

## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2019

### 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 2019, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2019. 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

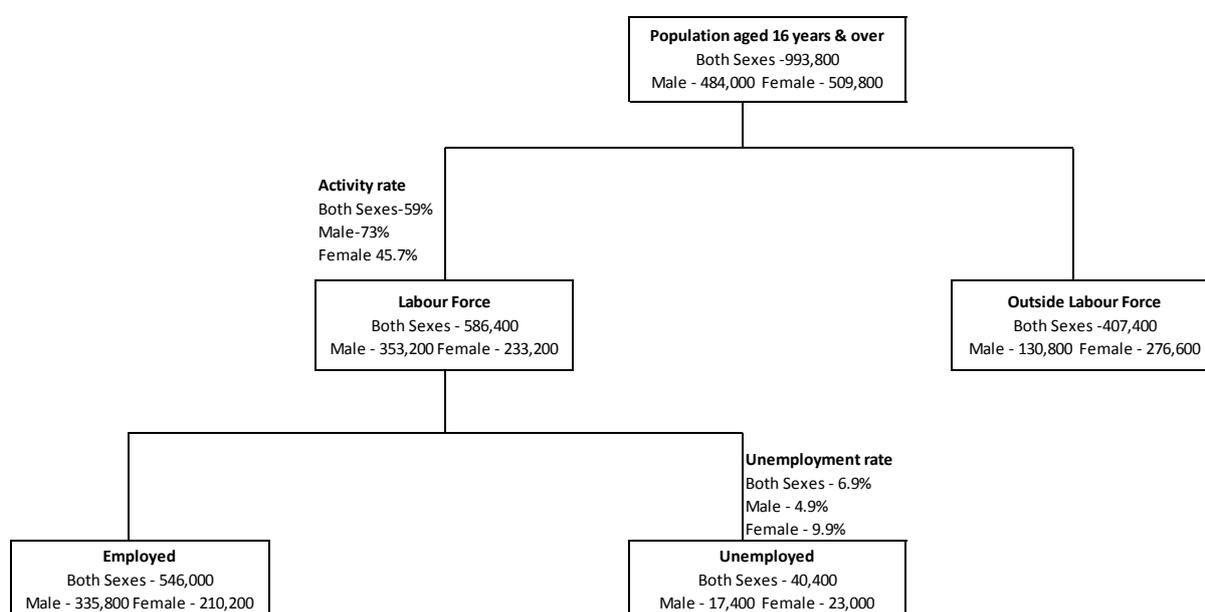
	Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Change	
				Q1 2018 to Q1 2019	Q4 2018 to Q1 2019
Population (aged 16+)	988,600	992,800	993,800	+5,200	+1,000
Labour Force (Economically active)	581,000	591,300	586,400	+5,400	-4,900
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>540,000</i>	<i>553,200</i>	<i>546,000</i>	<i>+6,000</i>	<i>-7,200</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>41,000</i>	<i>38,100</i>	<i>40,400</i>	<i>-600</i>	<i>+2,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	407,600	401,500	407,400	-200	+5,900
Activity rate (%)	58.8	59.6	59.0	+0.2	-0.6
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	6.4	6.9	-0.2	+0.5
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	6.6	7.0	6.4	-0.2	-0.6
Youth unemployment	19,300	17,900	18,200	-1,100	+300
Youth unemployment rate (%)	24.5	22.1	23.4	-1.1	+1.3

The net change in employment level in the above table is equal to “Employment creations minus employment losses” during the period under reference.

## Labour market overview, first quarter 2019

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, there has been an increase in the labour force (+5,400) with a rise in employment (+6,000) and a fall in unemployment (-600). The number of those outside labour force decreased by 200 during the same period.
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force decreased by 4,900 with a decrease in employment (-7,200) and a rise in unemployment (+2,300). Those outside labour force increased by 5,900 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019



## Labour force participation

	Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Change	
				Q1 2018 to Q1 2019	Q4 2018 to Q1 2019
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	58.8	59.6	59.0	+0.2	-0.6
Male	72.9	74.5	73.0	+0.1	-1.5
Female	45.4	45.4	45.7	+0.3	+0.3

5. The activity rate for first quarter 2019 rose by 0.2 percentage point to 59.0% from 58.8% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 73.0% and the female rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 45.7%.

6. Compared to the previous quarter, the activity rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points from 74.5% to 73.0% while the female activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point from 45.4% to 45.7%.

### Employment

	Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Change	
				Q1 2018 to Q1 2019	Q4 2018 to Q1 2019
Employment					
Both sexes	540,000	553,200	546,000	+6,000	-7,200
Male	333,100	345,400	335,800	+2,700	-9,600
Female	206,900	207,800	210,200	+3,300	+2,400

7. From first quarter 2018 to first quarter 2019, employment increased by 6,000 to 546,000; male and female employment increased by 2,700 and 3,300 respectively.

