

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Second quarter 2017

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the second quarter of 2017, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 2017. 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.

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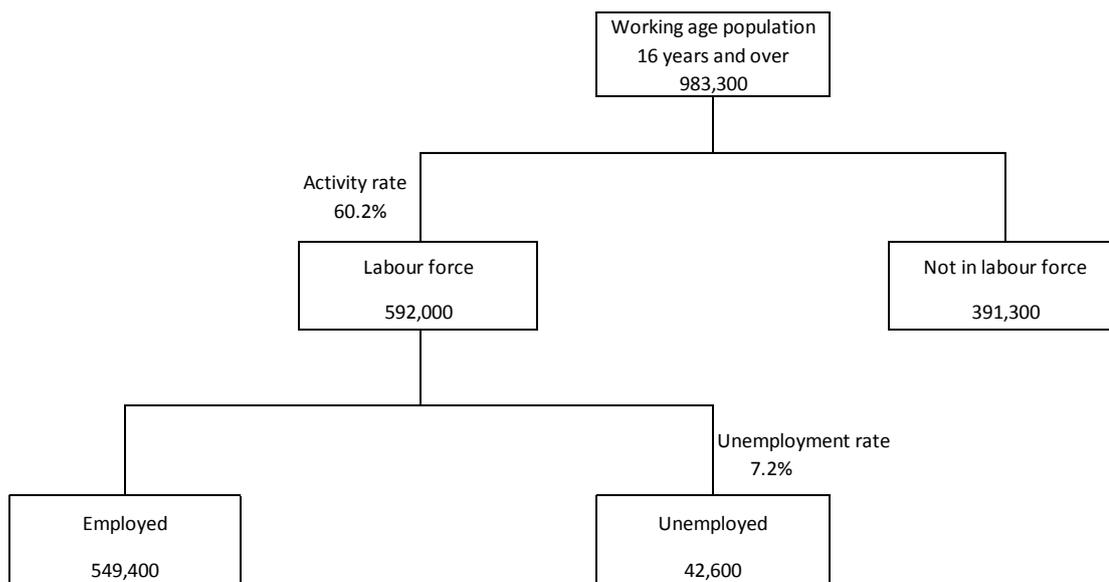
| | Q2 2016 | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Change | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Q2 2017 - Q2 2016 | Q2 2017 - Q1 2017 |
| Population (aged 16+) | 975,200 | 980,300 | 983,300 | +8,100 | +3,000 |
| Economically inactive | 395,100 | 399,900 | 391,300 | -3,800 | -8,600 |
| Labour Force (Economically active) | 580,100 | 580,400 | 592,000 | +11,900 | +11,600 |
| <i>Of which Employment</i> | <i>537,000</i> | <i>536,100</i> | <i>549,400</i> | <i>+12,400</i> | <i>+13,300</i> |
| <i>Unemployment</i> | <i>43,100</i> | <i>44,300</i> | <i>42,600</i> | <i>-500</i> | <i>-1,700</i> |
| Activity rate (%) | 59.5 | 59.2 | 60.2 | +0.7 | +1.0 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Youth unemployment | 19,300 | 22,200 | 18,600 | -700 | -3,600 |
| Youth unemployment rate (%) | 24.9 | 28.9 | 24.9 | 0.0 | -4.0 |

NOTE: The increase or decrease in employment, represents the net change in employment level i.e the combined effect of employment creations and losses during the period under reference.

Labour market overview, second quarter 2017

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2016, there has been an increase in the labour force (+11,900) with an increase in employment (+12,400) and a decrease in unemployment (-500).
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force increased by 11,600 with an increase in employment (+13,300) and a decrease in unemployment (-1,700).

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 2nd quarter 2017



Labour force participation

| | Q2 2016 | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Change | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Q2 2017 - Q2 2016 | Q2 2017 - Q1 2017 |
| Activity rate (%) | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 59.5 | 59.2 | 60.2 | +0.7 | +1.0 |
| Male | 74.1 | 73.8 | 75.2 | +1.1 | +1.4 |
| Female | 45.5 | 45.3 | 45.9 | +0.4 | +0.6 |

Labour force participation – increasing participation of both males and females

5. The activity rate for the second quarter 2017 was 60.2%, up by 0.7 percentage point from 59.5% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate increased by 1.1 percentage points to 75.2% and the female rate by 0.4 percentage point to 45.9%.

6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate increased by 1.0 percentage point to 60.2%. The male activity rate increased by 1.4 percentage points from 73.8% to 75.2% and the female activity rate by 0.6 percentage point from 45.3% to 45.9%.

Employment

| | Q2 2016 | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Change | |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Q2 2017 - Q2 2016 | Q2 2017 - Q1 2017 |
| Employment | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 537,000 | 536,100 | 549,400 | +12,400 | +13,300 |
| Male | 334,400 | 335,400 | 341,900 | +7,500 | +6,500 |
| Female | 202,600 | 200,700 | 207,500 | +4,900 | +6,800 |

7. From second quarter 2016 to second quarter 2017, employment increased by 12,400 to 549,400; male employment increased by 7,500 to 341,900 and female employment increased by 4,900 to 207,500.

8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment increased by 13,300 with increases in both male (+6,500) and female (+6,800) employment.

Unemployment

| | Q2 2016 | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Change | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Q2 2017 - Q2 2016 | Q2 2017 - Q1 2017 |
| Unemployment | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 43,100 | 44,300 | 42,600 | -500 | -1,700 |
| Male | 18,400 | 17,700 | 19,000 | +600 | +1,300 |
| Female | 24,700 | 26,600 | 23,600 | -1,100 | -3,000 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Male | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | +0.1 | +0.3 |
| Female | 10.9 | 11.7 | 10.2 | -0.7 | -1.5 |

2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

9. From second quarter 2016 to second quarter 2017, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 500 (with an increase of 600 males partly offset by a decrease of 1100 females).
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2% from second quarter 2016 to second quarter 2017. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 5.3% while female unemployment rate decreased by 0.7 percentage point to 10.2%.

