

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Third 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 third quarter of 2014, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from July to September 2014. The estimates refer to the Mauritian resident 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 2013	Q2 2014	Q3 2014 ¹	Change	
				Q3 2014 - Q3 2013	Q3 2014 - Q2 2014
Labour force	572,100	572,400	573,300	+1,200	+900
Employment	526,200	527,900	529,700	+3,500	+1,800
Unemployment	45,900	44,500	43,600	-2,300	-900
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	7.8	7.6	-0.4	-0.2
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (%)	8.2	7.4	7.8	-0.4	+0.4

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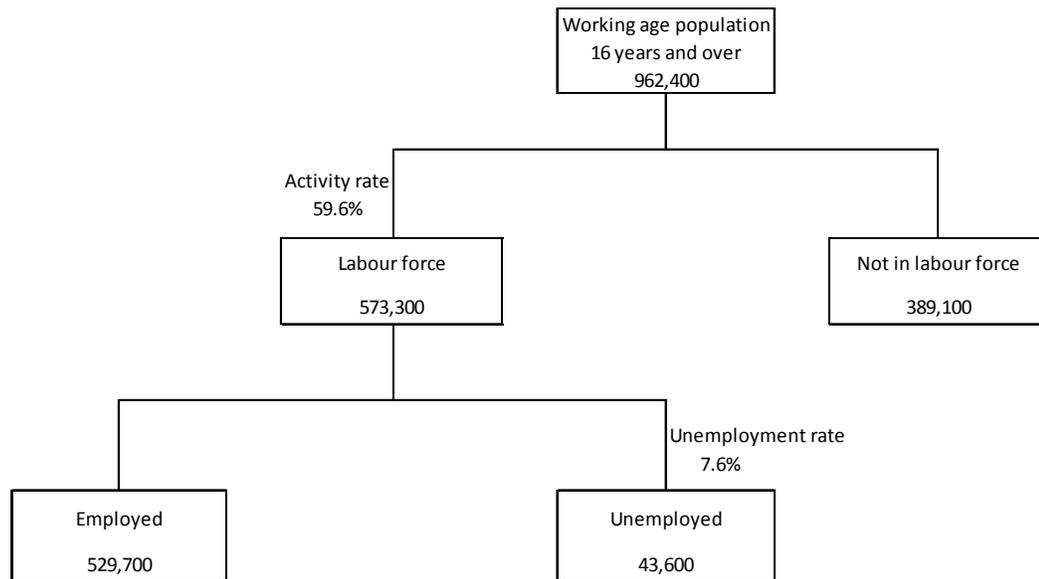
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	Year 2013	Forecast Year 2014	Change
Employment	525,700	530,700	+5,000
Unemployment	45,500	45,000	-500
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	7.8	-0.2

Labour market overview, third quarter 2014

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2013, there has been an increase in the labour force (+1,200) with an increase in employment (+3,500) and a decrease in unemployment (-2,300).
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force shows an increase of (+900) with an increase in employment (+1,800) and a decrease in unemployment (-900).

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 3rd quarter 2014



Labour force participation

5. The activity rate for third quarter 2014 was 59.6%, down by 0.4 percentage point from 60.0% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The activity rate for male increased by 0.2 percentage point to 75.3% while that for female decreased by 0.8 percentage point to 44.6.
6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate decreased to 59.6% by 0.1 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 75.5% to 75.3% and female rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 44.5% to 44.6%.

