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PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT, BY ACTIVITIES, MARCH 2026

In March 2026, the total number of persons in employment in the Republic of Croatia was 1 698 257, out of which 790 480 were women. Compared to February 2026, the total number of persons in employment increased by **0.3%** and the number of employed women by 0.2%. Compared to the same month of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment in March 2026 decreased by 1.4% and the number of employed women by 0.7%. In the period from January to March 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the total number of persons in employment decreased by 1.3% and the number of employed women by 0.7%.

In March 2026, the total number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia amounted to 1 468 415, out of which 696 339 were women. Compared to February 2026, both the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities and the number of employed women increased by **0.1%**. The number of persons in paid employment in legal entities in March 2026, as compared to the same month of the previous year, decreased by 1.8%, while the number of employed women decreased by 0.9%. In the period from January to March 2026, as compared to the same period of the previous year, the number of persons in paid employment in legal entities decreased by 1.7% and the number of employed women by 0.9%.

In March 2026, as compared to the previous month, the number of persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances increased by 1.1% and the number of employed women by 1.0%. The total number of employed insured persons – private farmers decreased by 0.4% and the number of employed female farmers by 0.5%.

The total number of unemployed persons decreased by 9.6% and the number of unemployed women by 9.2% in March 2026, as compared to February 2026. The total registered unemployment rate in March 2026 was **4.3%** and for women, it was 4.9%.

A revision of data was performed on the basis of monthly data sets containing final data for the previous year. Therefore, the data for the period from January to December 2025 are final.

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

	II 2026		III 2026		Indices					
	Total	Women	Total	Women	III 2026 II 2026		III 2026 III 2025		I – III 2026 I – III 2025	
					Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Active population (labour force)	1 777 927	833 380	1 774 188	830 805	99,8	99,7	97,9	98,4	98,1	98,5
Total persons in employment	1 693 935	788 948	1 698 257	790 480	100,3	100,2	98,6	99,3	98,7	99,3
Persons in paid employment in legal entities ¹⁾	1 466 239	695 668	1 468 415	696 339	100,1	100,1	98,2	99,1	98,3	99,1
Persons in employment in crafts and trades and free lances ²⁾	210 010	87 884	212 223	88 774	101,1	101,0	101,2	100,8	101,4	100,9
Employed insured persons – private farmers ²⁾	17 686	5 396	17 619	5 367	99,6	99,5	100,1	97,6	100,3	98,2
Unemployed persons ³⁾	83 992	44 432	75 931	40 325	90,4	90,8	83,7	83,7	87,2	86,8
Registered unemployment rate ⁴⁾ , %	4,7	5,3	4,3	4,9						

1) The results of processing data from JOPPD forms. The data for February and March 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).