1st Quarter 2017 to 2nd Quarter 2017

11. When compared with the first quarter of 2017, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,700. An increase was registered among males (+1,300) while a decrease was recorded among females (-3,000).
12. From first quarter 2017 to second quarter 2017, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point with an increase in male (+0.3 percentage point) and a decrease in female (-1.5 percentage points) unemployment rates.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

| | Q2 2016 | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Change | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Q2 2017 - Q2 2016 | Q2 2017 - Q1 2017 |
| Youth unemployment | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 19,300 | 22,200 | 18,600 | -700 | -3,600 |
| Male | 9,100 | 9,700 | 8,600 | -500 | -1,100 |
| Female | 10,200 | 12,500 | 10,000 | -200 | -2,500 |
| Youth unemployment rate (%) | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 24.9 | 28.9 | 24.9 | 0.0 | -4.0 |
| Male | 20.7 | 22.5 | 19.8 | -0.9 | -2.7 |
| Female | 30.3 | 37.1 | 32.1 | +1.8 | -5.0 |

13. At the second quarter 2017, youth unemployed i.e persons aged 16 to 24 years numbered 18,600 (8,600 males and 10,000 females) compared to 22,200 (9,700 males and 12,500 females) at the previous quarter and 19,300 (9,100 males and 10,200 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2016.
14. The youth unemployment rate remained unchanged at 24.9% during the second quarter of 2017 as compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the same period, the youth unemployment rate for male decreased by 0.9 percentage

point to 19.8% while the female unemployment rate increased by 1.8 percentage points to 32.1%.

15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate decreased by 4.0 percentage points from 28.9% to 24.9% with a decrease of 2.7 percentage points in the male youth unemployment rate and 5.0 percentage points in the female youth unemployment rate.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2017

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2017 were as follows:

- (i) The 42,600 unemployed comprised 19,000 males (45%) and 23,600 females (55%).
- (ii) Around 26,200 (62%) of the unemployed were single. Among males the majority (79%) was single compared to 47% among the females.
- (iii) Some 4,100 or 10% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 15,400 (36%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 27,100 (64%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 15,500 (36%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 29,300 (69%) had working experience and 13,300 (31%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vi) Around 16,800 (39%) were registered at the Employment Service.
- (vii) There were 8,200 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,800 (34%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) 4,200 or 10% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) 7,800 (18%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2017 was 6.9%, lower than the rate of 7.1% in both the corresponding quarter of 2016 and in the previous quarter.

Economically inactive population

18. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 391,300 at the second quarter 2017 compared to 399,900 in the previous quarter and 395,100 in the corresponding quarter of 2016.
19. The inactive population was made up of 119,200 males and 272,100 females. Among inactive males, around 46% were 'retired or old persons' and 35% were students. Among females, 60% were homemakers; 14% were 'retired or old persons' followed by 15% students.

Forecasts of Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2017¹

20. Based on the results of the survey for the first semester of the current year and other information available, forecasts of employment and unemployment for year 2017 are as follows:

| | Year 2016 | Year 2017 ¹ | Change |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Employment | 538,600 | 547,000 | +8,400 ² |
| Unemployment | 42,400 | 42,200 | -200 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 7.3 | 7.2 | -0.1 |

¹Forecasts ²please see explanations in the box on page 1

CAUTION:

The estimate of unemployment rate for the year is NOT end of year estimate (i.e as at 31st December). It represents weighted averages of estimates based on sample data collected throughout the year under review.

21. The employment level of Mauritians is expected to increase by 8,400 from 538,600 in 2016 to 547,000 in 2017. It is to be noted that this increase represents the net change in employment level, i.e the combined effect of employment creations and losses during the period under reference.
22. The unemployment rate for year 2017 is revised downwards to 7.2 % from 7.3% forecasted in March 2017. The rate for the year 2016 was 7.3%.

Sampling errors

23. 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.
24. 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, 2nd quarter 2016 – 2nd quarter 2017

Both Sexes

| | | Estimates | Standard Error | 95% confidence interval | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Lower limit | Upper limit |
| Labour force | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 580,100 | 11,300 | 557,900 | 602,300 |
| | Q3 | 580,700 | 10,400 | 560,300 | 601,200 |
| | Q4 | 585,500 | 11,100 | 563,800 | 607,300 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 580,400 | 12,000 | 556,800 | 604,100 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 592,000 | 12,500 | 567,400 | 616,600 |
| Employment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 537,000 | 10,400 | 516,600 | 557,400 |
| | Q3 | 536,300 | 10,000 | 516,600 | 556,100 |
| | Q4 | 546,600 | 10,600 | 525,800 | 567,400 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 536,100 | 11,100 | 514,200 | 558,000 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 549,400 | 11,700 | 526,300 | 572,500 |
| Unemployment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 43,100 | 3,000 | 37,300 | 49,000 |
| | Q3 | 44,400 | 2,600 | 39,200 | 49,500 |
| | Q4 | 38,900 | 2,500 | 34,100 | 43,800 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 44,300 | 2,900 | 38,700 | 50,000 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 42,600 | 2,800 | 37,000 | 48,100 |
| Unemployment rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 6.5 | 8.4 |
| | Q3 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| | Q4 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 7.4 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 7.2 | 0.4 | 6.3 | 8.1 |
| Activity rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 59.5 | 0.6 | 58.2 | 60.7 |
| | Q3 | 59.5 | 0.6 | 58.2 | 60.7 |
| | Q4 | 59.8 | 0.8 | 58.2 | 61.5 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 59.2 | 0.7 | 57.9 | 60.5 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 60.2 | 0.7 | 58.8 | 61.6 |

