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## Preface

*Department of Census and Statistics has a long history of conducting the Labour Force Survey (LFS) in Sri Lanka. For instance, before 1990 this survey was conducted at every five yearly time intervals and from 1990 onward it was conducted as a regular survey to provide quarterly and annual labour force indicators. Labour Force Surveys provide various labour force indicators including employment and unemployment status of the country. Specially the survey provides necessary information to compile GDP and other important economic indicators of the country.*

*Various improvements were incorporated into the LFS during past period without breaking its core concepts and definitions which were used since 1990. In 2006, new modules were added to the LFS to capture the information on computer literacy, household economic activities and informal sector employment. The structure of the LFS questionnaire which was used during 2006-2012 was revised in 2013 with new improvements for concepts and classifications used. It is important to note that in 2013 the definition of working age population was revised from age ten and above population to age fifteen and above population.*

*In 2016, published labour force estimates from 2011 to 2015 were revised according to the population estimates of the Census of Population and Housing which was conducted in 2012. This revision was done along with the international best practices.*

*Another major achievement for data collection for LFS was taken place in 2017 with the introduction of Computer Assisted Data Collection (CAPI) using tablet computers. Before 2017 enumerators used paper based method and used survey questionnaires to record the answers given by the respondents. A known probability sampling technique is used to select the sample and the annual labour force indicators are compiled using 25,750 housing units covering the entire country. The enumerators who are permanent officers of the Department visited each of these randomly selected housing units to collect the information with a great effort. The field work of the survey for the first quarter 2022 was done in the month of January, February and March in year 2022. This report is based on the data collected in quarterly sample of 6,440 housing units.*

*I hope the information in this report is very valuable and useful to make evidence based decisions for various users to identify the issues as well as the changes in the labour market of Sri Lanka.*

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## Selected Labour Force Indicators

Indicator	Year								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020Q1	2021Q1	2022Q1
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9	51.0	50.9	51.2
Male	75.1	74.5	73.0	73.0	71.9	71.0	72.4	71.7	71.8
Female	35.9	36.6	33.6	34.5	32.0	31.8	32.5	33.4	33.6
<b>By residential sector</b>									
Total	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9	51.0	50.9	51.2
Urban	49.8	50.5	49.6	50.2	47.0	46.9	47.1	48.6	48.4
Rural	54.6	54.8	52.3	52.7	51.3	50.5	51.7	51.4	51.8
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1	5.7	5.7	4.3
Male	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.0
Female	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.5	7.9	9.6	8.9	6.5
<b>By selected age Group (Year)</b>									
20 - 29	14.2	13.5	15.0	15.3	18.1	18.3	18.8	20.3	14.2
20 - 24	19.9	17.8	20.1	20.3	25.2	26.8	26.1	28.8	19.0
25 - 29	9.2	9.5	10.4	11.0	12.0	11.4	11.6	13.0	10.2
<b>By selected educational level</b>									
<b>GCE A/L and above</b>									
Total	8.3	8.1	9.1	8.5	9.8	9.1	10.1	10.1	7.5
Male	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.0	6.2	6.2	5.5	6.5	5.1
Female	11.9	11.3	13.2	11.9	13.6	12.2	14.7	13.8	9.9
<b>Employed population</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,113,507	8,020,446	8,181,491	8,388,531
Male	5,149,948	5,279,158	5,300,310	5,368,896	5,372,947	5,414,280	5,381,218	5,369,194	5,492,427
Female	2,797,735	2,929,021	2,714,855	2,811,796	2,626,146	2,699,228	2,639,227	2,812,297	2,896,104
<b>By industry (Percentage)</b>									
Total	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,113,507	8,020,446	8,181,491	8,388,531
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,043,698	2,071,940	2,169,679	2,213,015	2,127,212	2,083,102	2,098,143
%	27.1	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1	27.3	26.5	25.5	25.0
Industry	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,239,262	2,258,421	2,152,746	2,109,482	2,174,148	2,228,028	2,342,511
%	26.4	28.4	27.9	27.6	26.9	26.0	27.1	27.2	27.9
Services	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,732,206	3,850,332	3,676,668	3,791,011	3,719,086	3,870,361	3,947,877
%	46.5	45.5	46.6	47.1	46.0	46.7	46.4	47.3	47.1
<b>By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</b>									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0*	4.4	4.7	5.6	6.4	14.6	9.6	12.7	3.3	4.1
1 - 9	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.3	1.3	2.1
10 - 39	26.2	26.1	25.7	26.8	27.1	29.6	27.7	26.3	27.7
40 & above	67.9	67.5	66.9	65.1	56.2	58.7	57.2	69.1	66.1

\* has a job but not at work during the reference week

Note : Working age population considered as (age 15 & over population)



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**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	17,105,140	7,887,172	9,217,968	2,824,482	14,280,658
Labour force in this age group	8,761,803	5,664,059	3,097,744	1,367,392	7,394,411
Labour force participation rate	51.2	71.8	33.6	48.4	51.8
Employed population	8,388,531	5,492,427	2,896,104	1,289,040	7,099,491
Employment rate	95.7	97.0	93.5	94.3	96.0
Unemployed population	373,272	171,632	201,640	78,352	294,920
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.0	6.5	5.7	4.0
Not in labour force	8,343,337	2,223,113	6,120,225	1,457,090	6,886,247

**18 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (18 years & over)	15,960,890	7,315,802	8,645,088	2,640,188	13,320,702
Labour force in this age group	8,725,436	5,638,467	3,086,969	1,364,527	7,360,910
Labour force participation rate	54.7	77.1	35.7	51.7	55.3
Employed population	8,357,754	5,471,342	2,886,411	1,286,565	7,071,188
Employment rate	95.8	97.0	93.5	94.3	96.1
Unemployed population	367,683	167,125	200,558	77,961	289,721
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.0	6.5	5.7	3.9
Not in labour force	7,235,454	1,677,335	5,558,119	1,275,661	5,959,793

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	15,293,947	6,993,354	8,300,593	2,541,154	12,752,793
Labour force in this age group	8,599,849	5,546,972	3,052,876	1,348,684	7,251,165
Labour force participation rate	56.2	79.3	36.8	53.1	56.9
Employed population	8,259,719	5,404,141	2,855,577	1,278,151	6,981,568
Employment rate	96.0	97.4	93.5	94.8	96.3
Unemployed population	340,130	142,831	197,299	70,533	269,597
Unemployment rate	4.0	2.6	6.5	5.2	3.7
Not in labour force	6,694,098	1,446,381	5,247,717	1,192,470	5,501,628

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*Appendix 2: Alternative estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics*

### Labour Force

All persons aged 15 years & over who are currently economically active during the reference period (Labour Force = employed persons + unemployed persons)

#### Reference Period:

Previous week of the survey week (3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month)

#### Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

Labour force as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over.

### Labour Force (Economically Active Population)

**Table 1: Economically active population by gender and sector, first quarter - 2022**

Sector	Economically Active Population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,761,803	100	5,664,059	64.6	3,097,744	35.4
Urban	1,367,392	100	900,650	65.9	466,742	34.1
Rural	6,999,472	100	4,530,042	64.7	2,469,430	35.3
Estate	394,939	100	233,367	59.1	161,572	40.9

**Table 2: Economically inactive population by gender and sector, first quarter – 2022**

Sector	Economically Inactive Population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,343,337	100	2,223,113	26.6	6,120,225	73.4
Urban	1,457,090	100	399,830	27.4	1,057,260	72.6
Rural	6,616,364	100	1,739,970	26.3	4,876,394	73.7
Estate	269,883	100	83,313	30.9	186,570	69.1

According to the Table 1, the estimated economically active population is about 8.8 million in the first quarter 2022. Of which 64.6 percent are males and 35.4 percent are females. The economically inactive population is about 8.3 million. Out of the economically inactive population 26.6 percent are males and 73.4 percent are females. (Table 2)

**Table 3: LFPR by gender and year, 2017 - 2022Q1**

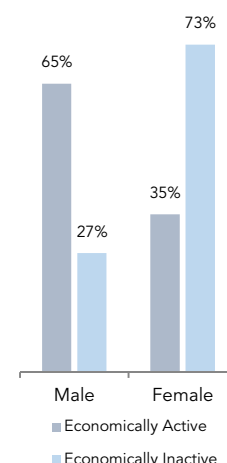
Year	Total	Male	Female
2017	54.1	74.5	36.6
2018	51.8	73.0	33.6
2019	52.3	73.0	34.5
2020	50.6	71.9	32.0
2021	49.9	71.0	31.8
2019 Q1	52.6	73.4	34.9
2021 Q1	50.9	71.7	33.4
2022 Q1	51.2	71.8	33.6

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs by gender since year 2017. Referring the Table 3, it is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of female.

