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1. The importance of researching and empirically recording working time

Working time has increasingly been at the forefront of international political discussion and empirical research into the labour market and economics over the past few years. First, there has been greater realisation that merely considering the number of gainfully employed persons is not sufficient for a comprehensive analysis of the trend for the demand for labour. For example, the number of gainfully employed persons in Germany rose 1% between 1991 and 2001. During the same period, the average time worked by each gainfully employed person decreased 6%, resulting in a 5% decline in the volume of work. That clearly shows that it is only by including the trend for working time that the overall aggregate (and naturally also sectoral and regional) demand for labour can be comprehensively treated and analysed.

Moreover, the emphasis in the political discussion has shifted away from issues related to working time. More leisure time, health aspects, and better quality of life in general previously formed the background to collective bargaining, but shorter, more flexible working time as a way to combat unemployment has occupied centre stage in the debate on labour market policies for years now. Increased efforts are being devoted to granting individual requests concerning working time and taking into account the relationships between working time and company operating hours, as well as utilisation of equipment. Greater flexibility for working time has increasingly shown that employee and employer interests related to the issue of working time need not necessarily be contradictory.

The result is a complex of issues requiring statistical corroboration. However, statistical recording of actual working times was initially far from satisfactory. Only statistical fragments of varying quality and definition were available. That is also one of the reasons why analytical treatment of the diverse issues related to working time and the volume of work through empirical research for a long time did not meet requirements and why shortcomings persist.

A sufficiently disaggregated calculation of working time and its components is the only basis for analysing the demand for labour and evaluating the various approaches to policies on working time and their effects. The overall aggregate effects on employment of reducing or redistributing working time or making it more flexible can be determined only in conjunction with
an analysis of the trend for numbers of gainfully employed people, volume of work, real gross domestic product, and hourly productivity.

Statistical recording of working time is also becoming more important in the international context. For several years, statistical offices throughout the EU have been required to show working time, volume of work, and the variables derived from them (labour productivity per hour of gainful employment, wage costs per hour worked by an employee, and earnings per hour worked by an employee) as part of the System of National Accounts. Detailed data on working time is also used at the OECD and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For those reasons, the IAB has developed a detailed working time and volume of work measurement concept, whose broad outlines are presented below. That is followed by an example of the trend over the past ten years showing how important it is to record working time in order to obtain a complete picture of the demand for labour.

2. The working time and volume of work measurement concept of the IAB

The IAB has been working within the framework of an (ongoing) research project since 1969 to prepare comprehensive working time and volume of work calculations. The individual components of working time in Germany are obtained from various data sources and combined to form the paid volume of work in Germany.

The IAB’s measurement concept of working time is a quarterly calculation. It is done on a “bottom-up” basis for specific economic branches. The calculation depth is based on six economic sectors (known as the A6 breakdown according to the WZ 93 classification of economic branches): agriculture, forestry and fishing; the manufacturing sector not including construction; construction; trade, hospitality and transportation; finance, leasing and corporate services; and public and private services).

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1 A fundamental presentation of this effort is contained in Reyher/Kohler (1988)
However, they must be broken down further for calculation of specific components (in reference to economic branches as well as occupational status and sex). Conversion to the new system of economic branches is also required in many cases (even the frequently-used Micro-census before 1995). In addition, sufficiently reliable results by economic sector are not available for all components of working time.

The calculations also continue to be divided into western and eastern Germany. This is necessary for reasons of substance. Moreover, there is no alternative given the current data situation (for example in the case of collectively-agreed or industry customary working times). The division of the calculations into working times of wage and salary earners, the self-employed persons, and unpaid family workers has been retained, although there is currently no consistent separate calculation for men and women and no consistent breakdown of employees into hourly workers and salaried employees. However, there are plans to resume the breakdown by sex in the form of a “subsystem”.

