

## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2014

### 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 2014, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2014. 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 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014 <sup>1</sup>	Change	
				Q1 2014 - Q1 2013	Q1 2014 - Q4 2013
Labour force	562,200	578,700	568,500	+6,300	-10,200
Employment	513,900	535,300	523,200	+9,300	-12,100
Unemployment	48,300	43,400	45,300	-3,000	+1,900
Unemployment rate (%)	8.6	7.5	8.0	-0.6	0.5
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (%)	8.0	8.3	7.4	-0.6	-0.9

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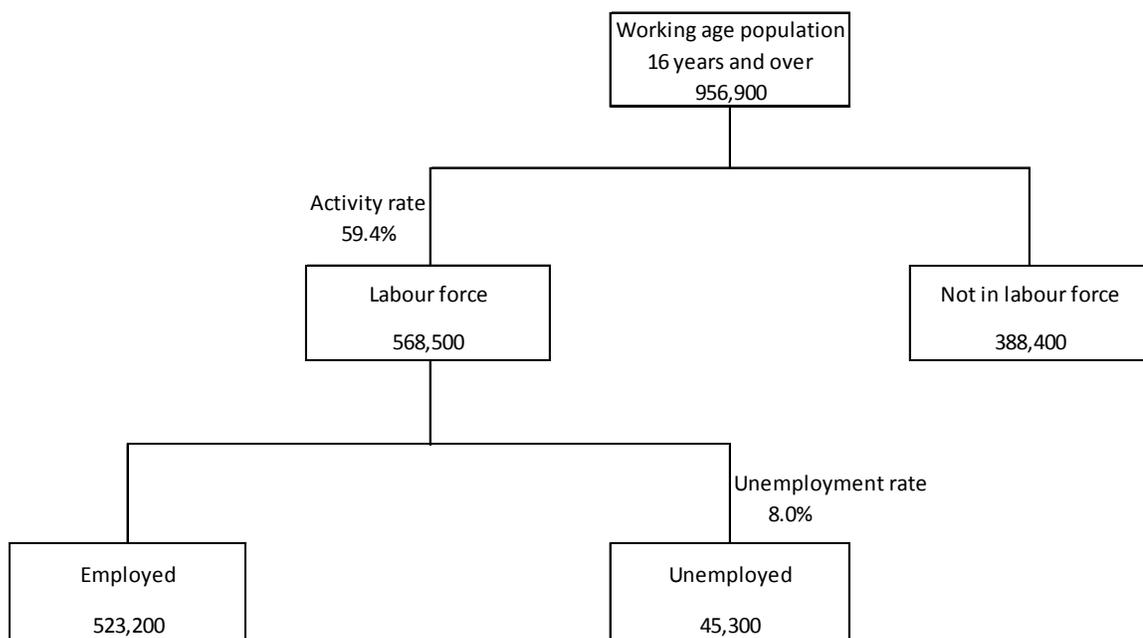
### Forecasts of Employment and Unemployment - Year 2014

	Year 2013	Forecast Year 2014	Change
Employment	525,700	531,200	+5,500
Unemployment	45,500	46,500	+1,000
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	8.0	-

## Labour market overview, first quarter 2014

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2013, there has been an increase in the labour force (+6,300) with an increase in employment (+9,300) and a decrease in unemployment (-3,000).
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force showed a decrease of 10,200 with a decrease in employment (-12,100) and an increase in unemployment (+1,900).

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014



## Labour force participation

5. The activity rate for first quarter 2014 was 59.4%, up by 0.2 percentage point from 59.2% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The activity rate for male increased by 0.6 percentage point to 74.8% while that for female decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 44.7%.
6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate decreased to 59.4% by 1.1 percentage points. The male activity rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points from 76.3% to 74.8% and female rate by 0.7 percentage point from 45.4% to 44.7%.

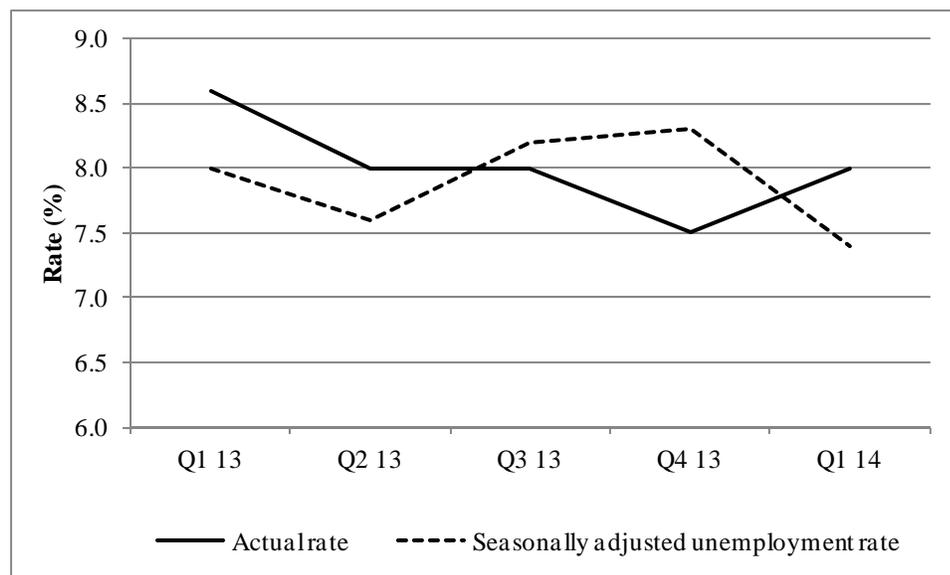
## Employment

7. From first quarter 2013 to first quarter 2014, employment increased by 9,300 to 523,200; male employment increased by 5,900 to 330,500 and female employment by 3,400 to 192,700.
8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment decreased by 12,100 with decreases of 8,800 in male employment and 3,300 in female employment.