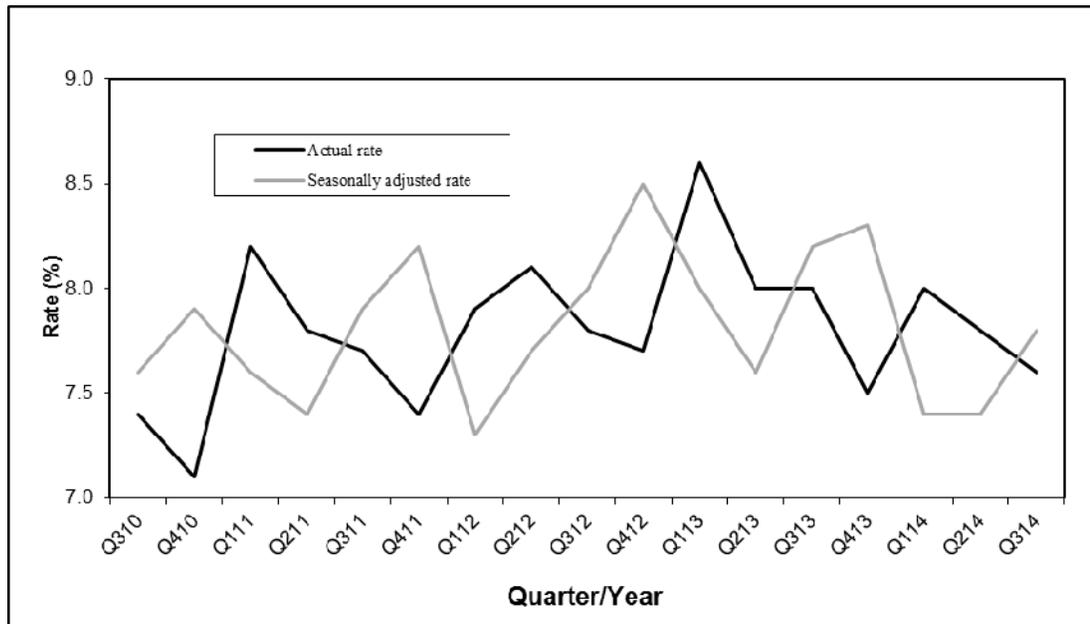
Employment

7. From third quarter 2013 to third quarter 2014, employment increased by 3,500 to 529,700; male employment increased by 4,100 to 335,100 and female employment decreased by 600 to 194,600.
8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment increased by 1,800 with increases of 900 in male employment as well as female employment.

Unemployment

9. From third quarter 2013 to third quarter 2014, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 2,300 to 43,600. Male unemployment decreased by 1,100 while female unemployment decreased by 1,200.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points from third quarter 2013 to third quarter 2014. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points while female unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
11. When compared with second quarter of 2014, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 900 (-1,400 males and +500 females).
12. From second quarter 2014 to third quarter 2014, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point with decreases in males (0.4 percentage point) and increase in females (0.1 percentage point).

Chart 2: Actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by quarter, 3rd quarter 2010 - 3rd quarter 2014



13. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2014 was 7.8%, higher than the rate of 7.4% for the second quarter of 2014, and lower than the rate of 8.2% for the third quarter of 2013.
14. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2014 were as follows:
- (i) The 43,600 unemployed comprised 18,500 males (42%) and 25,100 females (58%).
 - (ii) Around 20,000 (46%) of them were aged below 25 years.
 - (iii) More than half (56%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (72%) was single while among females, slightly more than half (56%) was ever married.
 - (iv) Some 7,200 or 16% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 13,200 (30%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
 - (v) Around 26,800 (62%) had been looking for work for less than one year and the remaining 16,800 (38%) for one year or more.
 - (vi) About 29,900 (69%) had working experience and 13,700 (31%) were looking for a job for the first time.
 - (vii) Around 16,300 (38%) were registered at the Employment Service.
 - (viii) There were 10,000 (23%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,300 (23%) 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 9,400. Among them, about 3,800 (40%) had not passed SC.
 - (x) 5,300 or 12% of the unemployed were heads of households.
 - (xi) 5,600 (13%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Economically inactive population

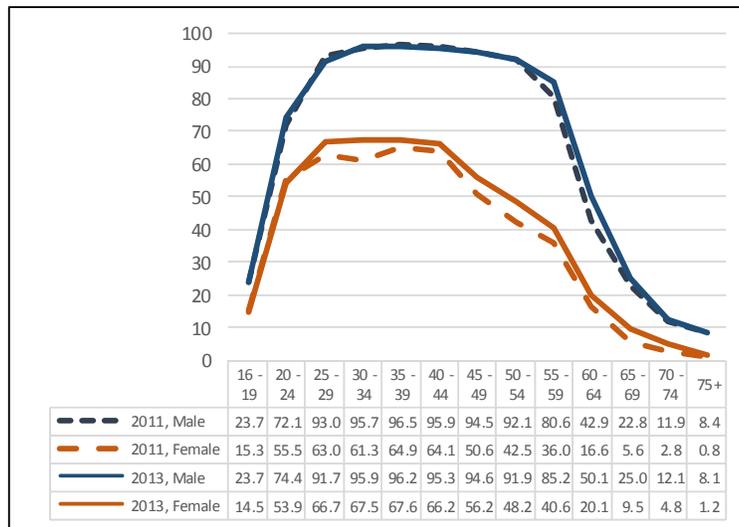
15. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 389,100 at third quarter 2014.
16. The inactive population was made up of 115,800 males and 273,300 females. Among inactive males, around 44% were 'retired or old persons' and 34% were students. Among females, 62% were homemakers; 15% were students and 13% were 'retired or old persons'.

Selected Key Labour Market Indicators, 2011 - 2013

Labour force

17. The proportion of the population aged 16 years and above who were either working or actively looking for work stood at 59.9% in 2013, up from 58.5% in 2011. The rise in the activity rate was driven by women and to some extent by the elderly.

