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PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, BY ACTIVITIES, MAY 2026

In May 2026, the total number of persons in employment in the Republic of Croatia was 1 739 878, out of which 809 174 were women. Compared to April 2026, the total number of persons in employment increased by **2.2%** and the number of employed women by 1.8%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment in May 2026 decreased by 1.1% and the number of employed women by 0.6%. In the period from January to May 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 0.7%.

In May 2026, the total number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia amounted to 1 494 078, out of which 707 847 were women. Compared to April 2026, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities increased by **1.9%**, while the number of employed women increased by 1.5%. The number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in May 2026, as compared to the same month of the previous year, decreased by 1.5%, while the number of employed women decreased by 0.9%. In the period from January to May 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 May 2026, as compared to the previous month, the number of persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances increased by 4.1%, and the number of employed women by 4.4%. The total number of employed insured persons – private farmers decreased by 0.4%, and the number of employed female farmers by 0.1%.

The total number of unemployed persons decreased by 9.2% and the number of unemployed women by 9.7% in May 2026, as compared to April 2026. The total registered unemployment rate in May 2026 was **3.4%** and for women, it was 3.8%.

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

	IV 2026		V 2026		Indices					
					V 2026 IV 2026		V 2026 V 2025		I – V 2026 I – V 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Active population (labour force)	1 769 814	830 178	1 801 176	841 394	101,8	101,4	98,3	98,6	98,0	98,5
Total persons in employment	1 702 293	794 495	1 739 878	809 174	102,2	101,8	98,9	99,4	98,6	99,3
Persons in paid employment in legal entities ¹⁾	1 465 514	697 177	1 494 078	707 847	101,9	101,5	98,5	99,1	98,2	99,0
Persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances ²⁾	219 221	91 957	228 309	95 969	104,1	104,4	101,9	101,4	101,5	101,1
Employed insured persons – private farmers ²⁾	17 558	5 361	17 491	5 358	99,6	99,9	95,5	93,8	99,3	97,2
Unemployed persons ³⁾	67 521	35 683	61 298	32 220	90,8	90,3	83,7	83,1	85,8	85,4
Registered unemployment rate ⁴⁾ , %	3,8	4,3	3,4	3,8						

1) The results of processing data from JOPPD forms. The data for April and May 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).