## Unemployment

9. From first quarter 2013 to first quarter 2014, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 3,000 to 45,300. Male unemployment decreased by 900 and female unemployment by 2,100.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point from first quarter 2013 to first quarter 2014. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point while female unemployment rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points.
11. When compared with fourth quarter of 2013, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 1,900 (+1,900 males and females remained unchanged).
12. From fourth quarter 2013 to first quarter 2014, the unemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage point with increases in both males (0.6 percentage point) and females (0.1 percentage point).

Chart 2: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014



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 2014 was 7.4%, lower than the rate of 8.0% for first quarter of 2013, and lower than the rate of 8.3% for the fourth quarter of 2013.

14. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2014 were as follows:

- (i) The 45,300 unemployed comprised 19,400 males (43%) and 25,900 females (57%).
- (ii) Around 18,400 (41%) of them were aged below 25 years.
- (iii) More than half (54%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (70%) was single while among females, the majority (50%) was ever married.
- (iv) Some 7,200 or 16% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 12,400 (27%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (v) Around 35,200 (78%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 10,100 (22%) for more than one year.
- (vi) About 32,100 (71%) had working experience and 13,200 (29%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vii) Around 17,000 (38%) were registered at the Employment Service.
- (viii) There were 9,900 (22%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 1,800 (18%) 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 11,100. Among them, about 4,600 (41%) had not passed SC.
- (x) 6,600 or 15% 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 388,400 at first quarter 2014.
16. The inactive population was made up of 117,700 males and 270,700 females. Among inactive males, around 46% were 'retired or old persons' and 31% were students. Among females, 58% were homemakers; 17% were 'retired or old persons' and 16% were 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, 1st quarter 2013 – 1st quarter 2014

Both Sexes

	Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
			Lower limit	Upper limit
<b>Labour force</b>				
2013 Q1	562,200	11,200	540,100	584,300
Q2	567,600	11,500	545,000	590,300
Q3	572,100	9,600	553,200	590,900
Q4	578,700	13,000	553,000	604,200
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	568,500	9,700	549,400	587,700
<b>Employment</b>				
2013 Q1	513,900	9,800	494,500	533,200
Q2	522,000	10,700	500,900	543,100
Q3	526,200	9,300	508,000	544,400
Q4	535,300	12,000	511,600	559,000
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	523,200	9,100	505,300	541,100
<b>Unemployment</b>				
2013 Q1	48,300	3,100	42,200	54,400
Q2	45,600	3,100	39,500	51,800
Q3	45,900	2,800	40,200	51,400
Q4	43,400	2,700	37,900	48,700
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	45,300	2,800	39,900	50,800
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
2013 Q1	8.6	0.5	7.7	9.5
Q2	8.0	0.5	7.0	9.1
Q3	8.0	0.5	7.1	9.0
Q4	7.5	0.4	6.7	8.3
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	8.0	0.5	7.1	8.9
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
2013 Q1	59.2	0.6	58.0	60.4
Q2	59.6	0.7	58.3	61.0
Q3	60.0	0.7	58.6	61.3
Q4	60.5	0.6	59.3	61.6
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	59.4	0.7	58.1	60.7

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2013 – 1st quarter 2014

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2013 Q1	344,900	7,200	330,700	359,100
	Q2	347,400	7,300	333,100	361,700
	Q3	350,600	5,600	339,500	361,500
	Q4	356,800	8,200	340,600	372,900
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	349,900	6,200	337,800	362,000
Employment					
	2013 Q1	324,600	6,600	311,500	337,700
	Q2	330,900	7,100	317,000	344,800
	Q3	331,000	5,500	320,200	341,700
	Q4	339,300	7,900	323,800	354,800
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	330,500	5,700	319,200	341,800
Unemployment					
	2013 Q1	20,300	1,900	16,600	24,000
	Q2	16,500	1,700	13,100	19,900
	Q3	19,600	1,700	16,100	23,000
	Q4	17,500	1,600	14,400	20,600
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	19,400	1,800	15,900	22,900
Unemployment rate, %					
	2013 Q1	5.9	0.5	4.9	6.9
	Q2	4.7	0.5	3.8	5.7
	Q3	5.6	0.5	4.6	6.5
	Q4	4.9	0.4	4.1	5.7
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	5.5	0.5	4.6	6.5
Activity rate, %					
	2013 Q1	74.2	0.7	72.9	75.6
	Q2	74.6	0.7	73.1	76.1
	Q3	75.1	0.7	73.7	76.5
	Q4	76.3	0.7	74.9	77.6
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	74.8	0.8	73.3	76.3

