

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Second 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 second quarter of 2019, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 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

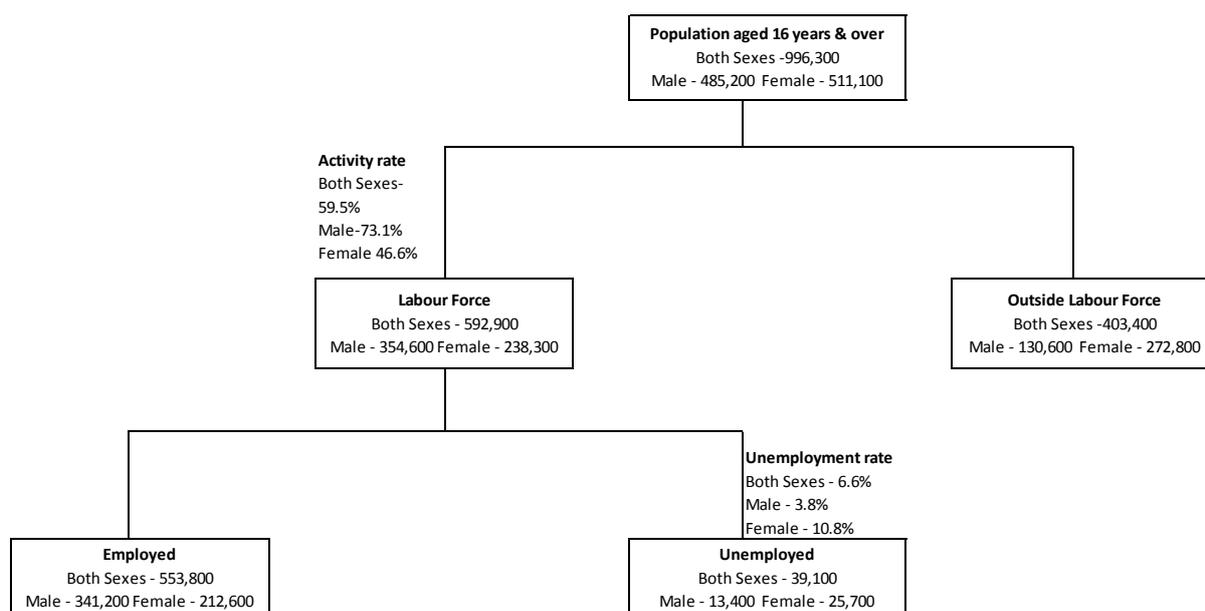
	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Change	
				Q2 2018 to Q2 2019	Q1 2019 to Q2 2019
Population (aged 16+)	991,600	993,800	996,300	+4,700	+2,500
Labour Force (Economically active)	582,000	586,400	592,900	+10,900	+6,500
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>541,500</i>	<i>546,000</i>	<i>553,800</i>	<i>+12,300</i>	<i>+7,800</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>40,500</i>	<i>40,400</i>	<i>39,100</i>	<i>-1,400</i>	<i>-1,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	409,600	407,400	403,400	-6,200	-4,000
Activity rate (%)	58.7	59.0	59.5	+0.8	+0.5
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.6	-0.4	-0.3
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	6.7	6.4	6.3	-0.4	-0.1
Youth unemployment	21,500	18,200	16,100	-5,400	-2,100
Youth unemployment rate (%)	27.5	23.4	21.3	-6.2	-2.1

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, second quarter 2019

- Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, there has been an increase in the labour force (+10,900), with a rise in employment (+12,300) and a fall in unemployment (-1,400). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 6,200 during the same period.
- Compared with the previous quarter, labour force increased by 6,500 with an increase in employment (+7,800) and a fall in unemployment (-1,300). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 4,000 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 2nd quarter 2019



Labour force participation

	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Change	
				Q2 2018 to Q2 2019	Q1 2019 to Q2 2019
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	58.7	59.0	59.5	+0.8	+0.5
Male	72.4	73.0	73.1	+0.7	+0.1
Female	45.7	45.7	46.6	+0.9	+0.9

- The activity rate for second quarter 2019 rose by 0.8 percentage point to 59.5% from 58.7% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate increased by 0.7 percentage point to 73.1% and the female rate increased by 0.9 percentage point to 46.6%.