**Table 4: LFPR by age group and gender, first quarter – 2022**

Age group (Years)	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	51.2	71.8	33.6
15 - 19	8.9	13.1	4.9
20 - 24	50.8	66.4	36.7
25 - 29	68.2	91.0	47.1
30 - 34	68.7	95.3	46.9
35 - 39	67.2	97.5	42.6
40 - 44	70.2	95.7	49.0
45 - 49	69.4	96.1	46.4
50 - 54	68.8	93.2	49.3
55 - 59	61.7	88.7	37.2
60+	30.6	48.3	16.2

**Figure 1: Distribution of economically active vs inactive population, first quarter 2022**



Considering the Table 4, the distribution of LFPR by age group and by gender depicts high male participation compared to female in all age groups. The highest participation rate for male is reported from age group 35 - 39 years (97.5%), while that for female is reported from 50 - 54 age group (49.3%).

### Employment

#### Employed

Persons, who worked at least one hour during the reference period, as paid employees, employers, own account workers or contributing family workers are said to be employed. This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.

#### Employment Rate

The proportion of employed population to the total labour force.

**Table 5: Distribution of employed population by main industry (first quarter 2021 – first quarter 2022)**

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
2021 Q1	8,181,491	2,083,102	2,228,028	3,870,361
(%)	100.0	25.5	27.2	47.3
2021 Q2	8,082,303	2,250,273	2,041,674	3,790,355
(%)	100.0	27.8	25.3	46.9
2021 Q3	8,043,868	2,390,849	1,969,427	3,683,592
(%)	100.0	29.7	24.5	45.8
2021 Q4	8,146,367	2,127,835	2,198,797	3,819,735
(%)	100.0	26.1	27.0	46.9
2022 Q1	8,388,531	2,098,143	2,342,511	3,947,877
(%)	100.0	25.0	27.9	47.1

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from first quarter 2021 to first quarter 2022. During first quarter of 2022, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as 8.4 million. Of which, about 47.1 percent engaged in service sector, 27.9 percent in industry sector and 25.0 percent in agriculture sector. In the first quarter of 2022, there is an increase in employed persons in all three sectors compared to the first quarter of 2021.

**Main industry categories and sub sectors**

<b>Agriculture</b>
Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)
<b>Industries</b>
1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E, F)

**Services**

- Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)
- Transportation and storage (H)
- Accommodation and food services activities (I)
- Information and communication (J)
- Financial and insurance activities (K)
- Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
- Administrative and support service activities (N)
- Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
- Education (P)
- Human health and social work activities (Q)
- Other service activities (S)
- Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
- Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

**Table 6: Distribution of employed population by employment status in agriculture and non - agriculture sectors, first quarter - 2022**

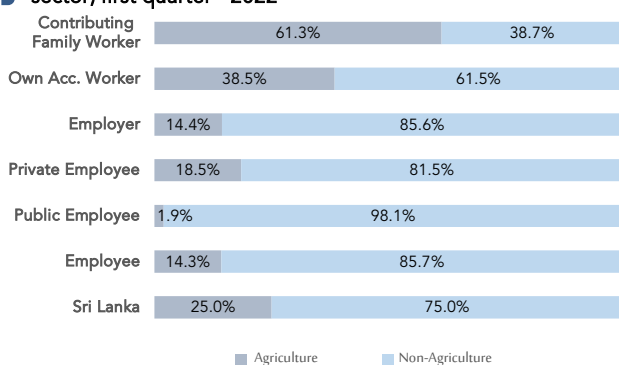
Employment Status	Sector					
	Sri Lanka		Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	8,388,531	100.0	2,098,143	25.0	6,290,388	75.0
Employee	4,884,513	100.0	696,058	14.3	4,188,456	85.7
Public	1,253,145	100.0	24,315	1.9*	1,228,830	98.1
Private	3,631,369	100.0	671,743	18.5	2,959,626	81.5
Employer	226,907	100.0	32,635	14.4*	194,272	85.6
Own Account Worker	2,804,934	100.0	1,079,922	38.5	1,725,012	61.5
Contributing Family Worker	472,176	100.0	289,528	61.3	182,648	38.7

\*These Figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of Variation) Values are high.

According to the Table 6 Majority of the workforce are private sector employees followed by own account workers. Non agriculture sector covers 75.0 percent of employed population in Sri Lanka, employees and own account workers are highly constraining in that sector.

Table 7 depicts the percentage distribution of male and female employed population by main industry sectors. Highest employment share is in service sector and this is true for both male & female, while the lowest shares are for agriculture sector. Among employed females 26.5 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 24.2 percent for males.

**Figure 2 : Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non- Agriculture sector, first quarter - 2022**



**Table 7: Percentage distribution of Employed population by major industry group & gender, first quarter – 2022**

Major Industry group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	25.0	24.2	26.5
Industry	27.9	29.6	24.8
Services	47.1	46.2	48.7

## Unemployment

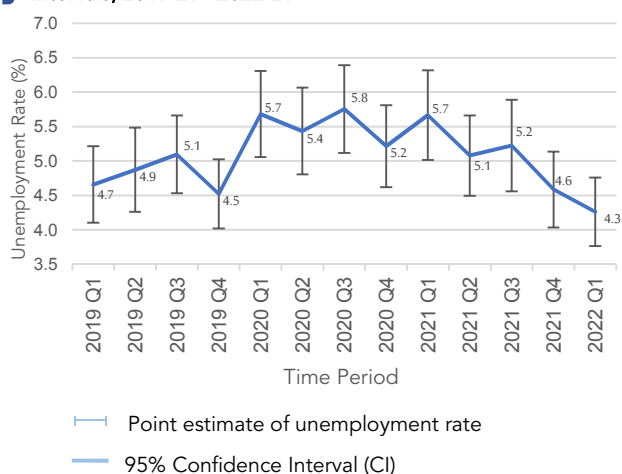
### Unemployed

Persons available and/or looking for work, and who did not work and taken steps to find a job during last four weeks and ready to accept a job given a work opportunity within next two weeks are defined as be unemployed.

### Unemployment Rate

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force.

**Figure 3 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals, 2019Q1 - 2022Q1**



The number of unemployed persons is estimated as 373,272 during the first quarter 2022. The unemployment rate for the first quarter 2022 is 4.3 percent.

As shown in Figure 3, it is very important to note that, when the changes in unemployment rate is explained the corresponding sampling errors<sup>1</sup> and the confidence limits need to be considered.

**Table 8: Number of unemployed and unemployment rate by age group and gender, first quarter - 2022**

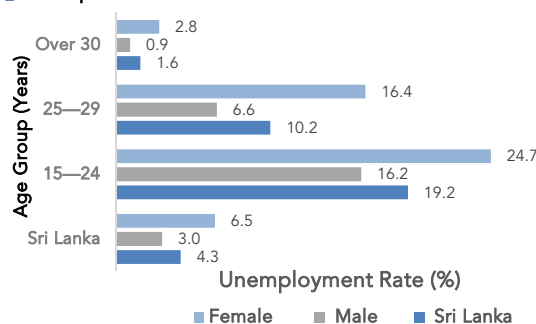
Age group (Years)	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Gender		
		Number	Sri Lanka	Male
Sri Lanka	373,272	4.3	3.0	6.5
15 - 24	171,886	19.2	16.2	24.7
25 - 29	89,994	10.2	6.6	16.4
Over 30	111,391	1.6	0.9	2.8

#### 1 Sampling error

When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true values of population they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the sampling error of the estimate.

For more details, please refer the explanatory note given under the labour force link in the DCS website; [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)

**Figure 4 : Unemployment rate by age group and gender, first quarter 2022**



As per the table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 6.5 percent and it is 3.0 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 – 24 years) corresponding to the first quarter 2022 is 19.2 percent and that is the highest reported unemployment rate among all age groups. Further the unemployment rates for males and females are 16.2 and 24.7 percent respectively for age group 15 - 24.

The survey results further reveals that the unemployment among females is higher than that of males, in all age groups. Youth and female unemployment contribute more to the overall unemployment of the country.

