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Spain · Employment grew 2.8% YoY in 3Q 2017

Data

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the **QoQ change to employment in 3Q 2017 stood at 0.75%** (0.84% in 2Q 2017).
- In the last four quarters:
 - **Employment:** increased by 521,700 to 19,049,200.
 - **Active population:** declined by 67,400 to 22,780,900.
 - **Unemployment:** declined by 589,100 to 3,731,700.
 - The **unemployment rate** stood at **16.4%** (–2.5 p. p. in the last year).

Assessment

- **Employment performed very positively** in 3Q 2017. In seasonally adjusted terms, job creation remained at very high levels of 0.75% QoQ, suggesting that the **labour market is still improving at a very robust trend**.
- The number of employed increased by 521,700 (accumulated over four quarters), a better figure than anticipated by CaixaBank Research (495,800). The **YoY change** in employment stood at **2.8%**.
- In the last year, the **active population** has declined by 67,400 individuals, implying a current activity rate of 58.9% in 3Q 2017, 0.5 p.p. less than in 3Q 2016.
- The number of unemployed has declined sharply (-589,100 in the last four quarters), which translates into an **unemployment rate of 16.4%**. In the last year the unemployment rate has dropped by 2.5 p.p.
- In the light of these figures, the risks surrounding **the employment growth forecast of 2.7% for 2017** are balanced.

Spain: labor market

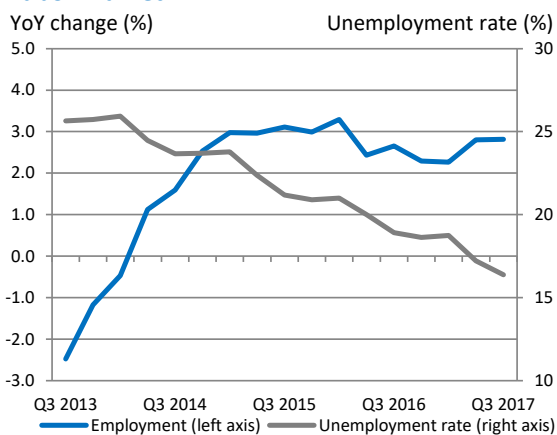
Annual change (thousands)

	2002-2007*	2008-2013*	Q3 2014	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2017	
						Data	Forecast
Employment	767	-587	274	545	479	522	496
Active population	689	102	-242	-32	-51	-67	-111
Unemployed	-78	690	-516	-577	-530	-589	-607
Unemployment rate (%)	9.7	20.0	23.7	21.2	18.9	16.4	16.3

Note: *Q2 average of 4 quarters accumulated data.

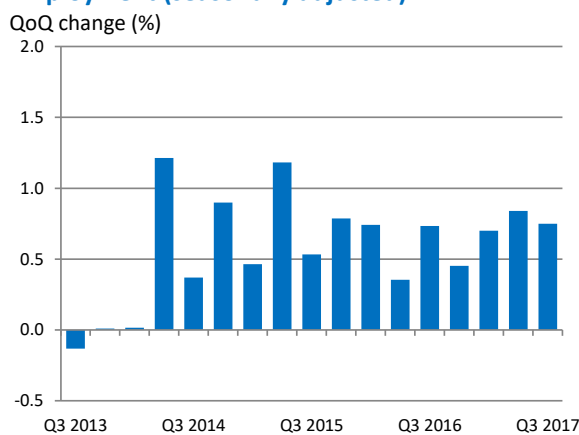
Source: CaixaBank Research, based on INE (EPA) data.

Labor market



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Employment (seasonally adjusted)



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