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PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, BY ACTIVITIES, AUGUST 2026

In August 2026, the total number of persons in employment in the Republic of Croatia was 1 777 224, out of which 827 769 were women. Compared to July 2026, the total number of persons in employment increased by **0.6%** and the number of employed women by 0.4%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment in August 2026 decreased by 1.1%, and the number of employed women by 0.5%. In the period from January to August 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment decreased by 1.4% and the number of employed women by 0.8%.

In August 2026, the total number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia amounted to 1 519 807, out of which 720 901 were women. Compared to July 2026, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities increased by **0.8%** and the number of employed women by 0.5%. The number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in August 2026, as compared to the same month of the previous year, decreased by 1.5%, while the number of employed women decreased by 0.6%. In the period from January to August 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities decreased by 1.8% and the number of employed women by 1.0%.

In August 2026, as compared to the previous month, the number of persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances decreased by 0.3% and the number of employed women by 0.5%. The total number of employed insured persons – private farmers decreased by 0.4%, and the number of employed female farmers by 0.3%.

The total number of unemployed persons increased by 1.8% and the number of unemployed women by 1.9% in August 2026, as compared to July 2026. The total registered unemployment rate in August 2026 was **3.4%** and for women, it was 4.0%.

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

	VII 2026		VIII 2026		Indices					
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	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Active population (labour force)	1 828 435	858 366	1 840 420	861 901	100,7	100,4	98,3	98,7	98,0	98,5
Total persons in employment	1 766 371	824 856	1 777 224	827 769	100,6	100,4	98,9	99,5	98,6	99,2
Persons in paid employment in legal entities ¹⁾	1 508 052	717 455	1 519 807	720 901	100,8	100,5	98,5	99,4	98,2	99,0
Persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances ²⁾	240 998	102 106	240 158	101 591	99,7	99,5	101,4	100,9	101,5	101,0
Employed insured persons – private farmers ²⁾	17 321	5 295	17 259	5 277	99,6	99,7	95,2	93,6	97,8	95,9
Unemployed persons ³⁾	62 064	33 510	63 196	34 132	101,8	101,9	83,7	83,2	85,3	84,9
Registered unemployment rate ⁴⁾ , %	3,4	3,9	3,4	4,0						

1) The results of processing data from JOPPD forms. The data for July and August 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).