Chart 3 : Age-specific activity rate, 2011 and 2013



18. The rate for females increased to 45.4% in 2013 from 42.9% in 2011 though it is still well below the rate of developed countries, and that for the elderly, defined as persons aged 60 years and over, rose to 18.9%, up from 15.6% as a result of the extension of retirement age.

International comparison of female activity 2010 - 2013	
Country	Rate (%)
India	29.0
Mauritius	45.4
South Africa	48.3
United Kingdom	56.8
Singapore	58.1
Sweden	61.3

Employment

19. Employment was 3.9% higher in 2013 compared to the level in 2011. Female employment rose by 7.8% against an increase of 1.8% for male employment.

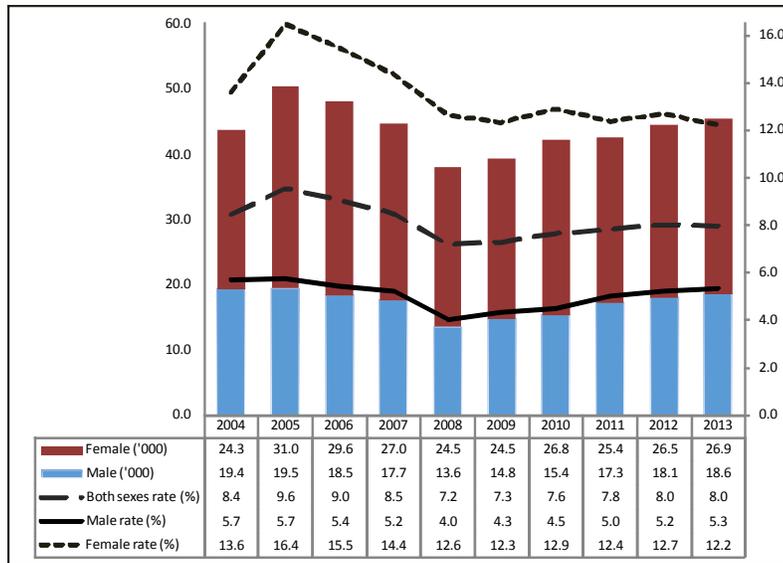
20. With an increased activity rate, elderly in employment (32,000) represented 6.1% of the working population in 2013 against 4.6% in 2011.

21. Alongside, nearly 24,000 persons representing 4.6% of the employed in 2013 held a secondary job against 4.3% in 2011.

Unemployment

22. Unemployment rate is quite stable around 8% since 2011 from a peak of 9.6% in 2005; female unemployment rate though higher than male unemployment rate has improved to 12.2% in 2013, while male unemployment remains low at around 5%.

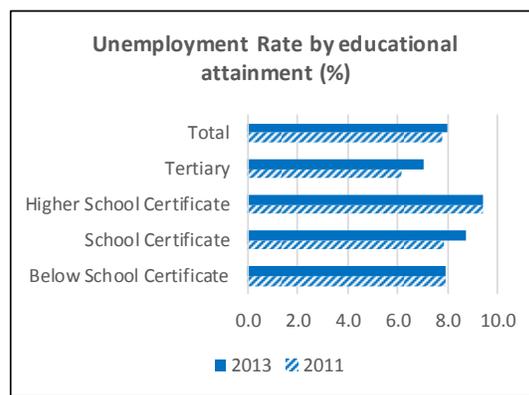
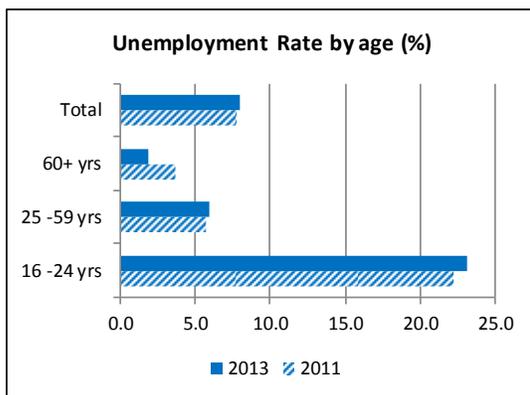
Chart 4 : Unemployment rate (%) and number, 2004 to 2013



23. Unemployment edged up for all ages, in particular for the young population aged 16 to 24 years where unemployment is higher than 20%, but improved for the elderly.

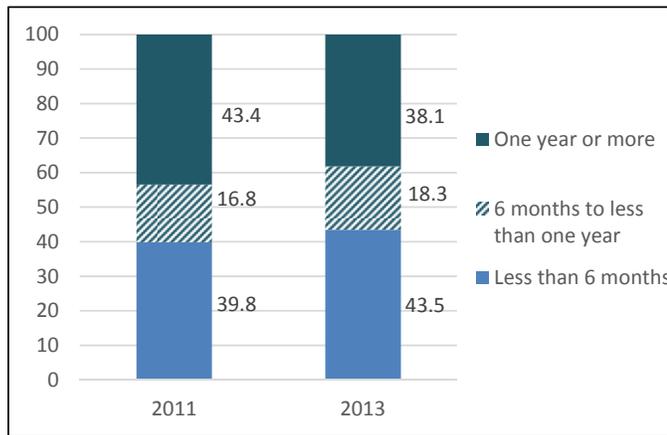
24. By education, unemployment was lowest among those with a tertiary qualification, but is on the rise reaching 7.0% in 2013 from 6.2% in 2011. However, youth unemployment was highest among those with a tertiary qualification with a rate of 26.1% in 2013.

