

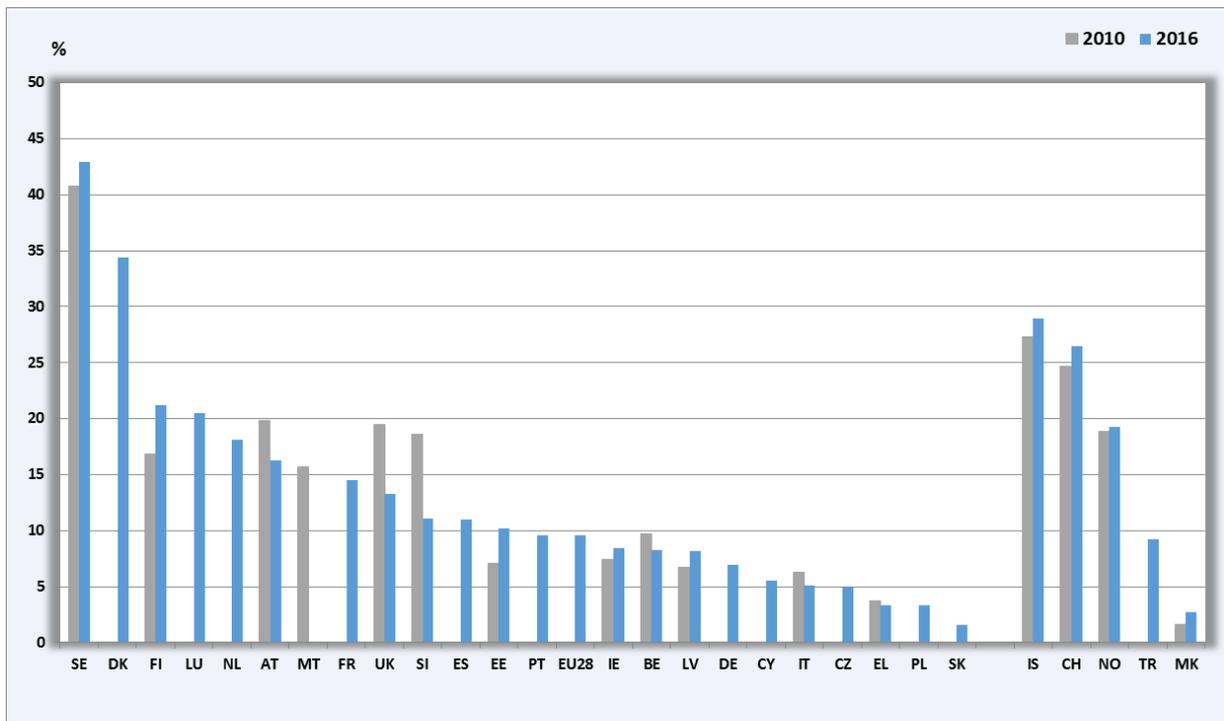
13. Do unemployed adults participate in education and training?

Indicator 1110: unemployed adults in lifelong learning

Participation in education and training is particularly important to maintain or increase the employability of jobless adults.

The indicator below is defined as the percentage of unemployed adults aged 25-64 who participated in education and training (lifelong learning) in the four weeks preceding the survey.

Figure 1 Unemployed adults in lifelong learning (%)



Source: Eurostat, EU labour force survey.

Key points

In 2016, on average, 9.6% of unemployed adults in the EU reported that they had been in receipt of lifelong learning. This is slightly below the average percentage for all adults, unemployed or not (10.8%). Between 2013 and 2016, the participation rate for the unemployed has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.

Sweden (42.9%) and Denmark (34.4%) had the highest levels of participation by unemployed adults in lifelong learning in 2016. Participation of the unemployed in lifelong learning was below 5.0% in the Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, and Slovakia. Between 2013 and 2016, the participation rate increased most in Finland (by 2.7 percentage points) while Austria experienced the sharpest drop (by 5.3 percentage points). In both these cases, with Finland at 21.2% in 2016 and Austria at 16.3%, participation rates were well above the EU average.

Outside the EU, participation rates in lifelong learning of unemployed in Iceland, Switzerland, and Norway were (much) above the EU average in 2016 while the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (at 2.7%) reported a much lower participation rate. Turkey (at 9.2%) had a participation rate more or less equal to the EU average.

Table 1 Unemployed adults in lifelong learning (%)

Country code	Country	2010		2016		Recent change			
		Value	Flag	Value	Flag	Range	Country	EU28	
EU28	European Union (28)			9.6	b	'13-'16	↘	-0.7	
BE	Belgium	9.7		8.3		'13-'16	↘	-0.1	↘ -0.7
BG	Bulgaria		u		u				
CZ	Czech Republic			4.9	b	'13-'16	↘	-0.5	↘ -0.7
DK	Denmark			34.4	b				
DE	Germany			6.9	b	'13-'16	↗	1.0	↘ -0.7
EE	Estonia	7.1		10.2		'13-'16	↘	-3.2	↘ -0.7
IE	Ireland	7.4		8.4		'13-'16	↗	1.4	↘ -0.7
EL	Greece	3.7		3.3		'13-'16	↗	0.2	↘ -0.7
ES	Spain			11.0	b	'14-'16	↘	-1.0	↘ -0.2
FR	France			14.5	b	'14-'16	→	0.0	↘ -0.2
HR	Croatia	2.4	u	3.0	u				
IT	Italy	6.3		5.1		'13-'16	→	0.0	↘ -0.7
CY	Cyprus	6.1	u	5.5		'13-'16	↘	-0.5	↘ -0.7
LV	Latvia	6.7		8.2		'13-'16	↗	0.5	↘ -0.7
LT	Lithuania	3.3	u		u				
LU	Luxembourg			20.5	b	'15-'16	↘	-1.5	↗ 0.1
HU	Hungary			1.9	b u				
MT	Malta	15.7		9.4	u				
NL	Netherlands			18.1	b	'13-'16	↗	1.0	↘ -0.7
AT	Austria	19.8		16.3		'13-'16	↘	-5.3	↘ -0.7
PL	Poland			3.3	b	'13-'16	↘	-0.8	↘ -0.7
PT	Portugal			9.6	b	'13-'16	↘	-2.7	↘ -0.7
RO	Romania				u				
SI	Slovenia	18.6		11.1		'13-'16	↘	-2.0	↘ -0.7
SK	Slovakia			1.6	b	'13-'16	↗	0.5	↘ -0.7
FI	Finland	16.8		21.2		'13-'16	↗	2.7	↘ -0.7
SE	Sweden	40.8		42.9		'13-'16	↘	-2.7	↘ -0.7
UK	United Kingdom	19.5		13.3		'13-'16	↘	-3.5	↘ -0.7
MK	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1.6		2.7		'13-'16	↘	-0.8	↘ -0.7
IS	Iceland	27.3		28.9		'13-'16	↘	-3.3	↘ -0.7
NO	Norway	18.9		19.3		'13-'16	↘	-4.8	↘ -0.7
CH	Switzerland	24.7		26.5		'13-'16	↘	-0.1	↘ -0.7
TR	Turkey			9.2	b	'14-'16	→	0.0	↘ -0.2

Arrows ↗ or ↘ signal a positive or negative change. Arrow → indicates: no change.

(b) Break after 2010. Therefore baseline data not included. (u) Eurostat: "low reliability".

Source: Eurostat, EU labour force survey.

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