8. Compared to the previous quarter, employment decreased by 7,200; male employment decreased by 9,600 while female employment increased by 2,400.

### Unemployment

	Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Change	
				Q1 2018 to Q1 2019	Q4 2018 to Q1 2019
Unemployment					
Both sexes	41,000	38,100	40,400	-600	+2,300
Male	18,000	14,800	17,400	-600	+2,600
Female	23,000	23,300	23,000	-	-300
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	7.1	6.4	6.9	-0.2	+0.5
Male	5.1	4.1	4.9	-0.2	+0.8
Female	10.0	10.1	9.9	-0.1	-0.2

### *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019*

9. From first quarter 2018 to first quarter 2019, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 600; decrease noted among males only.

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 7.1% in first quarter 2018 to 6.9% in first quarter 2019. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 4.9% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 9.9%.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019**

11. When compared with the fourth quarter of 2018, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 2,300 with increases of 2,600 among males and decreases of 300 among females.

12. From fourth quarter 2018 to first quarter 2019, the unemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage point from 6.4% to 6.9%. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.8 percentage point from 4.1% to 4.9% while female unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 10.1% to 9.9%.

#### **Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years**

	Q1 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Change	
				Q1 2018 to Q1 2019	Q4 2018 to Q1 2019
<b>Youth unemployment</b>					
Both sexes	19,300	17,900	18,200	-1,100	+300
Male	9,200	8,200	8,100	-1,100	-100
Female	10,100	9,700	10,100	-	+400
<b>Youth unemployment rate (%)</b>					
Both sexes	24.5	22.1	23.4	-1.1	+1.3
Male	20.8	17.9	18.3	-2.5	+0.4
Female	29.2	27.6	30.1	+0.9	+2.5

13. At the first quarter 2019, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years numbered 18,200 (8,100 males and 10,100 females) compared to 17,900 (8,200 males and 9,700 females) at the previous quarter and 19,300 (9,200 males and 10,100 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2018.

14. The youth unemployment rate decreased from 24.5% to 23.4% in the first quarter of 2019 when compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the same period, the youth unemployment rate for male decreased by 2.5 percentage points to 18.3% while female youth unemployment rate increased by 0.9 percentage point to 30.1%.

15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate increased from 22.1% to 23.4% with increases of 0.4 percentage point in the male youth

unemployment rate and 2.5 percentage points in the female youth unemployment rate.

### ***Characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2019***

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2019 were as follows:

- (i) The 40,400 unemployed comprised 17,400 males (43%) and 23,000 females (57%).
- (ii) Around 26,800 (66%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (83%) was single compared to 54% among the females.
- (iii) Some 4,300 or 11% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 15,500 (38%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 33,500 (83%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 6,900 (17%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 27,000 (67%) had working experience and 13,400 (33%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vi) Around 16,500 (41%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 10,200 (25%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,100 (30%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) 3,700 or 9% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) 5,900 (15%) lived in households with no employed persons.

### ***Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate***

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2019 was 6.4%, lower than the rates of 6.6% and 7.0% at the corresponding quarter of 2018 and at the previous quarter respectively.

### **Population outside Labour Force**

18. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 407,400 at the first quarter 2019 compared to 401,500 in the previous quarter and 407,600 in the corresponding quarter of 2018.

19. The population outside labour force was made up of 130,800 males and 276,600 females. Among inactive males, around 49% were 'retired or old persons' and 27% were students. Among females, 58% were homemakers; 20% were 'retired or old persons' followed by 14% 'students'.

## Forecasts of Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2019<sup>1</sup>

20. Based on past trends from the CMPHS up to the first quarter of the current year and other latest available information, forecasts of employment and unemployment for 2019 are as follows:

	Year 2018	Year 2019 <sup>1</sup>	Change
Employment	543,700	546,000	+2,300 <sup>2</sup>
Unemployment	40,100	40,000	-100
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.8	-0.1

<sup>1</sup>Forecasts

<sup>2</sup>please see explanations in the box on page 1

### Sampling errors

21. 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.
22. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q1	581,000	12,700	556,000	606,100
	Q2	582,000	6,700	568,900	595,100
	Q3	576,600	11,800	553,300	599,800
	Q4	591,300	6,100	579,300	603,300
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	586,400	6,000	574,600	598,200
Employment					
	2018 Q1	540,000	12,000	516,300	563,700
	Q2	541,500	6,700	528,400	554,600
	Q3	536,800	11,500	514,300	559,400
	Q4	553,200	6,200	541,100	565,300
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	546,000	6,100	534,000	558,000
Unemployment					
	2018 Q1	41,000	2,500	36,200	46,000
	Q2	40,500	2,500	35,600	45,500
	Q3	39,800	2,600	34,700	44,800
	Q4	38,100	2,400	33,400	42,800
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	40,400	2,500	35,600	45,200
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 Q1	7.1	0.4	6.3	7.9
	Q2	7.0	0.4	6.1	7.8
	Q3	6.9	0.4	6.0	7.7
	Q4	6.4	0.4	5.6	7.3
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	6.9	0.5	6.0	7.8
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q1	58.8	0.6	57.5	60.0
	Q2	58.7	0.6	57.5	59.9
	Q3	58.2	0.7	56.9	59.5
	Q4	59.6	0.6	58.4	60.7
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	59.0	0.6	57.7	60.3