¹ Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd quarter 2016 – 2nd quarter 2017

Male

| | | Estimates | Standard Error | 95% confidence interval | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Lower limit | Upper limit |
| Labour force | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 352,800 | 7,400 | 338,300 | 367,200 |
| | Q3 | 356,900 | 7,200 | 342,800 | 371,100 |
| | Q4 | 357,100 | 7,400 | 342,500 | 371,700 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 353,100 | 7,800 | 337,700 | 368,500 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 360,900 | 8,100 | 345,100 | 376,800 |
| Employment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 334,400 | 7,000 | 320,500 | 348,200 |
| | Q3 | 338,000 | 7,100 | 323,900 | 352,100 |
| | Q4 | 343,900 | 7,300 | 329,500 | 358,300 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 335,400 | 7,400 | 320,800 | 349,900 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 341,900 | 7,600 | 326,900 | 356,900 |
| Unemployment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 18,400 | 1,900 | 14,600 | 22,200 |
| | Q3 | 18,900 | 1,800 | 15,400 | 22,400 |
| | Q4 | 13,200 | 1,400 | 10,500 | 16,000 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 17,700 | 1,900 | 14,100 | 21,400 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 19,000 | 1,800 | 15,500 | 22,600 |
| Unemployment rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 6.2 |
| | Q3 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 6.3 |
| | Q4 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 4.5 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 5.3 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 6.2 |
| Activity rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 74.1 | 0.7 | 72.7 | 75.5 |
| | Q3 | 74.9 | 0.8 | 73.4 | 76.4 |
| | Q4 | 74.8 | 0.9 | 73.0 | 76.5 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 73.8 | 0.9 | 72.1 | 75.5 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 75.2 | 0.8 | 73.6 | 76.8 |

¹ Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd quarter 2016 – 2nd quarter 2017

Female

| | | Estimates | Standard Error | 95% confidence interval | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Lower limit | Upper limit |
| Labour force | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 227,300 | 6,100 | 215,200 | 239,500 |
| | Q3 | 223,800 | 5,300 | 213,400 | 234,100 |
| | Q4 | 228,400 | 6,000 | 216,700 | 240,200 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 227,300 | 6,200 | 215,200 | 239,400 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 231,100 | 6,300 | 218,700 | 243,400 |
| Employment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 202,600 | 5,700 | 191,500 | 213,800 |
| | Q3 | 198,300 | 4,900 | 188,800 | 207,900 |
| | Q4 | 202,700 | 5,600 | 191,700 | 213,800 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 200,700 | 5,700 | 189,500 | 211,900 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 207,500 | 6,000 | 195,700 | 219,300 |
| Unemployment | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 24,700 | 2,100 | 20,600 | 28,800 |
| | Q3 | 25,500 | 2,000 | 21,600 | 29,300 |
| | Q4 | 25,700 | 2,100 | 21,700 | 29,700 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 26,600 | 2,000 | 22,600 | 30,800 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 23,600 | 2,200 | 19,300 | 27,900 |
| Unemployment rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 10.9 | 0.8 | 9.2 | 12.5 |
| | Q3 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 9.8 | 13.0 |
| | Q4 | 11.3 | 0.8 | 9.6 | 12.9 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 11.7 | 0.8 | 10.1 | 13.3 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 10.2 | 0.9 | 8.4 | 12.0 |
| Activity rate, % | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 45.5 | 0.9 | 43.7 | 47.4 |
| | Q3 | 44.8 | 0.8 | 43.2 | 46.4 |
| | Q4 | 45.6 | 1.0 | 43.6 | 47.6 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 45.3 | 0.9 | 43.6 | 47.1 |
| | Q2 ¹ | 45.9 | 1.0 | 44.0 | 47.9 |

¹ Provisional

Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 2nd quarter 2013 to 2nd quarter 2017.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 2nd quarter 2013 – 2nd quarter 2017

