

First Release

Year: LXIII.

Zagreb, 21 August 2026

RAD-2026-2-1/7

ISSN 1334-0557



PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, BY ACTIVITIES, JULY 2026

In July 2026, the total number of persons in employment in the Republic of Croatia was 1 766 371, out of which 824 856 were women. Compared to June 2026, the total number of persons in employment increased by **0.6%** and the number of employed women by 0.7%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment in July 2026 decreased by 1.8% and the number of employed women by 1.1%. In the period from January to July 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 July 2026, the total number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia amounted to 1 508 052, out of which 717 455 were women. Compared to June 2026, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities increased by **0.5%** and the number of employed women by 0.6%. The number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in July 2026, as compared to the same month of the previous year, decreased by 2.2%, while the number of employed women decreased by 1.3%. In the period from January to July 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 July 2026, as compared to the previous month, the number of persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances increased by 1.5% and the number of employed women by 1.7%. The total number of employed insured persons – private farmers decreased by 0.3% and the number of employed female farmers by 0.4%.

The total number of unemployed persons increased by 4.4% and the number of unemployed women by 6.0% in July 2026, as compared to June 2026. The total registered unemployment rate in July 2026 was **3.4%** and for women, it was 3.9%.

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

	VI 2026		VII 2026		Indices					
					VII 2026 VI 2026		VII 2026 VII 2025		I – VII 2026 I – VII 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Active population (labour force)	1 815 377	850 549	1 828 435	858 366	100,7	100,9	97,7	98,3	97,9	98,5
Total persons in employment	1 755 954	818 925	1 766 371	824 856	100,6	100,7	98,2	98,9	98,5	99,2
Persons in paid employment in legal entities ¹⁾	1 501 188	713 251	1 508 052	717 455	100,5	100,6	97,8	98,7	98,1	99,0
Persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances ²⁾	237 393	100 359	240 998	102 106	101,5	101,7	101,2	100,7	101,5	101,0
Employed insured persons – private farmers ²⁾	17 373	5 315	17 321	5 295	99,7	99,6	95,3	93,8	98,1	96,2
Unemployed persons ³⁾	59 423	31 624	62 064	33 510	104,4	106,0	84,8	84,1	85,5	85,1
Registered unemployment rate ⁴⁾ , %	3,3	3,7	3,4	3,9						

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

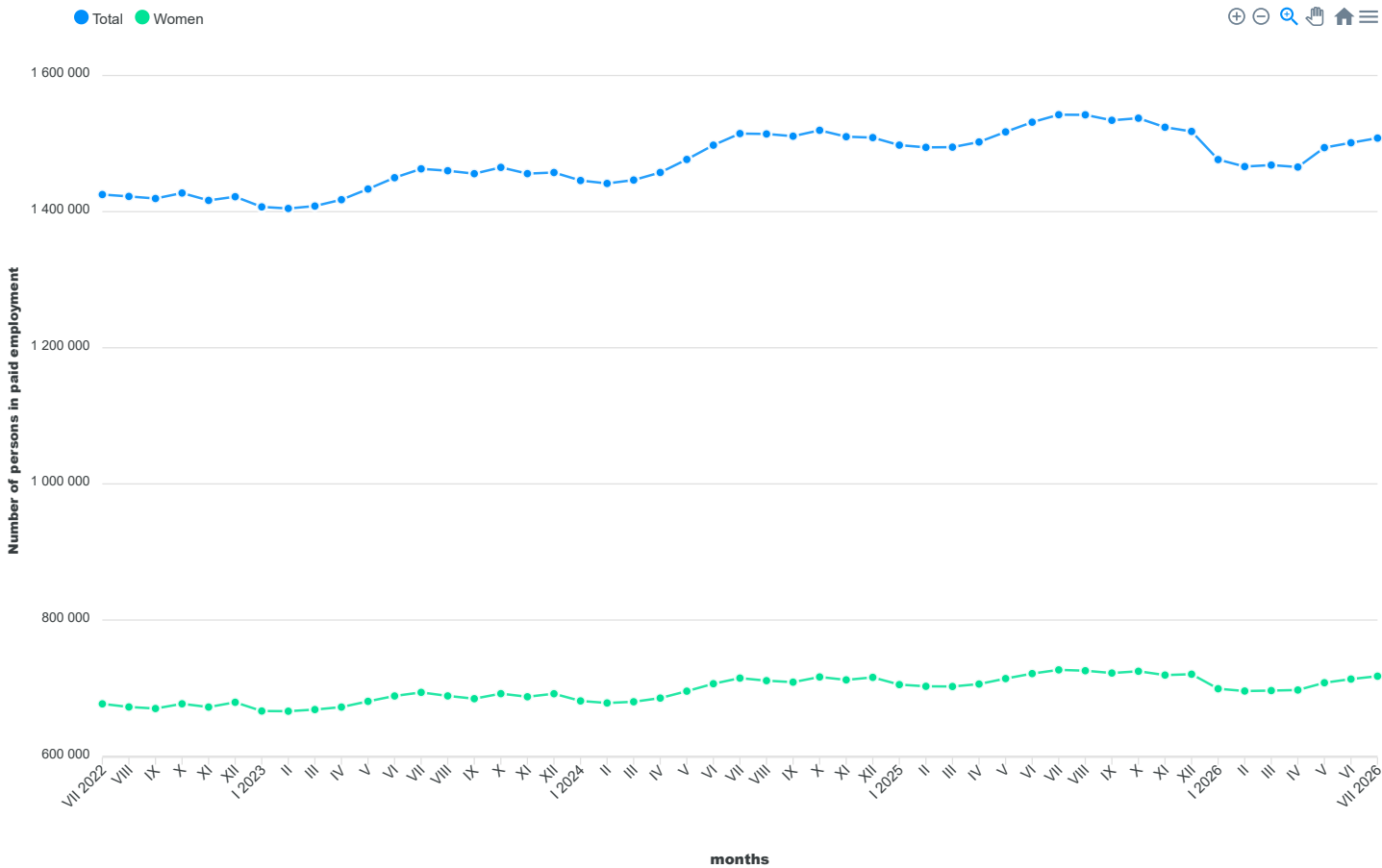
2 INDICES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025¹⁾ AND BY SEX, JULY 2026