The IAB’s volume of work measurement concept has been amended several times over the years due to changes in issues related to labour market policies, conceptual developments, and improvements in the statistical data situation. The volume of work measurement concept was integrated into the National Accounts of the German Federal Statistical Office and thereby into the European System of National Accounts in 1997.

When the German National Accounts were revised in 1999 – particularly as a result of the new calculation of numbers of gainfully employed persons with particular attention to recording the number of marginal part-time workers – the IAB’s working time measurement concept also had to be revised (initially for the years as from 1991). Amendments of various components of working time which had been planned for a long time but had been set aside for continuity reasons in the long time series after 1960 were carried out.

The current version of the volume of work measurement concept includes calculation of all components broken down into full-time and part-time employees. This approach allows the development for working time and volume of work for the corresponding groups to be shown separately.
3. People as components

The basis for determining the average actual working time and volume of work is the number of wage and salary earners, self-employed people, and unpaid family workers. The quarterly values for these are taken from the National Accounts of the German Federal Statistical Office. Part-time employees are determined by adding part-time employees subject to social security contributions (not including marginal part-time workers), part-time civil servants, and the estimated number of marginal part-time workers. The number of full-time employees is then calculated from the difference between all wage and salary earners and part-time employees. The breakdown into western and eastern Germany is mainly based on the Microcensus and the file of employees subject to social security contributions.

For correct determination of working time, it is still of interest to indicate people who according to the statistics are gainfully employed but whose working time is zero. These are primarily people on parental leave and those under the special scheme of partial retirement for older workers (release phase). Therefore, they are shown separately in the working time calculation.

Subtracting the above groups of people, who do not contribute to overall aggregate output, avoids overestimates of the macroeconomic volume of work.

4. Working time of wage and salary earners

4.1 Potential working days

The point of departure for determining the working time of wage and salary earners is the number of potential working days. A five-day week is fundamentally used for this, and it is assumed that employees are given compensatory time off on other days when they work on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays that do not fall on the weekend. Therefore, the number of potential working days results from the number of calendar days minus Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. When certain holidays are not taken throughout Germany, they are weighted with the number of employees subject to the social security contributions at the “Laender” level to determine averages (west and east separately).
4.2 Collective agreement components

Among the components in the working time calculation that are independent of the economic situation, the collectively-agreed or customary working time is the most influential. It is the best reflection of the long-term trend for working time. It is sufficiently confirmed by statistics from the German National Statistical Office, particularly for the industry incl. energy. There are gaps in coverage of the primary and tertiary sectors of the economy. Information from the collective agreement archives of the WSI is used for those sectors.

Basic information on “collectively-agreed” working time for part-time employees is obtained from the Microcensus. That source can be used to calculate the ratio of the average number of hours worked by part-time employees (as well as the work done by marginal part-time employees as a sub-category thereof) to the average number of hours worked by full-time employees. The results are applied to the collectively-agreed or customary (full-time) weekly hours.

The source for calculation of the collectively-agreed annual holiday leave is the collective agreement archive of WSI. The information on basic leave and actual total leave are weighted at a ratio of 30:70. The division by quarter uses the German National Statistical Office’s statistics on “guest-nights by nationals in places of accommodation”. Additional days off (e.g. one day in public service) and times of maternity leave [Mutterschutzzeiten] are covered separately.

The number of special effects on holiday leave or lost work time similar to holiday leave, such as additional leave for heavy or hazardous work, school holidays for teachers, and additional leave for the severely handicapped, are not yet taken into account. Rough calculations of this indicate an average of about one day (in western Germany) to a half-day (in eastern Germany) per year for all employees.

4.3 Sick leave

The benchmark figures for the calculation are the monthly sick leave data (in percent) for compulsory members of the state health insurance scheme with continued payment of wages
for at least six weeks (German Federal Ministry of Health). The trend for times of incapacity for work lasting up to three days, which are under-recorded in this series, is most likely offset by the non-compulsory insured persons (salaried employees not covered by the agreed pay scale, civil servants, and marginal part-time workers) with lower levels of lost work time. Cases in which people resume work while still certified unfit for work by a physician also have a similar effect.