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2013 –1st quarter 2014

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2013 Q1	217,300	6,100	205,300	229,300
	Q2	220,200	6,500	207,500	233,000
	Q3	221,500	6,300	209,100	233,800
	Q4	221,900	6,500	209,000	234,700
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	218,600	5,600	207,500	229,700
Employment					
	2013 Q1	189,300	5,400	178,500	200,000
	Q2	191,100	5,800	179,700	202,400
	Q3	195,200	5,900	183,600	206,800
	Q4	196,000	5,800	184,600	207,400
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	192,700	5,300	182,200	203,100
Unemployment					
	2013 Q1	28,000	2,200	23,700	32,400
	Q2	29,100	2,400	24,500	33,800
	Q3	26,300	2,100	22,200	30,300
	Q4	25,900	2,300	21,400	30,300
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	25,900	2,000	22,000	29,900
Unemployment rate, %					
	2013 Q1	12.9	0.9	11.1	14.7
	Q2	13.2	1.0	11.3	15.1
	Q3	11.9	0.9	10.1	13.6
	Q4	11.7	0.9	9.9	13.4
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	11.8	0.9	10.2	13.6
Activity rate, %					
	2013 Q1	44.8	0.9	43.0	46.7
	Q2	45.3	1.0	43.3	47.3
	Q3	45.4	1.1	43.2	47.5
	Q4	45.4	0.9	43.7	47.1
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	44.7	0.9	42.9	46.4

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## Longer time series

- The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014.

Chart 3: Employment by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014

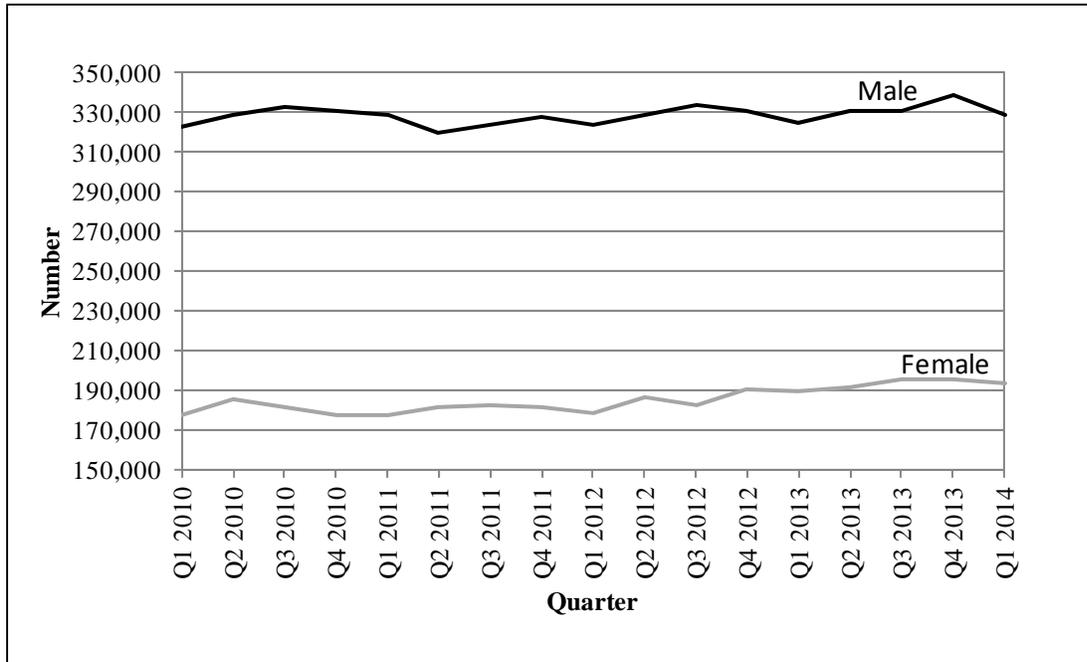


Chart 4: Unemployment rate by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014