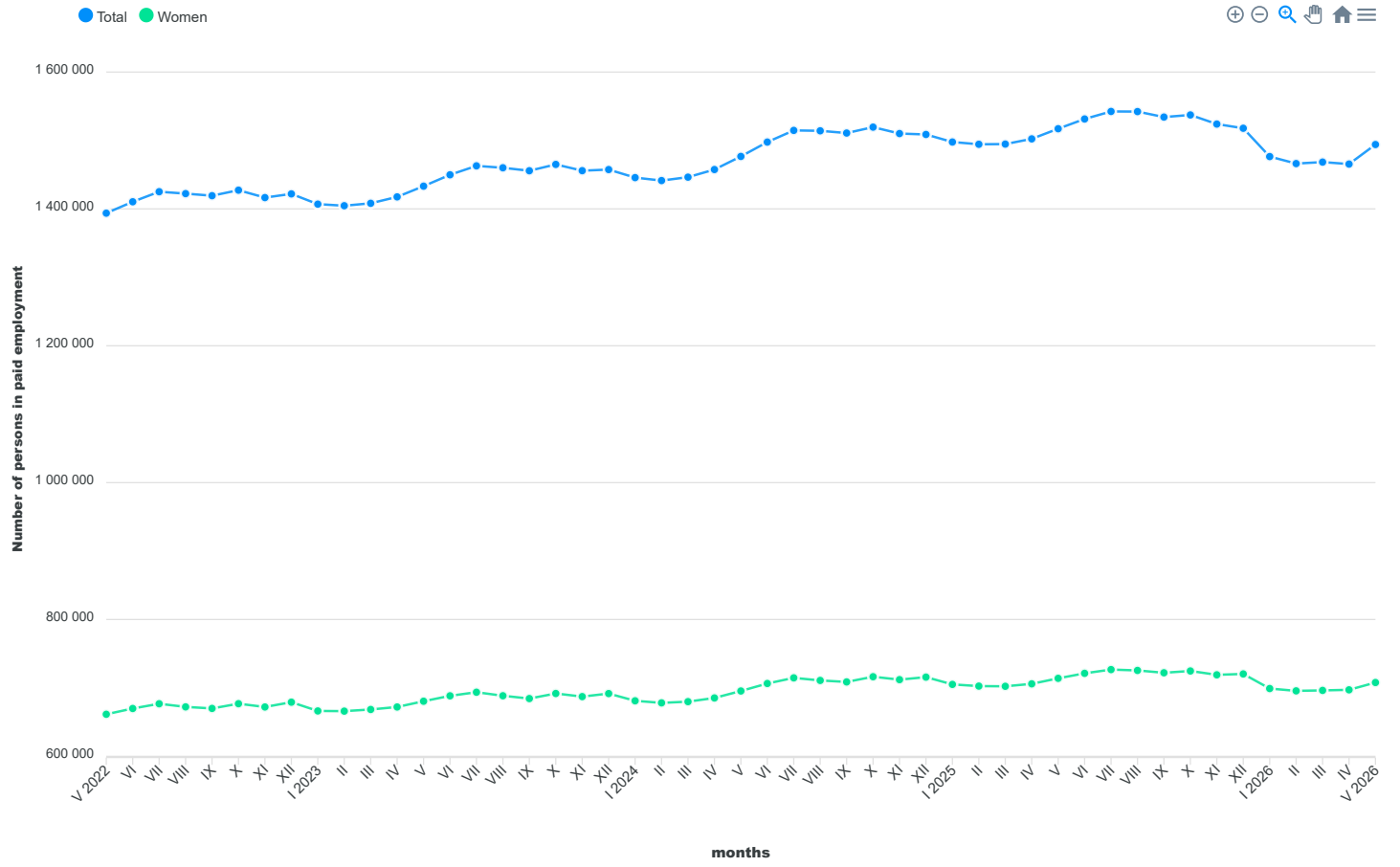
2 INDICES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025¹⁾ AND BY SEX, MAY 2026

	Number of persons in paid employment, May 2026 ²⁾		Indices					
			V 2026 IV 2026		V 2026 V 2025		I - V 2026 I - V 2025	
			Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total	1 494 078	707 847	101,9	101,5	98,5	99,1	98,2	99,0
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 484	6 906	101,2	101,8	95,4	96,4	94,8	95,4
B Mining and quarrying	3 785	497	100,9	101,6	98,9	103,3	98,7	102,8
C Manufacturing	223 370	74 899	100,6	100,4	95,4	94,7	95,3	94,7
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 639	3 397	99,9	100,1	99,6	99,4	99,9	99,6
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	27 281	5 966	101,9	101,1	98,6	98,4	98,9	99,0
F Construction	130 758	13 997	103,8	104,1	97,5	99,4	96,4	98,8
G Wholesale and retail trade	223 113	124 413	101,3	100,7	100,2	99,6	99,7	99,4
H Transportation and storage	83 371	18 946	100,7	101,5	96,8	97,8	96,7	97,1
I Accommodation and food service activities	99 028	50 354	116,2	116,0	100,3	99,9	97,6	97,2
J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	10 369	5 097	101,4	101,0	97,7	97,6	93,7	94,1
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	49 938	16 441	101,0	101,1	98,8	98,9	98,3	98,3
L Financial and insurance activities	35 761	24 383	100,0	100,1	99,3	99,2	99,3	99,0
M Real estate activities	12 119	5 834	103,4	103,7	99,6	101,2	98,0	101,0
N Professional, scientific and technical activities	72 796	36 770	101,6	101,5	96,9	97,8	95,8	96,9
O Administrative and support service activities	58 095	25 728	103,9	104,5	93,2	95,2	94,4	94,8
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113 969	61 724	100,0	100,0	99,0	99,8	99,7	100,5
Q Education	135 297	108 789	99,0	99,0	102,1	101,5	102,9	102,4
R Human health and social work activities	115 369	89 909	99,4	99,4	101,1	100,8	101,9	101,7
S Arts, sports and recreation	30 431	16 735	102,9	102,5	99,7	99,2	99,6	99,4
T Other service activities	30 105	17 062	104,1	104,3	98,8	99,1	97,7	97,7

