# Improving Statistical Literacy on Labour Force Statistic challenges and opportunities 

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## Intro to Statistical Literacy :

is the ability to understand and critically evaluate statistical results that permeate our daily lives - coupled with the ability to appreciate the contributions that statistical thinking can make in public and private, professional and personal decisions
citizens without statistical literacy may not be able to discriminate between credible and incredible information and will have difficulty in interpreting, critically evaluating and communicating reactions to such messages

The Statistical literacy is so far important that many of statistical community put it is university curriculum and developing material for a new course which is aimed at encouraging students to learn statistics based on our findings

ability to read, understand, and communicate statistical information

Labour force statistic is one of the debating statistics that needs the specific literacy. The pair concepts of employment and unemployment are so basic to national economies that any rise in employment rate - which means a drop in unemployment - is reckoned as an indicator to the national development.



How public identify employees


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Distribution of participants down by gender and age


## Time-related underemployment

Many of employed (time-related) or Unemployed (Potential labour force) do not working as the fulltime standard employees (e.g. 44 hours a week).

Unemployment Concept


Unemployment reflects the active search for existing employment opportunities by jobless persons who are available for work

1) all those above a specified age, who were not in employment
2) carried out activities to seek employment during a specified recent period
3) were currently available to take up employment given a job opportunity

## Definition by Income and wage

- consideration unit in the LFS survey is an individual persons and LFS is a household based survey
- different employees have different incomes, various living costs patterns, incomparable working time and it would be implausible to use the income as criteria for employment statues, thought it will be need to simultaneous analysis the relation between employees' wage and living costs, and it is highly complicated to put a standard for welfare and comprehensive acceptable pattern
- for measuring the employment status is a reference week while the reference suitable period for measuring the income is a year
- Complexity of calculation of income is related to whole family rather than the breadwinner

Statistical Office
in Kraków

## Definition by Working Hours

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Usually work less than the hour's threshold, and who wanted and were available to work additional hours

Usually work more than the hour's threshold but who were "not at work" or had reduced working time during the short reference period, due to specific reasons (such as reduction in economic activity including temporary lay-off and slack work, and the low or off-season)

## Statistics Poland

## Formality and informality

- Own-account workers, employers and members of producers' cooperatives of informal sector units
- All contributing family workers



## Incorrect interpretation

According to the all of reflections, the unemployment rate is the first and most relevant index that respondents motioned immediately, but they didn't care about the detailed indices.


## Unemployment



Simultaneous analysis for labour force

## Statistics Poland



Sample population flow for tow considered quarters

## Conclusion

Providing detailed statistical products can be the remedy in cases that there are challenges and debates on indices and data

Supplementary indices, for example rate of time-related underemployment and unemployment, potential labour force and underutilization.

Almost all of the participants have understanding of job and its characters when they were going to talk about the unemployment rather than works.

full time employee with rigid legal contract, stability, job security and social insurance with affordable wage
unemployed person

A jobless Inactive

## Thanks for your Attention