Because these statistics are not broken down by economic branch, a special survey of the Microcensus which is conducted at multi-year intervals (such as 1989, 1995) is used as a supplemental source. It indicates relative differences in sick leave data for different economic branches.

A more detailed analysis shows that lost work time as a result of sickness is strongly influenced by personal characteristics, which means that it depends in macroeconomic terms on the composition of the labour pool. However, it can be seen over the course of time that the sick leave rate also correlates with the overall aggregate development, particularly the unemployment level.

### 4.4 Paid overtime

Paid overtime\(^3\), as well as the components of short-time work and the effects of working time accounts (transitional overtime) described in the sections below, help enterprises to absorb short- or medium-term fluctuations in demand that can occur seasonally or as a result of the economic situation. Paid overtime is a subject for political discussion primarily because eliminating a portion of such overtime could promote employment. Therefore, it is particularly important to show the level of paid overtime (and any changes in it) as accurately as possible. This component of working time is not statistically documented as well as it might be, but combining the various sources does allow an analysis of the development for overtime.\(^4\) Sources for determining paid overtime include information from the German Federal Statistical

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\(^2\) WSI - Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut (Institute of Economic and Social Research), Cologne

\(^3\) Because the volume of labour calculation is intended to show only the paid volume of labour, it does not contain unpaid overtime.

\(^4\) The basis for estimating the volume of overtime and problems encountered are described in Karr/Spitznagel (1999).
Office based on quarterly earnings surveys (only the industry) and business surveys by the IAB (covering all economic branches).

The quarterly earnings surveys for the industry include only workers in enterprises with 20 or more employees. However, we assume that this data can be considered solid subject to the limitations below:

- Surveys on salary and wage structures conducted at multi-year intervals show that overtime by workers is under-recorded in the quarterly survey.
- Workers in small enterprises, who may tend to work more paid overtime than in large enterprises, are not included.
- According to the major surveys, salaried employees do less overtime than workers.

The results of the business surveys cover all areas of the economy. Because it is likely that some unpaid overtime is also included due to the survey design, the results of the business surveys for all economic branches are reduced by a factor based on the difference between conclusions of the earnings surveys by the German Federal Statistical Office and the business surveys for the manufacturing sector.

Finally, the volume of overtime also reflects the fact that marginal part-time workers, trainees, people on childcare leave, and people in the release phase of partial retirement for older workers do not work overtime.

A regression analysis shows that the paid overtime obtained in this way is very much influenced by seasonal and economic fluctuations but that it also in some cases offsets calendar-related fluctuations in working days. Also, long-term downward trend for per-capita overtime can be seen, at least in western Germany, particularly as a result of the increase in other instruments to make working time more flexible, such as transitional overtime. However, the regression analysis also shows that the majority of paid overtime is not due to the operational

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5 Cf. Authors’ Collective (2002).
need for short-term flexibility. After a more precise analysis of the “core”, this might be a possible starting point for a reduction in overtime that could affect employment levels.

### 4.5 Short-time work

The mirror image of the paid overtime that allows an upward adjustment of working time is the use of short-time work to temporarily reduce the actual time worked. The data on short-time work collected by the BA is included in the working time calculation. The average lost work time per short-time worker is then calculated from the statistically documented groups of lost work time.

The analysis of the trend for lost work time as a result of short-time work shows that it has experienced a sharp downward trend over the last ten years, in some cases due to changes in legislation (making the instrument more expensive for employers). However, the increased popularity of flexible working times, for example in the form of working time corridors in company agreements to make employment more secure, have also contributed to the decline of this traditional instrument for making working time more flexible.

