

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2011

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the first quarter of 2011, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2011. The estimates refer to the Mauritian population aged 16 years and above.
2. Annual estimates of labour force including foreign workers derived after integrating data from CMPHS with other sources are given at Annex 3.

Key figures

	Q1 2010	Q4 2010	Q1 2011	Change	
				Q1 2011 - Q1 2010	Q1 2011 - Q4 2010
Labour force	572,400	579,300	584,100	+11,700	+4,800
Employment	524,400	537,700	535,600	+11,200	-2,100
Unemployment	48,000	41,600	48,500	+500	+6,900
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	7.2	8.3	-0.1	+1.1
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (%)	7.8	8.1	7.7	-0.1	-0.4

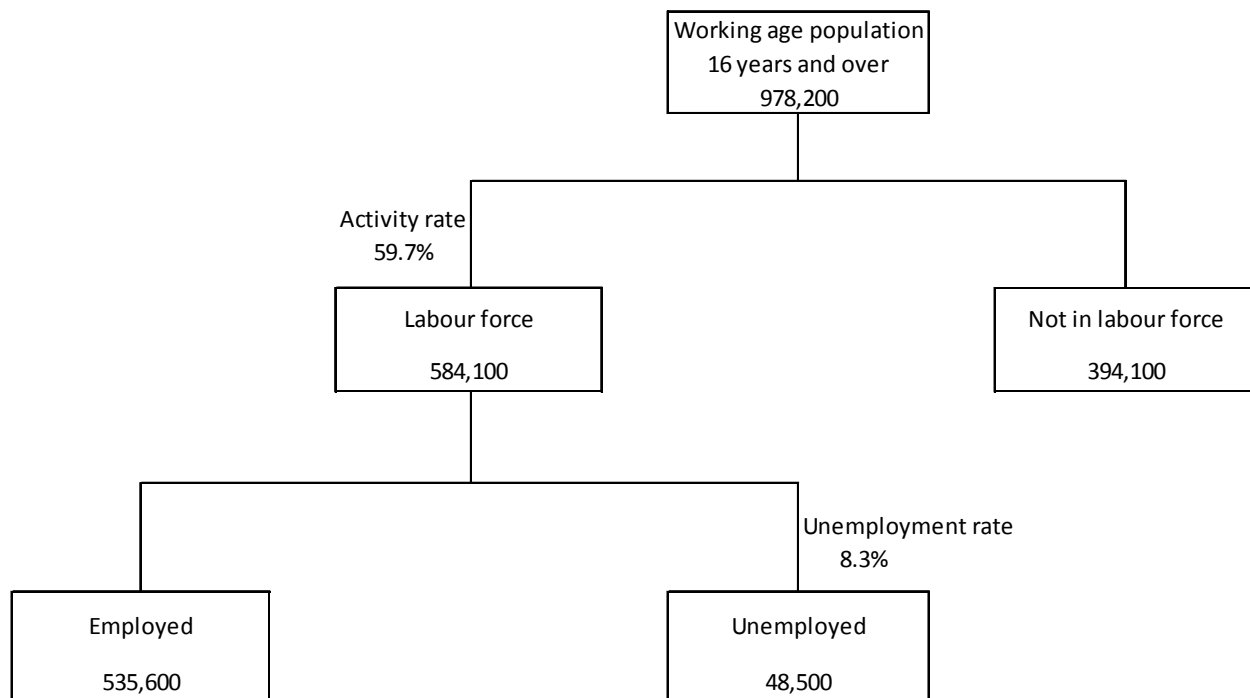
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	Year 2010	Forecast Year 2011	Change
Employment	536,100	544,500	+8,400
Unemployment	45,200	45,800	+600
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	7.8	-

Labour market overview, first quarter 2011

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2010, there has been an increase in the labour force (+11,700) with a rise in both employment (+11,200) and unemployment (+500).
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force increased by 4,800; employment decreased by 2,100 while unemployment increased by 6,900.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1st quarter 2011



Labour force participation

5. The activity rate for first quarter 2011 was 59.7%, up by 0.5 percentage point from 59.2 in the corresponding period one year earlier. The activity rates for male and female increased respectively by 0.9 percentage point to 76.3% and by 0.2 percentage point to 43.7%.
6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point (from 59.4% to 59.7%) with male activity rate increasing by 0.5 percentage point and no change in the female activity rate.

Employment

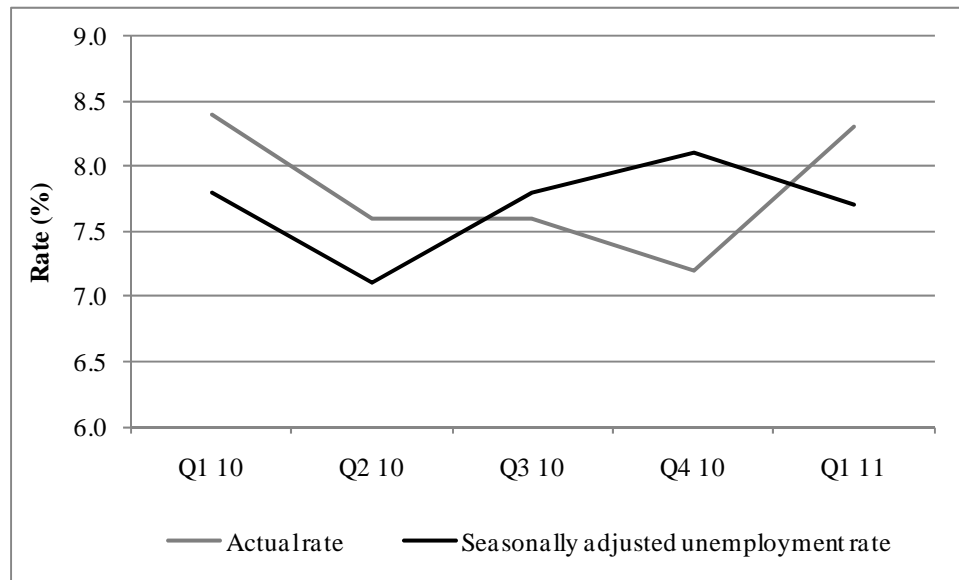
7. From first quarter 2010 to first quarter 2011, employment rose by 11,200 (+2.1%) to 535,600; male and female employment increased respectively by 8,700 to 347,100 and by 2,500 to 188,500.
8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment decreased by 2,100 with a fall of 2,200 in male employment and a rise of 100 in female employment.