**Table 9: Number of unemployed and unemployment rate by level of education, first quarter - 2022**

Level of Education	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Gender		
		Number	Sri Lanka	Male
Sri Lanka	373,272	4.3	3.0	6.5
Below GCE O/L	127,645	2.6	1.9	4.1
GCE O/L	79,799	5.0	4.4	6.4
GCE A/L & above	165,828	7.5	5.1	9.9

**Figure 5 : Unemployment rate by level of education and gender, first quarter 2022**



The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E.(A/L) and above group which is 7.5 percent. Corresponding percentages are 5.1 percent and 9.9 percent for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education.

Survey results further shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males, which was observed consistently over the results of previous survey rounds as well.

Table 1 – Historical table of labour force status (current) of the household population, 15 years of age and over - Both sexes

Year	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
2011	14,975,989	7,926,445	52.9	7,591,591	95.8	334,854	4.2	7,049,544
2012	14,857,578	7,798,407	52.5	7,488,704	96.0	309,703	4.0	7,059,171
2013	14,959,065	8,033,804	53.7	7,681,279	95.6	352,526	4.4	6,925,260
2014	15,134,484	8,048,884	53.2	7,700,489	95.7	348,395	4.3	7,085,600
2015	15,281,945	8,214,473	53.8	7,830,976	95.3	383,496	4.7	7,067,473
2016	15,448,679	8,310,682	53.8	7,947,683	95.6	362,999	4.4	7,137,997
2017	15,843,735	8,566,686	54.1	8,208,179	95.8	358,507	4.2	7,277,049
2018	16,196,232	8,387,759	51.8	8,015,166	95.6	372,593	4.4	7,808,473
2019	16,424,016	8,592,010	52.3	8,180,693	95.2	411,318	4.8	7,832,006
2020	16,739,396	8,466,606	50.6	7,999,093	94.5	467,513	5.5	8,272,790
2021	17,133,659	8,553,290	49.9	8,113,507	94.9	439,783	5.1	8,580,369
2020Q1	16,689,726	8,503,617	51.0	8,020,446	94.3	483,172	5.7	8,186,108
2021Q1	17,025,000	8,673,078	50.9	8,181,491	94.3	491,587	5.7	8,351,922
2022Q1	17,105,140	8,761,803	51.2	8,388,531	95.7	373,272	4.3	8,343,337

Table 1 A– Historical table of labour force status (current) of the household population, 15 years of age and over - Male

Year	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
2011	7,027,780	5,203,267	74.0	5,061,214	97.3	142,053	2.7	1,824,513
2012	6,932,520	5,192,686	74.9	5,046,057	97.2	146,629	2.8	1,739,835
2013	6,926,750	5,187,873	74.9	5,024,341	96.8	163,533	3.2	1,738,877
2014	7,025,780	5,240,034	74.6	5,075,425	96.9	164,609	3.1	1,785,746
2015	7,036,944	5,255,593	74.7	5,097,798	97.0	157,794	3.0	1,781,352
2016	7,064,736	5,303,502	75.1	5,149,948	97.1	153,554	2.9	1,761,234
2017	7,292,047	5,434,510	74.5	5,279,158	97.1	155,352	2.9	1,857,537
2018	7,488,320	5,464,236	73.0	5,300,310	97.0	163,926	3.0	2,024,084
2019	7,610,113	5,554,192	73.0	5,368,896	96.7	185,296	3.3	2,055,920
2020	7,788,634	5,598,004	71.9	5,372,947	96.0	225,057	4.0	2,190,629
2021	7,915,659	5,621,223	71.0	5,414,280	96.3	206,943	3.7	2,294,436
2020Q1	7,719,272	5,585,314	72.4	5,381,218	96.3	204,095	3.7	2,133,958
2021Q1	7,789,803	5,585,902	71.7	5,369,194	96.1	216,708	3.9	2,203,901
2022Q1	7,887,172	5,664,059	71.8	5,492,427	97.0	171,632	3.0	2,223,113

Table 1B – Historical table of labour force status (current) of the household population, 15 years of age and over - Female

Year	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
2011	7,948,209	2,723,178	34.3	2,530,377	92.9	192,801	7.1	5,225,031
2012	7,925,058	2,605,721	32.9	2,442,647	93.7	163,074	6.3	5,319,336
2013	8,032,315	2,845,931	35.4	2,656,938	93.4	188,993	6.6	5,186,383
2014	8,108,704	2,808,850	34.6	2,625,064	93.5	183,786	6.5	5,299,854
2015	8,245,001	2,958,880	35.9	2,733,178	92.4	225,702	7.6	5,286,121
2016	8,383,943	3,007,180	35.9	2,797,735	93.0	209,445	7.0	5,376,764
2017	8,551,688	3,132,176	36.6	2,929,021	93.5	203,155	6.5	5,419,512
2018	8,707,912	2,923,523	33.6	2,714,855	92.9	208,667	7.1	5,784,390
2019	8,813,903	3,037,818	34.5	2,811,796	92.6	226,022	7.4	5,776,085
2020	8,950,763	2,868,602	32.0	2,626,146	91.5	242,456	8.5	6,082,161
2021	9,218,000	2,932,067	31.8	2,699,228	92.1	232,840	7.9	6,285,933
2020Q1	8,970,454	2,918,304	32.5	2,639,227	90.4	279,077	9.6	6,052,150
2021Q1	9,235,197	3,087,176	33.4	2,812,297	91.1	274,879	8.9	6,148,021
2022Q1	9,217,968	3,097,744	33.6	2,896,104	93.5	201,640	6.5	6,120,225

Table 2 - Labour force status (current) of the household population 15 years of age and over, by age – Both sexes

Age	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
All ages	17,105,140	8,761,803	51.2	8,388,531	95.7	373,272	4.3	8,343,337
15 – 19 Yrs	1,811,194	161,954	8.9	128,812	79.5	33,142	20.5	1,649,239
20 – 24 Yrs	1,439,694	731,401	50.8	592,656	81.0	138,744	19.0	708,293
25 – 29 Yrs	1,298,166	885,042	68.2	795,048	89.8	89,994	10.2	413,124
30 – 39 Yrs	2,717,067	1,844,809	67.9	1,787,540	96.9	57,269	3.1	872,258
40+ Yrs	9,839,020	5,138,597	52.2	5,084,475	98.9	54,122	1.1	4,700,422

Table 2A - Labour force status (current) of the household population 15 years of age and over, by age – Male

Age	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
All ages	7,887,172	5,664,059	71.8	5,492,427	97.0	171,632	3.0	2,223,113
15 – 19 Yrs	893,818	117,087	13.1	88,286	75.4	28,801	24.6	776,731
20 – 24 Yrs	684,585	454,426	66.4	390,867	86.0	63,559	14.0	230,159
25 – 29 Yrs	621,942	566,209	91.0	528,604	93.4	37,605	6.6	55,733
30 – 39 Yrs	1,220,574	1,177,452	96.5	1,159,260	98.5	18,192	1.5	43,122
40+ Yrs	4,466,252	3,348,885	75.0	3,325,410	99.3	23,475	0.7	1,117,368

Table 2B - Labour force status (current) of the household population 15 years of age and over, by age – Female

Age	Household population: (15 years & over)	Labour force						Not in labour force Number
		Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
All ages	9,217,968	3,097,744	33.6	2,896,104	93.5	201,640	6.5	6,120,225
15 – 19 Yrs	917,375	44,867	4.9	40,527	90.3	4,341	9.7	872,508
20 – 24 Yrs	755,109	276,974	36.7	201,789	72.9	75,185	27.1	478,135
25 – 29 Yrs	676,225	318,833	47.1	266,444	83.6	52,389	16.4	357,392
30 – 39 Yrs	1,496,492	667,357	44.6	628,280	94.1	39,077	5.9	829,135
40+ Yrs	5,372,767	1,789,713	33.3	1,759,065	98.3	30,648	1.7	3,583,055

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Table 3 – Historical table of currently employed persons by age groups (Percentage) - Both sexes

Year	All ages	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40+ Yrs
2015	100.0	2.2	7.5	9.7	24.5	56.1
2016	100.0	2.0	7.3	9.5	24.2	57.0
2017	100.0	2.1	7.6	9.2	23.4	57.7
2018	100.0	1.8	7.2	9.0	22.6	59.4
2019	100.0	1.9	7.1	9.3	22.6	59.1
2020	100.0	1.7	6.8	9.2	22.0	60.2
2021	100.0	1.4	6.3	9.4	21.1	61.8
2020Q1	100.0	1.7	7.4	9.0	22.3	59.6
2021Q1	100.0	1.5	6.5	9.3	21.2	61.5
2022Q1	100.0	1.5	7.1	9.5	21.3	60.6