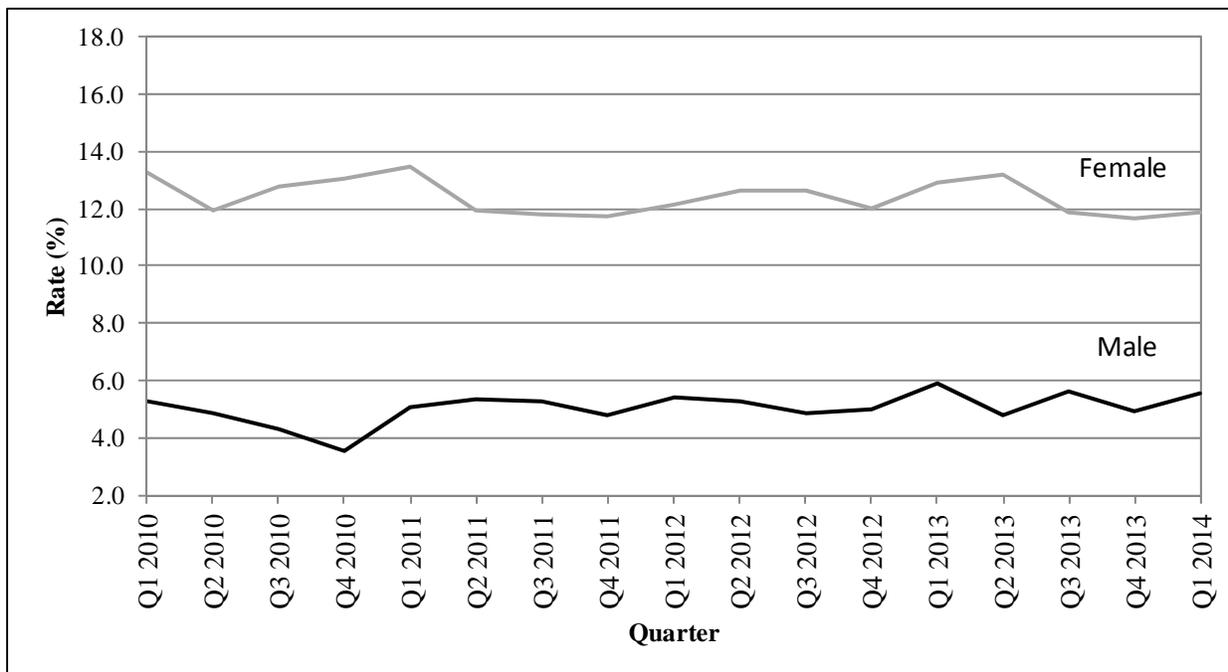


Chart 5: Activity rate by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014

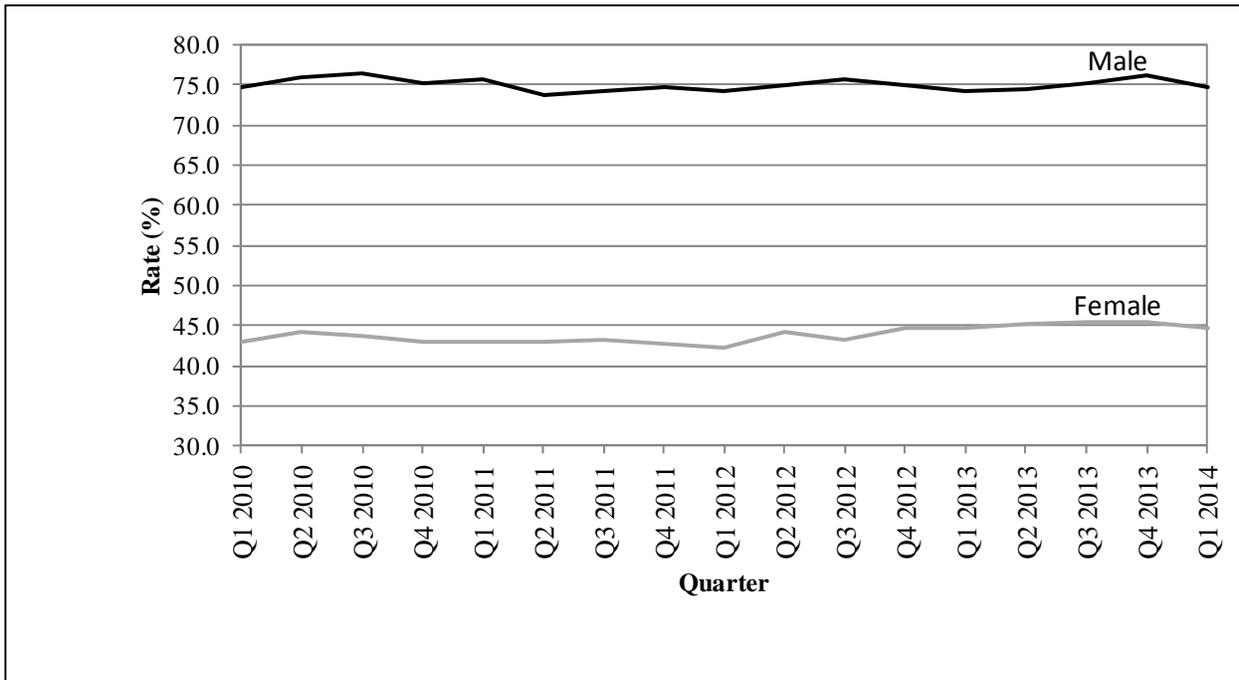
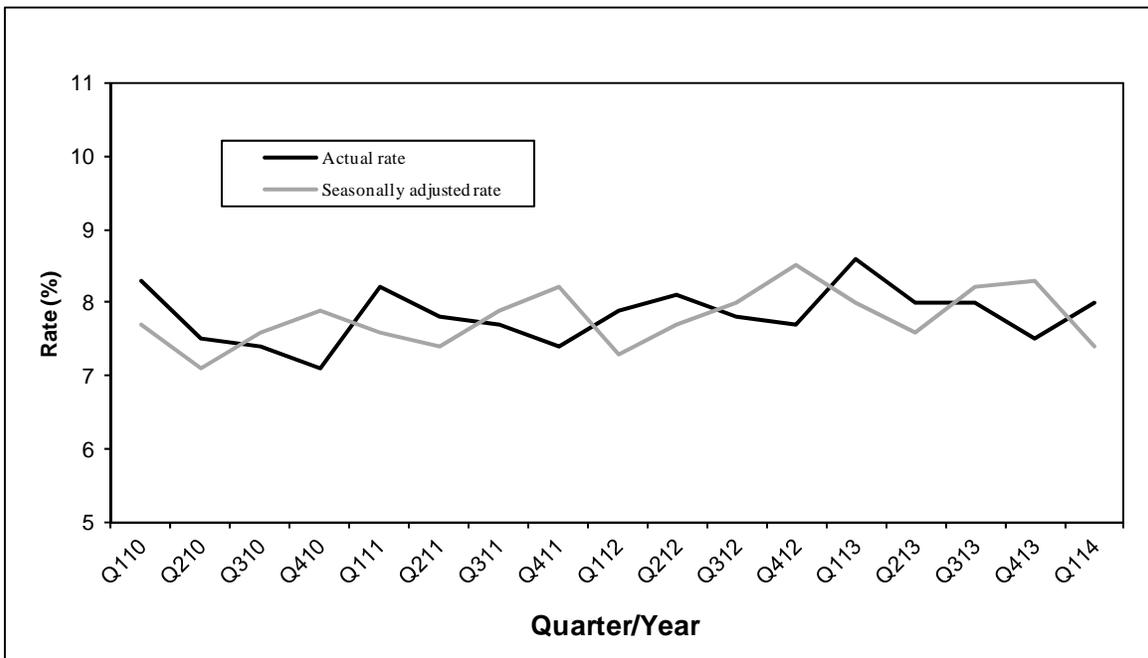


