

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment - Third 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 third quarter of 2011, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from July to September 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

	Q3 2010	Q2 2011	Q3 2011	Change	
				Q3 2011 - Q3 2010	Q3 2011 - Q2 2011
Labour force	586,600	577,600	583,700	-2,900	+6,100
Employment	542,200	531,400	537,800	-4,400	+6,400
Unemployment	44,400	46,200	45,900	+1,500	-300
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	8.0	7.9	+0.3	-0.1
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (%)	7.8	7.5	8.1	+0.3	+0.6

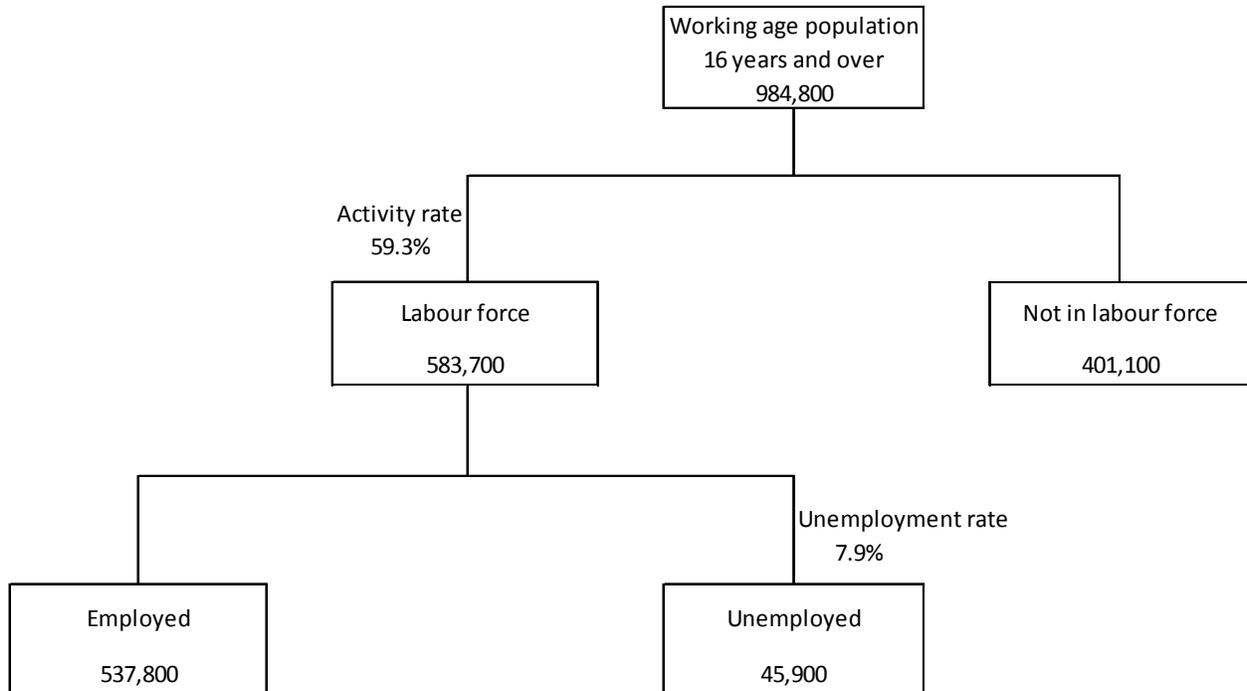
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	Year 2010	Forecast Year 2011	Change
Employment	536,100	537,600	+1,500
Unemployment	45,200	45,900	+700
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	7.9	+0.1

Labour market overview, third quarter 2011

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2010, there has been a decrease in the labour force (-2,900); employment decreased by 4,400 while unemployment increased by 1,500.
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force increased by 6,100 with an increase in employment (+6,400) and a fall in unemployment (-300).

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 3rd quarter 2011



Labour force participation

5. The activity rate for third quarter 2011 was 59.3%, down by 1.0 percentage point from 60.3% in the corresponding period one year earlier. The activity rates for male and female decreased respectively by 1.9 percentage points to 75.0% and by 0.2 percentage point to 44.1%.
6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate increased by 0.4 percentage point (from 58.9% to 59.3%) with an increase of 0.6 percentage point in the male activity rate and 0.2 in the female rate.