Table 3A – Historical table of currently employed persons by age groups (Percentage) - Male

Year	All ages	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40+ Yrs
2015	100.0	2.3	7.3	9.7	24.4	56.2
2016	100.0	2.2	7.3	9.4	24.2	56.9
2017	100.0	2.3	7.5	9.4	23.5	57.3
2018	100.0	2.0	7.3	9.4	22.6	58.7
2019	100.0	2.1	7.2	9.4	22.3	59.0
2020	100.0	1.9	7.0	9.1	21.8	60.3
2021	100.0	1.6	6.4	9.4	20.5	62.0
2020Q1	100.0	1.9	7.2	8.7	22.5	59.7
2021Q1	100.0	1.6	6.6	9.4	20.7	61.8
2022Q1	100.0	1.6	7.1	9.6	21.1	60.5

Table 3B – Historical table of currently employed persons by age groups (Percentage) - Female

Year	All ages	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40+ Yrs
2015	100.0	2.1	7.8	9.6	24.7	55.9
2016	100.0	1.6	7.2	9.6	24.3	57.3
2017	100.0	1.7	7.8	9.0	23.2	58.3
2018	100.0	1.4	6.9	8.3	22.7	60.7
2019	100.0	1.4	7.0	9.1	23.1	59.4
2020	100.0	1.4	6.5	9.3	22.6	60.1
2021	100.0	1.1	6.0	9.3	22.3	61.4
2020Q1	100.0	1.3	7.7	9.5	22.1	59.3
2021Q1	100.0	1.4	6.3	9.2	22.3	60.9
2022Q1	100.0	1.4	7.0	9.2	21.7	60.7



Table 4 – Historical table of currently employed persons by level of education (Percentage) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2015	100.0	16.7	47.4	17.3	18.6
2016	100.0	16.2	47.4	16.3	20.1
2017	100.0	15.8	46.1	17.3	20.8
2018	100.0	14.9	45.9	18.1	21.2
2019	100.0	14.0	45.8	17.4	22.8
2020	100.0	13.7	46.0	17.8	22.5
2021	100.0	13.0	45.7	17.6	23.8
2020Q1	100.0	14.7	45.0	17.6	22.7
2021Q1	100.0	12.7	44.4	18.2	24.7
2022Q1	100.0	11.9	45.6	18.0	24.4

Table 4A – Historical table of currently employed persons by level of education (Percentage) - Male

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2015	100.0	16.7	51.1	17.7	14.6
2016	100.0	16.1	51.1	16.7	16.1
2017	100.0	15.7	49.8	17.6	16.9
2018	100.0	14.7	49.7	18.8	16.7
2019	100.0	14.1	49.6	18.0	18.2
2020	100.0	13.8	49.8	18.3	18.1
2021	100.0	13.0	49.6	18.6	18.8
2020Q1	100.0	15.0	49.2	17.9	17.9
2021Q1	100.0	13.0	47.9	19.3	19.7
2022Q1	100.0	12.3	49.2	19.2	19.3

Table 4B – Historical table of currently employed persons by level of education (Percentage) - Female

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2015	100.0	16.6	40.4	16.7	26.3
2016	100.0	16.3	40.6	15.6	27.5
2017	100.0	16.1	39.4	16.8	27.7
2018	100.0	15.2	38.4	16.5	29.9
2019	100.0	13.8	38.4	16.3	31.6
2020	100.0	13.4	38.1	16.8	31.7
2021	100.0	12.8	37.8	15.5	33.8
2020Q1	100.0	14.1	36.4	16.9	32.6
2021Q1	100.0	12.1	37.5	16.1	34.2
2022Q1	100.0	11.2	38.9	15.7	34.2

Table 5 – Historical table of currently employed persons by employment status (Percentage) - Both sexes

Year	Total employed	Employee			Employer	Own account worker	Unpaid family worker
		Total	Public	Private			
2015	100.0	56.1	15.1	41.0	3.1	32.3	8.4
2016	100.0	57.8	14.6	43.3	2.7	31.6	7.8
2017	100.0	57.7	14.4	43.3	3.0	31.3	8.0
2018	100.0	57.8	14.5	43.3	2.8	32.3	7.2
2019	100.0	57.9	14.9	43.0	2.6	32.5	7.0
2020	100.0	57.5	14.8	42.7	2.5	33.2	6.8
2021	100.0	57.3	15.2	42.0	2.7	33.4	6.6
2020Q1	100.0	57.6	14.9	42.7	2.5	33.2	6.6
2021Q1	100.0	58.0	15.7	42.3	2.7	33.2	6.1
2022Q1	100.0	58.2	14.9	43.3	2.7	33.4	5.6

Table 5A – Historical table of currently employed persons by employment status (Percentage) - Male

Year	Total employed	Employee			Employer	Own account worker	Unpaid family worker
		Total	Public	Private			
2015	100.0	56.7	12.8	43.9	4.2	36.3	2.8
2016	100.0	58.9	12.4	46.4	3.7	34.7	2.7
2017	100.0	58.8	12.3	46.4	4.1	34.5	2.6
2018	100.0	57.8	12.0	45.8	3.7	36.0	2.5
2019	100.0	57.7	12.2	45.5	3.5	36.5	2.3
2020	100.0	56.7	12.0	44.7	3.4	37.5	2.4
2021	100.0	56.6	12.1	44.4	3.7	37.3	2.4
2020Q1	100.0	55.7	11.9	43.8	3.4	38.4	2.6
2021Q1	100.0	57.5	12.9	44.7	3.8	36.6	2.0
2022Q1	100.0	57.3	12.1	45.2	3.7	37.2	1.8

Table 5B – Historical table of currently employed persons by employment status (Percentage) - Female

Year	Total employed	Employee			Employer	Own account worker	Unpaid family worker
		Total	Public	Private			
2015	100.0	55.1	19.3	35.8	1.1	24.9	18.8
2016	100.0	55.9	18.5	37.4	0.9	25.9	17.2
2017	100.0	55.7	18.0	37.7	1.1	25.6	17.7
2018	100.0	57.8	19.3	38.5	1.0	24.9	16.3
2019	100.0	58.3	19.9	38.4	0.8	24.8	16.1
2020	100.0	59.0	20.5	38.5	0.8	24.4	15.8
2021	100.0	58.7	21.5	37.2	0.8	25.4	15.2
2020Q1	100.0	61.6	21.1	40.4	0.7	22.7	15.0
2021Q1	100.0	58.8	21.2	37.6	0.6	26.7	13.9
2022Q1	100.0	60.1	20.4	39.6	0.9	26.2	12.8

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - both sexes

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2018	8,015,166	2,043,698	62,136	1,463,919	713,207	1,141,416	502,126	238,145	55,220	173,330	86,286	166,978	434,348	425,092	142,861	116,733	194,303	55,368
2019	8,180,693	2,071,940	60,902	1,504,314	693,205	1,134,496	514,469	232,344	64,382	187,933	90,317	205,009	436,175	425,931	169,232	135,247	186,970	67,828
2020	7,999,093	2,169,679	56,856	1,397,689	698,201	1,095,384	523,654	217,281	57,828	183,474	85,990	164,829	447,051	402,808	156,424	123,220	167,255	51,470
2021	8,113,507	2,213,015	54,586	1,362,311	692,585	1,153,516	481,703	214,497	72,881	182,313	80,762	136,073	490,106	423,135	174,539	128,418	201,726	51,342
2020Q1	8,020,446	2,127,212	59,953	1,443,674	670,521	1,104,399	568,839	211,187	55,478	182,028	91,620	188,096	435,267	384,154	153,477	123,566	162,842	58,133
2021Q1	8,181,491	2,083,102	58,888	1,454,350	714,791	1,174,877	510,635	214,348	67,096	161,965	89,844	122,662	511,317	467,123	152,103	130,024	221,055	47,310
2022Q1	8,388,531	2,098,143	71,451	1,512,110	758,950	1,181,749	545,886	257,773	60,658	172,988	85,652	156,784	466,703	479,552	170,702	177,600	126,530	65,301