Chart 6: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014



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 first quarter 2014 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 has graduated on 28 February 2012.

#### **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 2011 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. 977.

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, 2011 - 2014

	Labour force			Employment				Unemployment <sup>1</sup>	
	Mauritians aged 16+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishment	outside large establishment	Total	of whom Mauritians	Number	Rate
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2011	548.6	23.0	<b>571.6</b>	310.7	218.2	<b>528.9</b>	505.9	42.7	7.8
2012	556.3	24.0	<b>580.3</b>	311.5	224.2	<b>535.7</b>	511.7	44.6	8.0
2013	571.2	26.3	<b>597.5</b>	312.5	239.5	<b>552.0</b>	525.7	45.5	8.0
2014 <sup>2</sup>	577.7	27.8	<b>605.5</b>	312.5	246.5	<b>559.0</b>	531.2	46.5	8.0
<b>Change current year over previous:</b>									
	6.5	1.5	8.0	0.0	7.0	7.0	5.5	1.0	0.0
<b>Male</b>									
2011	343.3	13.4	<b>356.7</b>	197.8	141.6	<b>339.4</b>	326.0	17.3	5.0
2012	346.9	14.2	<b>361.1</b>	198.3	144.7	<b>343.0</b>	328.8	18.1	5.2
2013	350.4	16.5	<b>366.9</b>	199.1	149.2	<b>348.3</b>	331.8	18.6	5.3
2014 <sup>2</sup>	353.4	17.8	<b>371.2</b>	199.1	153.2	<b>352.3</b>	334.5	18.9	5.3
<b>Change current year over previous:</b>									
	3.0	1.3	4.3	0.0	4.0	4.0	2.7	0.3	0.0
<b>Female</b>									
2011	205.3	9.6	<b>214.9</b>	112.9	76.6	<b>189.5</b>	179.9	25.4	12.4
2012	209.4	9.8	<b>219.2</b>	113.2	79.5	<b>192.7</b>	182.9	26.5	12.7
2013	220.8	9.8	<b>230.6</b>	113.4	90.3	<b>203.7</b>	193.9	26.9	12.2
2014 <sup>2</sup>	224.3	10.0	<b>234.3</b>	113.4	93.3	<b>206.7</b>	196.7	27.6	12.3
<b>Change current year over previous:</b>									
	3.5	0.2	3.7	0.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.7	0.1

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

<sup>2</sup> Forecast

**Note:**

1. 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.
2. The Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