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q1	351,100	8,000	335,400	366,900
	Q2	350,000	6,200	337,800	362,200
	Q3	349,700	7,400	335,100	364,300
	Q4	360,200	3,700	352,900	367,500
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	353,200	3,700	345,900	360,500
Employment					
	2018 Q1	333,100	7,800	317,800	348,400
	Q2	331,500	6,100	319,500	343,500
	Q3	333,900	7,400	319,400	348,400
	Q4	345,400	3,900	337,800	352,900
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	335,800	3,900	328,200	343,400
Unemployment					
	2018 Q1	18,000	1,800	14,600	21,600
	Q2	18,500	1,800	15,100	21,900
	Q3	15,800	1,700	12,500	19,000
	Q4	14,800	1,500	11,900	17,700
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	17,400	1,600	14,200	20,600
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 Q1	5.1	0.5	4.2	6.1
	Q2	5.3	0.5	4.3	6.3
	Q3	4.5	0.5	3.6	5.4
	Q4	4.1	0.4	3.3	5.0
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	4.9	0.5	4.0	5.9
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q1	72.9	0.7	71.4	74.3
	Q2	72.4	0.8	70.8	74.0
	Q3	72.5	0.7	71.1	73.8
	Q4	74.5	0.7	73.2	75.8
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	73.0	0.8	71.4	74.6

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q1	229,900	6,700	216,600	243,200
	Q2	232,000	5,500	221,300	242,700
	Q3	226,900	6,700	213,800	240,000
	Q4	231,100	4,500	222,300	240,000
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	233,200	4,400	224,500	241,900
Employment					
	2018 Q1	206,900	6,100	194,800	219,000
	Q2	210,000	5,300	199,600	220,300
	Q3	202,900	6,200	190,700	215,200
	Q4	207,800	4,500	199,100	216,600
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	210,200	4,400	201,600	218,800
Unemployment					
	2018 Q1	23,000	1,900	19,300	26,700
	Q2	22,000	1,900	18,400	25,700
	Q3	24,000	2,100	19,900	28,000
	Q4	23,300	1,900	19,600	27,000
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	23,000	1,800	19,400	26,600
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 Q1	10.0	0.7	8.6	11.5
	Q2	9.5	0.8	8.0	11.0
	Q3	10.6	0.8	8.9	12.2
	Q4	10.1	0.9	8.4	11.8
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	9.9	0.8	8.3	11.4
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q1	45.4	0.9	43.6	47.1
	Q2	45.7	0.9	43.9	47.4
	Q3	44.6	1.0	42.6	46.7
	Q4	45.4	0.9	43.7	47.1
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	45.7	0.9	43.9	47.6