Table 6A - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Male

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2018	5,300,310	1,270,968	59,514	785,112	688,318	835,444	483,618	153,022	38,942	92,422	53,152	118,324	286,200	135,153	52,200	83,418	119,488	45,016
2019	5,368,896	1,333,249	59,244	784,687	665,725	800,488	497,102	145,858	46,255	105,999	59,418	149,307	278,608	131,014	61,889	93,078	101,972	55,004
2020	5,372,947	1,404,424	54,650	769,527	670,928	800,735	504,586	143,909	43,545	108,800	55,021	119,004	284,605	120,956	58,231	94,149	101,098	38,778
2021	5,414,280	1,423,619	53,512	775,837	663,925	834,545	465,940	136,349	51,631	108,793	49,777	96,394	290,754	127,846	63,616	96,710	134,475	40,557
2020Q1	5,381,218	1,395,307	58,325	780,399	648,645	796,584	536,446	156,187	39,601	107,449	56,530	137,677	257,803	111,491	62,739	95,945	98,637	41,454
2021Q1	5,369,194	1,357,836	57,781	760,977	681,666	832,230	500,982	126,135	43,603	97,449	56,356	78,198	297,756	157,857	49,234	91,812	137,694	41,629
2022Q1	5,492,427	1,330,489	71,451	821,027	731,025	832,822	527,565	152,704	45,047	92,274	55,780	116,172	277,765	135,565	59,160	135,505	56,413	51,663

Table 6B - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Female

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2018	2,714,855	772,730	2,622	678,808	24,888	305,972	18,507	85,123	16,278	80,908	33,134	48,654	148,149	289,939	90,661	33,314	74,815	10,352
2019	2,811,796	738,692	1,658	719,627	27,479	334,008	17,368	86,486	18,126	81,934	30,899	55,701	157,567	294,916	107,344	42,169	84,998	12,825
2020	2,626,146	765,256	2,206	628,162	27,273	294,649	19,068	73,372	14,282	74,674	30,969	45,826	162,446	281,852	98,193	29,071	66,157	12,692
2021	2,699,228	789,396	1,074	586,474	28,660	318,971	15,763	78,147	21,250	73,519	30,985	39,679	199,352	295,289	110,923	31,708	67,251	10,785
2020Q1	2,639,227	731,905	1,628	663,275	21,876	307,815	32,393	55,000	15,877	74,579	35,090	50,419	177,464	272,663	90,737	27,621	64,206	16,679
2021Q1	2,812,297	725,266	1,107	693,373	33,124	342,647	9,652	88,213	23,493	64,517	33,488	44,465	213,561	309,266	102,869	38,213	83,361	5,681
2022Q1	2,896,104	767,654	..	691,083	27,925	348,927	18,320	105,069	15,610	80,713	29,873	40,612	188,938	343,987	111,542	42,095	70,117	13,638

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

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Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E, F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

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16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6C: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020Q1	2021Q1	2022Q1
Total	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,113,507	8,020,446	8,181,491	8,388,531
Agriculture	2,043,698	2,071,940	2,169,679	2,213,015	2,127,212	2,083,102	2,098,143
Industry	2,239,262	2,258,421	2,152,746	2,109,482	2,174,148	2,228,028	2,342,511
Services	3,732,206	3,850,332	3,676,668	3,791,011	3,719,086	3,870,361	3,947,877

Table 6D: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group (percentage) - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020Q1	2021Q1	2022Q1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	25.5	25.3	27.1	27.3	26.5	25.5	25.0
Industry	27.9	27.6	26.9	26.0	27.1	27.2	27.9
Services	46.6	47.1	46.0	46.7	46.4	47.3	47.1

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

### Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

### Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

### Services

1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2017	8,208,179	560,734	557,870	554,603	327,836	822,243	1,404,798	1,367,232	739,821	1,838,349	34,692
2018	8,015,166	619,312	558,574	662,323	286,493	701,676	1,308,806	1,297,912	706,185	1,836,250	37,635
2019	8,180,693	622,467	609,084	741,805	308,894	707,967	1,375,540	1,307,767	714,546	1,757,807	34,816
2020	7,999,093	512,087	531,298	695,206	306,448	756,851	1,373,582	1,222,380	729,394	1,833,523	38,325
2021	8,113,507	324,769	576,124	681,988	282,448	947,824	1,308,645	1,142,171	816,954	2,000,483	32,101
2020Q1	8,020,446	598,043	551,015	756,544	343,462	650,251	1,358,583	1,237,597	723,782	1,763,093	38,077
2021Q1	8,181,491	351,632	632,856	663,271	287,492	965,816	1,235,624	1,136,273	890,197	1,990,776	27,553
2022Q1	8,388,531	307,116	564,300	717,414	270,317	1,002,213	1,211,111	1,322,328	897,692	2,051,782	44,257

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Male

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2017	5,279,158	406,096	211,033	355,936	154,428	553,098	892,473	899,082	631,271	1,144,468	31,274
2018	5,300,310	458,466	195,476	441,897	141,871	504,461	882,375	891,693	607,346	1,145,178	31,548
2019	5,368,896	453,211	228,884	477,666	148,506	494,410	943,543	892,716	619,409	1,080,828	29,724
2020	5,372,947	373,757	191,282	452,640	140,458	540,840	984,507	883,796	617,644	1,154,222	33,801
2021	5,414,280	261,533	211,883	440,246	133,690	639,288	981,016	843,075	644,676	1,228,363	30,511
2020Q1	5,381,218	440,447	197,413	472,316	161,103	477,001	968,633	862,281	633,810	1,138,664	29,551
2021Q1	5,369,194	289,474	243,561	419,111	146,129	598,708	935,292	793,085	691,364	1,226,848	25,624
2022Q1	5,492,427	229,872	186,894	444,281	129,044	663,771	875,013	941,093	726,382	1,259,242	36,836

Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Female

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2017	2,929,021	154,639	346,838	198,667	173,408	269,145	512,325	468,150	108,550	693,881	3,418
2018	2,714,855	160,846	363,098	220,426	144,622	197,215	426,431	406,219	98,839	691,072	6,088
2019	2,811,796	169,256	380,200	264,139	160,388	213,557	431,997	415,051	95,138	676,978	5,092
2020	2,626,146	138,329	340,016	242,566	165,990	216,011	389,075	338,584	111,750	679,301	4,524
2021	2,699,228	63,236	364,242	241,742	148,758	308,536	327,629	299,096	172,278	772,120	1,590
2020Q1	2,639,227	157,596	353,602	284,228	182,359	173,250	389,950	375,316	89,972	624,429	8,526
2021Q1	2,812,297	62,159	389,296	244,160	141,363	367,108	300,332	343,188	198,833	763,928	1,930
2022Q1	2,896,104	77,244	377,407	273,134	141,272	338,442	336,098	381,235	171,311	792,540	7,421

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1	Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators	6	Skilled Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery workers
2	Professionals	7	Craft and Related Trades workers
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	8	Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers
4	Clerks and Clerical support workers	9	Elementary occupations
5	Services and Sales workers	0	Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations

**Table 8 - Currently employed persons by hours per week actually worked at the main job and major industrial group (Percentage) - Both sexes**

Major Industrial group	Total	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & Over
Total	100.0	4.1	2.1	5.1	9.1	13.5	34.6	31.4
1	100.0	4.8	5.0	10.5	16.9	17.2	28.8	16.8
2	100.0	8.3	..	1.5	1.8	8.1	27.6	52.6
3	100.0	3.5	1.7	4.6	7.5	10.8	38.5	33.5
6	100.0	7.0	1.3	4.6	11.2	13.6	36.2	26.0
7	100.0	2.9	0.5	2.2	3.5	7.5	29.6	53.9
8	100.0	3.4	0.7	3.1	5.1	11.8	33.4	42.5
9	100.0	2.9	0.5	2.8	9.8	11.5	24.7	47.8
10	100.0	2.0	2.0	..	2.5	6.2	67.3	19.9
11	100.0	1.4	..	0.7	2.2	9.3	61.5	24.8
13	100.0	..	..	1.0	1.9	14.3	55.2	27.6
14	100.0	3.7	2.4	3.6	5.7	9.5	29.5	45.6
15	100.0	1.7	0.3	0.1	1.1	6.3	59.1	31.3
16	100.0	6.3	1.9	3.8	11.8	40.3	27.1	8.7
17	100.0	5.2	2.3	0.9	2.6	5.0	40.3	43.7
19	100.0	8.5	1.2	5.0	11.4	10.7	30.2	33.0
20	100.0	2.6	1.9	6.2	7.9	11.8	25.5	44.1
Other	100.0	1.6	1.6	4.2	7.8	9.2	40.9	34.6