Unemployment

9. From first quarter 2010 to first quarter 2011, the number of unemployed persons increased by 500 to 48,500. This rise was the combined effect of an increase of 800 in the number of unemployed females and a decrease of 300 in the number of unemployed males.
10. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2011 were as follows:
 - (i) The 48,500 unemployed comprised 19,000 males (39%) and 29,500 females (61%).
 - (ii) Around 18,800 (39%) of them were aged below 25 years.
 - (iii) About 47% (23,000) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (71%) was single while among females, the majority (68%) was ever married.
 - (iv) Some 10,000 or 21% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 19,100 (40%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
 - (v) Around 30,700 (63%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 17,800 (37%) for more than one year.
 - (vi) About 31,400 (65%) had working experience and 17,100 (35%) were looking for a job for the first time.
 - (vii) Around 19,800 (41%) were registered at the Employment Service.
 - (viii) There were 9,900 (20%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,800 (38%) of them had not passed SC.
 - (ix) Ever married (including widowed, divorced or separated) unemployed persons aged 25 to 44 years and having worked before numbered 11,300. Among them, about 8,200 (73%) had not passed SC.
 - (x) 6,600 or 14% of the unemployed were heads of households.
 - (xi) 6,400 (13%) lived in households with no employed persons.

11. The unemployment rate decreased marginally by 0.1 percentage point to 8.3% from first quarter 2010 to first quarter 2011. Female unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 13.5% whilst male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 5.2%.
12. When compared with fourth quarter of 2010, the number of unemployed persons increased by 6,900 (+5,900 males and +1,000 females) and the employment rate by 1.1 percentage points.

Chart 2: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2010 – 1st quarter 2011



13. Unemployment rate is usually higher in the first half of the year because of school leavers joining the labour market, and lower in the second half with more casual jobs being available mainly in the trade sector (street vendors, salespersons in shops, etc.) at the end of the year. In order to observe the real trend over time, adjustments have to be made for seasonal fluctuations. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2011 was 7.7%, lower than the rate of 8.1% for the fourth quarter of 2010 and 7.8% for the first quarter of 2010.

Economically inactive population

14. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 394,100 at first quarter 2011.

15. The inactive population was made up of 113,600 males and 280,500 females. Among inactive males, 42% were 'retired or old persons' and 37% were students. Among females, 57% were homemakers and 15% students.

Sampling errors

16. The estimates in this publication are based on the results of a sample survey and are thus subject to sample variability. Standard errors and confidence intervals give an indication of this variability.

17. The standard error of the estimates and the 95% confidence interval which represent a 95% chance that the true value lies within that interval, are given in the tables that follow.

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2010 –
1st quarter 2011

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 Q1	572,400	12,100	548,500	596,300
	Q2	586,700	15,900	555,300	617,800
	Q3	586,600	12,000	562,900	610,200
	Q4	579,300	17,300	545,300	613,300
	2011 Q1	584,100	13,200	558,000	610,200
Employment					
	2010 Q1	524,400	11,400	502,000	546,900
	Q2	541,900	15,400	511,400	572,100
	Q3	542,200	11,200	520,100	564,100
	Q4	537,700	15,500	507,200	568,100
	2011 Q1	535,600	12,300	511,400	559,900
Unemployment					
	2010 Q1	48,000	3,000	42,100	53,800
	Q2	44,800	2,800	39,200	50,400
	Q3	44,400	3,200	38,200	50,700
	Q4	41,600	3,400	35,000	48,300
	2011 Q1	48,500	3,300	42,000	54,900
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 Q1	8.4	0.5	7.4	9.3
	Q2	7.6	0.5	6.7	8.6
	Q3	7.6	0.5	6.6	8.6
	Q4	7.2	0.5	6.2	8.1
	2011 Q1	8.3	0.5	7.3	9.3
Activity rate, %					
	2010 Q1	59.2	0.6	57.9	60.4
	Q2	60.5	0.6	59.3	61.6
	Q3	60.3	0.7	59.0	61.6
	Q4	59.4	0.7	58.0	60.8
	2011 Q1	59.7	0.6	58.6	60.9

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2010 –
1st quarter 2011

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 Q1	357,700	7,800	342,300	373,200
	Q2	364,400	11,700	341,200	387,400
	Q3	367,100	8,300	350,800	383,400
	Q4	362,400	10,600	341,600	383,200
	2011 Q1	366,100	8,300	349,900	382,400
Employment					
	2010 Q1	338,400	7,500	323,600	353,300
	Q2	346,300	11,300	323,900	368,500
	Q3	350,900	7,900	335,400	366,400
	Q4	349,300	10,300	328,900	369,600
	2011 Q1	347,100	7,900	331,500	362,800
Unemployment					
	2010 Q1	19,300	1,900	15,600	23,000
	Q2	18,100	1,700	14,700	21,500
	Q3	16,200	1,700	12,800	19,600
	Q4	13,100	1,500	10,100	16,100
	2011 Q1	19,000	1,900	15,300	22,600
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 Q1	5.4	0.5	4.4	6.4
	Q2	5.0	0.5	4.1	5.8
	Q3	4.4	0.4	3.5	5.3
	Q4	3.6	0.4	2.8	4.4
	2011 Q1	5.2	0.5	4.2	6.1
Activity rate, %					
	2010 Q1	75.4	0.7	74.0	76.8
	Q2	76.6	0.8	75.0	78.1
	Q3	76.9	0.7	75.5	78.4
	Q4	75.8	0.7	74.3	77.2
	2011 Q1	76.3	0.7	75.0	77.7