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

## Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019

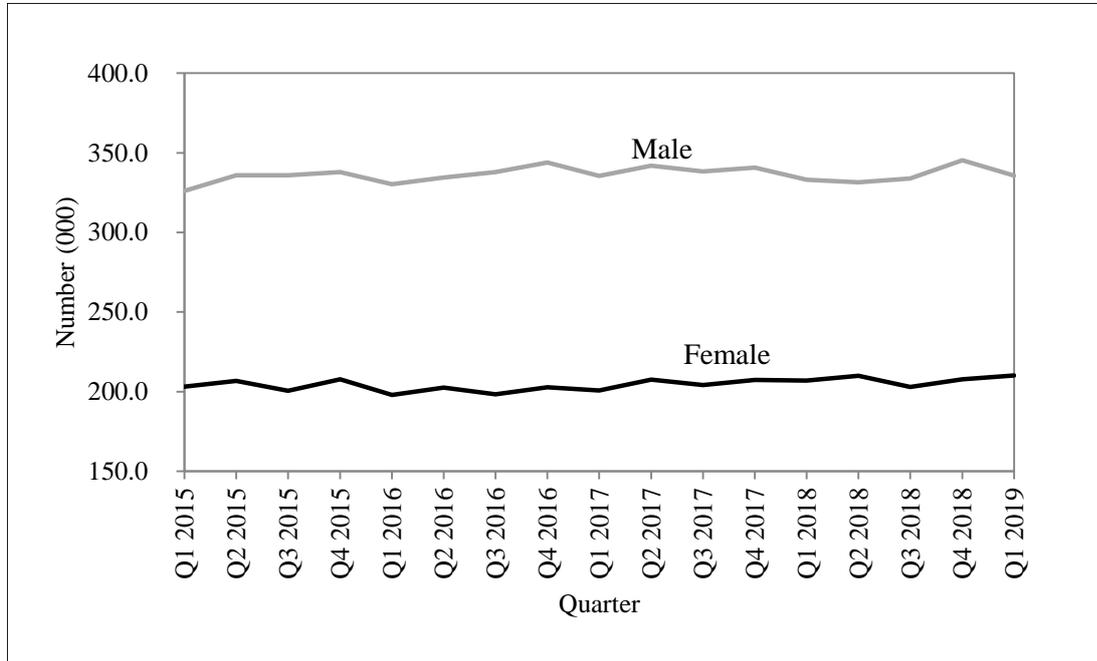


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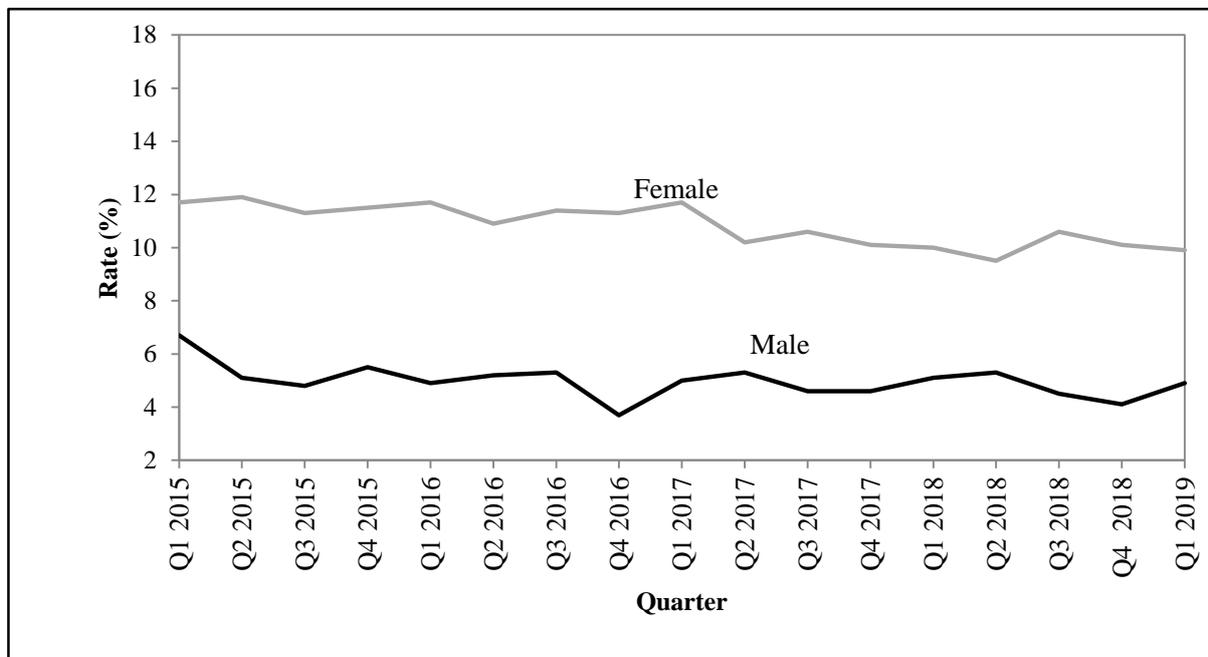
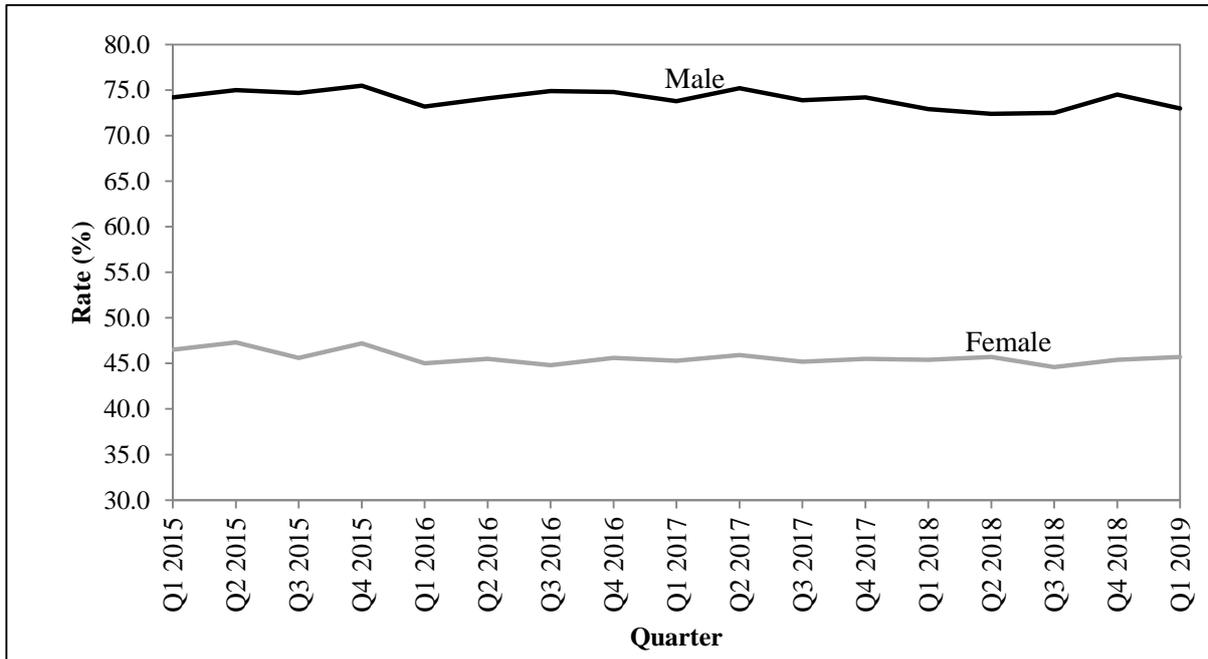