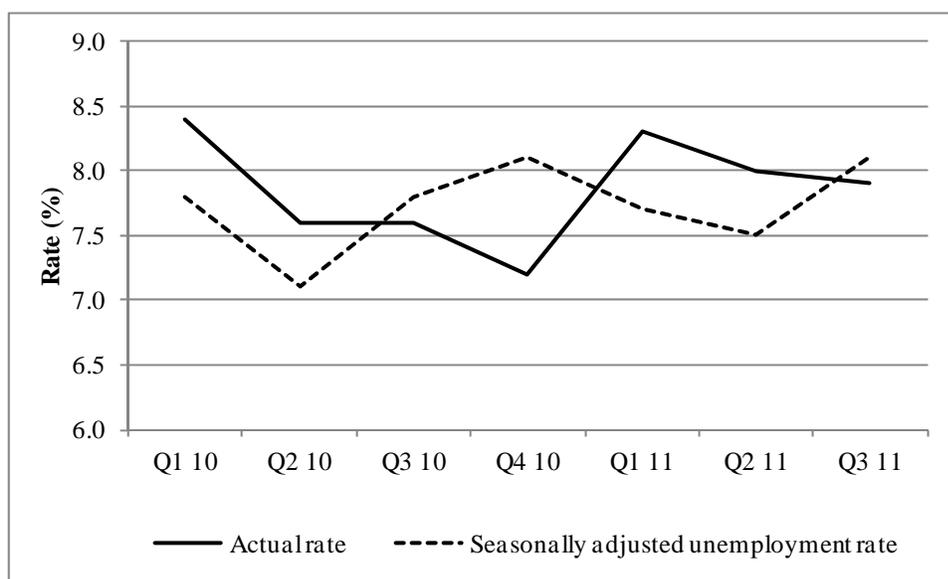
Employment

7. From third quarter 2010 to third quarter 2011, employment decreased by 4,400 (-0.8%) to 537,800; male employment decreased by 8,300 to 342,600 whilst female employment increased by 3,900 to 195,200.
8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment increased by 6,400 with a rise of 4,500 in male employment and of 1,900 in female employment.

Unemployment

9. From third quarter 2010 to third quarter 2011, the number of unemployed persons increased by 1,500 to 45,900. This rise was the combined effect of an increase of 3,300 in the number of unemployed males and a decrease of 1,800 in the number of unemployed females.
10. The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 7.9% from third quarter 2010 to third quarter 2011. Male unemployment rate increased by 1.0 percentage point to 5.4% whilst female unemployment rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point to 11.9%.
11. When compared with second quarter of 2011, the number of unemployed persons decreased marginally by 300 (-200 males and -100 females)
12. From second quarter 2011 to third quarter 2011, the unemployment rate decreased marginally by 0.1 percentage point with a fall of 0.1 percentage point in the rates for male and 0.2 for female.

Chart 2: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2010 - 3rd 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 third quarter of 2011 was 8.1%, higher than the rate of 7.5% for the second quarter of 2011 and that of 7.8% for the third quarter of 2010.

14. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2011 were as follows:

- (i) The 45,900 unemployed comprised 19,500 males (42%) and 26,400 females (58%).
- (ii) Around 17,600 (38%) of them were aged below 25 years.
- (iii) About 52% (23,800) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (75%) was single while among females, the majority (65%) was ever married.
- (iv) Some 8,400 or 18% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 18,400 (40%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (v) Around 35,500 (77%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 10,400 (23%) for more than one year.
- (vi) About 30,500 (66%) had working experience and 15,400 (34%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vii) Around 19,000 (41%) were registered at the Employment Service.
- (viii) There were 8,600 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,700 (43%) 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 11,800. Among them, about 9,100 (77%) had not passed SC.
- (x) 4,800 or 10% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (xi) 6,700 (15%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Economically inactive population

15. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 401,100 at third quarter 2011.
16. The inactive population was made up of 120,500 males and 280,600 females. Among inactive males, 45% were 'retired or old persons' and 36% were students. Among females, 56% were homemakers and 15% students.