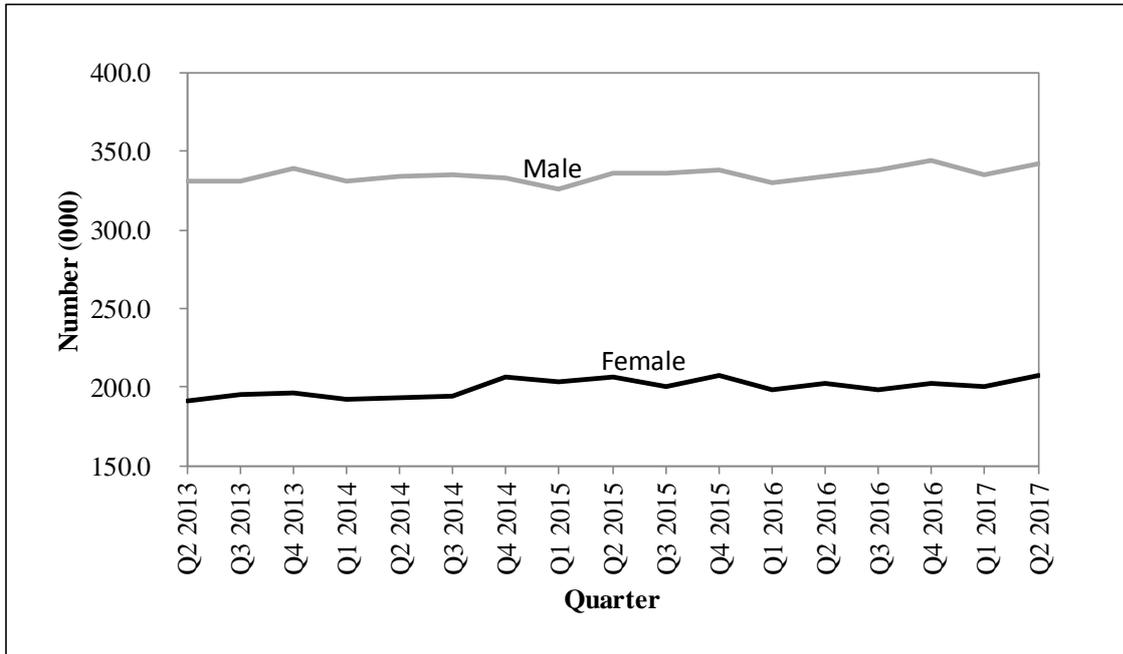


Chart 3: Unemployment rate by quarter, 2nd quarter 2013 – 2nd quarter 2017

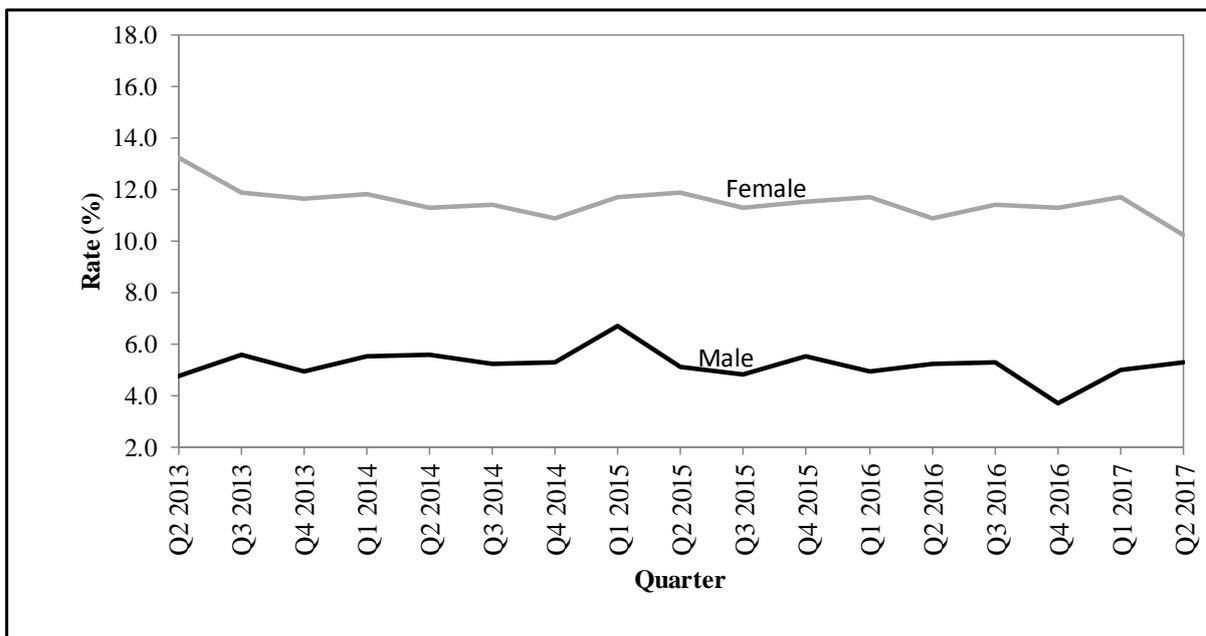
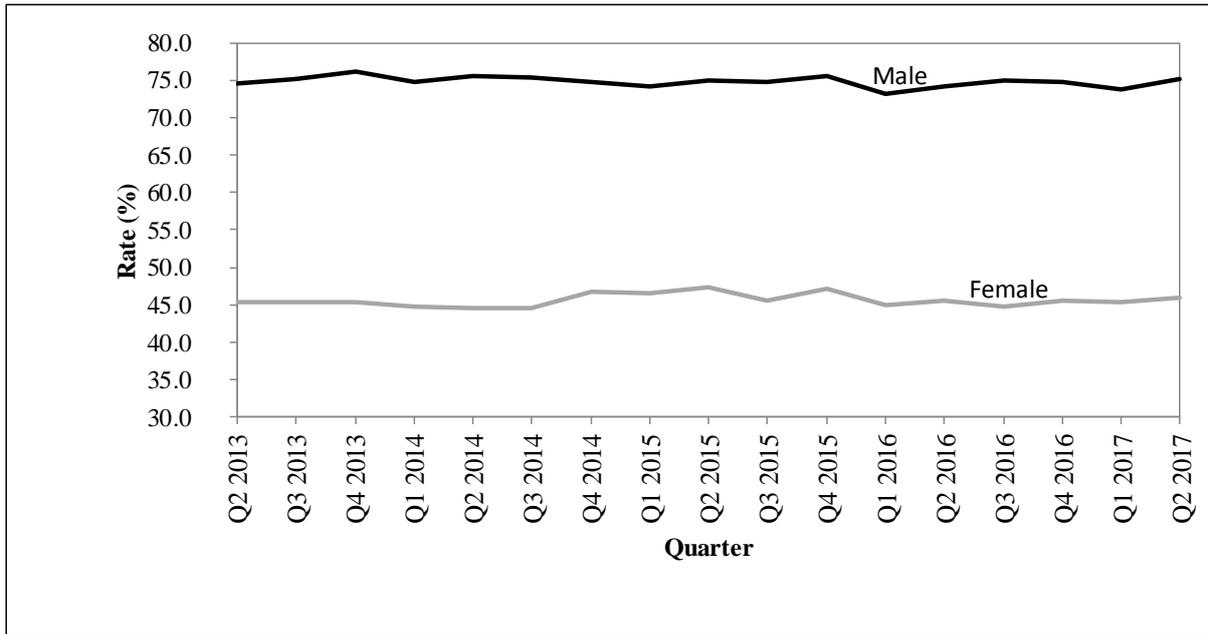


Chart 4: Activity rate by quarter, 2nd quarter 2013 – 2nd quarter 2017



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 second quarter 2017 compared to the previous quarter and 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.

