Supplementary indicators for estimating labour underutilization

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Overview presentation

1. New output visualizations:

For presenting labour force breakdown

groups differentiated on labour market attachment

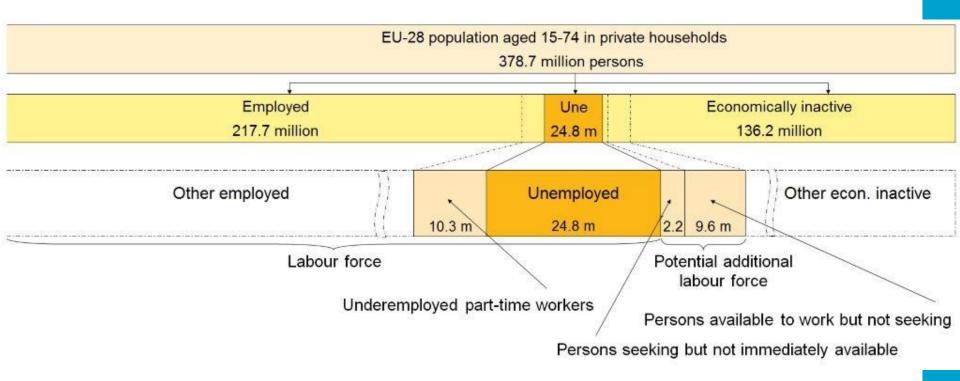
2. Estimating labour underutilization:

Supplementary indicators next to unemployment

→ following US BLS

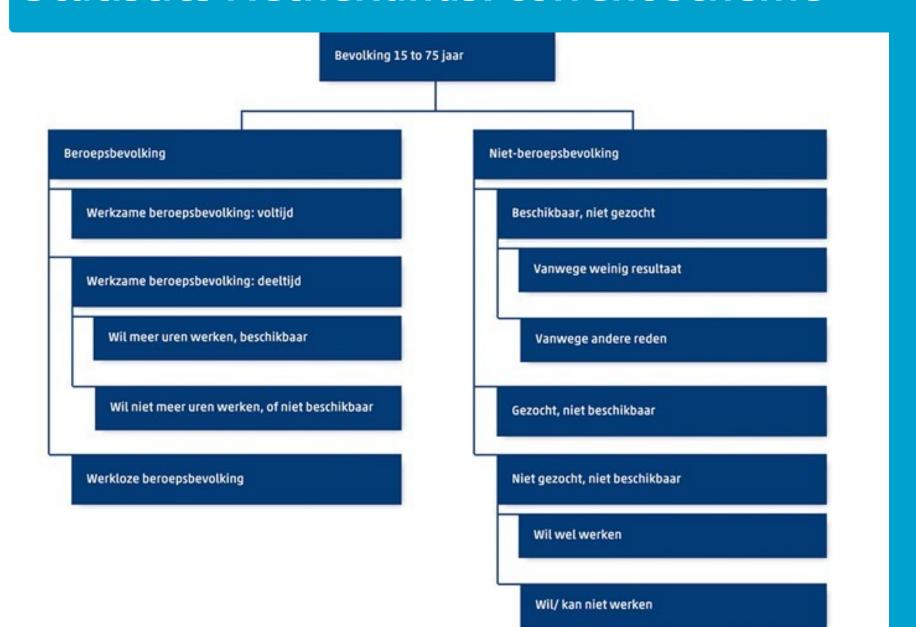


Visualizations: Eurostat scheme





Statistics Netherlands: current scheme



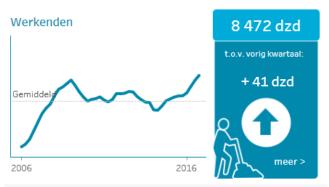
New output visualizations Statistics Netherlands

- Work in progress
- "Upgrade" current labour force scheme
- New visualization: "dashboard" style
- More fashionable
- Expected online around August 2017



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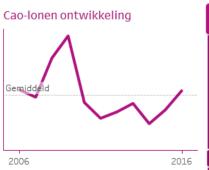
Arbeidsmarkt in vogelvlucht



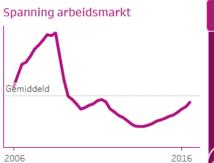


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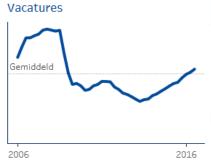
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Supplementary indicators

 Predominantly: focus on unemployment

Alternatively:
 present a more comprehensive view



Supplementary indicators: background

- Combine groups & calculate alternative indicators
- We follow US Bureau of Labor Statistics
- BLS: 6 alternative measures of labour underutilization
- U1 to U6, U3 official unemployment rate (ILO)

