

Slight decline in the unemployment rate and increase in job vacancies reported in May

As of 31 May 2026, ADEM recorded 19,674 resident jobseekers available for work, representing an increase of 1,205 persons compared with May 2025 (+6.5% year-on-year).

This year-on-year increase remains particularly pronounced among the most highly qualified jobseekers (+15.1%). All age groups recorded an increase compared with the previous year, although this increase was less significant than in recent months, especially among jobseekers under the age of 30 (+2.9%, compared with an annual increase of 8.0% recorded last month).

In terms of occupations sought, the largest increases were observed in secretarial and administrative support occupations (ROME category M16), information technology occupations (ROME category M18), and banking occupations (ROME category C12).

The unemployment rate, adjusted for seasonal variations and calculated by STATEC, stood at 6.2%, a slight decrease compared with the previous month.

In May, the number of new registrations of resident jobseekers decreased by 1.4% year-on-year (2,239 residents registered in May 2026, compared with 2,271 in May 2025).

As of 31 May 2026, the number of resident jobseekers receiving full unemployment benefits stood at 9,842, representing a decrease of 6.8% compared with the previous year.

The number of resident jobseekers with the status of vocational redeployment beneficiaries and receiving either a transitory allowance (IA) or a professional transitory allowance (IPA) amounted to 1,551, corresponding to a slight year-on-year increase of 1.3%.

The number of residents participating in employment support measures stood at 4,627, an increase of 3.8% compared with May 2025.

With regard to non-residents, 759 persons registered with ADEM during May 2026 (+5.6% year-on-year). The stock of non-resident jobseekers available for work amounted to 4,144 persons as of 31 May 2026 (+19.4% year-on-year).

It should be noted that 2,433 of these non-resident jobseekers (58.7% of the total) hold the status of persons undergoing external vocational redeployment and are therefore eligible for financial assistance paid by ADEM under the same conditions as residents. For this category, the year-on-year increase amounted to 10.5%.

The second category of non-residents registered with ADEM, totalling 1,711 persons as of 31 May (41.3% of the total), consists of individuals who voluntarily register as jobseekers without being entitled to any financial assistance. The year-on-year increase in this category remains particularly significant, reaching +34.8% between May 2025 and May 2026.

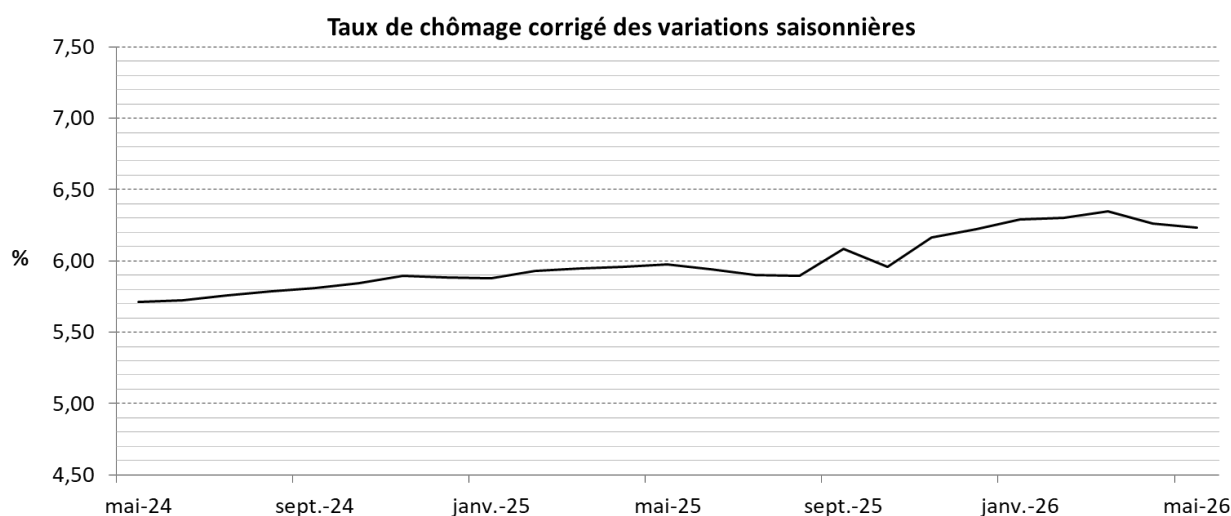
As of 31 May 2026, 1,018 non-resident jobseekers with the status of persons undergoing external vocational redeployment were receiving full unemployment benefits, representing a decrease of 9.7% compared with the previous year.