Annex 3

Annual labour force estimates based on data from different data sources, 2011 - 2017

| | 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 | 575.7 | 28.3 | 604.0 | 313.5 | 245.7 | 559.2 | 530.9 | 44.8 | 7.8 |
| 2015 | 584.6 | 28.3 | 612.9 | 314.1 | 252.5 | 566.6 | 538.3 | 46.3 | 7.9 |
| 2016 | 581.0 | 28.6 | 609.6 | 314.2 | 253.0 | 567.2 | 538.6 | 42.4 | 7.3 |
| 2017 ² | 589.2 | 28.5 | 617.7 | 316.0 | 259.5 | 575.5 | 547.0 | 42.2 | 7.2 |
| Change current year over previous: | 8.2 | -0.1 | 8.1 | 1.8 | 6.5 | 8.3 | 8.4 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| 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 | 352.8 | 18.3 | 371.1 | 199.3 | 152.4 | 351.7 | 333.4 | 19.4 | 5.5 |
| 2015 | 353.3 | 18.6 | 371.9 | 198.5 | 153.9 | 352.4 | 333.8 | 19.5 | 5.5 |
| 2016 | 353.6 | 19.3 | 372.9 | 198.6 | 157.4 | 356.0 | 336.7 | 16.9 | 4.8 |
| 2017 ² | 357.3 | 20.0 | 377.3 | 198.6 | 161.2 | 359.8 | 339.8 | 17.5 | 4.9 |
| Change current year over previous: | 3.7 | 0.7 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| 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 | 222.9 | 10.0 | 232.9 | 114.2 | 93.3 | 207.5 | 197.5 | 25.4 | 11.4 |
| 2015 | 231.3 | 9.7 | 241.0 | 115.6 | 98.6 | 214.2 | 204.5 | 26.8 | 11.6 |
| 2016 | 227.4 | 9.3 | 236.7 | 115.6 | 95.6 | 211.2 | 201.9 | 25.5 | 11.2 |
| 2017 ² | 231.9 | 8.5 | 240.4 | 117.4 | 98.3 | 215.7 | 207.2 | 24.7 | 10.7 |
| Change current year over previous: | 4.5 | -0.8 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 5.3 | -0.8 | -0.5 |

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians² 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, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 975.2 | 422.9 | 27.4 | 74.3 | 12.4 | 537.0 | 43.1 | 580.1 | 395.1 |
| Q3 | 976.1 | 420.9 | 25.3 | 76.0 | 14.1 | 536.3 | 44.4 | 580.7 | 395.4 |
| Q4 | 978.4 | 436.9 | 20.1 | 78.0 | 11.6 | 546.6 | 38.9 | 585.5 | 392.9 |
| 2017 Q1 | 980.3 | 424.5 | 21.8 | 80.4 | 9.4 | 536.1 | 44.3 | 580.4 | 399.9 |
| Q2 ¹ | 983.3 | 432.3 | 25.2 | 79.6 | 12.3 | 549.4 | 42.6 | 592.0 | 391.3 |
| % change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | 0.3 | 1.8 | 15.6 | -1.0 | 30.9 | 2.5 | -3.8 | 2.0 | -2.2 |
| same quarter a year ago | 0.8 | 2.2 | -8.0 | 7.1 | -0.8 | 2.3 | -1.2 | 2.1 | -1.0 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 476.1 | 251.9 | 24.0 | 55.0 | 3.5 | 334.4 | 18.4 | 352.8 | 123.3 |
| Q3 | 476.5 | 252.9 | 22.8 | 59.1 | 3.2 | 338.0 | 18.9 | 356.9 | 119.6 |
| Q4 | 477.6 | 265.5 | 15.9 | 59.6 | 2.9 | 343.9 | 13.2 | 357.1 | 120.5 |
| 2017 Q1 | 478.7 | 254.5 | 18.2 | 59.7 | 3.0 | 335.4 | 17.7 | 353.1 | 125.6 |
| Q2 ¹ | 480.1 | 256.6 | 22.2 | 58.6 | 4.5 | 341.9 | 19.0 | 360.9 | 119.2 |
| % change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | 0.3 | 0.8 | 22.0 | -1.8 | 50.0 | 1.9 | 7.3 | 2.2 | -5.1 |
| same quarter a year ago | 0.8 | 1.9 | -7.5 | 6.5 | 28.6 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.3 | -3.3 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 499.1 | 171.0 | 3.4 | 19.3 | 8.9 | 202.6 | 24.7 | 227.3 | 271.8 |
| Q3 | 499.6 | 168.0 | 2.5 | 16.9 | 10.9 | 198.3 | 25.5 | 223.8 | 275.8 |
| Q4 | 500.8 | 171.4 | 4.2 | 18.4 | 8.7 | 202.7 | 25.7 | 228.4 | 272.4 |
| 2017 Q1 | 501.6 | 170.0 | 3.6 | 20.7 | 6.4 | 200.7 | 26.6 | 227.3 | 274.3 |
| Q2 ¹ | 503.2 | 175.7 | 3.0 | 21.0 | 7.8 | 207.5 | 23.6 | 231.1 | 272.1 |
| % change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | 0.3 | 3.4 | -16.7 | 1.4 | 21.9 | 3.4 | -11.3 | 1.7 | -0.8 |
| same quarter a year ago | 0.8 | 2.7 | -11.8 | 8.8 | -12.4 | 2.4 | -4.5 | 1.7 | 0.1 |