### 4.6 Working time accounts

Given their increased importance in the future, the aforementioned “modern” instruments for making working time more flexible must also be included in calculations of working time. This is done under the collective term “working time account effects” which covers the various ways of working more or less than the regular working time using compensatory time off. However, while paid overtime can be determined relatively well using data from various sources (see section 4.4), there are barely any empirical surveys that can be used to analyse transitory overtime or the build-up and reduction of working time accounts.

An attempt is therefore being made to use the available data to make the soundest possible estimates of this type of overtime. It must be suspected that much the same variables influence changes in transitory overtime as those affecting changes in the number of paid overtime hours (economic situation, seasonal effects, and the working day effect).

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6 A discussion of such analyses is contained in Author’s Collective (1998).
The surveys on working time by the ISO Institute\textsuperscript{7} can be used to explore the proportional relationship between paid and transitory overtime. That data shows how the ratio of weekly paid overtime to transitory overtime has changed.

This allows the build-up or reduction of the balances in working time accounts to be estimated over time. The exact estimating procedure is described in Koch (2001). Differences in the distribution of working time accounts in the individual economic branches are offset by introducing a corrective factor that is also based on an ISO survey.

4.7 Bad weather, strikes, and accepted part-time work

In addition to the “major” components of working time, the working time calculation also includes some whose quantitative effect may be slight, at least at the macroeconomic level, but which are still necessary to obtain a complete picture of macroeconomic working time.

This includes lost work time as a result of bad weather, which – like short-time work as a result of changed legislation – has become less important over time. The number of lost hours and the affected employees are recorded (to the extent that BA pays benefits). The total lost work due to bad weather is calculated from that subpopulation.

The “lost working day” data collected by the BA provides sufficiently deep economic and temporal breakdowns for the “strikes and lock-outs” component of working time and can be directly converted into volumes using the collectively-agreed or customary working times.

We understand “accepted part-time work” to be a form of part-time work that is agreed collectively or at the enterprise level to protect employment levels. Generally speaking, such agreements state that the working time and compensation of employees in the affected enterprises will be reduced for a specific time period, for example to 80% of the full-time level. In return, the agreements contain employment guarantees for the stipulated time period.

The available data on this component of working time is extremely unsatisfactory. Therefore, both the number of employees affected and the reduction in their work time must be estimated.

\textsuperscript{7} Cf. Bundesmann-Jansen, Gross, Munz (2000).
using individual information that in some cases is based on surveys of enterprises and experts’ knowledge.

4.8 Secondary employment

The sections above refer to the time worked by employees at their main (or only) jobs. To that must be added the volume of work from multiple employment. The source used is the Microcensus, which includes information on both the number of employees with second jobs and the average number of hours worked at such jobs. We consider people with second jobs in agriculture to be part-time farmers and combine the volume of work from their secondary employment with that of exclusively self-employed persons and unpaid family workers.

4.9 Components to increase flexibility

There are often differences in the potential number of working days depending on where movable holidays fall. The deviations from the average number of working days over many years are compensated to some extent by adjustments to overtime and working time accounts. However, it must be assumed that a portion of the effects on working time are not covered by this (such as shorter breaks when there are fewer potential working days and actual but unobserved flexibility in working time). Therefore, “working day elasticities” for specific economic branches are calculated to approximate this effect. For the most part they correspond to the production elasticities (determined by the German Bundesbank). This approach also takes into account, for example, the fact that movable holidays most likely have much less effect on time worked in agriculture than on time worked in the industry.

5. Working time of the self-employed and unpaid family workers

In addition to the time worked by wage and salary earners, the aggregated calculation of working time must also reflect the working time of the self-employed persons and unpaid family workers. The days (normally) worked by this group every calendar week are taken from the Microcensus. It is assumed that the information for the survey week applies to every week of the year.
The hours (normally) worked each week by self-employed persons and unpaid family workers are also shown in the Microcensus. Here, too, the data for the survey week are applied to the entire year. One exception: in the agriculture and forestry sector, lower working times are used for the first and fourth quarters.

