High employment among women

Danes are good at taking their turn on the labour market. We have a high employment rate and a low unemployment rate in a European context. Part of the explanation is Danish women’s high employment rate.

The Danish labour market is characterised by a high participation rate. An important reason for this is the fact that Danish women work more than in many other European countries. However, almost one-fourth of those at working age (16-66 years) are outside the labour force. A great number of these are persons receiving early retirement pensions, or early retirement pay and young people enrolled for an education.

16 per cent of the men and 23 per cent of the women on the labour market are part-time employees. Part-time employment is most common in trade, hotels and restaurants and finance and business services.

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