

Quick Note 03/07/2018

Spain · The labour market remained buoyant in June**Data**

- In seasonally adjusted terms:
 - **The number of social security affiliates was up** by 53,236 in June.
 - **Registered unemployment declined** by 15,865 in June.
- The number of **social security affiliates** rose by 91,322 (not seasonally adjusted), putting total affiliation numbers at **19,006,990**.
- **Registered unemployment** declined by 89,968 (not seasonally adjusted), putting the total number of unemployed at **3,162,162**.
- In the last 12 months the number of affiliates has increased by 573,884, while the number of unemployed declined by 200,649.

Assessment

- **The labour market performed very positively in June**, as evidenced by the significant 91,000 uptick in social security affiliates, in line with the CaixaBank Research forecast (90,000). **The pace of job creation held at 3.1% YoY**.
- There was **standout affiliation growth in seasonally adjusted terms** (53,236), in line with the monthly average increase seen in the first five months of 2018 (55,548).
- **The figures were likewise positive in the majority of sectors**. There was a particularly strong performance from the construction sector, where affiliation growth gained momentum to 6.8% YoY (increase of 77,000 in the last 12 months). The services sector and industry posted again a solid pace of growth, up +3.1% YoY (+431,000) and +2.9% YoY (+64,000) respectively.
- **The decline in registered unemployment stood at 90,000, a positive figure and even stronger than forecasted** by CaixaBank Research. The pace of unemployment reduction held at -6.0% YoY. Thus, unemployment has shrunk by more than 200,000 in the last 12 months and stands at its lowest ebb since December 2008 (3,126,126).
- Looking ahead to the coming months, the labour market is expected to perform well, albeit losing some momentum, which would be consistent with anticipated easing in the pace of Spanish economic growth.
- In the light of these figures, **the risks for the full-year affiliate growth forecast, of 3.1%, look balanced**.

Spain: labor market (employment records)*

Monthly change (thousands)

	2002-2007**	2008-2013**	Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17	Jun-18	
						Data	Forecast
Affiliated to the Social Security	113	3	35	98	88	91	90
Agriculture	-4	-14	-27	-13	-28	-19	-17
Industry	13	2	16	18	18	19	12
Construction	25	-9	6	14	12	15	16
Services	83	25	40	80	87	76	76
Registered unemployed	-29	-66	-95	-124	-98	-90	-75

Annual change (%)

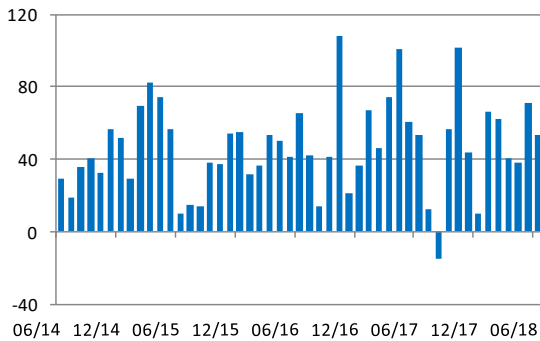
	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	
						Data	Forecast
Affiliated to the Social Security	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Agriculture	-0.8	-0.5	-1.1	-0.6	-0.7	0.1	0.2
Industry	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.6
Construction	7.6	7.2	5.7	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.9
Services	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1
Registered unemployed	-7.5	-7.5	-7.6	-6.6	-6.0	-6.0	-5.5

Note: *Not seasonally adjusted series. ** June average.

Source: CaixaBank Research, data from MEySS.

