Persons with Health Problems in the Labour Market
Labour Force survey, Montenegro 4th quarter 2012

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Chart 1. How many population aged 15 to 64 years have health problems in the Labour Market?

- 65.3 thousands or 15.5% of the total population from 15 to 64 years old (421.8 thousands) have health problems in last 12 months.
Chart 2. What are the most common health problems?

- The most common health problem is problem with heart, blood pressure or circulation and 17.8 thousands or 27.2% of total population with health problem have that problem;
- 10.6 thousands or 16.2% of population with health problem have a problem with back or neck;
- 7.3 thousands or 11.2% of population with health problem have a problem with legs.

Chart 3. Population aged 15 to 64 years with health problem by duration of health problem

- 65.3 thousands of total population in the age group of 15-64 years have health problem;
- Of that number, 10.8 thousands or 16.5% is population which health problem lasts less than 6 months;
- Number of persons which health problem lasts 6 months or longer is 54.5 thousands or 83.5%. 
12.9% of total population in the age group of 15-64 years have health problem which lasts 6 months or longer;

The most of persons whose health problem lasts 10 years and longer is 14.5 thousands then 11.9 thousands persons whose health problem lasts 3 to 5 years and 10.5 thousands persons whose health problem lasts 5 to 10 years;

2.1 thousands is persons whose health problem lasts 6 months to one year

The most common cause of health problems which last 6 months or longer is a disease not related to work, 69.7% of population whose health problem lasts 6 months or longer.
Chart 6. How much age affects the health problem that persons have?

- 2.6% of total population in the age group of 15-24 years old have health problems;
- This percentage increases with age up to 34.2% of total population in the age group of 50-64 years old.

Chart 7. How many women and men have health problems? (in thousands)

- Of the total population with health problem in the age group 15 to 64, there are 54.5% women and 45.5% men;
- Of the total number of women, there are 16.9% women with health problems, while the same percentage among men is 14.1%.
- Among less educated population in age group 15 to 64 the share of persons with health problem is 19.9%, while among those who completed tertiary education in group 15 to 64 the share is 11.7%.

- 56% population with health problem is inactive population;
- 33% population with health problem are persons in employment;
- 11% population with health problem are unemployed persons.
In the Labour Force Survey, the population aged 15 and above is viewed according to the activity in the reference quarter and not according to the formal status of surveyed persons.

Employee in the survey refer to persons who in the reference week:

- performed any kind of regular or usual work for wage/profit (in cash, goods or services) at least one hour or any kind of unpaid work (in enterprise, professional practice or agricultural farm in possession of any member of his/her family), or
- has not worked (due to illness, vacation, state or religious holiday, education, training, maternity leave, reduced production and other temporary inability to work), but he/she has a job to which he/she will return.

Unemployed refers to persons who:

- in the reference week did not worked, not in paid employment or self-employment and did not do any paid work
- in the past four weeks were actively seeking work
- were currently available for work within two weeks.

Active population is any employed or unemployed person aged 15 years and over.

Inactive population is any person aged 15 years and over not classified in active population.

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