Chart 5 : Unemployment rate by age and highest qualification attained (%), 2011 and 2013



25. The unemployed tends to be in shorter unemployment duration than previously. Those who have been seeking work for less than 6 months made up 43.5% of the unemployed in 2013, up from 39.8% in 2011.

Chart 6 : Employed by employment duration (%), 2011 and 2013



Underemployed (hours and skill based)

26. The employed worked on the average less hours in 2013 than in 2011, around 39 hours per week in 2013 compared to 42 hours in 2011. This results from a higher proportion working less than 24 hours per week, 12.0% in 2013 against 8.4% in 2011.

27. Also, some 12.0% of employed with a degree were engaged as clerical support workers or lower skill occupations in 2013, up from 11.4% in 2011.

Selected key labour market indicators

	Indicators	2011	2012	2013
1.	Active and Inactive population			
	Active population (Labour force)	548,600	556,300	571,200
	Male	343,300	346,900	350,400
	Female	205,300	209,400	220,800
	Activity rate (%)	58.5	58.8	59.9
	Male	74.8	75.0	75.1
	Female	42.9	43.4	45.4
	Employed	505,900	511,700	525,700
	Male	326,000	328,800	331,800
	Female	179,900	182,900	193,900
	Employment rate (%)	92.2	92.0	92.0
	Unemployed	42,700	44,600	45,500
	Male	17,300	18,100	18,600
	Female	25,400	26,500	26,900
	Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	8.0	8.0
	Inactive	388,400	389,100	381,900
	Male	115,400	115,800	115,900
	Female	273,000	273,300	266,000
2.	Unemployment rate (%)			
	Both sexes	7.8	8.0	8.0
	Male	5.0	5.2	5.3
	Female	12.4	12.7	12.2
	Youth (16 to 24 years)	22.2	24.7	23.1
	Male	17.8	19.4	17.7
	Female	28.2	32.0	31.1
3.	Unemployment rate by education level (%)			
	Both sexes	7.8	8.0	8.0
	Tertiary	6.2	7.2	7.0
	Higher School Certificate	9.4	11.1	9.4
	School Certificate	7.8	8.8	8.7
	Below SC	7.9	7.6	7.9
	Youth	22.2	24.7	23.1
	Tertiary	21.0	28.2	26.1
	Higher School Certificate	24.4	25.0	22.7
	School Certificate	22.0	26.6	25.4
	Below SC	21.7	22.8	21.6
4.	Duration of unemployment			
	Percentage of unemployed for :			
	Less than 6 months	39.8	45.3	43.5
	6 months to less than one year	16.8	22.3	18.3
	One year or more	43.4	32.3	38.1
5.	Working hours			
	Percentage of employed by weekly actual hours of work			
	1 to 9 hours	2.1	2.5	3.0
	10 to 23 hours	6.3	7.6	9.0
6.	Working below qualification level			
	Employed degree or higher qualification holders engaged as clerical support workers or lower skill			
	Number	4,154	4,243	5,083
	Percentage of all employed	11.4	10.8	12.0
7.	Multiple job holders			
	Employed with secondary job	21,871	21,049	23,870
	Percentage of all employed	4.3	4.1	4.6
8.	Elderly employment (60 years & over)			
	Number	23,362	27,889	31,843
	Percentage of all employed	4.6	5.5	6.1

The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <http://statsmauritius.govmu.org> 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.govmu.org>). This issue provides data for the third 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 and are given in the tables that follow.

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd quarter 2013 – 3rd quarter 2014