→ We replicate this for NL and EU



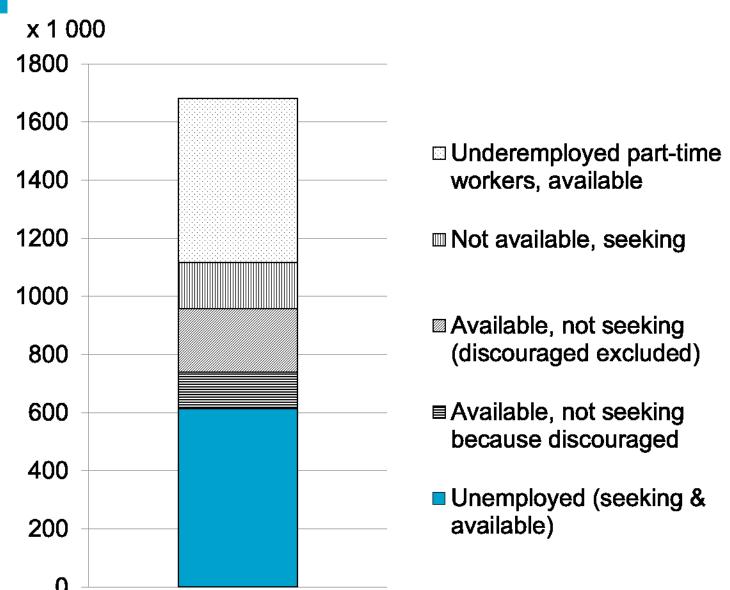
Supplementary indicators: I1 to I5

- **I1**: Unemployment rate (starting point)
- **I2**: I1 + discouraged jobseekers
- **I3**: I2 + not seeking for other reason
- **I4**: I3 + not immediately available
- **I5**: I4 + underemployed part timers

Increasingly broader interpretation of underutilization

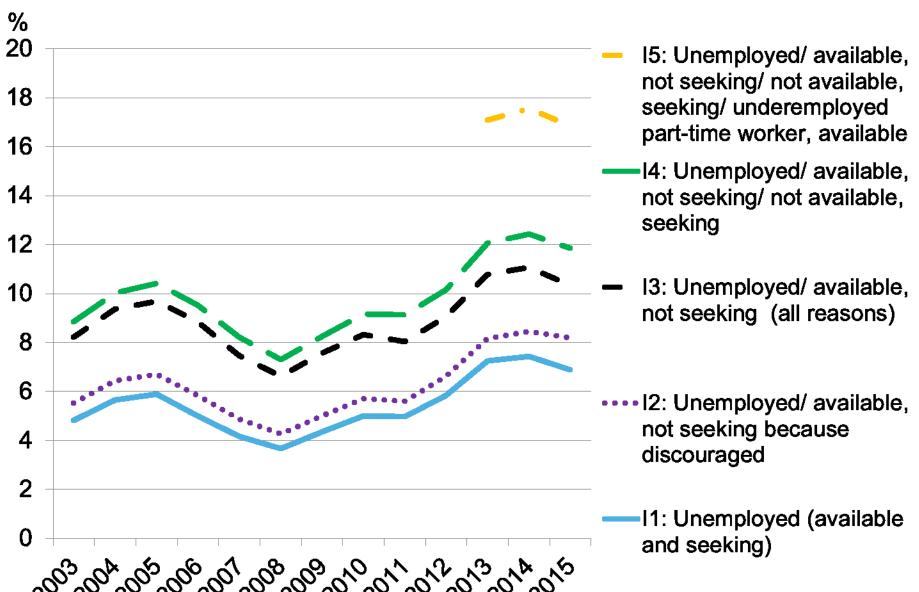


Underutilization Netherlands, 2015

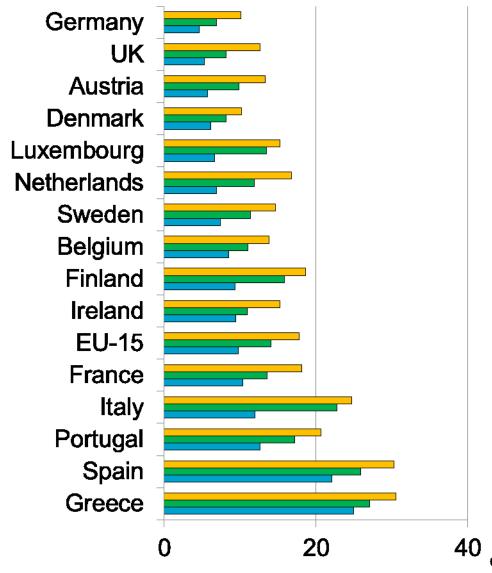




Developments over time: Netherlands



Cross-country comparison, 2015



- I5: Unemployed/
 seeking and not
 available/ not seeking
 and available/
 underemployed
 part-timers, available
- I4: Unemployed/ seeking and not available/ not seeking and available

I1: Unemployed (seeking and available)



%

Cross-country comparison, 2015

	I1	14	I 5
1	Ger	Ger	Ger
2	UK	Den	Den
3	Aut	UK	UK
4	Den	Aut	Aut
5	Lux	Irl	Bel
6	NL	Bel	Swe
7	Swe	Swe	Irl
8	Bel	NL	Lux
9	Fin	Lux	NL
10	Irl	Fra	Fra
11	Fra	Fin	Fin
12	Ita	Por	Por
13	Por	Ita	Ita
14	Esp	Esp	Esp
15	Gre	Gre	Gre

Sorted on ascending order of unemployment rate



Conclusions

- Supplementary indicators yield a more comprehensive picture of labour underutilization for the Netherlands.
- Developments over time are quite similar to I1.
- International perspective: from I1 to I5?

 NL largest increase of all EU-15 countries