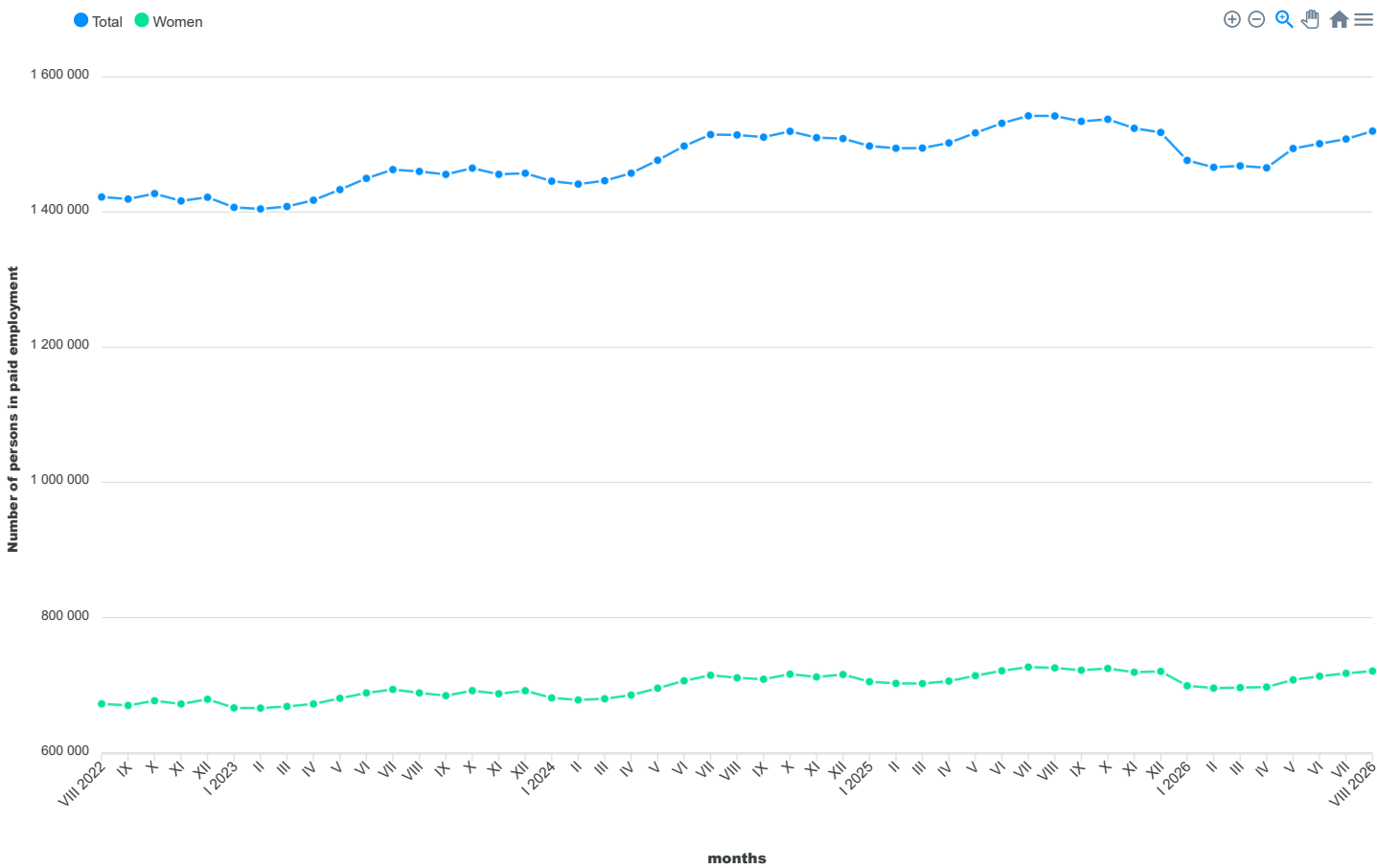
2 INDICES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025¹⁾ AND BY SEX, AUGUST 2026

	Number of persons in paid employment, August 2026 ²⁾		Indices					
			VIII 2026 VII 2026		VIII 2026 VIII 2025		I – VIII 2026 I – VIII 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total	1 519 807	720 901	100,8	100,5	98,5	99,4	98,2	99,0
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 688	6 853	100,6	100,3	95,2	94,8	94,9	95,2
B Mining and quarrying	3 854	506	103,8	101,6	102,5	105,0	99,2	103,2
C Manufacturing	223 052	74 937	100,6	100,3	95,9	95,6	95,3	94,8
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 679	3 447	100,0	100,1	100,6	101,6	100,0	99,8
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	27 647	6 102	99,9	99,6	98,8	99,7	98,9	99,2
F Construction	129 289	14 033	101,9	102,0	97,8	97,6	96,5	98,1
G Wholesale and retail trade	224 910	125 919	100,5	100,3	99,4	99,6	99,6	99,5
H Transportation and storage	85 037	19 264	100,3	100,0	96,6	97,4	96,6	97,2
I Accommodation and food service activities	120 185	60 575	104,3	104,1	99,4	99,0	98,1	97,7
J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	9 959	4 915	100,4	100,0	94,3	95,0	93,9	94,4
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	49 489	16 280	99,9	100,0	98,4	98,7	98,3	98,4
L Financial and insurance activities	35 615	24 261	99,7	99,7	99,2	99,0	99,3	99,0
M Real estate activities	12 471	6 116	101,7	102,5	99,0	101,0	98,2	100,8
N Professional, scientific and technical activities	72 560	36 731	100,2	100,2	97,3	97,8	96,1	97,1
O Administrative and support service activities	61 071	27 306	103,2	103,0	94,4	95,9	93,8	94,8
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113 870	61 836	100,2	100,3	98,4	99,5	99,1	100,0
Q Education	132 413	106 319	97,8	97,8	103,2	102,6	102,9	102,4
R Human health and social work activities	117 227	91 264	101,3	101,4	102,3	102,0	101,8	101,6
S Arts, sports and recreation	30 878	16 876	100,1	99,8	98,9	98,3	99,4	99,1
T Other service activities	30 913	17 361	101,3	101,1	98,4	98,8	97,7	97,8