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2013 Q3	572,100	9,600	553,200	590,900
	Q4	578,700	13,000	553,000	604,200
	2014 Q1	568,500	9,700	549,400	587,700
	Q2	572,400	11,900	549,100	595,800
	Q3 ¹	573,300	12,100	549,500	597,100
Employment					
	2013 Q3	526,200	9,300	508,000	544,400
	Q4	535,300	12,000	511,600	559,000
	2014 Q1	523,200	9,100	505,300	541,100
	Q2	527,900	10,800	506,700	549,200
	Q3 ¹	529,700	11,800	506,500	552,900
Unemployment					
	2013 Q3	45,900	2,800	40,200	51,400
	Q4	43,400	2,700	37,900	48,700
	2014 Q1	45,300	2,800	39,900	50,800
	Q2	44,500	3,100	38,300	50,700
	Q3 ¹	43,600	2,600	38,400	48,800
Unemployment rate, %					
	2013 Q3	8.0	0.5	7.1	9.0
	Q4	7.5	0.4	6.7	8.3
	2014 Q1	8.0	0.5	7.1	8.9
	Q2	7.8	0.5	6.8	8.7
	Q3 ¹	7.6	0.5	6.7	8.5
Activity rate, %					
	2013 Q3	60.0	0.7	58.6	61.3
	Q4	60.5	0.6	59.3	61.6
	2014 Q1	59.4	0.7	58.1	60.7
	Q2	59.7	0.7	58.4	61.0
	Q3 ¹	59.6	0.7	58.2	60.9

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd quarter 2013 – 3rd quarter 2014

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2013 Q3	350,600	5,600	339,500	361,500
	Q4	356,800	8,200	340,600	372,900
	2014 Q1	349,900	6,200	337,800	362,000
	Q2	354,100	7,600	339,100	369,200
	Q3 ¹	353,600	8,200	337,400	369,700
Employment					
	2013 Q3	331,000	5,500	320,200	341,700
	Q4	339,300	7,900	323,800	354,800
	2014 Q1	330,500	5,700	319,200	341,800
	Q2	334,200	7,100	320,200	348,200
	Q3 ¹	335,100	8,100	319,100	351,000
Unemployment					
	2013 Q3	19,600	1,700	16,100	23,000
	Q4	17,500	1,600	14,400	20,600
	2014 Q1	19,400	1,800	15,900	22,900
	Q2	19,900	2,000	16,000	23,800
	Q3 ¹	18,500	1,700	15,200	21,800
Unemployment rate, %					
	2013 Q3	5.6	0.5	4.6	6.5
	Q4	4.9	0.4	4.1	5.7
	2014 Q1	5.5	0.5	4.6	6.5
	Q2	5.6	0.5	4.6	6.7
	Q3 ¹	5.2	0.5	4.3	6.2
Activity rate, %					
	2013 Q3	75.1	0.7	73.7	76.5
	Q4	76.3	0.7	74.9	77.6
	2014 Q1	74.8	0.8	73.3	76.3
	Q2	75.5	0.7	74.1	77.0
	Q3 ¹	75.3	0.8	73.8	76.8

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd quarter 2013 – 3rd quarter 2014

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2013 Q3	221,500	6,300	209,100	233,800
	Q4	221,900	6,500	209,000	234,700
	2014 Q1	218,600	5,600	207,500	229,700
	Q2	218,300	6,300	205,900	230,700
	Q3 ¹	219,700	5,800	208,200	231,200
Employment					
	2013 Q3	195,200	5,900	183,600	206,800
	Q4	196,000	5,800	184,600	207,400
	2014 Q1	192,700	5,300	182,200	203,100
	Q2	193,700	5,900	182,000	205,400
	Q3 ¹	194,600	5,700	183,500	205,800
Unemployment					
	2013 Q3	26,300	2,100	22,200	30,300
	Q4	25,900	2,300	21,400	30,300
	2014 Q1	25,900	2,000	22,000	29,900
	Q2	24,600	2,100	20,400	28,700
	Q3 ¹	25,100	1,900	21,300	28,900
Unemployment rate, %					
	2013 Q3	11.9	0.9	10.1	13.6
	Q4	11.7	0.9	9.9	13.4
	2014 Q1	11.8	0.9	10.2	13.6
	Q2	11.3	0.9	9.4	13.1
	Q3 ¹	11.4	0.9	9.7	13.1
Activity rate, %					
	2013 Q3	45.4	1.1	43.2	47.5
	Q4	45.4	0.9	43.7	47.1
	2014 Q1	44.7	0.9	42.9	46.4
	Q2	44.5	1.0	42.6	46.4
	Q3 ¹	44.6	1.0	42.6	46.5

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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.

Annex 3

Annual labour force estimates based on data from different data sources, 2011 - 2014