¹ Provisional

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2017¹**In thousands**

| | Mauritian aged 16 and over | Age group (years) | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | 16-24 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 50+ |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| In employment | 549.4 | 56.0 | 63.5 | 136.8 | 129.4 | 163.7 |
| Unemployed | 42.6 | 18.6 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 4.5 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 592.0 | 74.6 | 72.4 | 145.9 | 133.9 | 165.2 |
| Economically inactive | 391.3 | 96.9 | 11.9 | 31.0 | 35.6 | 215.9 |
| Total Population | 983.3 | 171.5 | 84.3 | 176.9 | 169.5 | 381.1 |
| Employment rate (%) | 92.8 | 75.1 | 87.7 | 93.8 | 96.6 | 99.1 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 7.2 | 24.9 | 12.3 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 0.9 |
| Activity rate (%) | 60.2 | 43.5 | 85.9 | 82.5 | 79.0 | 43.3 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| In employment | 341.9 | 34.8 | 35.1 | 80.7 | 78.9 | 112.4 |
| Unemployed | 19.0 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 360.9 | 43.4 | 39.7 | 83.9 | 80.6 | 113.3 |
| Economically inactive | 119.2 | 42.9 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 64.8 |
| Total Population | 480.1 | 86.3 | 42.5 | 88.2 | 85.0 | 178.1 |
| Employment rate (%) | 94.7 | 80.2 | 88.4 | 96.2 | 97.9 | 99.2 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 5.3 | 19.8 | 11.6 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.8 |
| Activity rate (%) | 75.2 | 50.3 | 93.4 | 95.1 | 94.8 | 63.6 |
| Female | | | | | | |
| In employment | 207.5 | 21.2 | 28.4 | 56.1 | 50.5 | 51.3 |
| Unemployed | 23.6 | 10.0 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 2.8 | 0.6 |
| Labour force | 231.1 | 31.2 | 32.7 | 62.0 | 53.3 | 51.9 |
| Economically inactive | 272.1 | 54.0 | 9.1 | 26.7 | 31.2 | 151.1 |
| Total Population | 503.2 | 85.2 | 41.8 | 88.7 | 84.5 | 203.0 |
| Employment rate (%) | 89.8 | 67.9 | 86.9 | 90.5 | 94.7 | 98.8 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 10.2 | 32.1 | 13.1 | 9.5 | 5.3 | 1.2 |
| Activity rate (%) | 45.9 | 36.6 | 78.2 | 69.9 | 63.1 | 25.6 |

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity¹, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | Total employed aged 16+ | Primary sector | Secondary sector | Tertiary sector | Selected NSIC ² Sections | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | Manufacturing | Construction | Wholesale and retail trade | Other services |
| | | | | | C | F | G | H - U |
| | (000s) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 537.0 | 7.0 | 24.5 | 68.5 | 13.2 | 9.6 | 14.5 | 53.9 |
| Q3 | 536.3 | 7.2 | 23.8 | 69.0 | 13.1 | 9.5 | 15.0 | 54.0 |
| Q4 | 546.6 | 7.6 | 27.4 | 65.0 | 14.8 | 11.1 | 14.9 | 50.2 |
| 2017 Q1 | 536.1 | 7.7 | 23.6 | 68.7 | 13.1 | 9.5 | 15.0 | 53.7 |
| Q2 ³ | 549.4 | 7.0 | 22.6 | 70.4 | 12.3 | 9.2 | 15.9 | 54.5 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 334.4 | 7.7 | 30.8 | 61.5 | 13.2 | 15.3 | 13.0 | 48.5 |
| Q3 | 338.0 | 8.0 | 29.0 | 63.0 | 12.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 48.9 |
| Q4 | 343.9 | 8.6 | 32.2 | 59.2 | 13.1 | 17.1 | 13.8 | 45.4 |
| 2017 Q1 | 335.4 | 9.1 | 27.8 | 63.1 | 12.0 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 48.7 |
| Q2 ³ | 341.9 | 8.3 | 27.7 | 64.0 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 14.4 | 49.6 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 202.6 | 5.9 | 14.1 | 80.0 | 13.3 | 0.4 | 17.0 | 63.0 |
| Q3 | 198.3 | 6.0 | 15.0 | 79.0 | 13.7 | 1.0 | 16.4 | 62.6 |
| Q4 | 202.7 | 5.9 | 19.2 | 74.9 | 17.8 | 1.0 | 16.6 | 58.3 |
| 2017 Q1 | 200.7 | 5.5 | 16.5 | 78.0 | 14.8 | 1.2 | 16.0 | 62.0 |
| Q2 ³ | 207.5 | 5.0 | 14.0 | 81.0 | 12.5 | 0.7 | 18.4 | 62.7 |

¹ Employment by industrial activity has been estimated after reconciling data from CMPHS, SEE and administrative sources.