Sampling errors

17. 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.
18. 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, 3rd quarter 2010 –
3rd quarter 2011

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 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
	Q2	577,600	15,800	546,400	608,800
	Q3	583,700	12,600	559,000	608,400
Employment					
	2010 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
	Q2	531,400	14,300	503,200	559,600
	Q3	537,800	11,700	514,700	560,900
Unemployment					
	2010 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
	Q2	46,200	3,700	38,900	53,500
	Q3	45,900	3,200	39,600	52,200
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	8.0	0.6	6.9	9.1
	Q3	7.9	0.5	6.9	8.9
Activity rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	58.9	0.6	57.7	60.0
	Q3	59.3	0.6	58.1	60.5

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd quarter 2010 –
3rd quarter 2011

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 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
	Q2	357,800	10,000	338,000	377,500
	Q3	362,100	8,500	345,500	378,800
Employment					
	2010 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
	Q2	338,100	9,500	319,500	356,700
	Q3	342,600	8,000	326,900	358,400
Unemployment					
	2010 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
	Q2	19,700	2,300	15,200	24,100
	Q3	19,500	1,900	15,700	23,300
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	5.5	0.6	4.3	6.7
	Q3	5.4	0.5	4.4	6.4
Activity rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	74.4	0.8	72.8	75.9
	Q3	75.0	0.7	73.7	76.4

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd quarter 2010 –
3rd quarter 2011

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2010 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
	Q2	219,800	7,500	205,000	234,700
	Q3	221,600	6,000	209,700	233,400
Employment					
	2010 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
	Q2	193,300	6,700	180,200	206,400
	Q3	195,200	5,600	184,200	206,200
Unemployment					
	2010 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
	Q2	26,500	2,500	21,700	31,400
	Q3	26,400	2,300	21,900	30,800
Unemployment rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	12.1	1.0	10.1	14.0
	Q3	11.9	0.9	10.0	13.8
Activity rate, %					
	2010 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
	Q2	43.9	0.9	42.1	45.8
	Q3	44.1	0.9	42.3	45.9

Longer time series

19. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 1st quarter 2006 to 3rd quarter 2011.

Chart 3: Employment by quarter, 1st quarter 2006 - 3rd quarter 2011

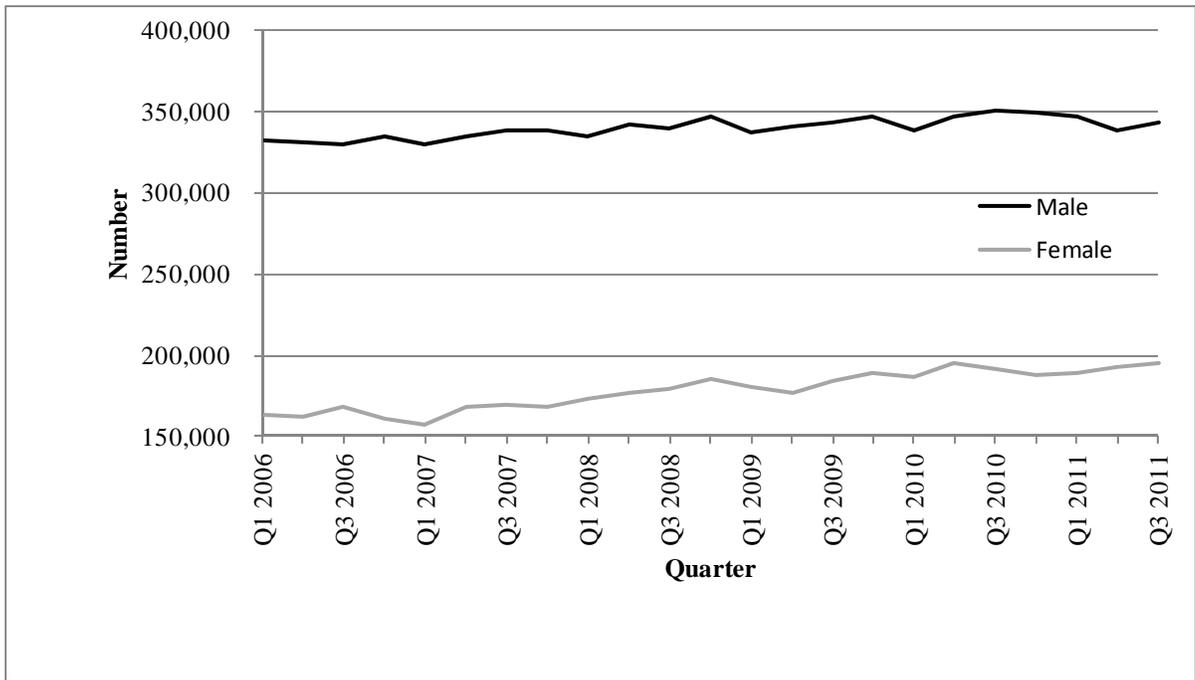


Chart 4: Unemployment rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2006 - 3rd quarter 2011