Affiliated to the Social Security*

Monthly change (thousands)

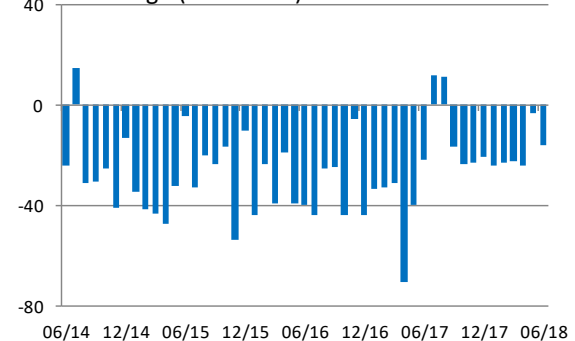


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Unemployed registered*

Annual change (thousands)

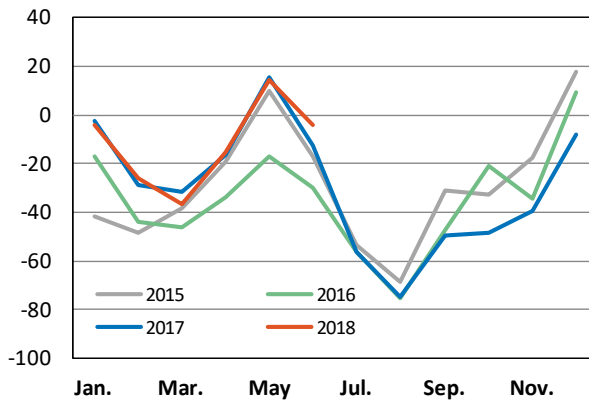


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Affiliated: Agriculture

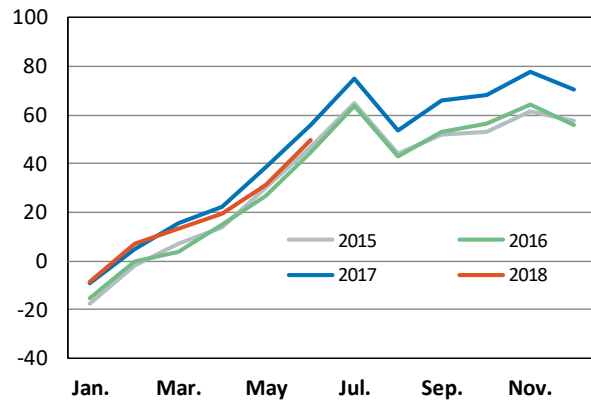
Cumulated figures for the year to date (thousands)



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Affiliated: Industry

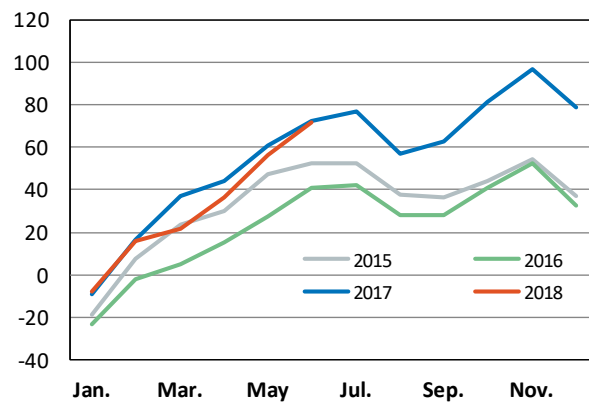
Cumulated figures for the year to date (thousands)



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Affiliated: Construction

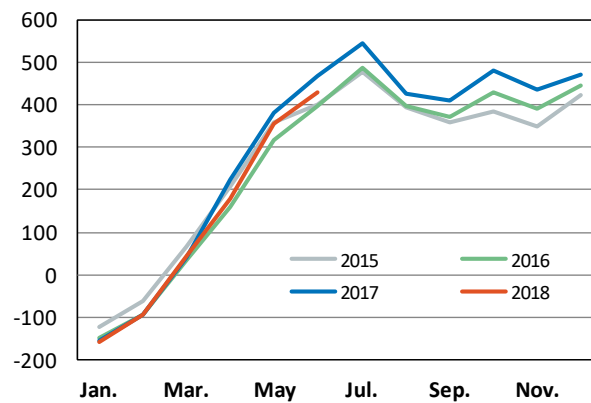
Cumulated figures for the year to date (thousands)



Source: CaixaBank Research, data from MEySS.

Affiliated: Services

Cumulated figures for the year to date (thousands)



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