	Number of persons in paid employment, July 2026 ²⁾		Indices					
			VII 2026 VI 2026		VII 2026 VII 2025		I – VII 2026 I – VII 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total	1 508 052	717 455	100,5	100,6	97,8	98,7	98,1	99,0
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 550	6 834	100,7	99,5	94,9	94,5	94,9	95,3
B Mining and quarrying	3 714	498	98,8	99,6	98,8	103,1	98,8	103,0
C Manufacturing	221 620	74 689	99,7	100,1	94,9	94,7	95,2	94,6
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 683	3 445	100,4	101,7	100,0	100,1	99,9	99,6
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	27 684	6 125	100,7	101,8	99,0	100,0	99,0	99,2
F Construction	126 858	13 761	98,1	99,2	95,6	96,1	96,4	98,2
G Wholesale and retail trade	223 821	125 506	100,6	100,6	99,4	99,6	99,6	99,5
H Transportation and storage	84 799	19 265	100,1	100,0	96,3	97,2	96,7	97,2
I Accommodation and food service activities	115 215	58 185	107,6	107,7	98,4	97,9	97,9	97,4
J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	9 917	4 916	99,4	99,3	93,8	94,5	93,8	94,3
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	49 542	16 277	99,9	99,5	98,1	98,4	98,2	98,4
L Financial and insurance activities	35 714	24 332	99,8	99,8	99,2	98,9	99,3	99,0
M Real estate activities	12 259	5 964	101,0	101,3	98,4	100,1	98,1	100,8
N Professional, scientific and technical activities	72 384	36 659	100,3	100,3	96,7	97,5	96,0	97,0
O Administrative and support service activities	59 180	26 510	100,7	100,7	91,6	93,7	93,7	94,6
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113 693	61 649	100,1	100,1	98,1	99,2	99,2	100,1
Q Education	135 380	108 732	99,4	99,3	102,7	102,0	102,8	102,3
R Human health and social work activities	115 676	90 025	99,4	99,3	101,1	100,8	101,7	101,5
S Arts, sports and recreation	30 836	16 904	100,4	100,2	98,7	98,6	99,4	99,3
T Other service activities	30 527	17 179	101,9	101,0	97,4	97,9	97,6	97,7