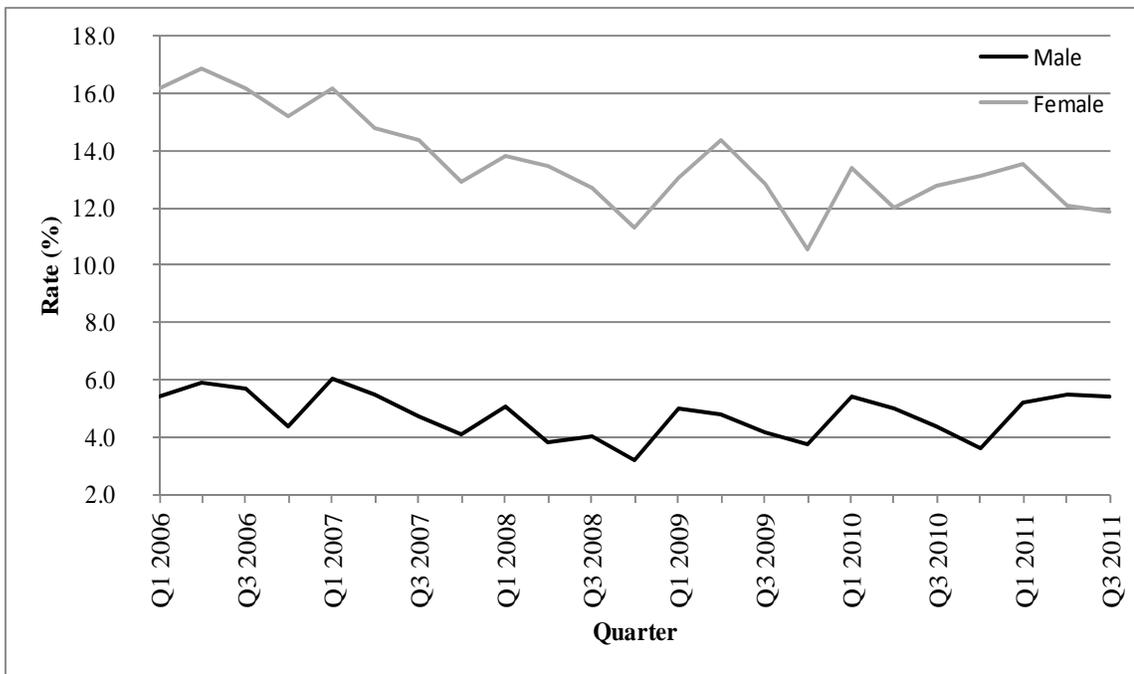


Chart 5: Activity rate by quarter, 1st quarter 2006 - 3rd quarter 2011

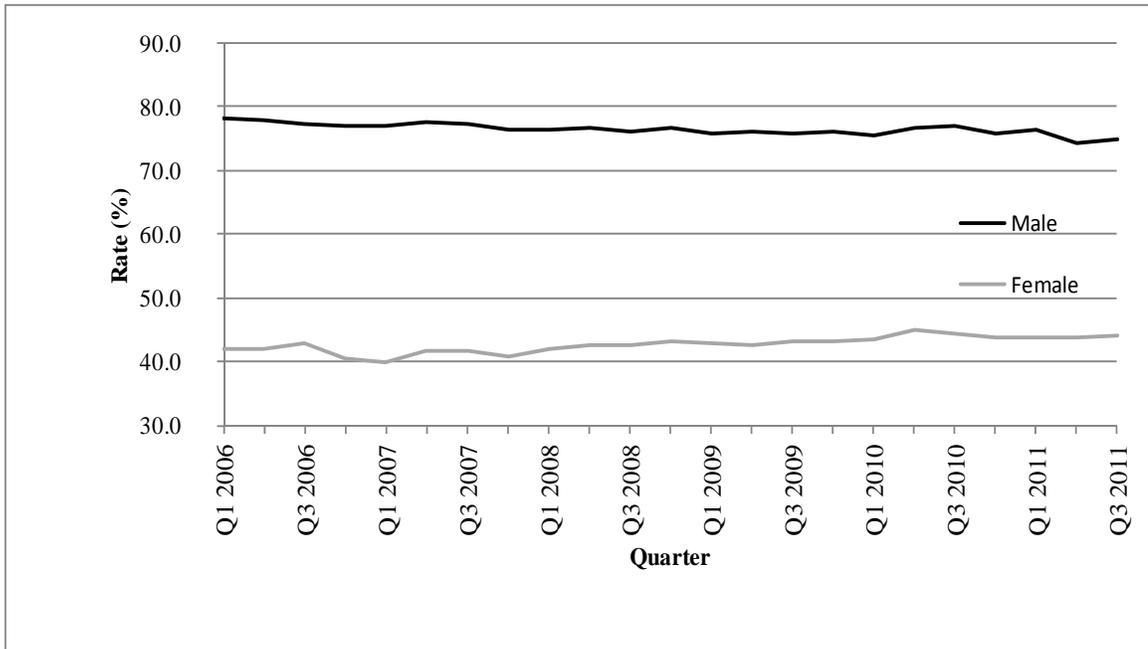
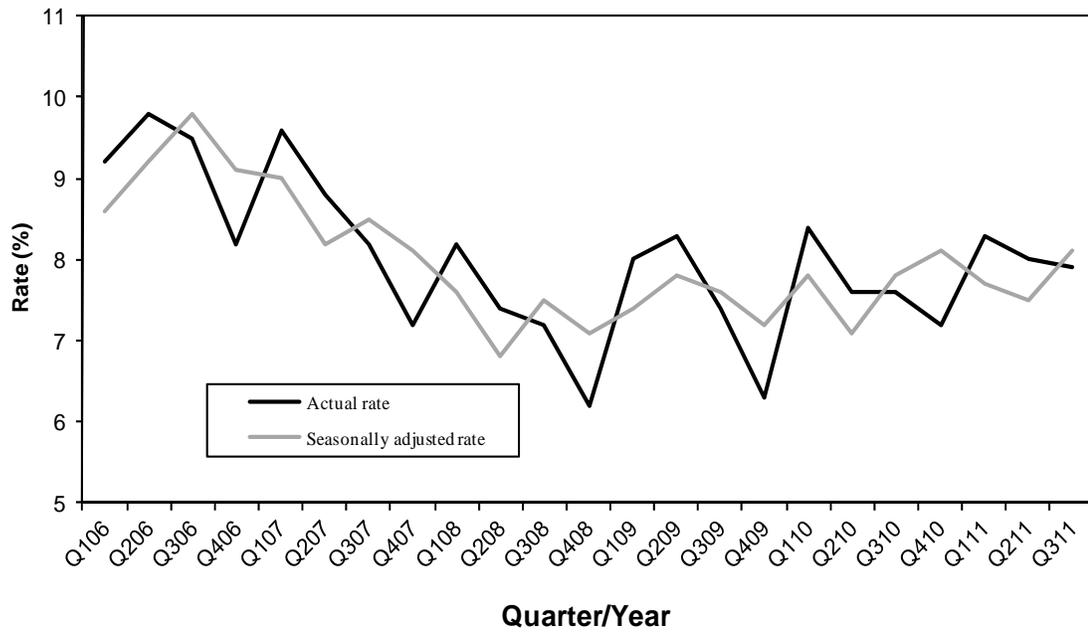


Chart 6: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, 1st quarter 2006 - 3rd quarter 2011



The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>. From the homepage, click on 'Statistics by subject' followed by 'labour' then select the appropriate publication under the heading 'Publications – Economic and Social Indicators'.

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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 Statistics Mauritius (<http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>). This issue provides data for the third 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	583.5	23.0	606.5	311.1	249.5	560.6	537.6	45.9	7.9
Change current year over previous:	2.2	1.0	3.2	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.5	0.7	0.1
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	363.4	13.4	376.8	199.1	160.5	359.6	346.2	17.2	4.7
Change current year over previous:	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.1
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	220.1	9.6	229.7	112.0	89.0	201.0	191.4	28.7	13.0
Change current year over previous:	1.2	0.7	1.9	0.7	1.0	1.7	1.0	0.2	0.0