**Table 1: Labour market activity by status, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

		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			
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2013 Q1	<b>949.6</b>	408.8	17.2	78.2	9.7	<b>513.9</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>562.2</b>	<b>387.4</b>
Q2	<b>951.8</b>	408.9	20.5	81.9	10.7	<b>522.0</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>567.6</b>	<b>384.2</b>
Q3	<b>954.1</b>	409.6	22.0	80.3	14.3	<b>526.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>572.1</b>	<b>382.0</b>
Q4	<b>956.6</b>	427.4	19.5	75.5	12.9	<b>535.3</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>578.7</b>	<b>377.9</b>
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>956.9</b>	409.4	23.2	78.6	12.0	<b>523.2</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>568.5</b>	<b>388.4</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Male</b>									
2013 Q1	<b>464.6</b>	246.7	15.1	61.1	1.7	<b>324.6</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>344.9</b>	<b>119.7</b>
Q2	<b>465.8</b>	248.4	16.3	63.9	2.3	<b>330.9</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>347.4</b>	<b>118.4</b>
Q3	<b>466.7</b>	248.5	17.2	61.3	4.0	<b>331.0</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>350.6</b>	<b>116.1</b>
Q4	<b>467.8</b>	261.3	17.2	57.7	3.1	<b>339.3</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>356.8</b>	<b>111.0</b>
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>467.6</b>	247.7	18.7	60.8	3.3	<b>330.5</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>349.9</b>	<b>117.7</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
<b>Female</b>									
2013 Q1	<b>485.0</b>	162.1	2.1	17.1	8.0	<b>189.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>217.3</b>	<b>267.7</b>
Q2	<b>486.0</b>	160.5	4.2	18.0	8.4	<b>191.1</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>265.8</b>
Q3	<b>487.4</b>	161.1	4.8	19.0	10.3	<b>195.2</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>265.9</b>
Q4	<b>488.8</b>	166.1	2.3	17.8	9.8	<b>196.0</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>221.9</b>	<b>266.9</b>
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>489.3</b>	161.7	4.5	17.8	8.7	<b>192.7</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>270.7</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2014<sup>1</sup>**

In thousands

	Mauritian aged 16 and over	Age group (years)				
		16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>						
In employment	<b>523.2</b>	56.0	57.4	142.5	128.0	139.3
Unemployed	<b>45.3</b>	18.4	6.1	9.9	7.5	3.4
Labour force	<b>568.5</b>	74.4	63.5	152.4	135.5	142.7
Economically inactive	<b>388.4</b>	99.3	13.9	31.9	39.5	203.8
Total Population	<b>956.9</b>	173.7	77.4	184.3	175.0	346.5
Employment rate (%)	<b>92.0</b>	75.3	90.4	93.5	94.5	97.6
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>8.0</b>	24.7	9.6	6.5	5.5	2.4
Activity rate (%)	<b>59.4</b>	42.8	82.0	82.7	77.4	41.2
<b>Male</b>						
In employment	<b>330.5</b>	37.7	33.1	85.6	81.0	93.1
Unemployed	<b>19.4</b>	8.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	2.9
Labour force	<b>349.9</b>	46.4	35.1	88.9	83.5	96.0
Economically inactive	<b>117.7</b>	41.0	3.8	3.4	4.3	65.2
Total Population	<b>467.6</b>	87.4	38.9	92.3	87.8	161.2
Employment rate (%)	<b>94.5</b>	81.3	94.3	96.3	97.0	97.0
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>5.5</b>	18.8	5.7	3.7	3.0	3.0
Activity rate (%)	<b>74.8</b>	53.1	90.2	96.3	95.1	59.6
<b>Female</b>						
In employment	<b>192.7</b>	18.3	24.3	56.9	47.0	46.2
Unemployed	<b>25.9</b>	9.7	4.1	6.6	5.0	0.5
Labour force	<b>218.6</b>	28.0	28.4	63.5	52.0	46.7
Economically inactive	<b>270.7</b>	58.3	10.1	28.5	35.2	138.6
Total Population	<b>489.3</b>	86.3	38.5	92.0	87.2	185.3
Employment rate (%)	<b>88.2</b>	65.4	85.6	89.6	90.4	98.9
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>11.8</b>	34.6	14.4	10.4	9.6	1.1
Activity rate (%)	<b>44.7</b>	32.4	73.8	69.0	59.6	25.2

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity<sup>1</sup>, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

	Total employed aged 16+	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC <sup>2</sup> Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C	F	G	H - U
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2013 Q1	513.9	7.6	25.6	66.8	14.1	10.2	15.9	50.9
Q2	522.0	6.9	25.3	67.8	13.2	10.5	14.4	53.4
Q3	526.2	7.3	27.2	65.5	15.9	9.5	15.4	50.1
Q4	535.3	7.7	29.0	63.3	16.4	10.7	15.0	48.3
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	523.2	7.8	26.7	65.5	14.4	10.6	14.8	50.7
<b>Male</b>								
2013 Q1	324.6	8.4	31.1	60.5	13.6	15.7	14.9	45.6
Q2	330.9	7.9	30.9	61.2	12.2	16.4	13.4	47.8
Q3	331.0	8.2	31.8	60.0	14.3	14.9	14.4	45.7
Q4	339.3	8.8	34.0	57.2	15.1	16.4	14.1	43.1
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	330.5	8.9	32.2	58.9	13.8	16.1	13.8	45.1
<b>Female</b>								
2013 Q1	189.3	6.2	16.3	77.5	15.1	1.0	17.5	60.0
Q2	191.1	5.0	15.8	79.2	14.9	0.4	16.3	62.9
Q3	195.2	5.7	19.6	74.7	18.6	0.4	17.1	57.6
Q4	196.0	5.9	20.2	73.9	18.6	0.8	16.4	57.5
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	192.7	6.1	17.3	76.6	15.6	1.1	16.5	60.2

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> The distribution of employment by sector and selected NSIC sections is provisional

<sup>2</sup> National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Revision 4)

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 4: Employment by occupational group<sup>1</sup>, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