\* Has a job but not at work during the reference week

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These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

#### Industry group

- 1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
- 2 Mining & quarrying (B)
- 3 Manufacturing (C)
- 6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
- 7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
- 8 Transportation and storage (H)
- 9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
- 10 Information and communication (J)
- 11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
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- 16 Education (P)
- 17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
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- 20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
- Other
  - Other
  - 12 Real estate activities (L)
  - 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
  - 21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 9 – Historical table of currently unemployed persons by age groups (Percentage) - Both Sexes

Year	Total	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40 + Yrs
2015	100.0	14.5	37.4	20.5	15.8	11.8
2016	100.0	16.1	39.7	21.1	13.2	9.8
2017	100.0	12.8	37.7	22.2	14.8	12.4
2018	100.0	14.1	38.9	22.5	15.0	9.5
2019	100.0	13.0	36.0	22.8	14.3	13.8
2020	100.0	13.5	39.3	21.5	13.8	12.0
2021	100.0	8.9	42.5	22.2	15.2	11.1
2020Q1	100.0	12.0	43.2	19.6	12.1	13.1
2021Q1	100.0	8.5	43.6	23.1	16.5	8.3
2022Q1	100.0	8.9	37.2	24.1	15.3	14.5

Table 9A– Historical table of currently unemployed persons by age groups (Percentage) – Male

Year	Total	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40 + Yrs
2015	100.0	21.7	39.9	14.6	12.6	11.2
2016	100.0	23.0	42.8	16.9	7.7	9.6
2017	100.0	18.1	40.3	19.7	10.8	11.1
2018	100.0	20.5	40.9	17.5	10.7	10.5
2019	100.0	18.3	38.9	19.5	8.3	15.0
2020	100.0	18.8	41.0	18.6	11.9	9.7
2021	100.0	12.3	45.0	20.0	12.1	10.6
2020Q1	100.0	15.0	49.0	17.6	8.3	10.0
2021Q1	100.0	13.6	46.2	20.6	13.6	6.0
2022Q1	100.0	16.8	37.0	21.9	10.6	13.7

Table 9B – Historical table of currently unemployed persons by age groups (Percentage) – Female

Year	Total	Age groups				
		15 – 19 Yrs	20 – 24 Yrs	25 – 29 Yrs	30 – 39 Yrs	40 + Yrs
2015	100.0	9.4	35.6	24.6	18.1	12.2
2016	100.0	11.1	37.5	24.2	17.2	10.0
2017	100.0	8.8	35.7	24.2	17.9	13.5
2018	100.0	9.1	37.3	26.5	18.4	8.7
2019	100.0	8.7	33.6	25.5	19.3	12.9
2020	100.0	8.5	37.7	24.1	15.6	14.1
2021	100.0	5.8	40.3	24.2	18.0	11.6
2020Q1	100.0	9.7	39.0	21.0	15.0	15.3
2021Q1	100.0	4.4	41.6	25.0	18.8	10.1
2022Q1	100.0	2.2	37.3	26.0	19.4	15.2

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Table 10 – Historical table of currently unemployed persons by level of education (Percentage) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & Above
2015	100.0	2.5	34.4	24.4	38.7
2016	100.0	2.7	35.4	22.1	39.8
2017	100.0	3.1	30.3	24.7	41.9
2018	100.0	2.2	30.5	21.4	45.8
2019	100.0	2.9	31.4	23.9	41.9
2020	100.0	2.2	32.6	23.5	41.7
2021	100.0	1.4	29.6	24.9	44.1
2020Q1	100.0	3.1	32.2	22.5	42.2
2021Q1	100.0	0.5	28.9	24.3	46.4
2022Q1	100.0	2.7	31.5	21.4	44.4

Table 10A – Historical table of currently unemployed persons by level of education (Percentage) – Male

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & Above
2015	100.0	1.7	44.1	30.9	23.4
2016	100.0	1.5	48.2	23.9	26.4
2017	100.0	2.0	37.5	30.0	30.5
2018	100.0	3.1	43.1	25.0	28.9
2019	100.0	2.9	42.2	27.0	28.0
2020	100.0	2.3	41.5	27.7	28.5
2021	100.0	1.8	36.0	29.9	32.3
2020Q1	100.0	3.5	43.1	25.9	27.4
2021Q1	100.0	0.4	36.2	29.5	33.9
2022Q1	100.0	3.5	35.2	28.4	33.0

Table 10B – Historical table of currently unemployed persons by level of education (Percentage) – Female

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & Above
2015	100.0	3.0	27.7	19.9	49.4
2016	100.0	3.6	26.0	20.8	49.6
2017	100.0	3.9	24.8	20.7	50.7
2018	100.0	1.5	20.6	18.7	59.2
2019	100.0	2.9	22.5	21.4	53.3
2020	100.0	2.2	24.2	19.7	53.9
2021	100.0	1.0	23.9	20.5	54.6
2020Q1	100.0	2.8	24.2	20.0	53.0
2021Q1	100.0	0.5	23.1	20.2	56.2
2022Q1	100.0	2.1	28.3	15.4	54.1

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Table 11 – Currently unemployed persons by sex and duration of unemployment

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	373,272	142,754	101,990	128,528
%	100.0	38.2	27.3	34.4
Male	171,632	70,920	56,928	43,784
%	100.0	41.3	33.2	25.5
Female	201,640	71,834	45,062	84,744
%	100.0	35.6	22.3	42.0

Table 12 – Standard error and coefficient of variation of selected variables

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>General labour force characteristics</b>						
Population ( 15 years & over)	17,105,140	148,818	0.9			
Employed Population	8,388,531	106,255	1.3			
Unemployed Population	373,272	22,835	6.1			
Employment Rate				95.7	0.25	0.26
Unemployment Rate				4.3	0.25	5.95
Labour Force	8,761,803	109,195	1.2			
Not in Labour Force	8,343,337	108,580	1.3			
<b>Employed persons by major industry Groups</b>						
1	2,098,143	80,100	3.8			
2	71,451	13,891	19.4			
3	1,512,110	52,148	3.4			
6	758,950	34,339	4.5			
7	1,181,749	49,353	4.2			
8	545,886	26,614	4.9			
9	257,773	20,026	7.8			
10	60,658	10,251	16.9			
11	172,988	15,026	8.7			
13	85,652	10,796	12.6			
14	156,784	18,916	12.1			
15	466,703	32,019	6.9			
16	479,552	27,059	5.6			
17	170,702	15,537	9.1			
19	177,600	16,915	9.5			
20	126,530	13,806	10.9			
Other	65,301	9,612	14.7			
<b>Unemployed persons by level of education</b>						
Below grade 6	10,151	3,898	38.4			
Grade 6 - 10	117,494	10,225	8.7			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	79,799	8,757	11.0			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	165,828	12,825	7.7			
<b>Industry group</b>						
1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)						
2 Mining & quarrying (B)						
3 Manufacturing (C)						
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)						
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)						
8 Transportation and storage (H)						
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)						
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	Other					
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	Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)					

## Special Statistical Appendix

### Explanatory Notes

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#### Coverage

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. This survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This quarterly survey of households is conducted through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status etc. of each member of the household 15 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of each month, Monday through Sunday. This is known as the "survey week". The inquiry relates to activity or status are referred in the preceding week of the survey week; referred to as the "reference week".

The concepts and definitions underlying labour force data are as follows.

#### Concepts & Definitions

1. **Labour force:** The labour force is composed of the economically active population 15 years of age and over.
2. **The Economically Active Population:** is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.
3. **Employed:** Persons, who during the reference period, worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.
4. **Unemployed:** Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.
5. **Currently Economically Active:** A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.
6. **Not in the Labour Force (not economically active):** Persons who were neither working nor available/looking for work are classified as "not in the labour force". Persons are not in the labour force for such reasons as: full time care of the household, full – time students, retired or old age, infirmed or disabled, or are not interested in working for one reason or another. Current and Usual definitions apply.
7. **Criteria for classification of underemployment:** In order to classify an employed persons as visibly underemployed,

*Explanatory Notes (Page 2)**(i) If the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her main activity*

In Sri Lanka scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. As in practice, though teachers do have a normal duration of work which is below the general cut-off point, they should be on a full time schedule according to the nature of their job. Further, those who do have a secondary job or those who are employers, were considered as having worked the normal duration in their respective activity.