For holiday leave, the *holiday leave for employees* (not including special leave and the like) of each specific industry is assumed. Based on the results of the Microcensus, *half the sick leave rate for employees is used*. The volume of work of part-time farmers in their second job is included under that of the self-employed.


The results of the volume of work calculation as from 1991 are described briefly below, with an emphasis on the dominant development for wage and salary earners. The different development for employment markets in western and eastern Germany require a separate presentation. The complete working time calculation is shown in Table 1.

#### 6.1 Employment

In *western Germany*, the total number of *wage and salary earners* in 2001 was at least 1.2 million or 4 % over the level for 1991. This was the result of lasting contradictory trends for
full-time and part-time employment: while the number of part-time employees rose continuously over the entire period (by 2.9 million or 61 %), the number of full-time employees declined sharply from 1992 through 1998 (by over 2 million). The number of full-time employees increased (300,000) in 1999 and 2000, followed by a slight decline in 2001. The part-time rate rose by more than 17 % to just under 27 % in 2001.

Ignoring the distortions of the early 1990s as a result of reunification, the changes in the structure of gainfully employed persons in eastern Germany show a pattern similar to the west, although with a different point of departure. The number of part-time employees has more than doubled since 1991, reaching almost 1.2 million people by 2001, and the part-time rate rose from 6 % in 1991 to more than 20 % in 2001. However, it is still far below the level for western Germany. The greater increase compared with the west is also due to the large number of employment creation measures in eastern Germany (known by their German acronym ABM), which were implemented by shortening working times.

Overall, 8.9 million people were part-time employees in Germany in 2001, and the part-time rate was nearly 26 %.

6.2 Working time
The average working time of full-time employees in western Germany was 1,630 hours in 2001, about the same as in the early 1990s. The trend toward shorter collectively-agreed or customary working times as a result of lower weekly working hours and/or more days of holiday leave did not continue into the 1990s. In contrast, the time worked by part-time employees declined 7.5 % to 618 hours, primarily due to the sharp increase in marginal part-time work. Consequently, the percentage of annual working hours worked by part-time employees compared with the hours worked by full-time employees declined from 41 % to 38 %. Overall, the average working time of all employees dropped from 1,467 hours in 1991 to 1,347 hours in 2001 (-120 hours or 8 %). The part-time effect (in this case the difference between the time worked by full-time employees and the time worked by full- and part-time employees) rose during that period from about 175 to 280 hours. The decline in average annual working time during the 1990s was therefore not the result of across-the-board reductions in working time, but rather primarily due to structural changes in gainful employment.
The development for the average working time in *eastern Germany* was influenced by adjustment processes through the mid-1990s – collectively-agreed alignment of weekly hours and holiday leave with western levels, elimination of short-time work due to structural and economic factors, and gradual proliferation of (paid) overtime. A similar pattern occurred in western Germany in the late 1990s. The working time of full-time employees barely changed any further over time, because the collectively-agreed alignment with western conditions lessened. At 1,683 hours in 2001, it was only 3 % over the level in the west. Because there was less marginal part-time work than in western Germany, the average weekly working time of part-time employees in the east was 755 hours, 22 % higher than in the west. The part-time effect at approximately -200 hours in 2001 was about the same as western levels in the mid-1990s.

Due to western Germany’s large share of gainful employment, the average working times for full-time and part-time employees in *Germany as a whole* for the most part follows the trend in the west.

### 6.3 Volume of work

The *volume of work* by employees in *western Germany* declined 7 % from 1991 through 1997, after which it rose 3 % to 39.3 billion hours in 2001. The full-time volume rose 9 %, while the part-time volume rose 50 % and in 2001, at 5.0 billion hours, made up just 13 % of the total volume of work by employees. It accounted for only 8 % in 1991.

