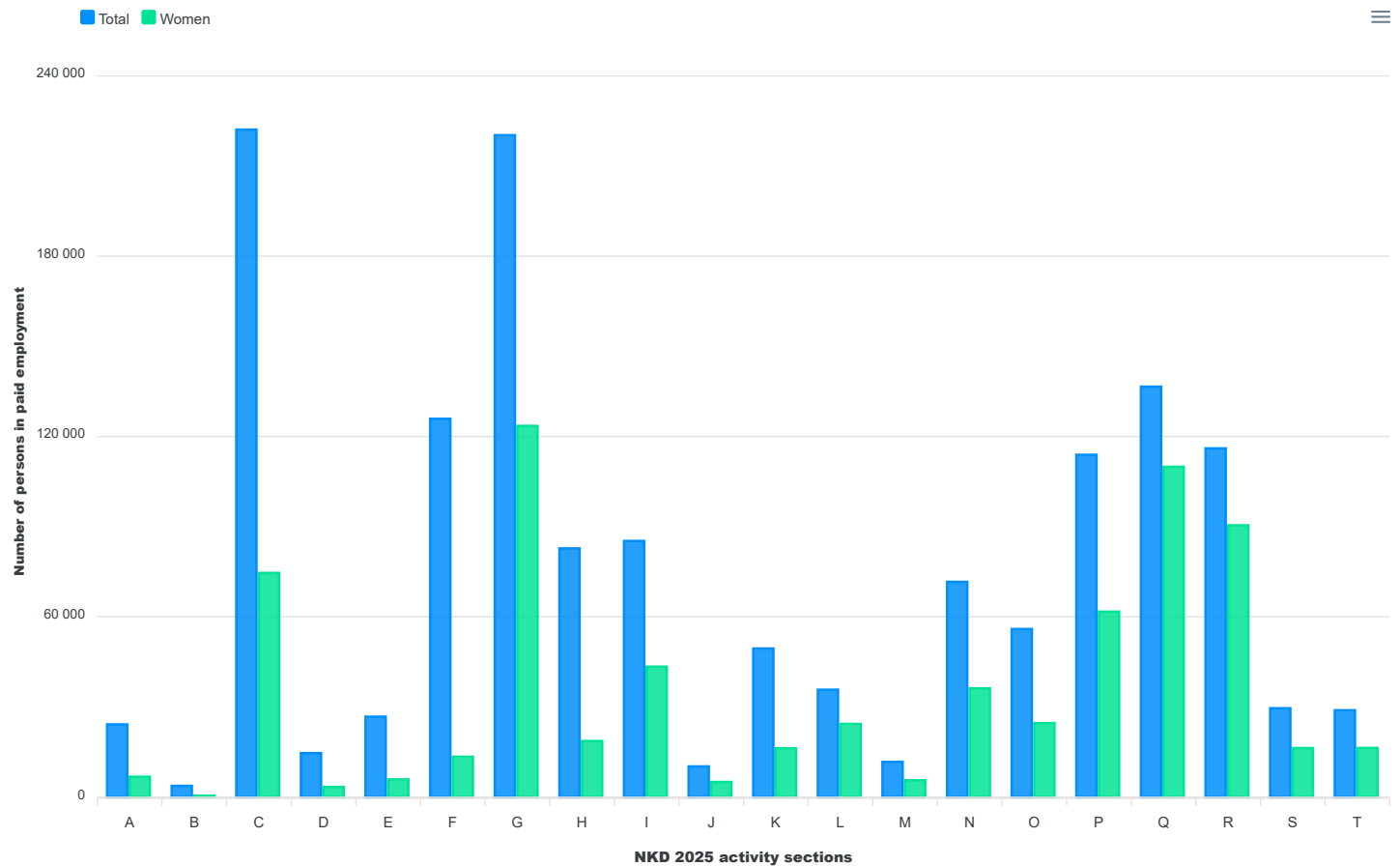
1) Activity sections U (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) and V (Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies) as well as their divisions are not presented in this First Release since they were not covered by the survey.

2) Provisional data.

G-1 PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2026



G-2 PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025, APRIL 2026



NKD 2025 activity sections

- A Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- B Mining and quarrying
- C Manufacturing
- D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- F Construction
- G Wholesale and retail trade
- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
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- T Other service activities

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Since January 2026, statistical data are observed, processed and presented according to the National Classification of Activities, 2025 version (NKD 2025). The classification entered into force on 1 January 2025 (NN, No. 47/24). Its content and structure are completely harmonised with the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (hereinafter referred to as: NACE Rev. 2.1). Its implementation ensures quality international comparability of statistical data.

In order to calculate the indices, the 2025 data were converted from NKD 2007 activities to NKD 2025 activities using the macro method of conversion.

The National Classification of Activities 2025 – NKD 2025 has a different structure compared to the NKD 2007 and a more detailed overview of the differences by sections between the new and the existing classification is described in the document [Differences between NKD 2007 and NKD 2025](#).

Data sources

Data on persons in employment in legal entities were gathered by processing data from the Report on Income, Income Tax and Surtax as well as Contributions for Mandatory Insurances (JOPPD form), which has been in effect since 1 January 2014.

All persons or entities that are payers of income for which the income tax regulations prescribe the obligation of accounting and paying deduction tax are under the obligation to submit the JOPPD form.

Data on persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances are processed according to the records on pension insurance beneficiaries obtained from the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute.

The Croatian Pension Insurance Institute provides data on employed insured persons – private farmers.

Data on the number of unemployed persons are obtained from the Croatian Employment Service.

Coverage and comparability

The survey on persons in paid employment in legal entities includes all persons who have signed a work contract, regardless of the type of work contract and whether they work full-time or less than full-time.

The survey on persons in crafts and trades and free lances includes owners and employees registered with the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute.

Definitions

Persons in paid employment are all persons who have signed a work contract with an employer for a fixed or an unspecified period of time, irrespective of the type of ownership and whether they work full-time or less than full-time.

Registered unemployment rate is calculated as a ratio of the number of unemployed persons to the total active population (labour force).

Abbreviations

NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NKD 2025	National Classification of Activities, 2025 version

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