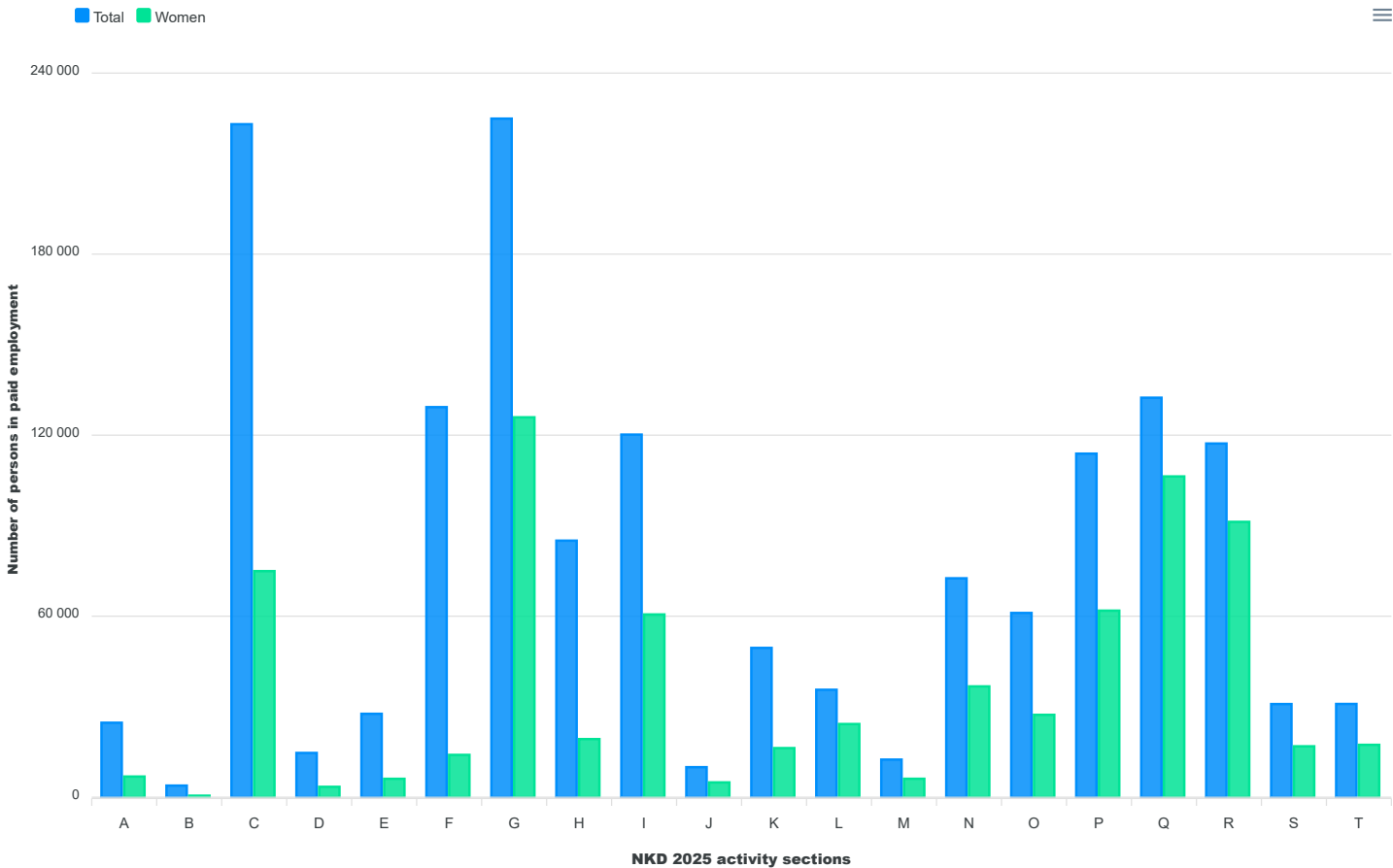
1) Activity sections U (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) and V (Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies) as well as their divisions are not presented in this First Release since they were not covered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

2) Provisional data.

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



G-2 PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025, AUGUST 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
- J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities
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- S Arts, sports and recreation
- 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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