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2010 –
1st quarter 2011

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 Q1	214,700	6,400	202,100	227,200
	Q2	222,300	6,400	209,700	234,900
	Q3	219,500	6,000	207,600	231,300
	Q4	216,900	8,400	200,400	233,300
	2011 Q1	218,000	6,700	204,800	231,200
Employment					
	2010 Q1	186,000	6,000	174,200	197,700
	Q2	195,600	6,200	183,400	207,700
	Q3	191,300	5,700	180,000	202,400
	Q4	188,400	7,000	174,500	202,200
	2011 Q1	188,500	6,200	176,300	200,700
Unemployment					
	2010 Q1	28,700	2,200	24,400	33,000
	Q2	26,700	2,000	22,700	30,700
	Q3	28,200	2,200	23,800	32,700
	Q4	28,500	2,800	23,000	34,000
	2011 Q1	29,500	2,500	24,500	34,400
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 Q1	13.4	0.9	11.5	15.2
	Q2	12.0	0.9	10.3	13.8
	Q3	12.8	1.0	11.0	14.8
	Q4	13.1	1.1	11.0	15.2
	2011 Q1	13.5	1.0	11.4	15.6
Activity rate, %					
	2010 Q1	43.5	1.0	41.6	45.4
	Q2	44.9	0.9	43.1	46.8
	Q3	44.3	1.0	42.4	46.2
	Q4	43.7	1.1	41.5	45.8
	2011 Q1	43.7	0.9	41.9	45.5

Longer time series

18. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate over a six year period.

Chart 3: Employment by quarter, 1st quarter 2004 – 1st quarter 2011

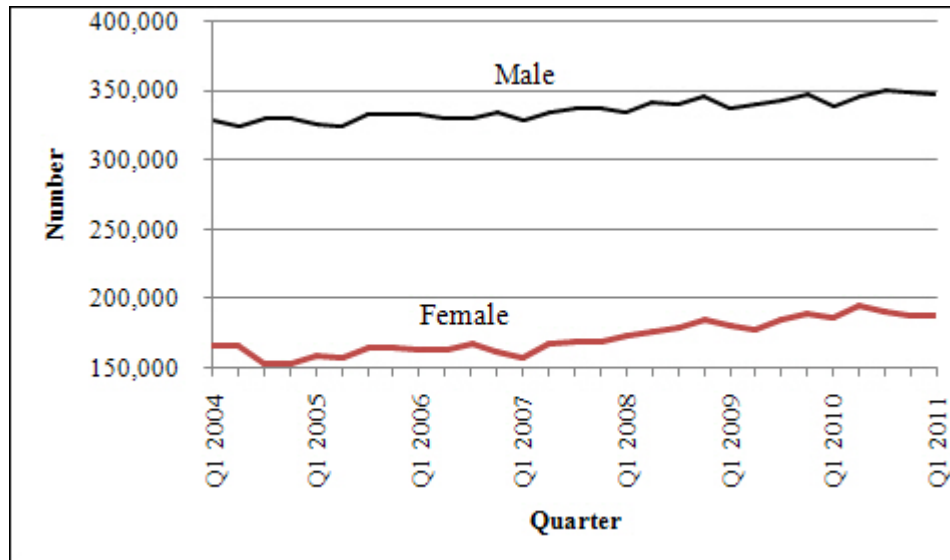


Chart 4: Unemployment rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2004 – 1st quarter 2011

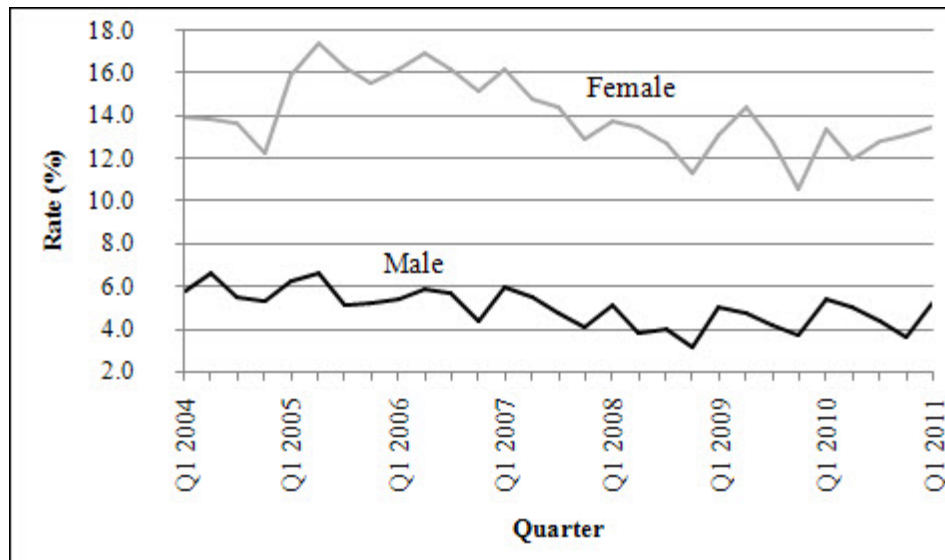


Chart 5: Activity rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2004 – 1st quarter 2011