² National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)

³ Provisional

Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | | 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 | | | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 537.0 | 24.2 | 8.5 | 22.5 | 29.6 | 15.2 |
| | Q3 | 536.3 | 24.0 | 8.9 | 22.3 | 30.3 | 14.5 |
| | Q4 | 546.6 | 25.1 | 8.3 | 20.4 | 31.2 | 15.0 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 536.1 | 25.4 | 9.9 | 20.5 | 29.6 | 14.6 |
| | Q2 ² | 549.4 | 23.4 | 9.2 | 21.4 | 30.6 | 15.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 334.4 | 23.0 | 5.3 | 19.9 | 39.9 | 11.9 |
| | Q3 | 338.0 | 22.2 | 6.5 | 20.1 | 40.6 | 10.6 |
| | Q4 | 343.9 | 23.3 | 5.9 | 18.5 | 40.6 | 11.7 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 335.4 | 23.8 | 6.3 | 18.8 | 39.3 | 11.8 |
| | Q2 ² | 341.9 | 22.3 | 5.4 | 19.6 | 41.2 | 11.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | |
| | 2016 Q2 | 202.6 | 26.3 | 13.8 | 26.8 | 12.5 | 20.6 |
| | Q3 | 198.3 | 27.2 | 12.9 | 26.1 | 12.7 | 21.1 |
| | Q4 | 202.7 | 28.2 | 12.3 | 23.6 | 15.3 | 20.6 |
| | 2017 Q1 | 200.7 | 28.0 | 16.0 | 23.4 | 13.3 | 19.3 |
| | Q2 ² | 207.5 | 25.2 | 15.5 | 24.5 | 13.1 | 21.7 |

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

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 537.0 | 20,000 | 5.8 | 11.2 | 40.6 | 27.2 | 15.3 | 39.6 |
| Q3 | 536.3 | 20,300 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 38.8 | 28.3 | 16.2 | 40.2 |
| Q4 | 546.6 | 20,300 | 6.2 | 12.1 | 37.8 | 28.5 | 15.4 | 39.7 |
| 2017 Q1 | 536.1 | 19,700 | 6.2 | 12.0 | 41.9 | 26.1 | 13.8 | 39.1 |
| Q2 ¹ | 549.4 | 20,100 | 6.2 | 12.5 | 40.3 | 27.1 | 13.9 | 38.9 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 334.4 | 13,100 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 38.0 | 28.6 | 18.6 | 41.7 |
| Q3 | 338.0 | 13,500 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 36.7 | 30.4 | 19.3 | 42.3 |
| Q4 | 343.9 | 13,400 | 5.8 | 9.4 | 36.6 | 29.7 | 18.5 | 41.5 |
| 2017 Q1 | 335.4 | 12,800 | 6.8 | 9.1 | 39.6 | 27.1 | 17.4 | 41.0 |
| Q2 ¹ | 341.9 | 13,200 | 5.9 | 9.4 | 37.8 | 30.5 | 16.4 | 40.9 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 202.6 | 7,000 | 5.0 | 15.6 | 44.7 | 24.9 | 9.8 | 36.2 |
| Q3 | 198.3 | 6,800 | 5.8 | 16.0 | 42.5 | 24.7 | 11.0 | 36.5 |
| Q4 | 202.7 | 6,900 | 7.0 | 16.5 | 39.8 | 26.4 | 10.3 | 36.6 |
| 2017 Q1 | 200.7 | 6,900 | 5.2 | 16.7 | 45.9 | 24.3 | 7.9 | 35.9 |
| Q2 ¹ | 207.5 | 6,900 | 6.7 | 17.8 | 44.4 | 21.4 | 9.7 | 35.6 |

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

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Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s) | Primary | | | Secondary | | | | Tertiary | |
|-------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|--|
| | | Total (%) | Below CPE (%) | Passed CPE (%) | Total (%) | Below SC (%) | Passed SC (%) | Passed HSC (%) | (%) | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 43.1 | 15.3 | 11.6 | 3.7 | 62.0 | 30.2 | 15.3 | 16.5 | 22.7 | |
| Q3 | 44.4 | 15.7 | 11.2 | 4.5 | 59.5 | 32.0 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 24.8 | |
| Q4 | 38.9 | 15.7 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 58.6 | 28.5 | 15.7 | 14.4 | 25.7 | |
| 2017 Q1 | 44.3 | 13.3 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 66.6 | 35.2 | 15.6 | 15.8 | 20.1 | |
| Q2 ¹ | 42.6 | 12.9 | 9.6 | 3.3 | 62.7 | 36.2 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 24.4 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 18.4 | 14.7 | 11.4 | 3.3 | 56.0 | 29.3 | 10.9 | 15.8 | 29.3 | |
| Q3 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 15.4 | 4.2 | 59.8 | 32.3 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 20.6 | |
| Q4 | 13.2 | 15.9 | 12.1 | 3.8 | 61.3 | 37.1 | 15.9 | 8.3 | 22.8 | |
| 2017 Q1 | 17.7 | 14.7 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 71.2 | 42.4 | 12.4 | 16.4 | 14.1 | |
| Q2 ¹ | 19.0 | 13.7 | 10.0 | 3.7 | 59.5 | 40.5 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 26.8 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 24.7 | 15.8 | 11.7 | 4.1 | 66.4 | 30.8 | 18.6 | 17.0 | 17.8 | |
| Q3 | 25.5 | 13.0 | 8.3 | 4.7 | 59.2 | 31.8 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 27.8 | |
| Q4 | 25.7 | 15.6 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 57.2 | 24.1 | 15.6 | 17.5 | 27.2 | |
| 2017 Q1 | 26.6 | 12.4 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 63.5 | 30.4 | 17.7 | 15.4 | 24.1 | |
| Q2 ¹ | 23.6 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 3.0 | 65.2 | 32.6 | 16.1 | 16.5 | 22.5 | |

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Table 7: Unemployment by age, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