Therefore, if the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity (as described above), then the person is further questioned to ascertain whether he/She is prepared and available for further work if provided. Such persons are considered underemployed in their respective employment.

*(ii) If the person has worked more than the normal duration in his/her activity*

If the person has worked even more than 35 hours as usually, but he has worked less than 35 hours actually in the reference period, only due to the off season or bad weather, such persons were also further questioned to check their underemployment situation, considering them as a special category.

**8. Informal Sector Employment**

In order to classify a person to be employed in informal sector employment, following information were used.

- (i) Registration of the organization
- (ii) Accounts keeping practices of the organization
- (iii) Total number of regular employees of the organization.

## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the quarterly labour force data are subject to both sampling and non - sampling errors. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent.

The exact differences or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 95 percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.96 standard errors from the "true" population value, because of sampling error. Analyses relating to the Labour Force Survey are generally conducted at the 95 percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the quarterly unemployment rate is calculated as follows

When the estimated unemployment rate is 4.5 and standard error of unemployment rate is 0.275 then 95% confidence interval

Estimated value (of the unemployment rate)  $\pm$  (standard error) \* (1.96)

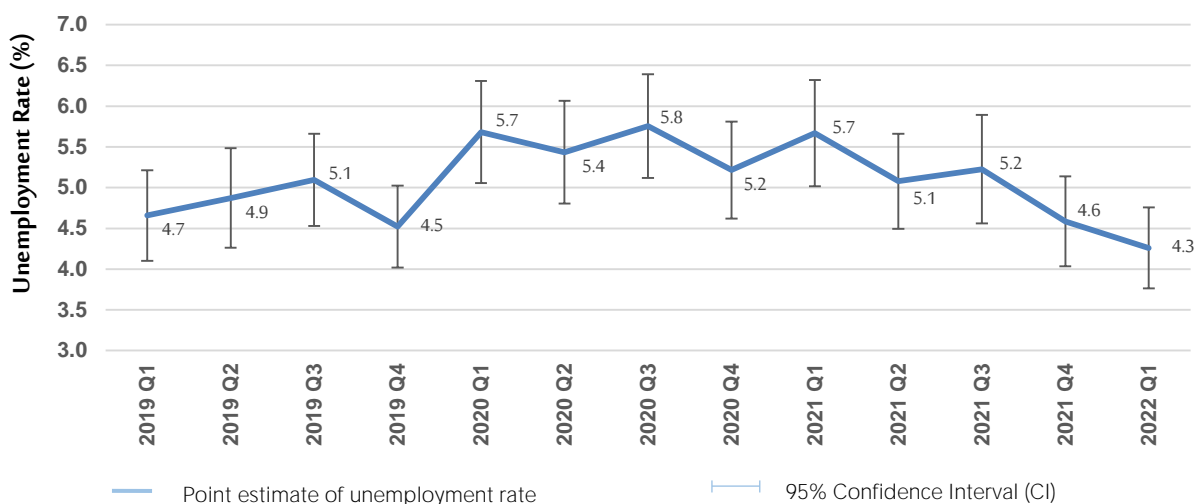
4.5  $\pm$  (0.275) \* (1.96)  
(4.5  $\pm$  0.539)

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This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (4.0 to 5.0). This implies that there is about 95 percent chance that the "true" unemployment rate lies within this interval. This range includes all the values range from 4.0 to 5.0. When the comparison of this estimate is done between two quarters, if any of the value within the 95 percent confidence interval of one quarter overlaps with the confidence interval of the other , it means that the estimates of this two quarters are not significantly different.

Therefore, in each quarterly labour force report, a separate table is given including approximate standard errors for some selected variables, so that users could understand this statistical scenario clearly.

***Distribution of unemployment rates and 95% confidence intervals (2019Q1 - 2022Q1)***



As seen in figure, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant differences between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2019/2022, when sampling error was considered.

**Change in survey schedule**

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes have been made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. In January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of data users and also to provide additional information for planning purposes. The revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

From January , 2013 onwards, the lower bound of working age populations is considered as age 15, hence age 15 and over population is considered as working age population. The survey schedule is updated to obtain more precise information on following age, informal employment, informal sector, secondary occupation, wages & income , unemployment & trainings.

**New Industry & Occupation classifications**

From January 2013 onward the survey uses new industry & occupation classifications, such as  
 SLIC Rev 4:- Sri Lanka Standard Industry Classification based on International Standard Industry classification - Rev.4 (ISIC Rev 4)  
 SLSCO 08:- Sri Lanka Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 based on International Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 (ISCO 2008)

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Note :

It is important to note that, all the data published here are the estimates based on a sample survey and these are subject to sampling errors. These sampling errors can be statistically evaluated from the survey results. Therefore, sampling error is normally measured in terms of the standard error of the particular variable. Standard error could be used to calculate the confidence limits with a prescribed accuracy where the true value of the estimates lies.

Further reliability of the estimates can be expressed in terms of Coefficient of Variation (CV). The CV is a relative measure of the sampling error and is calculated as sampling error divided by the expected value of the given characteristic.

In view of this, following table is given to show the estimates for some selected variables, it's standard error, CV and 95% Confidence interval.

It is also important to note that all the estimates we publish in this report are subject to sampling error and one should be cautious in the interpretation of results, especially with respect to the trends over time.

**Estimate of Confidence Intervals for some selected characteristics**

Year	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2014	8,048,884	60,868	0.76	7,929,525	8,168,243	7,700,489	58,417	0.76	7,585,937	7,815,042
2015	8,214,473	52,021	0.63	8,112,463	8,316,483	7,830,976	50,426	0.64	7,732,093	7,929,860
2016	8,310,682	66,023	0.79	8,181,215	8,440,148	7,947,683	64,616	0.81	7,820,977	8,074,389
2017	8,566,686	49,822	0.58	8,468,989	8,664,382	8,208,179	48,420	0.59	8,113,231	8,303,126
2018	8,387,759	57,008	0.68	8,275,971	8,499,546	8,015,166	55,036	0.69	7,907,245	8,123,087
2019	8,592,010	54,293	0.63	8,485,546	8,698,475	8,180,693	52,108	0.64	8,078,513	8,282,872
2020	8,466,606	58,917	0.70	8,351,075	8,582,137	7,999,093	56,610	0.71	7,888,086	8,110,101
2021	8,553,290	58,311	0.68	8,438,947	8,667,633	8,113,507	56,072	0.69	8,003,555	8,223,460
2020Q1	8,503,617	112,662	1.32	8,282,339	8,724,896	8,020,446	107,862	1.34	7,808,594	8,232,298
2021Q1	8,673,078	118,961	1.37	8,439,427	8,906,728	8,181,491	113,000	1.38	7,959,548	8,403,433
2022Q1	8,761,803	109,195	1.25	8,547,341	8,976,265	8,388,531	106,255	1.27	8,179,844	8,597,218

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2014	348,395	12,697	3.64	323,497	373,293	4.3	0.2	3.50	4.0	4.6
2015	383,496	12,283	3.20	359,410	407,583	4.7	0.1	3.11	4.4	5.0
2016	362,999	11,186	3.08	341,064	384,933	4.4	0.1	3.02	4.1	4.6
2017	358,507	11,347	3.17	336,256	380,758	4.2	0.1	3.08	3.9	4.4
2018	372,593	11,350	3.05	350,337	394,849	4.4	0.1	2.94	4.2	4.7
2019	411,318	12,814	3.12	386,191	436,444	4.8	0.1	3.00	4.5	5.1
2020	467,513	14,029	3.00	440,004	495,022	5.5	0.2	2.88	5.2	5.8
2021	439,783	13,930	3.17	412,468	467,097	5.1	0.2	3.05	4.8	5.4
2020Q1	483,172	28,300	5.86	427,589	538,755	5.7	0.3	5.62	5.1	6.3
2021Q1	491,587	30,185	6.14	432,300	550,873	5.7	0.3	5.85	5.0	6.3
2022Q1	373,272	22,835	6.12	328,423	418,121	4.3	0.3	5.95	3.8	4.8

## Alternative estimates

### Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

Official employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics are estimated at the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey, based on the internationally comparable concepts and definitions recommended by the ILO. However the validity of the concepts and definitions used at the survey is questioned very often in some forums, for the appropriateness of these concepts and definitions in the Sri Lankan context.