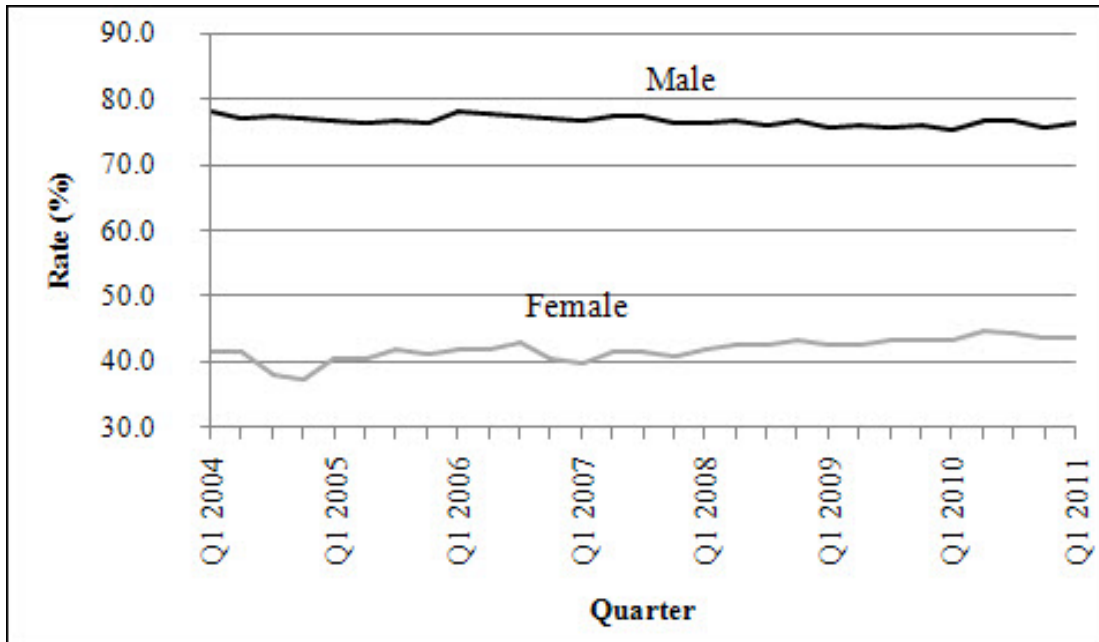
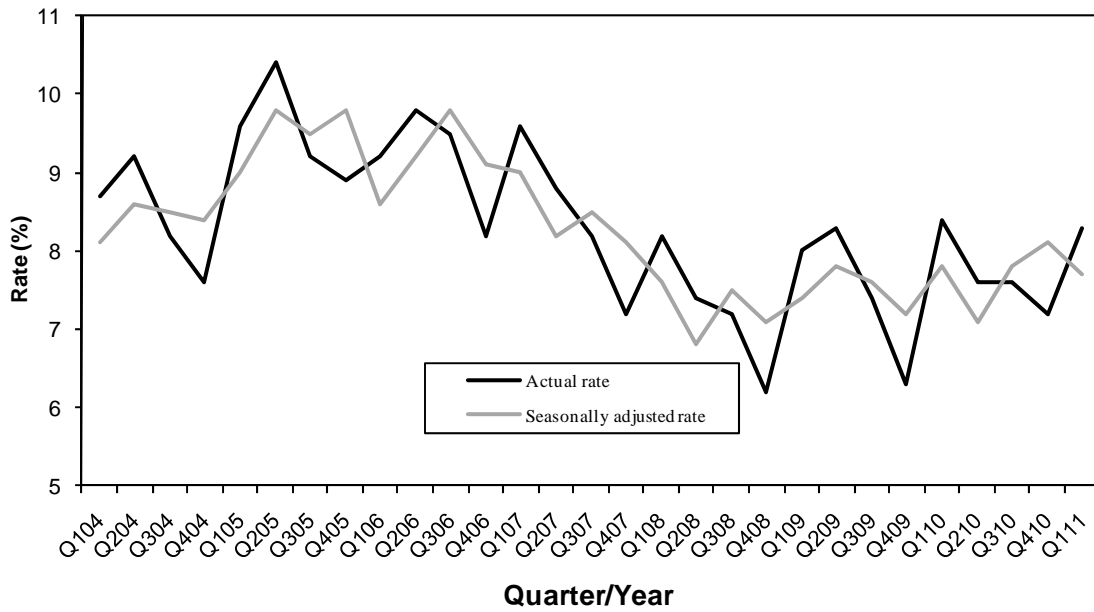


Chart 6: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, 1st quarter 2004 – 1st quarter 2011



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NOTES

Release of Labour Force data

Labour Force statistics are compiled and published in the “Economic and Social Indicators” in March, June, September and December according to an advance calendar posted on the website of the Central Statistics Office (<http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>). This issue provides data for the first quarter 2011 compared to the same quarter a year ago.

However, where appropriate, historical series are also provided for the main indicators.

The CMPHS Survey methodology

Data collection

Face to face interviews of household members are carried out by qualified interviewers recruited by the office.

Frequency of data collection

Data collection is carried out monthly except in 2004 when it was carried out every quarter. Up to 2005, the reference period for data on labour force was the last week of the survey month. As from 2006, the reference week has been changed to the second week of the survey month so that estimates can be published within one quarter of the reference period, as required by the IMF Special Data Dissemination System (SDDS) to which the country expects to graduate by December 2011.

Scope and coverage of collection

All private Mauritian households in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues are covered.

Sampling method

A Stratified two-stage sampling design is used. At the first stage, Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) are selected with probability proportional to size and at the second stage, a fixed number of households is selected from each selected PSU.