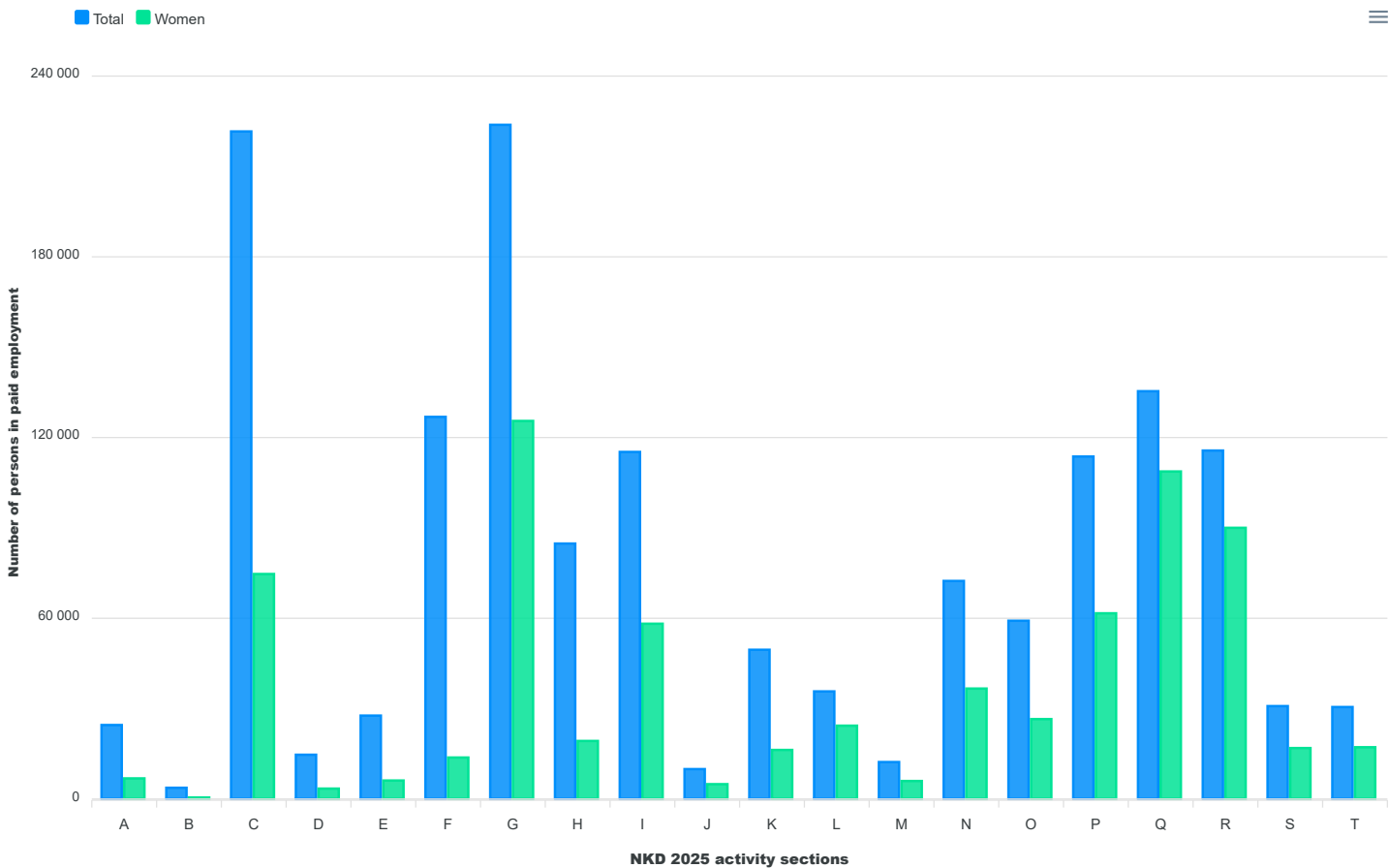
1) Activity sections U (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) and V (Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies) as well as their divisions are not presented in this First Release since they were not covered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

2) Provisional data.

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



G-2 PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025, JULY 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
- K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities
- L Financial and insurance activities
- M Real estate activities
- N Professional, scientific and technical activities
- O Administrative and support service activities
- P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- Q Education
- R Human health and social work activities
- 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

Published by the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, Zagreb, Ilica 3, P. O. B. 80

Phone: (+385 1) 48 06 111

Press corner: press@dzs.hr

Persons responsible:

Mario Vlajčević, Director of Demographic and Social Statistics Directorate

Lidija Brković, Director General

Prepared by:

Dean Maslovara, Snježana Varga, Domagoj Dujmović and Damir Novaković

USERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO STATE THE SOURCE.

Customer Relations and Data Protection Department

Information and user requests

Phone: (+385 1) 48 06 138, 48 06 154, 48 06 115

E-mail: stat.info@dzs.hr

Subscription

Phone: (+385 1) 21 00 455

E-mail: prodaja@dzs.hr