Chart 4: Activity rate by quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019



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 first quarter 2019 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 in proportion to square root of the total number of households in the geographical district 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) 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.

### **Outside the Labour Force (previously known as inactive population)**

Outside the labour force 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. He/She may be paid or may receive some pocket money; a paid 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 - 2018

	Labour force			Employment				Unemployment <sup>1</sup>	
	Mauritians aged 16+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments	outside large establishments	Total	of whom Mauritian	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	575.7	28.3	<b>604.0</b>	313.5	245.7	<b>559.2</b>	530.9	44.8	7.8
2015	584.6	28.3	<b>612.9</b>	314.1	252.5	<b>566.6</b>	538.3	46.3	7.9
2016	581.0	28.6	<b>609.6</b>	314.2	253.0	<b>567.2</b>	538.6	42.4	7.3
2017	586.9	28.4	<b>615.3</b>	316.9	256.6	<b>573.5</b>	545.1	41.8	7.1
2018	583.8	29.4	<b>613.2</b>	320.0	253.1	<b>573.1</b>	543.7	40.1	6.9
<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	352.8	18.3	<b>371.1</b>	199.3	152.4	<b>351.7</b>	333.4	19.4	5.5
2015	353.3	18.6	<b>371.9</b>	198.5	153.9	<b>352.4</b>	333.8	19.5	5.5
2016	353.6	19.3	<b>372.9</b>	198.6	157.4	<b>356.0</b>	336.7	16.9	4.8
2017	356.6	20.0	<b>376.6</b>	194.8	164.6	<b>359.4</b>	339.4	17.2	4.8
2018	352.8	21.3	<b>374.1</b>	196.0	161.4	<b>357.4</b>	336.1	16.7	4.7
<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	222.9	10.0	<b>232.9</b>	114.2	93.3	<b>207.5</b>	197.5	25.4	11.4
2015	231.3	9.7	<b>241.0</b>	115.6	98.6	<b>214.2</b>	204.5	26.8	11.6
2016	227.4	9.3	<b>236.7</b>	115.6	95.6	<b>211.2</b>	201.9	25.5	11.2
2017	230.3	8.4	<b>238.7</b>	122.1	92.0	<b>214.1</b>	205.7	24.6	10.7
2018	231.0	8.1	<b>239.1</b>	124.0	91.7	<b>215.7</b>	207.6	23.4	10.1

