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Unemployment rate below 4%, positive net migration

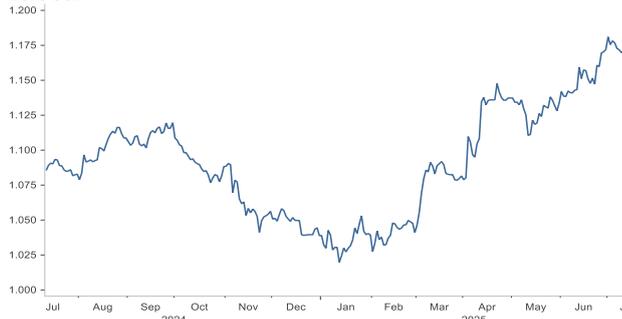
- During a relatively calm statistical week, the focus was on the labour market and demographics. Per the Croatian Employment Service data, at the end of June the number of unemployed persons fell to a record low of 70,036, while simultaneously the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute recorded 1,783,516 active insured persons. These data indicate that the unemployment rate has dropped to a historically low level of 3.8%. Compared to last year's June, the number of registered unemployed persons decreased by 17.5%, while compared to the end of May, there was a decrease of 4.4%. At the same time, the number of active insured persons rose by 2.5% y-o-y, thus making the average employment growth rate in the first half of this year 3.0%, identical to the data for last year's same period.
- Per the estimate of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, at the end of last year Croatia had 3,874,350 citizens which is approximately 12.4 thousand more than the previous year. This is the second consecutive year in which we note a population increase, as well as the third consecutive year with a positive net migration, which, given the negative natural population growth, contributed to the total population increase. During the past year, 70,391 people immigrated to Croatia, of which 18.9% were Croatian citizens, while 38,997 people emigrated at the same time – of which 51.7% were Croatian citizens and 48.3% foreigners. A significant share among immigrants and emigrants are foreigners with residence and work permits, including displaced persons from Ukraine who have been granted temporary protection. Of the total number of immigrants, 14.2% are from Nepal and 11.3% from BiH. On the other hand, among those who left Croatia, most of them moved to Germany – 21.1%. Interesting to note is that 13,290 Croatian citizens moved to Croatia last year, an increase compared to the previous three years when the number was around 10,600 per year. Simultaneously, 20,147 Croatians moved away, which is approximately 28% less than the average number of those who moved away in the last three years (28 thousand). Unfortunately, the demographic makeup is still bad, and the negative natural population growth in 2024 was -19 thousand, considering the 32 thousand births and 51 thousand deaths. Following 2021 when there was an increase in births, last year was the third consecutive year in which we recorded a decrease of 0.3%, after a decrease of 7% and 5% recorded in the previous two years. At the same time, there was a slight decrease in the number of deaths (-0.4%), after a more pronounced decrease recorded in the previous two years.

70 thousand of unemployed persons

Third consecutive year of positive net migration, demographic makeup still bad

- Slight dollar correction continued so the week ended at 1.1650 dollars to the euro, down by 0.3% w-o-w.
- Euribor decreased by a marginal 2-3 bps w-o-w, thus reducing both 3M and 6M to 2.0% on Friday.
- Crobex maintained a positive trend, up by 1.8% w-o-w (to 3,697 points) among colourful performance of sectoral indices (CROBEXindustry +5.7% to 2,859, CROBEXnutris -2% to 834, CROBEXtourist +0.2% to 4,651). Crobis rose by 0.1% (to 99.3 points).

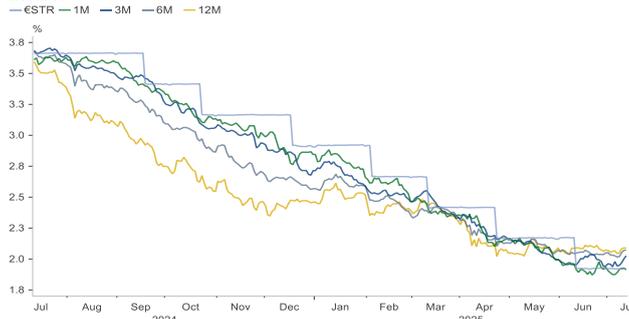
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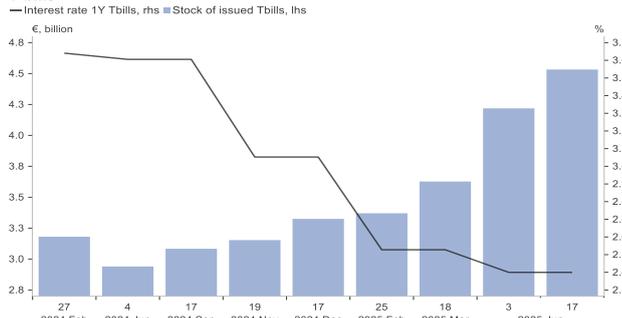
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