Prior to 2005, the first stage stratification factors were urban, semi urban and rural geographical locations. As from 2005, the Relative Development Index (RDI) is used as the spatial stratification factor. This index is based on 12 variables encompassing housing and living conditions, literacy and education, and employment derived from the 2000 Housing and Population Census to rank PSUs. A set of RDIs for administrative regions has been published in the series "Economic and Social Indicators" - Issue No. 393.

The second stage stratification criteria are community, household size and average monthly expenditure of the household.

Sample size

From 1999 to 2003, around 6,500 households were covered each year. In 2004, the sample was increased to 8,640 so that reliable quarterly estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment could be worked out. As from 2005, the sample for the year has been further increased to 11,280. Furthermore, in order to measure quarterly changes, 50% of the households sampled in a quarter are re-interviewed in the following quarter; for example, 50% of the households sampled in the first quarter of 2005 have been re-interviewed in the second quarter of 2005.

Questionnaire

The CMPHS questionnaire comprises three modules: a basic module common to all rounds of the survey covering the general characteristics of the population (b) a second module covering labour force with in-depth investigation and a core set of questions which are kept constant at all rounds of the survey and (c) a third module grouping other topics of interest but investigated in less details.

Estimation and reliability of results

Estimates worked out from household survey data are inevitably subject to sampling variability since they are based on information collected from only a sample of households rather than from all households. The Standard Error (S.E) which is a measure of this variability, used to set confidence intervals for any estimate (whether a total or a rate) derived from the sample. For example, a 95% confidence interval indicates that there is 95% chance that the upper and lower limits of the interval enclose the true value (which would be obtained if all households had been surveyed). Standard errors and confidence intervals are calculated for the main labour force estimates.

Definitions

Household

A household is defined as either a person living on his/her own or a group of two or more persons, who may or may not be related, but who live together and make common provision for food and other essentials for living.

Employment

Employed population consists of Mauritians aged 16 years and above (16+) who have worked for pay, profit or family gain for at least one hour during the reference week of a month. It includes those who are temporarily absent from work for reasons such as leave with pay, leave without pay and temporary disorganisation of work (bad weather, break down of equipment, lack of order, etc.).

It is to be noted that as from year 2007, labour force estimates are based on population aged 16 years and above, following the amendment to the Labour Act in December 2006 whereby the minimum legal working age is 16 years, and the subsequent recommendation by the ILO to be in line with the amended Labour Act.

Unemployment

Unemployed population comprises all Mauritians aged 16+ who are not working but who are looking for work and are available for work during the reference period.

Labour force

Labour force or active population is made up of employed and unemployed population.

Unemployment rate

Unemployment rate is the ratio (%) of unemployment to labour force.

Inactive population

Inactive population includes all Mauritians aged 16+ years, not forming part of the labour force for reasons such as attendance at educational institutions, engagement in household duties, retirement, old age and infirmity/disablement.

Activity rate

Activity rate is the ratio (%) of labour force to population aged 16+ (active and inactive population).

Employer

An employer is a person who operates his/her own business or trade and hires one or more employees.

Own account worker

An Own account worker is a person who operates his/her own business or trade but does not hire employees. He/She may be working alone or with the help of contributing family workers.

Employee

An Employee is a person who works for pay for someone else, even in a temporary capacity.

Apprentice

An Apprentice is a person being trained for a job or trade and does not receive pay or may just receive some pocket money; an apprentice is considered as an employee.

Contributing family worker

A Contributing family worker is a person who works without pay in an enterprise operated by a family member.

Educational attainment

Primary: comprises persons who have studied up to a “Standard” between Standard 1 and the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.

Secondary: comprises persons who have studied up to a “Form” between Form 1 and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or equivalent.

Tertiary: comprises persons who in addition to their secondary educational certificates (SC and HSC or equivalent) also possess either a certificate/diploma (which is above the HSC but below a first degree) or a degree.

Annual labour force estimates based on data from different data sources, 2003 - 2011

	Labour force			Employment				Unemployment ¹	
	Mauritians aged 16+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments	outside large establishments	Total	of whom Mauritians	Number	Rate
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)
Both sexes									
2003	520.9	18.2	539.1	296.9	202.1	499.0	480.8	40.1	7.7
2004	531.3	17.5	548.8	293.3	210.9	504.2	486.7	44.6	8.4
2005	542.5	16.6	559.1	292.2	215.0	507.2	490.6	51.9	9.6
2006	548.4	16.7	565.1	295.1	220.2	515.3	498.6	49.8	9.1
2007	548.9	21.6	570.5	302.0	221.7	523.7	502.1	46.8	8.5
2008	559.4	24.0	583.4	311.6	231.4	543.0	519.0	40.4	7.2
2009	566.3	21.0	587.3	306.0	239.8	545.8	524.8	41.5	7.3
2010	581.3	22.0	603.3	310.1	248.0	558.1	536.1	45.2	7.8
2011 ²	590.3	22.6	612.9	313.1	254.0	567.1	544.5	45.8	7.8
Change current year over previous:	9.0	0.6	9.6	3.0	6.0	9.0	8.4	0.6	0.0
Male									
2003	343.1	7.9	351.0	188.2	143.2	331.4	323.5	19.6	5.7
2004	347.8	9.0	356.8	189.1	147.7	336.8	327.8	20.0	5.8
2005	349.6	9.1	358.7	189.3	149.2	338.5	329.4	20.2	5.8
2006	351.4	8.3	359.7	190.0	150.5	340.5	332.2	19.2	5.5
2007	353.6	12.1	365.7	195.6	151.5	347.1	335.0	18.6	5.3
2008	355.6	14.7	370.3	201.0	154.7	355.7	341.0	14.6	4.1
2009	358.1	13.0	371.1	198.0	157.3	355.3	342.3	15.8	4.4
2010	362.4	13.1	375.5	198.8	160.0	358.8	345.7	16.7	4.6
2011 ²	365.9	13.4	379.3	200.0	162.6	362.6	349.2	16.7	4.6
Change current year over previous:	3.5	0.3	3.8	1.2	2.6	3.8	3.5	0.0	0.0
Female									
2003	177.8	10.3	188.1	108.7	58.9	167.6	157.3	20.5	11.5
2004	183.5	8.5	192.0	104.2	63.2	167.4	158.9	24.6	13.4
2005	192.9	7.5	200.4	102.9	65.8	168.7	161.2	31.7	16.4
2006	197.0	8.4	205.4	105.1	69.7	174.8	166.4	30.6	15.5
2007	195.3	9.5	204.8	106.4	70.2	176.6	167.1	28.2	14.4
2008	203.8	9.3	213.1	110.6	76.7	187.3	178.0	25.8	12.7
2009	208.2	8.0	216.2	108.0	82.5	190.5	182.5	25.7	12.3
2010	218.9	8.9	227.8	111.3	88.0	199.3	190.4	28.5	13.0
2011 ²	224.4	9.2	233.6	113.1	91.4	204.5	195.3	29.1	13.0
Change current year over previous:	5.5	0.3	5.8	1.8	3.4	5.2	4.9	0.6	13.0