The volume of work by employees in *eastern Germany* declined 19 % from 1991 through 2001 to 8.4 billion hours per year. The percentage of the volume of part-time labour out of the total volume of work in eastern Germany more than doubled during the 1990s, reaching 11 % in 2001 (west: 13 %). The lower part-time rates compared with western Germany and the longer times worked by part-time employees partially offset each other.

The overall aggregated volume of work by employees in *Germany* was 47.7 billion hours in 2001, 7 % less than in 1991. This resulted from a 12 % decline in the volume of full-time labour during that period and a 60 % increase in the part-time volume. The approximately 26 % of part-time employees contributed a good 12 % of the total volume of work in 2001.
7. Conclusion and outlook

The IAB’s working time and volume of work measurement concept provides a comprehensive, detailed image of the actual time worked by the various groups of gainfully employed people and its components. This offers the basis for detailed theoretical and empirical analyses of both the overall trend for working time and individual components, such as part-time work, paid overtime, and working time accounts.

The results of the working time calculation are also important for analyses and projections of the aggregate development, because the number of gainfully employed persons provides only an insufficient reflection of the development for the demand for labour, as shown by the results presented in section 6. Therefore, working time and the volume of work are also contained in the annual short-term projection table of the IAB. The results of the working time calculation are also included in the macroeconometric short-term projection model that is prepared by the IAB in conjunction with the RWI, the Rhine-Westphalia Institute for Economic Research.

The IAB’s working time calculation is currently available from 1991 up to the present. To further refine the image and to increase analytical capabilities, the calculation is being expanded in the following directions:

- Retroactive calculation for western Germany to 1970 in the breakdown by six economic sectors
- Expansion of the breakdown into 31 economic branches starting in 2002
- Sex- and age-group-specific division of the breakdown according to six economic areas

This expansion is also important because the analysis of working time and volume of work is becoming increasingly important in the international context (EU in the framework of the European System of National Accounts, OECD, and Bureau of Labor Statistics).
### Table I: Average working time and its components in Germany

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### Sick leave

| Sick leave by persons | %  | 5.14 | 4.97 | 4.80 | 4.82 | 5.11 | 4.67 | 4.14 | 4.07 | 4.21 | 4.19 |
| Sick leave in working days | Days | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 10.2 | 9.0  | 9.0  | 9.3  | 9.2  |
| Sick leave in working hours | hrs  | 78.7 | 76.0 | 72.6 | 71.7 | 74.7 | 67.4 | 58.8 | 57.7 | 59.5 | 57.8 |
| Volume lost by sick leave | hrs  | 2,746 | 2,603 | 2,444 | 2,404 | 2,507 | 2,253 | 1,956 | 1,941 | 2,031 | 2,009 |
| Working time adj. by sick leave | hrs  | 1,453.4 | 1,454.8 | 1,440.0 | 1,416.8 | 1,387.4 | 1,375.1 | 1,359.3 | 1,354.1 | 1,321.9 | 1,311.2 |

### Effective working days

| Working days w.o. holidays a. sick leave | Days | 206.3 | 209.8 | 210.1 | 208.8 | 207.1 | 208.5 | 209.1 | 211.4 | 212.4 | 209.2 |
| Paid overtime
| Overtime per calendar week 1) | hrs  | 1.19 | 1.18 | 1.12 | 1.21 | 1.23 | 1.09 | 1.07 | 1.09 | 1.09 | 1.10 |
| Overtime per period 1) | "  | 54.6 | 54.2 | 51.2 | 55.2 | 55.8 | 49.1 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 48.4 |
| Overtime per period 2) | "  | 1,904 | 1,855 | 1,725 | 1,850 | 1,873 | 1,640 | 1,580 | 1,598 | 1,607 | 1,649 |
| Volume of overtime | hrs  | 1,458.0 | 1,491.2 | 1,472.0 | 1,443.2 | 1,424.2 | 1,406.8 | 1,406.8 | 1,401.2 | 1,369.3 | 1,359.7 |
| Working time incl. overtime 2) | hrs  | 1,408.5 | 1,432.8 | 1,427.2 | 1,424.2 | 1,406.8 | 1,406.8 | 1,401.2 | 1,369.3 | 1,359.7 |