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, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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
	Q2	981.4	433.2	19.2	70.5	8.5	531.4	46.2	577.6	403.8
	Q3	984.8	440.2	21.6	67.0	9.0	537.8	45.9	583.7	401.1
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3	1.6	12.4	-4.9	6.3	1.2	-0.6	1.1	-0.7
	same quarter a year ago	1.3	2.6	-0.6	-14.0	-32.1	-0.8	3.4	-0.5	3.9
Male										
	2010 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
	Q2	481.2	267.1	15.9	54.1	1.0	338.1	19.7	357.8	123.4
	Q3	482.6	271.7	18.8	49.7	2.4	342.6	19.5	362.1	120.5
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3	1.7	18.5	-8.2	139.8	1.3	-1.0	1.2	-2.4
	same quarter a year ago	1.2	0.8	1.3	-17.2	-14.4	-2.4	20.4	-1.4	9.5
Female										
	2010 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
	Q2	500.2	166.1	3.3	16.4	7.5	193.3	26.5	219.8	280.4
	Q3	502.2	168.5	2.7	17.4	6.6	195.2	26.4	221.6	280.6
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.4	1.4	-17.2	5.9	-11.5	1.0	-0.4	0.8	0.1
	same quarter a year ago	1.4	5.5	-11.8	-3.5	-36.8	2.0	-6.4	1.0	1.7

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 3rd Quarter 2011

In thousands

	Mauritian aged	Age group (years)				
	16 and over	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	537.8	62.7	66.0	148.9	141.4	118.8
Unemployed	45.9	17.6	6.3	12.9	5.8	3.3
Labour force	583.7	80.3	72.3	161.8	147.2	122.1
Economically inactive	401.1	104.0	18.9	40.3	46.0	191.9
Total Population	984.8	184.3	91.2	202.1	193.2	314.0
Employment rate (%)	92.1	78.1	91.3	92.0	96.1	97.3
Unemployment rate (%)	7.9	21.9	8.7	8.0	3.9	2.7
Activity rate (%)	59.3	43.6	79.3	80.1	76.2	38.9
Male						
In employment	342.6	38.8	39.4	92.6	89.8	82.0
Unemployed	19.5	9.2	3.1	3.9	1.4	1.9
Labour force	362.1	48.0	42.5	96.5	91.2	83.9
Economically inactive	120.5	46.1	4.2	3.9	4.7	61.6
Total Population	482.6	94.1	46.7	100.4	95.9	145.5
Employment rate (%)	94.6	80.8	92.7	96.0	98.5	97.7
Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	19.2	7.3	4.0	1.5	2.3
Activity rate (%)	75.0	51.0	91.0	96.1	95.1	57.7
Female						
In employment	195.2	23.9	26.6	56.3	51.6	36.8
Unemployed	26.4	8.4	3.2	9.0	4.4	1.4
Labour force	221.6	32.3	29.8	65.3	56.0	38.2
Economically inactive	280.6	57.9	14.7	36.4	41.3	130.3
Total Population	502.2	90.2	44.5	101.7	97.3	168.5
Employment rate (%)	88.1	74.0	89.3	86.2	92.1	96.3
Unemployment rate (%)	11.9	26.0	10.7	13.8	7.9	3.7
Activity rate (%)	44.1	35.8	67.0	64.2	57.6	22.7

Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 Q3	542.2	9.5	27.1	63.4	15.3	11.1	14.0	23.0	
Q4	537.7	8.9	28.2	62.9	16.9	10.7	13.3	22.0	
2011 Q1	535.6	7.6	28.6	63.8	17.1	10.9	15.6	20.2	
Q2	531.4	8.2	27.3	64.5	16.3	10.4	16.0	21.8	
Q3	537.8	8.9	27.1	64.0	15.9	10.6	14.9	22.6	
Male									
2010 Q3	350.9	10.2	31.5	58.3	14.0	16.6	12.8	14.9	
Q4	349.3	9.9	32.7	57.4	16.0	16.0	12.6	12.8	
2011 Q1	347.1	8.4	31.9	59.7	14.9	16.2	15.3	13.3	
Q2	338.1	9.1	31.5	59.4	14.7	15.8	14.5	14.4	
Q3	342.6	9.9	31.6	58.5	14.5	16.2	13.5	14.3	
Female									
2010 Q3	191.3	8.2	19.0	72.8	17.8	1.2	16.2	37.6	
Q4	188.4	7.0	20.0	73.0	18.8	1.0	14.6	38.6	
2011 Q1	188.5	6.1	22.6	71.3	21.2	1.2	16.1	32.8	
Q2	193.3	6.8	20.1	73.1	19.2	0.9	18.5	34.5	
Q3	195.2	7.2	19.2	73.6	18.3	0.9	17.3	37.1	