	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									
2011	548.6	23.0	571.6	310.7	218.2	528.9	505.9	42.7	7.8
2012	556.3	24.0	580.3	311.5	224.2	535.7	511.7	44.6	8.0
2013	571.2	26.3	597.5	312.5	239.5	552.0	525.7	45.5	8.0
2014 ²	575.7	28.3	604.0	313.5	245.5	559.0	530.7	45.0	7.8
Change current year over previous:	4.5	2.0	6.5	1.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	-0.5	-0.2
Male									
2011	343.3	13.4	356.7	197.8	141.6	339.4	326.0	17.3	5.0
2012	346.9	14.2	361.1	198.3	144.7	343.0	328.8	18.1	5.2
2013	350.4	16.5	366.9	199.1	149.2	348.3	331.8	18.6	5.3
2014 ²	353.9	18.3	372.2	199.3	154.2	353.5	335.2	18.7	5.3
Change current year over previous:	3.5	1.8	5.3	0.2	5.0	5.2	3.4	0.1	0.0
Female									
2011	205.3	9.6	214.9	112.9	76.6	189.5	179.9	25.4	12.4
2012	209.4	9.8	219.2	113.2	79.5	192.7	182.9	26.5	12.7
2013	220.8	9.8	230.6	113.4	90.3	203.7	193.9	26.9	12.2
2014 ²	221.8	10.0	231.8	114.2	91.3	205.5	195.5	26.3	11.9
Change current year over previous:	1.0	0.2	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.8	1.6	-0.6	-0.3

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² 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 Annex 1.
 - 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.

Table 1: Labour market activity by status, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd 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			
Both sexes									
2013 Q3	954.1	409.6	22.0	80.3	14.3	526.2	45.9	572.1	382.0
Q4	956.6	427.4	19.5	75.5	12.9	535.3	43.4	578.7	377.9
2014 Q1	956.9	409.4	23.2	78.6	12.0	523.2	45.3	568.5	388.4
Q2	959.4	414.0	24.3	80.1	9.5	527.9	44.5	572.4	387.0
Q3 ¹	962.4	420.7	24.9	69.8	14.3	529.7	43.6	573.3	389.1
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3	1.6	2.5	-12.9	50.5	0.3	-2.0	0.2	0.5
same quarter a year ago	0.9	2.7	13.2	-13.1	0.0	0.7	-5.0	0.2	1.9
Male									
2013 Q3	466.7	248.5	17.2	61.3	4.0	331.0	19.6	350.6	116.1
Q4	467.8	261.3	17.2	57.7	3.1	339.3	17.5	356.8	111.0
2014 Q1	467.6	247.7	18.7	60.8	3.3	330.5	19.4	349.9	117.7
Q2	468.8	253.5	21.0	57.8	1.9	334.2	19.9	354.1	114.7
Q3 ¹	469.4	256.6	21.7	53.6	3.2	335.1	18.5	353.6	115.8
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.1	1.2	3.3	-7.3	68.4	0.3	-7.0	-0.1	1.0
same quarter a year ago	0.6	3.3	26.2	-12.6	-20.0	1.2	-5.6	0.9	-0.3
Female									
2013 Q3	487.4	161.1	4.8	19.0	10.3	195.2	26.3	221.5	265.9
Q4	488.8	166.1	2.3	17.8	9.8	196.0	25.9	221.9	266.9
2014 Q1	489.3	161.7	4.5	17.8	8.7	192.7	25.9	218.6	270.7
Q2	490.6	160.5	3.3	22.3	7.6	193.7	24.6	218.3	272.3
Q3 ¹	493.0	164.1	3.2	16.2	11.1	194.6	25.1	219.7	273.3
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.5	2.2	-3.0	-27.4	46.1	0.5	2.0	0.6	0.4
same quarter a year ago	1.1	1.9	-33.3	-14.7	7.8	-0.3	-4.6	-0.8	2.8

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 3rd Quarter 2014¹

In thousands

	Mauritian aged 16 and over	Age group (years)				
		16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	529.7	57.3	55.2	141.4	128.6	147.2
Unemployed	43.6	20.0	7.0	7.8	4.9	3.9
Labour force	573.3	77.3	62.2	149.2	133.5	151.1
Economically inactive	389.1	95.8	15.6	35.3	40.9	201.5
Total Population	962.4	173.1	77.8	184.5	174.4	352.6
Employment rate (%)	92.4	74.1	88.7	94.8	96.3	97.4
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	25.9	11.3	5.2	3.7	2.6
Activity rate (%)	59.6	44.7	79.9	80.9	76.5	42.9
Male						
In employment	335.1	35.9	31.8	85.0	81.6	100.8
Unemployed	18.5	9.4	3.1	2.3	1.4	2.3
Labour force	353.6	45.3	34.9	87.3	83.0	103.1
Economically inactive	115.8	41.7	4.0	4.7	4.3	61.1
Total Population	469.4	87.0	38.9	92.0	87.3	164.2
Employment rate (%)	94.8	79.2	91.1	97.4	98.3	97.8
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	20.8	8.9	2.6	1.7	2.2
Activity rate (%)	75.3	52.1	89.7	94.9	95.1	62.8
Female						
In employment	194.6	21.4	23.4	56.4	47.0	46.4
Unemployed	25.1	10.6	3.9	5.5	3.5	1.6
Labour force	219.7	32.0	27.3	61.9	50.5	48.0
Economically inactive	273.3	54.1	11.6	30.6	36.6	140.4
Total Population	493.0	86.1	38.9	92.5	87.1	188.4
Employment rate (%)	88.6	66.9	85.7	91.1	93.1	96.7
Unemployment rate (%)	11.4	33.1	14.3	8.9	6.9	3.3
Activity rate (%)	44.6	37.2	70.2	66.9	58.0	25.5