In Thousands

| | All aged 16 and over | Age group (years) | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|
| | | 16-24 | 25-49 | 50+ |
| Both sexes | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 43.1 | 19.3 | 20.8 | 3.0 |
| Q3 | 44.4 | 19.1 | 22.6 | 2.7 |
| Q4 | 38.9 | 18.3 | 18.8 | 1.8 |
| 2017 Q1 | 44.3 | 22.2 | 20.1 | 2.0 |
| Q2 ¹ | 42.6 | 18.6 | 22.5 | 1.5 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | |
| previous quarter | -1.7 | -3.6 | 2.4 | -0.5 |
| same quarter a year ago | -0.5 | -0.7 | 1.7 | -1.5 |
| Male | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 18.4 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 1.7 |
| Q3 | 18.9 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 1.5 |
| Q4 | 13.2 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 1.0 |
| 2017 Q1 | 17.7 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 1.3 |
| Q2 ¹ | 19.0 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 0.9 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | |
| previous quarter | 1.3 | -1.1 | 2.8 | -0.4 |
| same quarter a year ago | 0.6 | -0.5 | 1.9 | -0.8 |
| Female | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 24.7 | 10.2 | 13.2 | 1.3 |
| Q3 | 25.5 | 10.6 | 13.7 | 1.2 |
| Q4 | 25.7 | 11.4 | 13.5 | 0.8 |
| 2017 Q1 | 26.6 | 12.5 | 13.4 | 0.7 |
| Q2 ¹ | 23.6 | 10.0 | 13.0 | 0.6 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | |
| previous quarter | -3.0 | -2.5 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| same quarter a year ago | -1.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.7 |

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Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ | No. of first job seekers | Unemployed with work experience by industry * | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------------|-----------------------|---|-------|
| | | | Total | Manuf. | Construction | Wholesale & Retail | Accommodation & Food Service Activities | Other |
| | (000s) | (000s) | (000s) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 43.1 | 12.1 | 31.0 | 13.2 | 11.0 | 16.8 | 20.0 | 39.0 |
| Q3 | 44.4 | 15.1 | 29.3 | 15.4 | 9.6 | 19.4 | 16.4 | 39.2 |
| Q4 | 38.9 | 10.9 | 28.0 | 14.3 | 10.4 | 21.4 | 14.3 | 39.6 |
| 2017 Q1 | 44.3 | 15.1 | 29.2 | 16.1 | 9.9 | 18.5 | 16.8 | 38.7 |
| Q2 ¹ | 42.6 | 13.3 | 29.3 | 13.7 | 6.5 | 19.5 | 20.8 | 39.5 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | -1.7 | -1.8 | 0.1 | | | | | |
| same quarter a year ago | -0.5 | 1.2 | -1.7 | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 18.4 | 4.2 | 14.2 | 11.3 | 19.7 | 9.2 | 21.8 | 38.0 |
| Q3 | 18.9 | 5.3 | 13.6 | 18.4 | 19.8 | 16.9 | 16.2 | 28.7 |
| Q4 | 13.2 | 2.6 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 24.5 | 21.7 | 6.6 | 34.9 |
| 2017 Q1 | 17.7 | 5.9 | 11.8 | 16.9 | 22.0 | 11.9 | 23.7 | 25.5 |
| Q2 ¹ | 19.0 | 5.7 | 13.3 | 15.8 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 22.6 | 33.0 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | 1.3 | -0.2 | 1.5 | | | | | |
| same quarter a year ago | 0.6 | 1.5 | -0.9 | | | | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 24.7 | 7.9 | 16.8 | 14.9 | 3.5 | 23.2 | 18.5 | 39.9 |
| Q3 | 25.5 | 9.8 | 15.7 | 12.7 | 0.6 | 21.7 | 16.6 | 48.4 |
| Q4 | 25.7 | 8.3 | 17.4 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 21.3 | 19.0 | 42.5 |
| 2017 Q1 | 26.6 | 9.2 | 17.4 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 23.0 | 12.1 | 47.7 |
| Q2 ¹ | 23.6 | 7.6 | 16.0 | 11.9 | 0.0 | 23.8 | 19.4 | 44.9 |
| Change, latest quarter over: | | | | | | | | |
| previous quarter | -3.0 | -1.6 | -1.4 | | | | | |
| same quarter a year ago | -1.1 | -0.3 | -0.8 | | | | | |

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

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Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2017

| | Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s) | Economically inactive by reason | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | | Total (000s) | Homemakers (%) | Retired or elderly (%) | Students (%) | Sick or disabled (%) | Other (%) |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 975.2 | 395.1 | 40.0 | 26.5 | 19.4 | 8.7 | 5.4 |
| Q3 | 976.1 | 395.4 | 42.5 | 25.6 | 19.6 | 8.3 | 4.0 |
| Q4 | 978.4 | 392.9 | 41.0 | 25.4 | 19.8 | 9.7 | 4.1 |
| 2017 Q1 | 980.3 | 399.9 | 41.8 | 24.5 | 19.5 | 9.2 | 5.0 |
| Q2 ¹ | 983.3 | 391.3 | 42.0 | 24.0 | 21.1 | 8.4 | 4.5 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 476.1 | 123.3 | 0.2 | 47.0 | 30.5 | 14.8 | 7.5 |
| Q3 | 476.5 | 119.6 | 0.1 | 48.2 | 31.8 | 14.5 | 5.4 |
| Q4 | 477.6 | 120.5 | 0.6 | 45.1 | 31.5 | 16.8 | 6.0 |
| 2017 Q1 | 478.7 | 125.6 | 0.9 | 45.6 | 30.8 | 15.4 | 7.3 |
| Q2 ¹ | 480.1 | 119.2 | 0.4 | 45.8 | 34.6 | 14.7 | 4.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Q2 | 499.1 | 271.8 | 58.0 | 17.2 | 14.3 | 6.0 | 4.5 |
| Q3 | 499.6 | 275.8 | 60.9 | 15.8 | 14.3 | 5.7 | 3.3 |
| Q4 | 500.8 | 272.4 | 58.9 | 16.7 | 14.6 | 6.6 | 3.2 |
| 2017 Q1 | 501.6 | 274.3 | 60.6 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 6.3 | 3.9 |
| Q2 ¹ | 503.2 | 272.1 | 60.2 | 14.5 | 15.2 | 5.7 | 4.4 |

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