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

Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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
Q2	531.4	18.3	10.3	20.4	32.3	18.7
Q3	537.8	19.6	10.8	18.9	31.8	18.9
Male						
2010 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
Q2	338.1	16.2	6.5	19.5	41.3	16.5
Q3	342.6	18.2	6.6	17.4	41.7	16.1
Female						
2010 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
Q2	193.3	21.9	17.0	21.9	16.6	22.6
Q3	195.2	21.9	18.3	21.5	14.6	23.7

Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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	21,100	5.2	8.8	38.7	28.5	18.8	41.6
Q2	531.4	21,100	4.7	8.5	39.3	31.2	16.3	41.5
Q3	537.8	21,600	4.4	7.9	38.5	30.5	18.7	42.0
Male								
2010 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
Q2	338.1	14,300	5.0	5.8	36.5	33.6	19.1	43.5
Q3	342.6	14,500	4.6	5.5	33.8	33.9	22.2	44.2
Female								
2010 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
Q2	193.3	6,800	4.3	13.2	44.1	27.0	11.5	37.9
Q3	195.2	7,100	4.1	12.2	46.6	24.5	12.6	38.0

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

Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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	
Q2	46.2	27.5	18.9	8.6	57.4	35.1	15.1	7.2	15.1	
Q3	45.9	28.1	18.3	9.8	53.8	30.4	14.8	8.6	18.1	
Male										
2010 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	
Q2	19.7	24.2	17.7	6.5	57.5	40.4	10.7	6.4	18.3	
Q3	19.5	26.6	18.7	7.9	53.4	29.9	15.3	8.2	20.0	
Female										
2010 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	
Q2	26.5	29.9	19.8	10.1	57.5	31.4	18.4	7.7	12.6	
Q3	26.4	29.2	18.0	11.2	54.1	30.7	14.4	9.0	16.7	

Table 7: Unemployment by age, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd Quarter 2011

In thousands

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes				
2010 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
Q2	46.2	16.0	27.0	3.2
Q3	45.9	17.6	25.0	3.3
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-0.3	1.6	-2.0	0.1
same quarter a year ago	1.5	-0.4	0.6	1.3
Male				
2010 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
Q2	19.7	8.2	9.6	1.9
Q3	19.5	9.2	8.4	1.9
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-0.2	1.0	-1.2	0.0
same quarter a year ago	3.3	0.1	2.2	1.0
Female				
2010 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
Q2	26.5	7.8	17.4	1.3
Q3	26.4	8.4	16.6	1.4
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-0.1	0.6	-0.8	0.1
same quarter a year ago	-1.8	-0.5	-1.6	0.3

Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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
Q2	46.2	14.7	31.5	21.5	13.1	17.7	10.3	37.4
Q3	45.9	15.4	30.6	21.8	17.6	15.2	12.5	32.9
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-0.3	0.7	-0.9					
same quarter a year ago	1.5	1.0	0.6					
Male								
2010Q3	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
Q2	19.7	5.4	14.3	13.3	26.5	9.7	11.8	38.7
Q3	19.5	5.6	14.0	19.0	36.5	7.5	10.5	26.5
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-0.2	0.2	-0.3					
same quarter a year ago	3.3	-0.2	3.6					
Female								
2010 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
Q2	26.5	9.3	17.2	29.6	0.0	25.6	8.9	35.9
Q3	26.4	9.8	16.6	24.4	0.5	22.1	14.3	38.7
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-0.1	0.5	-0.6					
same quarter a year ago	-1.8	1.2	-3.0					

Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 3rd Quarter 2010 to 3rd 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 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	
Q2	981.4	403.8	38.1	25.5	21.4	7.8	7.2	
Q3	984.8	401.1	39.1	25.4	21.5	8.8	5.2	
Male								
2010 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	
Q2	481.2	123.4	0.3	43.0	34.9	13.0	8.8	
Q3	482.6	120.5	0	45.3	36.2	12.1	6.4	
Female								
2010 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	
Q2	500.2	280.4	54.7	17.8	15.5	5.5	6.5	
Q3	502.2	280.6	55.7	16.9	15.1	5.9	6.4	