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

	Total employed aged 16+	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections				
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services	
					C	F	G	H - U	
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2013 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	523.2	7.8	26.7	65.5	14.4	10.6	14.8	50.7	
Q2	527.9	7.0	24.4	68.6	12.5	10.8	14.7	53.9	
Q3 ²	529.7	7.5	25.8	66.7	14.0	10.0	13.7	52.9	
Male									
2013 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	330.5	8.9	32.2	58.9	13.8	16.1	13.8	45.1	
Q2	334.2	8.2	28.9	62.9	10.9	15.6	13.5	49.5	
Q3 ²	335.1	8.3	30.3	61.4	12.5	15.4	13.4	48.0	
Female									
2013 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	192.7	6.1	17.3	76.6	15.6	1.1	16.5	60.2	
Q2	193.7	4.8	16.7	78.5	15.2	0.9	16.8	61.7	
Q3 ²	194.6	6.2	18.1	75.7	16.6	0.8	14.2	61.4	

¹ National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

		ISCO-08 ¹					
		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 (%)
Both sexes							
2013	Q3	526.2	24.7	8.0	19.6	31.7	16.0
	Q4	535.3	21.7	8.4	19.5	34.2	16.2
2014	Q1	523.2	24.7	8.0	19.8	31.1	16.4
	Q2	527.9	24.5	8.5	20.9	30.8	15.3
	Q3 ²	529.7	25.5	8.7	19.8	30.3	15.7
Male							
2013	Q3	331.0	22.5	4.7	17.8	42.1	12.9
	Q4	339.3	19.3	5.2	17.6	45.1	12.8
2014	Q1	330.5	22.9	4.9	18.3	41.9	12.0
	Q2	334.2	22.2	5.2	19.1	41.3	12.2
	Q3 ²	335.1	23.6	5.6	17.5	41.0	12.3
Female							
2013	Q3	195.2	28.5	13.6	22.4	14.1	21.4
	Q4	196.0	25.8	13.9	23.0	15.3	22.0
2014	Q1	192.7	27.8	13.4	22.3	12.6	23.9
	Q2	193.7	28.4	14.2	24.1	12.6	20.7
	Q3 ²	194.6	28.9	14.1	23.6	11.8	21.6

¹ National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

	Total employed aged 16+ (000's)	Total ¹ hours worked (000's)	% having worked for:					Average ¹ number of hours worked
			0 hour	1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
Both sexes								
2013 Q3	526.2	19,100	5.4	12.7	42.9	24.8	14.2	38.3
Q4	535.3	20,400	6.0	11.9	35.1	29.5	17.5	40.5
2014 Q1	523.2	18,400	4.5	12.4	50.9	20.3	11.9	36.9
Q2	527.9	19,600	5.6	11.8	39.8	27.9	14.9	39.4
Q3 ²	529.7	19,500	4.9	11.9	43.7	24.2	15.3	38.7
Male								
2013 Q3	331.0	12,800	5.3	8.7	41.3	26.9	17.8	40.8
Q4	339.3	13,800	5.3	8.7	33.0	32.0	21.0	42.9
2014 Q1	330.5	12,200	4.9	9.5	49.5	21.9	14.2	38.9
Q2	334.2	13,000	5.6	9.4	37.2	30.1	17.7	41.3
Q3 ²	335.1	13,200	5.0	8.3	40.0	27.1	19.6	41.5
Female								
2013 Q3	195.2	6,300	5.5	19.7	45.6	21.1	8.1	34.1
Q4	196.0	6,600	7.2	17.3	38.9	25.2	11.4	36.4
2014 Q1	192.7	6,200	3.9	17.3	53.4	17.5	7.9	33.5
Q2	193.7	6,600	5.6	15.9	44.3	24.1	10.1	36.1
Q3 ²	194.6	6,300	4.6	18.1	50.2	19.1	8.0	33.9

¹ Computation of total and average hours worked excludes employed persons with zero hours of work during the reference period.