### Short-time work

| Short-time workers | 1,000 | 1,761 | 653 | 948 | 372 | 199 | 277 | 183 | 115 | 119 | 86 |
| Work lost per short-t. worker | %  | 61.4 | 48.0 | 34.7 | 38.9 | 47.8 | 44.1 | 47.2 | 49.4 | 44.8 | 57.7 |
| Work lost per short-t. worker | hrs  | 940.2 | 735.1 | 525.2 | 579.7 | 693.9 | 636.0 | 669.5 | 699.7 | 633.3 | 796.5 |
| Volume of work lost | hrs  | 1,656 | 480 | 498 | 216 | 139 | 176 | 122 | 81 | 75 | 69 |
| Short-time work effect | hrs  | 47.5 | 14.0 | 14.8 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 |

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| Secondary work                      |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of incidents                  | 1,000| 497  | 451  | 489  | 461  | 592  | 722  | 750  | 837  | 796  | 734  | 736  |
| Working time in secondary work    | hrs  | 391.8| 396.5| 361.2| 384.5| 329.4| 332.0| 352.4| 344.5| 372.6| 375.3| 361.4|
| Volume of work                    | hrs  | 195  | 179  | 177  | 177  | 195  | 237  | 264  | 288  | 297  | 275  | 266  |
| Effect of secondary work          | hrs  | 5.6  | 5.2  | 5.2  | 5.3  | 5.8  | 7.1  | 7.9  | 8.6  | 8.7  | 7.9  | 7.6  |

| Effective working time            |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Working time                      | hrs  | 1,473.1| 1,490.8| 1,466.5| 1,464.6| 1,446.8| 1,425.1| 1,414.7| 1,408.3| 1,397.1| 1,380.5| 1,369.3|
| Changes against prev. year        | %    | + 1.2 | + 1.6 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 | + 1.5 | + 0.7 | + 0.5 | + 0.8 | + 1.2 | + 0.8 | + 0.8 |
| Working time full-time            | hrs  | 1,617.5| 1,653.5| 1,635.0| 1,643.6| 1,638.4| 1,629.5| 1,639.0| 1,648.3| 1,647.9| 1,643.9| 1,639.0|
| Changes against prev. year        | %    | + 2.2 | + 1.1 | + 0.5 | - 0.3 | - 0.5 | + 0.6 | + 0.6 | + 0.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Working time part-time            | hrs  | 688.6 | 682.2 | 681.3 | 684.5 | 669.9 | 656.7 | 643.4 | 642.8 | 638.7 | 633.1 | 636.0|
| Changes against prev. year        | %    | - 0.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 | - 2.1 | - 2.0 | - 2.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 | - 0.9 | + 0.5 | + 0.5 |
| For information: effect of working days | %    | + 1.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 | - 0.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.9 | + 0.5 | - 1.3 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Daily working time                | "    | - 0.2 | - 1.8 | + 0.4 | - 0.8 | - 1.6 | - 0.5 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 | - 0.5 |

| B. Self-employed and family workers |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Persons                            | 1,000| 3,580| 3,642| 3,689| 3,788| 3,832| 3,839| 3,914| 3,974| 3,939| 4,001| 4,081|
| Working time full-time             | hrs  | 2,201.8| 2,178.5| 2,179.2| 2,164.4| 2,164.8| 2,175.3| 2,185.6| 2,172.1| 2,191.0| 2,182.6| 2,148.9|
| Changes against prev. year         | %    | - 1.1 | + 0.0 | - 0.7 | + 0.0 | + 0.5 | + 0.5 | - 0.6 | + 0.9 | - 0.4 | - 1.5 |
### C. Gainfully employed persons

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