In addition, 1,827 non-resident jobseekers with the status of external vocational redeployment beneficiaries received either a transitory allowance (IA) or a professional transitory allowance (IPA) as of 31 May 2026, representing an increase of 8.0% year-on-year.

In May 2026, employers reported 3,049 job vacancies to ADEM, an increase of 7.6% compared with May 2025. This increase is notably attributable to significant seasonal recruitment carried out by a company in the manufacturing industry.

At the end of the month, the stock of available job vacancies stood at 6,928, representing a decrease of 3.8% compared with the previous year.

The occupations showing the strongest increase compared with the previous year were industrial cleaning and sanitation (ROME category K22), design and engineering studies (ROME category F11), warehousing, materials handling and removals (ROME category N11), and paramedical care occupations (ROME category J15).



Source: STATEC

	mai-26	Part %	mai-25	Variation sur un an %	
1. Demandeurs d'emploi					
Demandeurs d'emploi résidents disponibles	19 674		18 469	1 205	6,5
Demandeurs d'emploi résidents en mesure	4 627		4 458	169	3,8
Demandeurs d'emploi non-résidents disponibles	4 144	100,0	3 470	674	19,4
Non-résidents à capacité de travail réduite	2 433	58,7	2 201	232	10,5
Non-résidents sans statut spécifique	1 711	41,3	1 269	442	34,8
Ouvertures de dossiers	2 998	100,0	2 990	8	0,3
Résidents	2 239	74,7	2 271	-32	-1,4
Non-résidents	759	25,3	719	40	5,6
2. Demandeurs d'emploi indemnisés*					
Bénéficiaires du chômage complet	10 860	100,0	11 683	-823	-7,0
Résidents	9 842	90,6	10 556	-714	-6,8
Non-résidents à capacité de travail réduite	1 018	9,4	1 127	-109	-9,7
Bénéficiaires d'une indemnité d'attente ou d'une indemnité professionnelle d'attente	3 378	100,0	3 223	155	4,8
Résidents	1 551	45,9	1 531	20	1,3
Non-résidents	1 827	54,1	1 692	135	8,0
3. Offres d'emploi					
Postes vacants déclarés à l'ADEM au cours du mois	3 049		2 834	215	7,6
Postes vacants disponibles en fin du mois	6 928		7 205	-277	-3,8

Methodological note: Recipients of unemployment benefits and recipients of the waiting allowance

The recording of the number of recipients of full unemployment benefits and the (professional) transitory allowance was affected by major changes to ADEM's IT systems implemented in November 2025. As a result, trends in the number of benefit recipients are still being verified.

Un **demandeur d'emploi résident disponible** est une personne inscrite à l'ADEM qui réside sur le territoire luxembourgeois et qui, à la date du relevé statistique, n'est ni en emploi, ni affectée à une mesure pour l'emploi, ni en congé de maladie ou de maternité.

Un **demandeur d'emploi résident en mesure** est une personne inscrite à l'ADEM qui réside sur le territoire luxembourgeois et qui, à la date du relevé statistique, est affectée à une mesure pour l'emploi.

Un **demandeur d'emploi non-résident disponible** est une personne inscrite à l'ADEM qui ne réside pas sur le territoire luxembourgeois et qui, à la date du relevé statistique, n'est ni en emploi, ni affectée à une mesure pour l'emploi et ni en congé de maladie ou de maternité.

Un **demandeur d'emploi à capacité de travail réduite** est une personne qui bénéficie d'une décision de reclassement externe en application des articles L.551-1 et suivants du Code du travail.

Un **bénéficiaire de l'indemnité de chômage complet** est une personne inscrite à l'ADEM et qui est indemnisée en application des article L. 521-1 et suivants du Code du travail.

Un **bénéficiaire d'une indemnité d'attente ou d'une indemnité professionnelle d'attente** est une personne inscrite à l'ADEM et indemnisée en application de l'article L. 551-5 du Code du travail.

Le **taux de chômage** est le rapport entre le nombre de demandeurs d'emploi résidents disponibles et la population active résidente.

More detailed interactive tables on the above data can be found in the "[ADEM stats](https://adem.public.lu/fr/marche-emploi-luxembourg/statistiques/chiffres-cles-adem.html)" section of the ADEM website.
(<https://adem.public.lu/fr/marche-emploi-luxembourg/statistiques/chiffres-cles-adem.html>)

Raw data are also available on the Statistics Portal (<http://www.statistiques.public.lu>) via the Open Data Portal
(<https://data.public.lu/fr/datasets/chiffres-cles-de-ladem/#resources>)

The data for June 2026 will be published on 20 July 2026.

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