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

**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, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

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>									
2018 Q1	<b>988.6</b>	433.3	19.9	76.4	10.4	<b>540.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>581.0</b>	<b>407.6</b>
Q2	<b>991.6</b>	430.5	18.3	83.4	9.3	<b>541.5</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>582.0</b>	<b>409.6</b>
Q3	<b>990.7</b>	435.1	17.9	74.4	9.4	<b>536.8</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>576.6</b>	<b>414.1</b>
Q4	<b>992.8</b>	445.5	19.5	76.5	11.7	<b>553.2</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>591.3</b>	<b>401.5</b>
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>993.8</b>	431.9	18.4	84.0	11.7	<b>546.0</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>586.4</b>	<b>407.4</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Male</b>									
2018 Q1	<b>481.8</b>	255.3	16.4	59.4	2.0	<b>333.1</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>351.1</b>	<b>130.7</b>
Q2	<b>483.6</b>	251.3	14.8	63.1	2.3	<b>331.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>350.0</b>	<b>133.6</b>
Q3	<b>482.5</b>	259.8	14.7	56.9	2.5	<b>333.9</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>349.7</b>	<b>132.8</b>
Q4	<b>483.4</b>	265.2	17.1	59.3	3.8	<b>345.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>360.2</b>	<b>123.2</b>
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>484.0</b>	251.9	16.1	64.2	3.6	<b>335.8</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>353.2</b>	<b>130.8</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Female</b>									
2018 Q1	<b>506.8</b>	178.0	3.5	17.0	8.4	<b>206.9</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>229.9</b>	<b>276.9</b>
Q2	<b>508.0</b>	179.2	3.5	20.3	7.0	<b>210.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>232.0</b>	<b>276.0</b>
Q3	<b>508.2</b>	175.3	3.2	17.5	6.9	<b>202.9</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>226.9</b>	<b>281.3</b>
Q4	<b>509.4</b>	180.3	2.4	17.2	7.9	<b>207.8</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>231.1</b>	<b>278.3</b>
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>509.8</b>	180.0	2.3	19.8	8.1	<b>210.2</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>233.2</b>	<b>276.6</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-34.3</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2019<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>546.0</b>	59.5	68.3	129.5	130.6	158.1
Unemployed	<b>40.4</b>	18.2	6.9	9.0	4.0	2.3
Labour force	<b>586.4</b>	77.7	75.2	138.5	134.6	160.4
Economically inactive	<b>407.4</b>	91.9	12.1	31.6	36.6	235.2
Total Population	<b>993.8</b>	169.6	87.3	170.1	171.2	395.6
Employment rate (%)	<b>93.1</b>	76.6	90.8	93.5	97.0	98.6
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>6.9</b>	23.4	9.2	6.5	3.0	1.4
Activity rate (%)	<b>59.0</b>	45.8	86.1	81.4	78.6	40.5
<b>Male</b>						
In employment	<b>335.8</b>	36.1	37.9	76.7	79.8	105.3
Unemployed	<b>17.4</b>	8.1	3.2	4.1	1.1	0.9
Labour force	<b>353.2</b>	44.2	41.1	80.8	80.9	106.2
Economically inactive	<b>130.8</b>	41.2	2.4	3.7	5.2	78.3
Total Population	<b>484.0</b>	85.4	43.5	84.5	86.1	184.5
Employment rate (%)	<b>95.1</b>	81.7	92.2	94.9	98.6	99.2
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>4.9</b>	18.3	7.8	5.1	1.4	0.8
Activity rate (%)	<b>73.0</b>	51.8	94.5	95.6	94.0	57.6
<b>Female</b>						
In employment	<b>210.2</b>	23.4	30.4	52.8	50.8	52.8
Unemployed	<b>23.0</b>	10.1	3.7	4.9	2.9	1.4
Labour force	<b>233.2</b>	33.5	34.1	57.7	53.7	54.2
Economically inactive	<b>276.6</b>	50.7	9.7	27.9	31.4	156.9
Total Population	<b>509.8</b>	84.2	43.8	85.6	85.1	211.1
Employment rate (%)	<b>90.1</b>	69.9	89.1	91.5	94.6	97.4
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>9.9</b>	30.1	10.9	8.5	5.4	2.6
Activity rate (%)	<b>45.7</b>	39.8	77.9	67.4	63.1	25.7

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

	Total employed aged 16+	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC <sup>1</sup> Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C	F	G	H - U
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>540.0</b>	6.4	23.2	70.4	12.8	9.4	16.2	54.1
Q2	<b>541.5</b>	6.4	22.3	71.3	11.7	9.7	16.5	54.9
Q3	<b>536.8</b>	6.3	23.7	70.0	12.4	10.2	14.3	55.8
Q4	<b>553.2</b>	6.6	26.2	67.2	15.1	10.3	15.9	51.3
2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>546.0</b>	6.5	23.9	69.6	13.1	10.1	15.9	53.7
<b>Male</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>333.1</b>	8.1	28.9	63.0	13.0	14.7	15.5	47.5
Q2	<b>331.5</b>	7.7	27.7	64.6	11.2	15.3	15.1	49.4
Q3	<b>333.9</b>	7.5	28.4	64.1	11.2	15.8	13.4	50.6
Q4	<b>345.4</b>	8.0	30.9	61.1	13.8	15.9	15.3	45.8
2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>335.8</b>	7.9	29.8	62.3	12.9	15.9	14.8	47.5
<b>Female</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>206.9</b>	3.6	14.2	82.2	12.6	1.0	17.4	64.9
Q2	<b>210.0</b>	4.3	13.7	82.0	12.5	0.9	18.6	63.4
Q3	<b>202.9</b>	4.3	15.9	79.8	14.4	0.9	15.6	64.2
Q4	<b>207.8</b>	4.3	18.3	77.4	17.2	0.9	17.0	60.4
2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>210.2</b>	4.1	14.5	81.4	13.5	0.8	17.6	63.7