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Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary ²			Tertiary ²	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	
Both sexes									
2013 Q3	45.9	25.7	20.0	5.7	54.0	28.3	15.8	9.9	20.3
Q4	43.4	25.1	15.7	9.4	56.2	29.0	15.5	11.7	18.7
2014 Q1	45.3	25.0	15.9	9.1	58.8	27.4	19.4	12.0	16.2
Q2	44.5	22.9	18.4	4.5	61.4	36.4	11.7	13.3	15.7
Q3 ¹	43.6	19.3	16.4	2.9	61.7	30.4	17.7	13.6	19.0
Male									
2013 Q3	19.6	28.1	21.4	6.7	52.8	32.1	13.5	7.2	19.1
Q4	17.5	29.7	23.4	6.3	53.5	28.0	12.2	13.3	16.8
2014 Q1	19.4	32.6	20.8	11.8	57.7	31.7	13.6	12.4	9.7
Q2	19.9	26.1	23.6	2.5	64.5	40.7	12.6	11.2	9.4
Q3 ¹	18.5	18.6	18.0	0.6	63.9	32.4	16.6	14.9	17.5
Female									
2013 Q3	26.3	23.9	19.0	4.9	55.1	25.5	17.8	11.8	21.0
Q4	25.9	22.0	10.4	11.6	57.8	29.7	17.6	10.5	20.2
2014 Q1	25.9	19.3	12.3	7.0	59.6	24.2	23.7	11.7	21.1
Q2	24.6	20.3	14.2	6.1	58.8	32.9	10.9	15.0	20.9
Q3 ¹	25.1	19.9	15.3	4.6	60.0	28.8	18.6	12.6	20.1

¹ Provisional² Figures for quarters prior to 3rd quarter 2014 are revised

Table 7: Unemployment by age, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2013 Q3	45.9	16.2	26.1	3.6
	Q4	43.4	16.8	22.7	3.9
	2014 Q1	45.3	18.4	23.5	3.4
	Q2	44.5	18.8	21.9	3.8
	Q3 ¹	43.6	20.0	19.7	3.9
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.9	1.2	-2.2	0.1
	same quarter a year ago	-2.3	3.8	-6.4	0.3
Male					
	2013 Q3	19.6	7.6	10.3	1.7
	Q4	17.5	7.0	8.5	2.0
	2014 Q1	19.4	8.7	7.8	2.9
	Q2	19.9	9.4	7.7	2.8
	Q3 ¹	18.5	9.4	6.8	2.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.4	0.0	-0.9	-0.5
	same quarter a year ago	-1.1	1.8	-3.5	0.6
Female					
	2013 Q3	26.3	8.6	15.8	1.9
	Q4	25.9	9.8	14.2	1.9
	2014 Q1	25.9	9.7	15.7	0.5
	Q2	24.6	9.4	14.2	1.0
	Q3 ¹	25.1	10.6	12.9	1.6
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	0.5	1.2	-1.3	0.6
	same quarter a year ago	-1.2	2.0	-2.9	-0.3

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Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd 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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2013 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	45.3	13.2	32.1	13.7	10.6	18.7	16.5	40.5	
Q2	44.5	12.2	32.3	16.9	12.4	18.6	16.1	36.0	
Q3 ¹	43.6	13.7	29.9	21.7	12.2	15.8	6.6	43.7	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.9	1.5	-2.4						
same quarter a year ago	-2.3	0.9	-3.2						
Male									
2013 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	19.4	5.2	14.2	13.4	23.9	13.4	19.0	30.3	
Q2	19.9	3.8	16.1	16.3	24.5	15.3	16.9	27.0	
Q3 ¹	18.5	6.1	12.4	21.0	29.3	7.6	9.6	32.5	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-1.4	2.3	-3.7						
same quarter a year ago	-1.1	2.0	-3.1						
Female									
2013 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	25.9	8.0	17.9	14.0	0.0	22.9	14.5	48.6	
Q2	24.6	8.4	16.2	17.5	0.3	21.8	15.3	45.1	
Q3 ¹	25.1	7.6	17.5	22.3	0.0	21.6	4.5	51.6	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.5	-0.8	1.3						
same quarter a year ago	-1.2	-1.1	-0.1						

* National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)

¹ Provisional

Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 3rd Quarter 2013 to 3rd Quarter 2014

		Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason					
			Total	Homemakers	Retired or elderly	Students	Sick or disabled	Other
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2013	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	956.9	388.4	40.2	25.5	20.6	9.1	4.6
	Q2	959.4	387.0	42.3	24.0	20.5	7.2	6.0
	Q3 ¹	962.4	389.1	43.9	22.1	21.0	8.2	4.8
Male								
2013	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	467.6	117.7	0.3	46.0	30.9	16.0	6.8
	Q2	468.8	114.7	0.1	47.1	33.4	12.2	7.2
	Q3 ¹	469.4	115.8	0.5	43.6	34.1	15.6	6.2
Female								
2013	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	489.3	270.7	57.6	16.7	16.1	5.9	3.7
	Q2	490.6	272.3	60.1	14.2	15.0	5.1	5.6
	Q3 ¹	493.0	273.3	62.4	13.0	15.5	5.0	4.1

¹ Provisional