		ISCO-08 <sup>2</sup>					
		Total employed aged 16+	Managers, Professionals, Technicians & associate professionals	Clerical support workers	Service and sales workers	Agricultural, Craft & related trades workers, Plant & machine operators & assemblers	Elementary occupations
		(000s)	1,2,3 (%)	4 (%)	5 (%)	6,7,8 (%)	9 (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2013 Q1		<b>513.9</b>	24.1	8.8	20.0	30.9	16.2
	Q2	<b>522.0</b>	26.2	7.7	20.1	30.5	15.5
	Q3	<b>526.2</b>	24.7	8.0	19.6	31.7	16.0
	Q4	<b>535.3</b>	21.7	8.4	19.5	34.2	16.2
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>		<b>523.2</b>	24.7	8.0	19.8	31.1	16.4
<b>Male</b>							
2013 Q1		<b>324.6</b>	21.8	5.9	18.4	41.9	12.0
	Q2	<b>330.9</b>	23.3	4.0	18.8	42.1	11.8
	Q3	<b>331.0</b>	22.5	4.7	17.8	42.1	12.9
	Q4	<b>339.3</b>	19.3	5.2	17.6	45.1	12.8
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>		<b>330.5</b>	22.9	4.9	18.3	41.9	12.0
<b>Female</b>							
2013 Q1		<b>189.3</b>	27.9	13.5	22.8	12.3	23.5
	Q2	<b>191.1</b>	31.3	14.2	22.4	10.4	21.7
	Q3	<b>195.2</b>	28.5	13.6	22.4	14.1	21.4
	Q4	<b>196.0</b>	25.8	13.9	23.0	15.3	22.0
2014 Q1 <sup>3</sup>		<b>192.7</b>	27.8	13.4	22.3	12.6	23.9

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> The distribution of employment by occupational group is provisional

<sup>2</sup> National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO-08)

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

	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	
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2013 Q1	<b>513.9</b>	18,400	5.3	12.0	47.8	21.7	13.2	37.7
Q2	<b>522.0</b>	19,100	5.3	11.6	44.0	24.8	14.3	38.6
Q3	<b>526.2</b>	19,100	5.4	12.7	42.9	24.8	14.2	38.3
Q4	<b>535.3</b>	20,400	6.0	11.9	35.1	29.5	17.5	40.5
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>523.2</b>	18,400	4.5	12.4	50.9	20.3	11.9	36.9
<b>Male</b>								
2013 Q1	<b>324.6</b>	12,100	6.3	8.8	45.1	24.2	15.6	39.7
Q2	<b>330.9</b>	12,700	5.5	8.6	41.5	27.0	17.4	40.7
Q3	<b>331.0</b>	12,800	5.3	8.7	41.3	26.9	17.8	40.8
Q4	<b>339.3</b>	13,800	5.3	8.7	33.0	32.0	21.0	42.9
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>330.5</b>	12,200	4.9	9.5	49.5	21.9	14.2	38.9
<b>Female</b>								
2013 Q1	<b>189.3</b>	6,300	3.5	17.3	52.6	17.6	9.0	34.4
Q2	<b>191.1</b>	6,400	4.9	16.7	48.5	20.9	9.0	35.1
Q3	<b>195.2</b>	6,300	5.5	19.7	45.6	21.1	8.1	34.1
Q4	<b>196.0</b>	6,600	7.2	17.3	38.9	25.2	11.4	36.4
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>192.7</b>	6,200	3.9	17.3	53.4	17.5	7.9	33.5

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

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

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2013 Q1	<b>48.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	19.3	7.2	<b>56.3</b>	32.3	17.2	6.8	<b>17.2</b>	
Q2	<b>45.6</b>	<b>23.5</b>	17.1	6.4	<b>56.1</b>	35.5	16.4	4.2	<b>20.4</b>	
Q3	<b>45.9</b>	<b>25.7</b>	20.0	5.7	<b>51.6</b>	28.3	16.1	7.2	<b>22.7</b>	
Q4	<b>43.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	15.7	9.4	<b>51.3</b>	29.0	15.4	6.9	<b>23.6</b>	
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>25.0</b>	15.9	9.1	<b>56.6</b>	27.4	19.4	9.8	<b>18.4</b>	
<b>Male</b>										
2013 Q1	<b>20.3</b>	<b>29.6</b>	22.2	7.4	<b>56.2</b>	35.5	12.8	7.9	<b>14.2</b>	
Q2	<b>16.5</b>	<b>29.1</b>	20.0	9.1	<b>58.2</b>	38.2	17.0	3.0	<b>12.7</b>	
Q3	<b>19.6</b>	<b>28.1</b>	21.4	6.7	<b>51.5</b>	32.1	13.8	5.6	<b>20.4</b>	
Q4	<b>17.5</b>	<b>29.7</b>	23.4	6.3	<b>46.9</b>	28.0	12.0	6.9	<b>23.4</b>	
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>32.6</b>	20.8	11.8	<b>53.0</b>	31.7	13.7	7.6	<b>14.4</b>	
<b>Female</b>										
2013 Q1	<b>28.0</b>	<b>24.2</b>	17.1	7.1	<b>56.5</b>	30.4	20.4	5.7	<b>19.3</b>	
Q2	<b>29.1</b>	<b>20.3</b>	15.5	4.8	<b>55.0</b>	34.0	16.2	4.8	<b>24.7</b>	
Q3	<b>26.3</b>	<b>23.9</b>	19.0	4.9	<b>51.8</b>	25.5	17.9	8.4	<b>24.3</b>	
Q4	<b>25.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	10.4	11.6	<b>54.4</b>	29.7	17.8	6.9	<b>23.6</b>	
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>19.3</b>	12.3	7.0	<b>59.3</b>	24.2	23.7	11.4	<b>21.4</b>	