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

		ISCO-08 <sup>1</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>							
	2018 Q1	<b>540.0</b>	24.6	10.2	20.8	28.9	15.5
	Q2	<b>541.5</b>	25.2	8.7	22.4	28.1	15.6
	Q3	<b>536.8</b>	25.4	9.2	19.5	29.6	16.3
	Q4	<b>553.2</b>	24.2	8.2	21.0	29.8	16.8
	2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>546.0</b>	23.6	7.9	23.1	29.4	16.0
<b>Male</b>							
	2018 Q1	<b>333.1</b>	22.8	6.1	18.9	40.3	11.9
	Q2	<b>331.5</b>	23.9	4.5	20.0	39.6	12.0
	Q3	<b>333.9</b>	24.3	5.7	17.3	40.6	12.1
	Q4	<b>345.4</b>	22.2	5.2	18.2	40.3	14.1
	2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>335.8</b>	21.1	4.5	20.3	41.3	12.8
<b>Female</b>							
	2018 Q1	<b>206.9</b>	27.6	16.7	23.8	10.6	21.3
	Q2	<b>210.0</b>	27.2	15.4	26.2	9.9	21.3
	Q3	<b>202.9</b>	27.2	15.1	23.2	11.3	23.2
	Q4	<b>207.8</b>	27.7	13.0	25.6	12.2	21.5
	2019 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>210.2</b>	27.7	13.3	27.5	10.5	21.0

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

	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>								
2018 Q1	<b>540.0</b>	17,300	7.9	17.4	47.1	17.4	10.2	34.7
Q2	<b>541.5</b>	20,100	5.6	10.9	41.8	28.5	13.2	39.3
Q3	<b>536.8</b>	19,100	4.3	11.1	52.5	20.1	12.0	37.1
Q4	<b>553.2</b>	20,900	6.3	10.1	37.8	30.4	15.4	40.3
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>546.0</b>	19,900	4.6	11.7	45.4	25.9	12.4	38.1
<b>Male</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>333.1</b>	11,100	9.2	13.4	46.1	19.1	12.2	36.6
Q2	<b>331.5</b>	12,800	6.4	8.3	39.3	29.5	16.5	41.2
Q3	<b>333.9</b>	12,500	4.8	8.5	49.9	21.6	15.2	39.2
Q4	<b>345.4</b>	13,800	5.1	8.0	35.8	32.2	18.9	42.1
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>335.8</b>	12,700	5.8	8.9	42.7	27.1	15.5	40.1
<b>Female</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>206.9</b>	6,200	5.7	24.0	48.8	14.6	6.9	31.6
Q2	<b>210.0</b>	7,300	4.4	14.9	45.9	26.9	7.9	36.3
Q3	<b>202.9</b>	6,600	3.5	15.4	56.7	17.6	6.8	33.7
Q4	<b>207.8</b>	7,100	8.2	13.7	41.0	27.6	9.5	37.3
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>210.2</b>	7,200	2.8	16.3	49.6	23.9	7.4	35.1

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 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary		
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)		
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2018 Q1	<b>41.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	11.2	1.0	<b>63.2</b>	35.1	13.9	14.2	<b>24.6</b>	
Q2	<b>40.5</b>	<b>8.1</b>	5.9	2.2	<b>60.5</b>	29.1	15.1	16.3	<b>31.4</b>	
Q3	<b>39.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	9.0	2.0	<b>62.6</b>	34.9	13.1	14.6	<b>26.4</b>	
Q4	<b>38.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	10.0	2.6	<b>64.3</b>	34.9	17.6	11.8	<b>23.1</b>	
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>	10.6	2.2	<b>67.3</b>	38.4	15.8	13.1	<b>19.9</b>	
<b>Male</b>										
2018 Q1	<b>18.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>	13.3	1.1	<b>65.6</b>	41.1	12.8	11.7	<b>20.0</b>	
Q2	<b>18.5</b>	<b>9.7</b>	5.4	4.3	<b>65.4</b>	40.5	8.7	16.2	<b>24.9</b>	
Q3	<b>15.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	8.2	2.5	<b>68.4</b>	43.0	12.7	12.7	<b>20.9</b>	
Q4	<b>14.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	7.4	2.7	<b>69.6</b>	40.6	15.5	13.5	<b>20.3</b>	
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	12.1	2.3	<b>68.9</b>	49.4	10.3	9.2	<b>16.7</b>	
<b>Female</b>										
2018 Q1	<b>23.0</b>	<b>10.4</b>	9.5	0.9	<b>61.3</b>	30.4	14.8	16.1	<b>28.3</b>	
Q2	<b>22.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	6.4	0.4	<b>56.4</b>	19.5	20.5	16.4	<b>36.8</b>	
Q3	<b>24.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	9.6	1.7	<b>58.7</b>	29.6	13.3	15.8	<b>30.0</b>	
Q4	<b>23.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>	11.6	2.6	<b>60.9</b>	31.3	18.9	10.7	<b>24.9</b>	
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>11.7</b>	9.5	2.2	<b>66.1</b>	30.0	20.0	16.1	<b>22.2</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployment by age, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