Note:

The above figures have been worked out in order to give a set of comparable labour force estimates obtained from different sources. Users are cautioned in the use of these figures given that there are differences related to the reference period, coverage and methodology. The different sources from which these estimates have been obtained are as follows:

i CMPHS for Mauritian labour force estimates which are subject to sampling variability as mentioned at paragraph 17.

ii The Annual Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) carried out in March of each year. Employment figures refer to jobs in large establishments employing 10 or more persons and include both Mauritians and foreign workers.

iii Employment in 'other than large' establishments has been estimated after reconciling data from CMPHS, SEE and administrative sources.

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² Forecast

Table 1: Labour market activity by status, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

		In thousands								
		Total Mauritian population aged 16 & over	In employment				Unemployed	Total econ. active	Total econ. inactive	
			Employees	Employers	Own account workers	Contrib. family workers				Total
Both sexes										
	2010 Q1	967.3	425.0	17.9	68.2	13.3	524.4	48.0	572.4	394.9
	Q2	970.5	433.1	23.9	72.7	12.2	541.9	44.8	586.7	383.8
	Q3	972.5	429.2	21.7	78.0	13.3	542.2	44.4	586.6	385.9
	Q4	975.2	429.2	23.5	72.9	12.1	537.7	41.6	579.3	395.9
	2011 Q1	978.2	426.8	24.1	72.7	12.0	535.6	48.5	584.1	394.1
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3	-0.6	2.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4	16.6	0.8	-0.5
	same quarter a year ago	1.1	0.4	34.6	6.6	-9.8	2.1	1.0	2.0	-0.2
Male										
	2010 Q1	474.3	268.4	14.5	52.8	2.7	338.4	19.3	357.7	116.6
	Q2	475.8	269.8	20.4	52.3	3.8	346.3	18.1	364.4	111.4
	Q3	477.1	269.5	18.6	60.0	2.8	350.9	16.2	367.1	110.0
	Q4	478.3	271.1	19.9	54.1	4.2	349.3	13.1	362.4	115.9
	2011 Q1	479.7	268.3	20.8	55.2	2.8	347.1	19.0	366.1	113.6
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3	-1.0	4.5	2.0	-33.3	-0.6	45.0	1.0	-2.0
	same quarter a year ago	1.1	0.0	43.4	4.5	3.7	2.6	-1.6	2.3	-2.6
Female										
	2010 Q1	493.0	156.6	3.4	15.4	10.6	186.0	28.7	214.7	278.3
	Q2	494.7	163.3	3.5	20.4	8.4	195.6	26.7	222.3	272.4
	Q3	495.4	159.7	3.1	18.0	10.5	191.3	28.2	219.5	275.9
	Q4	496.9	158.1	3.6	18.8	7.9	188.4	28.5	216.9	280.0
	2011 Q1	498.5	158.5	3.3	17.5	9.2	188.5	29.5	218.0	280.5
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3	0.3	-8.3	-6.9	16.5	0.1	3.5	0.5	0.2
	same quarter a year ago	1.1	1.2	-2.9	13.6	-13.2	1.3	2.8	1.5	0.8

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2011

In thousands

	Mauritian aged 16 and over	Age group (years)				
		16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	535.6	62.8	62.9	146.7	140.0	123.2
Unemployed	48.5	18.8	8.1	10.3	6.7	4.6
Labour force	584.1	81.6	71.0	157.0	146.7	127.8
Economically inactive	394.1	101.6	22.1	43.2	47.4	179.8
Total Population	978.2	183.2	93.1	200.2	194.1	307.6
Employment rate (%)	91.7	77.0	88.6	93.4	95.4	96.4
Unemployment rate (%)	8.3	23.0	11.4	6.6	4.6	3.6
Activity rate (%)	59.7	44.5	76.3	78.4	75.6	41.5
Male						
In employment	347.1	39.1	40.3	93.2	90.2	84.3
Unemployed	19.0	8.4	4.3	2.2	1.7	2.4
Labour force	366.1	47.5	44.6	95.4	91.9	86.7
Economically inactive	113.6	46.0	3.1	4.0	4.5	56.0
Total Population	479.7	93.5	47.7	99.4	96.4	142.7
Employment rate (%)	94.8	82.3	90.4	97.7	98.2	97.2
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	17.7	9.6	2.3	1.8	2.8
Activity rate (%)	76.3	50.8	93.5	96.0	95.3	60.8
Female						
In employment	188.5	23.7	22.6	53.5	49.8	38.9
Unemployed	29.5	10.4	3.8	8.1	5.0	2.2
Labour force	218.0	34.1	26.4	61.6	54.8	41.1
Economically inactive	280.5	55.6	19.0	39.2	42.9	123.8
Total Population	498.5	89.7	45.4	100.8	97.7	164.9
Employment rate (%)	86.5	69.5	85.6	86.9	90.9	94.6
Unemployment rate (%)	13.5	30.5	14.4	13.1	9.1	5.4
Activity rate (%)	43.7	38.0	58.1	61.1	56.1	24.9

Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Total employed aged 16+	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC* Sections				
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services	
					C	F	G	H - Q	
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2010 Q1	524.4	8.2	29.4	62.4	18.2	10.6	13.8	48.6	
Q2	541.9	8.2	28.1	63.7	16.4	10.9	14.9	48.8	
Q3	542.2	9.5	27.1	63.4	15.3	11.1	14.0	49.4	
Q4	537.7	8.9	28.2	62.9	16.9	10.7	13.3	49.6	
2011 Q1	535.6	7.6	28.6	63.8	17.1	10.9	15.6	48.2	
Male									
2010 Q1	338.4	8.6	32.3	59.1	15.5	16.0	14.0	45.1	
Q2	346.3	9.0	31.7	59.3	14.1	16.4	14.2	45.1	
Q3	350.9	10.2	31.5	58.3	14.0	16.6	12.8	45.5	
Q4	349.3	9.9	32.7	57.4	16.0	16.0	12.6	44.8	
2011 Q1	347.1	8.4	31.9	59.8	14.9	16.2	15.3	44.5	
Female									
2010 Q1	186.0	7.7	24.0	68.3	23.1	0.7	13.4	54.9	
Q2	195.6	6.9	21.7	71.4	20.4	1.2	16.3	55.1	
Q3	191.3	8.2	19.0	72.8	17.8	1.2	16.2	56.6	
Q4	188.4	7.0	20.0	73.0	18.8	1.0	14.6	58.4	
2011 Q1	188.5	6.1	22.6	71.3	21.2	1.2	16.1	55.2	

* National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Revision 3)

Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Total employed aged 16+	ISCO (International Standard Classification of Occupations)				
		Managers, senior officials & professionals	Admin & Secretarial staff	Service workers	Agricultural & trade workers, operators	Elementary occupations
		1,2,3 (%)	4 (%)	5 (%)	6,7,8 (%)	9 (%)
	(000s)					
Both sexes						
2010 Q1	524.4	18.6	9.9	18.9	33.5	19.1
Q2	541.9	17.3	10.0	19.7	33.6	19.4
Q3	542.2	17.0	10.5	19.2	33.7	19.6
Q4	537.7	17.4	10.5	19.7	34.1	18.3
2011 Q1	535.6	18.8	10.0	20.8	33.1	17.3
Male						
2010 Q1	338.4	16.8	6.1	18.3	41.5	17.3
Q2	346.3	15.3	6.6	18.6	42.4	17.1
Q3	350.9	15.2	7.1	16.8	43.6	17.3
Q4	349.3	15.5	6.7	18.1	43.1	16.6
2011 Q1	347.1	17.1	6.5	19.6	41.5	15.3
Female						
2010 Q1	186.0	21.9	16.5	20.2	18.9	22.5
Q2	195.6	20.9	16.0	21.7	17.9	23.5
Q3	191.3	20.3	16.7	23.6	15.6	23.8
Q4	188.4	20.7	17.5	22.7	17.7	21.4
2011 Q1	188.5	21.9	16.5	23.0	17.7	20.9

Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Total employed aged 16+ (000's)	Total hours worked (000's)	% having worked for:					Average number of hours worked	
			0 hour	1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above		
Both sexes									
2010 Q1	524.4	19,000	3.9	11.3	48.5	22.9	13.4	37.7	
Q2	541.9	21,000	4.2	9.9	39.0	30.4	16.5	38.8	
Q3	542.2	21,000	4.8	9.4	38.0	30.7	17.1	41.1	
Q4	537.7	21,500	4.9	8.6	36.0	30.4	20.2	42.3	
2011 Q1	535.6	21,200	5.2	8.8	38.7	28.5	18.8	41.6	
Male									
2010 Q1	338.4	12,900	4.5	7.6	46.5	25.1	16.3	39.9	
Q2	346.3	14,100	4.2	6.8	36.9	32.2	19.9	40.8	
Q3	350.9	14,300	5.1	6.6	34.4	33.5	20.4	43.5	
Q4	349.3	14,900	4.2	5.3	33.3	32.7	24.5	44.8	
2011 Q1	347.1	14,300	5.6	6.3	36.1	30.2	21.8	43.7	
Female									
2010 Q1	186.0	6,100	2.7	17.9	52.3	19.0	8.1	33.8	
Q2	195.6	6,900	4.1	15.5	42.9	27.0	10.5	35.2	
Q3	191.3	6,700	4.6	14.4	44.4	25.7	10.9	36.9	
Q4	188.4	6,600	6.2	14.8	41.0	26.0	12.0	37.5	
2011 Q1	188.5	6,800	4.5	13.4	43.4	25.5	13.2	38.0	