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployment by age, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2013 Q1	48.3	17.9	25.7	4.7
	Q2	45.6	19.3	23.2	3.1
	Q3	45.9	16.2	26.1	3.6
	Q4	43.4	16.8	22.7	3.9
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	45.3	18.4	23.5	3.4
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	1.9	1.6	0.8	-0.5
	same quarter a year ago	-3.0	0.5	-2.2	-1.3
<b>Male</b>					
	2013 Q1	20.3	8.9	9.0	2.4
	Q2	16.5	7.4	7.3	1.8
	Q3	19.6	7.6	10.3	1.7
	Q4	17.5	7.0	8.5	2.0
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	19.4	8.7	7.8	2.9
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	1.9	1.7	-0.7	0.9
	same quarter a year ago	-0.9	-0.2	-1.2	0.5
<b>Female</b>					
	2013 Q1	28.0	9.0	16.7	2.3
	Q2	29.1	11.9	15.9	1.3
	Q3	26.3	8.6	15.8	1.9
	Q4	25.9	9.8	14.2	1.9
	2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	25.9	9.7	15.7	0.5
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	0.0	-0.1	1.5	-1.4
	same quarter a year ago	-2.1	0.7	-1.0	-1.8

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry *					
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2013 Q1	48.3	15.3	33.0	17.3	13.9	16.7	13.9	38.2
Q2	45.6	15.4	30.2	9.3	12.9	21.2	14.9	41.7
Q3	45.9	12.8	33.1	18.4	12.4	23.3	10.9	35.0
Q4	43.4	15.8	27.6	16.3	13.8	19.9	13.8	36.2
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	45.3	13.2	32.1	13.7	10.6	18.7	16.5	40.5
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	1.9	-2.6	4.5					
same quarter a year ago	-3.0	-2.1	-0.9					
<b>Male</b>								
2013 Q1	20.3	5.5	14.8	12.8	30.4	10.8	16.2	29.8
Q2	16.5	4.1	12.4	4.8	31.5	14.5	12.9	36.3
Q3	19.6	4.1	15.5	15.5	23.9	17.4	11.0	32.2
Q4	17.5	5.8	11.7	15.4	29.1	10.3	11.1	34.1
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	19.4	5.2	14.2	13.4	23.9	13.4	19.0	30.3
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	1.9	-0.6	2.5					
same quarter a year ago	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6					
<b>Female</b>								
2013 Q1	28.0	9.8	18.2	20.9	0.5	21.4	12.1	45.1
Q2	29.1	11.3	17.8	12.4	0.0	25.8	16.3	45.5
Q3	26.3	8.7	17.6	21.0	2.3	28.4	10.8	37.5
Q4	25.9	10.0	15.9	17.0	2.5	27.0	15.7	37.8
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	25.9	8.0	17.9	14.0	0.0	22.9	14.5	48.6
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	0.0	-2.0	2.0					
same quarter a year ago	-2.1	-1.8	-0.3					

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

\* National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Revision 4)

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 1st Quarter 2013 to 1st Quarter 2014**

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason					
		Total	Homemakers	Retired or elderly	Students	Sick or disabled	Other
		(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2013 Q1	949.6	387.4	36.4	26.6	20.1	8.4	8.5
Q2	951.8	384.2	37.1	27.2	20.9	7.7	7.1
Q3	954.1	382.0	38.3	26.0	22.4	8.6	4.7
Q4	956.6	377.9	39.2	25.5	22.0	9.2	4.1
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	956.9	388.4	40.2	25.5	20.6	9.1	4.6
<b>Male</b>							
2013 Q1	464.6	119.7	0.4	45.1	31.3	13.4	9.8
Q2	465.8	118.4	0.2	47.4	34.0	11.8	6.6
Q3	466.7	116.1	0.2	44.2	34.8	15.9	4.9
Q4	467.8	111.0	0.6	45.8	34.5	15.8	3.3
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	467.6	117.7	0.3	46.0	30.9	16.0	6.8
<b>Female</b>							
2013 Q1	485.0	267.7	52.5	18.4	15.0	6.2	7.9
Q2	486.0	265.8	53.6	18.2	15.0	5.9	7.3
Q3	487.4	265.9	54.9	18.1	17.0	5.4	4.6
Q4	488.8	266.9	55.3	17.0	16.7	6.5	4.5
2014 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	489.3	270.7	57.6	16.7	16.1	5.9	3.7

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2011 Population Census results.

<sup>1</sup> Provisional