		In Thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2018 Q1	<b>41.0</b>	19.3	19.0	2.7
	Q2	<b>40.5</b>	21.5	17.7	1.3
	Q3	<b>39.8</b>	19.3	19.1	1.4
	Q4	<b>38.1</b>	17.9	18.1	2.1
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>40.4</b>	18.2	19.9	2.3
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Male</b>					
	2018 Q1	<b>18.0</b>	9.2	7.4	1.4
	Q2	<b>18.5</b>	10.9	7.0	0.6
	Q3	<b>15.8</b>	8.5	6.9	0.4
	Q4	<b>14.8</b>	8.2	5.5	1.1
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>17.4</b>	8.1	8.4	0.9
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Female</b>					
	2018 Q1	<b>23.0</b>	10.1	11.6	1.3
	Q2	<b>22.0</b>	10.6	10.7	0.7
	Q3	<b>24.0</b>	10.8	12.2	1.0
	Q4	<b>23.3</b>	9.7	12.6	1.0
	2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.0</b>	10.1	11.5	1.4
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry *					
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>41.0</b>	14.7	26.3	15.6	13.3	20.9	12.5	37.7
Q2	<b>40.5</b>	13.8	26.7	8.2	8.6	24.3	14.2	44.7
Q3	<b>39.8</b>	13.6	26.2	17.2	3.4	23.7	14.9	40.8
Q4	<b>38.1</b>	12.3	25.8	14.3	7.4	22.5	16.3	39.5
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>40.4</b>	13.4	27.0	13.0	10.0	20.7	19.6	36.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>					
<b>Male</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>18.0</b>	6.0	12.0	15.0	24.2	13.3	10.8	36.7
Q2	<b>18.5</b>	6.0	12.5	8.8	16.8	20.0	12.0	42.4
Q3	<b>15.8</b>	4.4	11.4	18.4	7.0	25.4	9.6	39.6
Q4	<b>14.8</b>	4.9	9.9	14.1	18.2	17.2	19.2	31.3
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>17.4</b>	5.2	12.2	8.2	21.3	12.3	22.1	36.1
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>					
<b>Female</b>								
2018 Q1	<b>23.0</b>	8.7	14.3	16.1	4.2	27.3	14.0	38.4
Q2	<b>22.0</b>	7.8	14.2	7.7	1.4	28.2	16.2	46.5
Q3	<b>24.0</b>	9.2	14.8	16.2	0.7	22.3	18.9	41.9
Q4	<b>23.3</b>	7.4	15.9	14.5	0.6	25.8	14.5	44.6
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.0</b>	8.2	14.8	16.9	0.7	27.7	17.6	37.1
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>					

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

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 1st Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019**

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2018 Q1	<b>988.6</b>	407.6	40.7	27.8	17.7	9.2	4.6
Q2	<b>991.6</b>	409.6	41.5	26.8	18.2	8.8	4.7
Q3	<b>990.7</b>	414.1	41.0	27.7	19.8	8.0	3.5
Q4	<b>992.8</b>	401.5	39.4	29.0	20.0	9.1	2.5
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>993.8</b>	407.4	39.1	29.0	18.4	9.1	4.4
<b>Male</b>							
2018 Q1	<b>481.8</b>	130.7	0.4	48.2	26.8	16.7	7.9
Q2	<b>483.6</b>	133.6	0.6	48.6	27.3	15.5	8.0
Q3	<b>482.5</b>	132.8	0.4	49.3	29.7	14.0	6.6
Q4	<b>483.4</b>	123.2	0.8	51.1	30.8	14.3	3.0
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>484.0</b>	130.8	0.3	48.9	27.3	17.4	6.1
<b>Female</b>							
2018 Q1	<b>506.8</b>	276.9	59.8	18.1	13.4	5.7	3.0
Q2	<b>508.0</b>	276.0	61.3	16.3	13.7	5.6	3.1
Q3	<b>508.2</b>	281.3	60.2	17.5	15.1	5.2	2.0
Q4	<b>509.4</b>	278.3	56.4	19.2	15.2	6.9	2.3
2019 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>509.8</b>	276.6	57.5	19.6	14.2	5.2	3.5

<sup>1</sup> Provisional