The concepts and definitions, which were found to be controversial, are as below.

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : A person who work **at least one hour** during the reference week, is considered **employed**, under these definitions.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : All persons of **age 10 years and over** are considered to be in the working age, before 2013. However, this was changed as **age 15 and over** from 2013 onward.
- (3) **Employment Status** : All,
  - a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).
  - b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).
  - c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having anypaid employees).
  - d) Contributing family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out bytheir own household, without wages/salaries).

The validity of the above concepts and definitions is raised due to the following reasons.

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Some pointed out that one hour per week is too low, to consider a person to be employed.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : Some pointed out those persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to be considered in the working age. (From 2013 onward the working age population is considered as age 15 and over).
- (3) **Employment Status** : Some pointed out that 'contributing family workers' may work in the family enterprise without payment because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as employed.

An attempt has been made to produce '**Alternative estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics,**' by revising the original concepts and definitions so that the above issues are addressed as explained below.

The revisions made are,

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Persons who work **20 hours or more per week only** are considered to be employed.
- (2) **Contributing Family Worker** : Contributing family workers are **not** considered as employed. They are considered as **economically inactive** (not in the labour force) so only, **a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed.**

Following tables are based on the above alternative concepts and definitions.

## Alternative estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics

Table 1 - Labour force status of household population 15 years &amp; over (Alternative estimates)

Year	Household population (15 years & over)	Total labour force	Labour force partici: rate (%)	Labour Force				Not In labour Force Number
				Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	Number	Rate (% to total labour force)	
2013	14,958,239	6,966,035	46.6	6,600,172	94.7	365,863	5.3	8,007,536
2014	15,134,484	7,017,985	46.4	6,669,590	95.0	348,395	5.0	8,116,499
2015	15,281,945	7,156,393	46.8	6,772,896	94.6	383,496	5.4	8,125,553
2016	15,448,679	7,325,972	47.4	6,962,973	95.0	362,999	5.0	8,122,707
2017	15,843,735	7,474,883	47.2	7,116,376	95.2	358,507	4.8	8,368,851
2018	16,196,232	7,428,999	45.9	7,056,406	95.0	372,593	5.0	8,767,233
2019	16,424,016	7,609,700	46.3	7,198,383	94.6	411,318	5.4	8,814,316
2020	16,739,396	7,438,037	44.4	6,970,524	93.7	467,513	6.3	9,301,359
2021	17,133,659	7,471,067	43.6	7,031,284	94.1	439,783	5.9	9,662,592
2020Q1	16,689,726	7,464,431	44.7	6,981,259	93.5	483,172	6.5	9,225,294
2021Q1	17,025,000	7,779,648	45.7	7,288,061	93.7	491,587	6.3	9,245,352
2022Q1	17,105,140	7,787,449	45.5	7,414,177	95.2	373,272	4.8	9,317,691

Table 2- Historical table of number and rate of unemployment by age (Alternative estimates)

Year	Total		Age group									
			15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & above	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
2013	365,863	5.3	50,436	23.8	149,243	22.4	64,566	8.6	55,398	3.2	46,221	1.3
2014	348,395	5.0	49,540	25.7	138,565	22.2	67,235	9.3	53,648	3.0	39,407	1.1
2015	383,496	5.4	55,557	28.6	143,351	22.0	78,592	10.4	60,768	3.4	45,229	1.2
2016	362,999	5.0	58,622	32.8	144,156	22.2	76,624	10.0	47,956	2.7	35,640	0.9
2017	358,507	4.8	46,016	25.1	135,121	19.7	79,727	10.4	53,053	3.0	44,590	1.1
2018	372,593	5.0	52,624	30.4	144,824	22.1	84,000	11.3	55,853	3.3	35,291	0.8
2019	411,318	5.4	53,652	29.3	148,046	22.4	93,793	11.8	59,009	3.4	56,818	1.3
2020	467,513	6.3	62,910	38.0	183,722	27.5	100,359	13.0	64,493	3.9	56,029	1.3
2021	439,783	5.9	39,102	30.8	187,104	29.7	97,631	12.5	66,973	4.2	48,972	1.1
2020Q1	483,172	6.5	57,797	35.7	208,946	28.5	94,561	12.4	58,685	3.5	63,183	1.5
2021Q1	491,587	6.3	41,723	30.4	214,538	31.3	113,387	13.8	81,119	4.8	40,820	0.9
2022Q1	373,272	4.8	33,142	23.7	138,744	20.3	89,994	10.9	57,269	3.4	54,122	1.2



Table 3 - Currently Employed persons by Industry group (No. and percentage) (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - (Alternative estimates)

Year	Total	Industry group																	
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2017	No.	7,116,376	1,555,527	57,397	1,397,453	650,665	1,007,347	497,936	180,162	66,999	158,429	66,035	145,217	519,684	352,121	145,028	105,521	149,109	61,746
	%	100.0	21.9	0.8	19.6	9.1	14.2	7.0	2.5	0.9	2.2	0.9	2.0	7.3	4.9	2.0	1.5	2.1	0.9
2018	No.	7,056,406	1,513,837	58,743	1,336,902	676,629	1,010,560	487,204	205,377	54,000	171,779	81,274	158,089	431,126	398,079	140,278	101,641	178,313	52,575
	%	100.0	21.5	0.8	18.9	9.6	14.3	6.9	2.9	0.8	2.4	1.2	2.2	6.1	5.6	2.0	1.4	2.5	0.7
2019	No.	7,198,383	1,538,804	58,117	1,365,637	659,891	992,825	500,547	204,840	62,552	184,666	87,913	193,082	430,760	401,519	164,487	119,721	172,494	60,528
	%	100.0	21.4	0.8	19.0	9.2	13.8	7.0	2.8	0.9	2.6	1.2	2.7	6.0	5.6	2.3	1.7	2.4	0.8
2020	No.	6,970,524	1,592,043	51,906	1,276,171	660,251	970,228	494,638	186,117	55,187	174,496	82,307	157,459	433,734	370,960	152,648	114,254	153,050	45,075
	%	100.0	22.8	0.7	18.3	9.5	13.9	7.1	2.7	0.8	2.5	1.2	2.3	6.2	5.3	2.2	1.6	2.2	0.6
2021	No.	7,031,284	1,645,518	47,771	1,236,731	643,441	1,015,162	452,687	183,091	71,279	177,033	76,063	129,244	476,399	373,300	168,807	109,266	181,500	43,994
	%	100.0	23.4	0.7	17.6	9.2	14.4	6.4	2.6	1.0	2.5	1.1	1.8	6.8	5.3	2.4	1.6	2.6	0.6
2020Q1	No.	6,981,259	1,549,052	55,220	1,315,354	632,769	964,939	536,316	186,590	54,310	170,338	87,597	179,976	423,591	368,907	149,691	112,884	141,658	52,067
	%	100.0	22.2	0.8	18.8	9.1	13.8	7.7	2.7	0.8	2.4	1.3	2.6	6.1	5.3	2.1	1.6	2.0	0.7
2021Q1	No.	7,288,061	1,612,570	57,168	1,311,637	681,122	1,064,661	492,513	188,016	67,096	157,996	86,181	110,047	507,180	433,574	148,064	119,170	207,144	43,920
	%	100.0	22.1	0.8	18.0	9.3	14.6	6.8	2.6	0.9	2.2	1.2	1.5	7.0	5.9	2.0	1.6	2.8	0.6
2022Q1	No.	7,414,177	1,563,785	67,554	1,376,477	708,945	1,068,678	525,527	224,336	59,423	171,701	83,122	146,346	464,833	451,491	165,310	163,540	111,591	61,518
	%	100.0	21.1	0.9	18.6	9.6	14.4	7.1	3.0	0.8	2.3	1.1	2.0	6.3	6.1	2.2	2.2	1.5	0.8

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.4) are indicated as A,B,C.....U. Due to the limitations on reliability ( based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

**Industry Group**

- 1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
- 2 Mining & quarrying (B)
- 3 Manufacturing (C)
- 6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
- 7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
- 8 Transportation and storage (H)
- 9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
- 10 Information and communication (J)
- 11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
- 13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
- 14 Administrative and support service activities (N)
- 15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
- 16 Education (P)
- 17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
- 19 Other service activities (S)
- 20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
- Other
  - Other
  - 12 Real estate activities (L)
  - 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
  - 21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

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