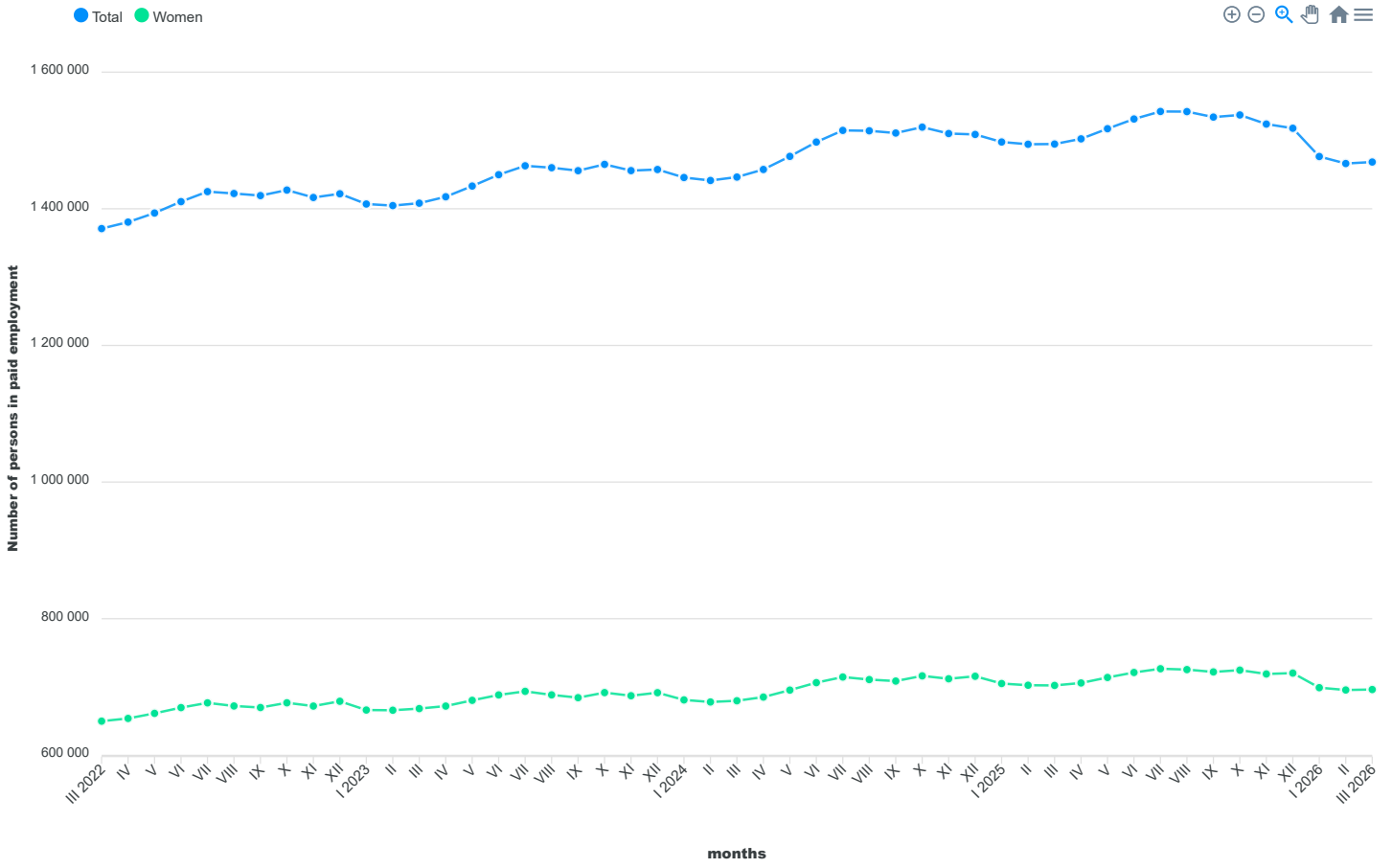
2 INDICES OF CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN LEGAL ENTITIES, ACCORDING TO NKD 2025¹⁾ AND BY SEX, MARCH 2026

	Number of persons in paid employment, March 2026 ²⁾		Indices					
			III 2026 II 2026		III 2026 III 2025		I - III 2026 I - III 2025	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total	1 468 415	696 339	100,1	100,1	98,2	99,1	98,3	99,1
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 012	6 703	99,5	99,1	94,0	94,3	94,6	95,0
B Mining and quarrying	3 777	496	100,9	101,4	98,0	102,9	98,9	103,1
C Manufacturing	223 996	75 010	100,4	100,1	95,8	95,1	95,4	94,7
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 612	3 385	99,8	100,0	99,8	99,6	100,1	99,7
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	27 137	5 992	99,3	99,9	99,2	99,8	99,7	99,7
F Construction	127 489	13 592	100,7	100,8	95,9	98,7	96,7	99,0
G Wholesale and retail trade	220 421	123 337	100,0	100,0	99,6	99,3	99,7	99,4
H Transportation and storage	83 100	18 482	100,1	100,1	96,1	96,3	97,0	96,8
I Accommodation and food service activities	81 595	41 418	98,7	98,5	96,7	96,1	96,9	96,4
J Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities	10 163	4 988	99,5	99,6	92,5	92,7	92,6	92,8
K Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	49 676	16 331	99,9	100,1	98,1	98,4	98,3	98,2
L Financial and insurance activities	35 714	24 348	100,2	100,3	99,5	99,1	99,3	98,9
M Real estate activities	11 805	5 611	100,1	99,3	98,4	100,7	98,0	101,4
N Professional, scientific and technical activities	72 680	36 622	100,8	100,8	96,0	97,2	95,8	96,9
O Administrative and support service activities	56 249	24 647	99,7	99,5	94,6	94,6	95,2	95,1
P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114 202	61 838	100,2	100,3	99,9	100,7	99,9	100,8
Q Education	136 316	109 788	100,5	100,4	103,4	102,9	103,0	102,6
R Human health and social work activities	116 380	90 783	100,3	100,3	102,3	102,2	102,1	102,0
S Arts, sports and recreation	29 756	16 424	99,8	99,6	99,7	99,3	99,9	99,9
T Other service activities	29 335	16 544	100,6	100,7	97,9	97,9	97,8	97,6