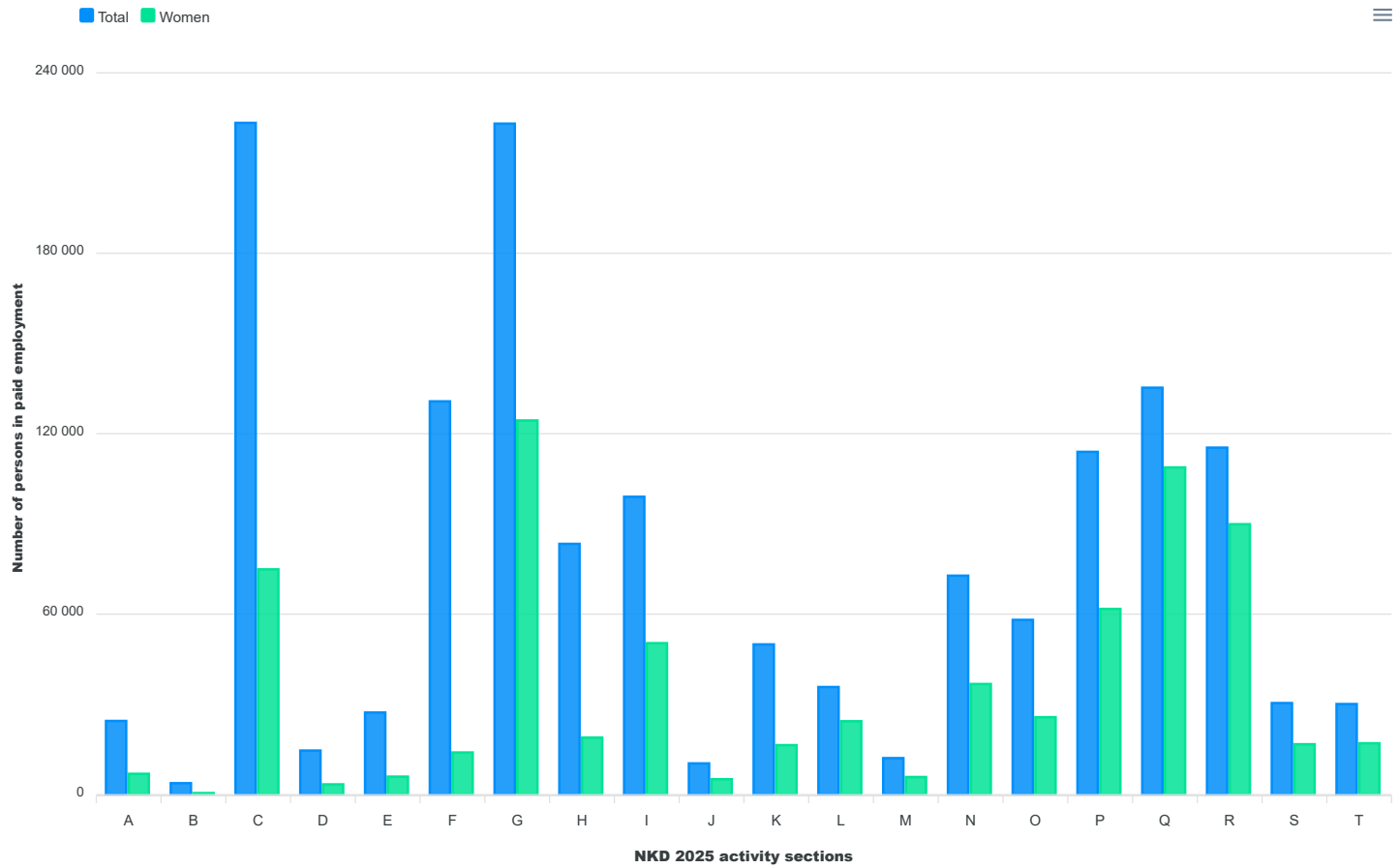
1) Activity sections U (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) and V (Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies) as well as their divisions are not presented in this First Release since they were not covered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

2) Provisional data.

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



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