0 hour not included in total hours worked & in average number of hours worked

Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)	
Both sexes										
2010 Q1	48.0	30.8	20.8	10.0	61.3	34.1	19.5	7.7	7.9	
Q2	44.8	28.8	18.3	10.5	64.9	34.1	19.3	11.5	6.3	
Q3	44.4	25.5	15.2	10.3	64.8	34.6	21.0	9.2	9.7	
Q4	41.6	33.8	21.6	12.2	58.3	27.8	22	8.5	7.9	
2011 Q1	48.5	29.4	20.6	8.8	57.2	30.6	18.7	7.9	13.4	
Male										
2010 Q1	19.3	32.7	24.1	8.6	57.9	40.7	10.2	7.0	9.4	
Q2	18.1	28.8	20.3	8.5	62.8	36.4	12.1	14.3	8.4	
Q3	16.2	23.7	16.4	7.3	62.0	29.7	20.5	11.8	14.3	
Q4	13.1	38.7	27.5	11.2	55.5	29.1	13.9	12.5	5.8	
2011 Q1	19.0	29.8	20.0	9.8	58.1	35.6	12.7	9.8	12.1	
Female										
2010 Q1	28.7	29.5	18.5	11.0	63.6	29.7	25.7	8.2	6.9	
Q2	26.7	28.7	16.9	11.8	66.3	32.7	24.1	9.5	5.0	
Q3	28.2	26.5	14.5	12.0	66.4	37.4	21.3	7.7	7.1	
Q4	28.5	31.6	18.9	12.7	59.5	27.1	25.7	6.7	8.9	
2011 Q1	29.5	29.0	20.9	8.1	56.8	27.5	22.5	6.8	14.2	

Table 7: Unemployment by age, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes				
2010 Q1	48.0	20.2	24.2	3.6
Q2	44.8	19.8	21.9	3.1
Q3	44.4	18.0	24.4	2.0
Q4	41.6	15.3	23.5	2.8
2011 Q1	48.5	18.8	25.1	4.6
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	6.9	3.5	1.6	1.8
same quarter a year ago	0.5	-1.4	0.9	1.0
Male				
2010 Q1	19.3	9.4	8.3	1.6
Q2	18.1	10.3	6.7	1.1
Q3	16.2	9.1	6.2	0.9
Q4	13.1	6.7	5.3	1.1
2011 Q1	19.0	8.4	8.2	2.4
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	5.9	1.7	2.9	1.3
same quarter a year ago	-0.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.8
Female				
2010 Q1	28.7	10.8	15.9	2.0
Q2	26.7	9.5	15.2	2.0
Q3	28.2	8.9	18.2	1.1
Q4	28.5	8.6	18.2	1.7
2011 Q1	29.5	10.4	16.9	2.2
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	1.0	1.8	-1.3	0.5
same quarter a year ago	0.8	-0.4	1.0	0.2

Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry					
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Trade	Hotels and restaurants	Other
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2010 Q1	48.0	15.4	32.6	27.9	16.9	17.0	8.2	30.0
Q2	44.8	15.5	29.3	24.8	13.4	16.5	9.2	36.1
Q3	44.4	14.4	30.0	29.9	10.8	16.8	12.0	30.5
Q4	41.6	14.1	27.5	36.9	12.7	14.3	6.4	29.7
2011 Q1	48.5	17.1	31.3	24.2	13.2	19.9	9.8	32.9
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	6.9	3.0	3.8					
same quarter a year ago	0.5	1.7	-1.3					
Male								
2010 Q1	19.3	4.6	14.7	12.5	37.4	12.9	9.7	27.5
Q2	18.1	6.5	11.6	15.5	33.8	7.1	11.6	32.0
Q3	16.2	5.8	10.4	17.7	31.1	3.6	15.2	32.4
Q4	13.1	3.6	9.5	20.9	36.6	10.8	8.5	23.2
2011 Q1	19.0	5.8	13.2	19.7	29.3	12.3	11.3	27.4
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	5.9	2.2	3.7					
same quarter a year ago	-0.3	1.2	-1.5					
Female								
2010 Q1	28.7	10.8	17.9	40.5	0.0	20.4	7.1	32.0
Q2	26.7	9.0	17.7	30.9	0.0	22.7	7.7	38.7
Q3	28.2	8.6	19.6	36.3	0.0	23.8	10.3	29.6
Q4	28.5	10.5	18.0	45.4	0.0	16.2	5.3	33.1
2011 Q1	29.5	11.3	18.1	27.6	1.0	25.7	8.7	37.0
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	1.0	0.8	0.1					
same quarter a year ago	0.8	0.5	0.2					

Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 1st Quarter 2010 to 1st Quarter 2011

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason						
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)	
Both sexes								
2010 Q1	967.3	394.9	44.6	21.9	23.0	7.6	2.9	
Q2	970.5	383.8	43.7	23.1	22.9	7.5	2.8	
Q3	972.5	385.9	43.7	23.0	23.1	7.7	2.5	
Q4	975.2	395.9	43.5	21.9	23.2	7.9	3.5	
2011 Q1	978.2	394.1	40.4	23.8	21.4	7.7	6.7	
Male								
2010 Q1	474.3	116.6	0.2	43.4	40.4	12.3	3.7	
Q2	475.8	111.4	0.1	44.3	40.5	12.2	2.9	
Q3	477.1	110.0	0.0	44.2	39.3	12.7	3.8	
Q4	478.3	115.9	0.4	42.2	40.6	12.1	4.7	
2011 Q1	479.7	113.6	0.1	41.5	37.3	12.8	8.3	
Female								
2010 Q1	493.0	278.3	63.1	12.9	15.7	5.7	2.6	
Q2	494.7	272.4	61.7	14.3	15.6	5.5	2.9	
Q3	495.4	275.9	61.3	14.5	16.6	5.8	1.8	
Q4	496.9	280.0	61.4	13.5	16.0	6.2	2.9	
2011 Q1	498.5	280.5	56.7	16.6	15.0	5.7	6.0	