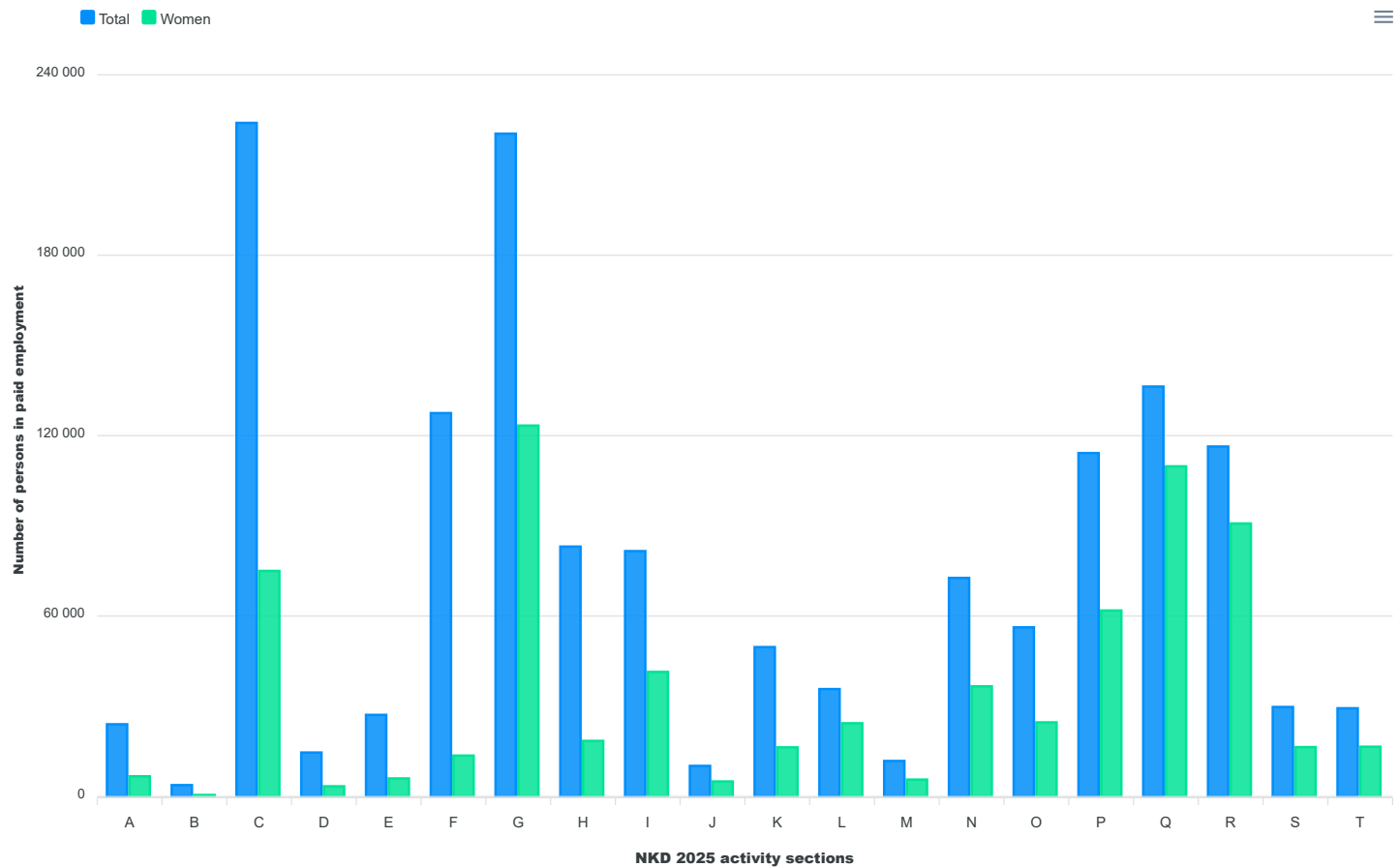
1) Activity sections U (Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use) and V (Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies) as well as their divisions are not presented in this First Release since they were not covered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

2) Provisional data.

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



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