6. Compared to the previous quarter, the activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage point. The male activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 73.0% to 73.1% and the female activity rate increased by 0.9 percentage point from 45.7% to 46.6%.

Employment

	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Change	
				Q2 2018 to Q2 2019	Q1 2019 to Q2 2019
Employment					
Both sexes	541,500	546,000	553,800	+12,300	+7,800
Male	331,500	335,800	341,200	+9,700	+5,400
Female	210,000	210,200	212,600	+2,600	+2,400

7. From second quarter 2018 to second quarter 2019, employment increased by 12,300 to 553,800; both male and female employment increased by 9,700 and 2,600 respectively.

8. Compared to the previous quarter, employment increased by 7,800; both male and female employment increased by 5,400 and 2,400 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Change	
				Q2 2018 to Q2 2019	Q1 2019 to Q2 2019
Unemployment					
Both sexes	40,500	40,400	39,100	-1,400	-1,300
Male	18,500	17,400	13,400	-5,100	-4,000
Female	22,000	23,000	25,700	+3,700	+2,700
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	7.0	6.9	6.6	-0.4	-0.3
Male	5.3	4.9	3.8	-1.5	-1.1
Female	9.5	9.9	10.8	+1.3	+0.9

2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

9. From second quarter 2018 to second quarter 2019, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,400; male unemployment decreased by 5,100 while female unemployment increased by 3,700.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point from 7.0% in second quarter 2018 to 6.6% in second quarter 2019. Male unemployment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points to 3.8% while female unemployment rate increased by 1.3 percentage point to 10.8%.

1st Quarter 2019 to 2nd Quarter 2019

11. When compared with the first quarter of 2019, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,300 with a decrease of 4,000 among males and an increase of 2,700 among females.
12. From first quarter 2019 to second quarter 2019, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from 6.9% to 6.6%. Male unemployment rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points from 4.9% to 3.8% while female unemployment rate increased by 0.9 percentage point from 9.9% to 10.8%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Change	
				Q2 2018	Q1 2019
				to	to
				Q2 2019	Q2 2019
Youth unemployment					
Both sexes	21,500	18,200	16,100	-5,400	-2,100
Male	10,900	8,100	6,100	-4,800	-2,000
Female	10,600	10,100	10,000	-600	-100
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	27.5	23.4	21.3	-6.2	-2.1
Male	25.7	18.3	14.3	-11.4	-4.0
Female	29.6	30.1	30.3	+0.7	+0.2

13. At the second quarter 2019, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years numbered 16,100 (6,100 males and 10,000 females) compared to 18,200 (8,100 males and 10,100 females) at the previous quarter and 21,500 (10,900 males and 10,600 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2018.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased from 27.5% to 21.3% in the second quarter of 2019 when compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the

same period, the youth unemployment rate for male decreased by 11.4 percentage points to 14.3% while female youth unemployment rate increased by 0.7 percentage point to 30.3%.

15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 23.4% to 21.3% with decreases of 4.0 percentage points in the male youth unemployment rate while female youth unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2019

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

- (i) The 39,100 unemployed comprised 13,400 males (34%) and 25,700 females (66%).
- (ii) Around 22,200 (57%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (75%) was single compared to 47% among the females.
- (iii) Some 4,300 or 11% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 14,100 (36%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 30,200 (77%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 8,900 (23%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 28,600 (73%) had working experience and 10,500 (27%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vi) Around 16,500 (42%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 8,700 (22%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,600 (41%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) 4,400 or 11% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) 6,200 (16%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2019 was 6.3%, lower than the rates of 6.7% and 6.4% 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 403,400 at the second quarter 2019 compared to 407,400 in the previous quarter and 409,600 in the corresponding quarter of 2018.
19. The population outside labour force comprised 130,600 males and 272,800 females. Among inactive males, around 48% were 'retired or old persons' and 29% were students. Among females, 57% were homemakers; 18% were 'retired or old persons' and 15% were 'students'.

Forecasts of Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2019¹

20. Based on CMPHS data for 2018 and first semester of 2019, forecasts of employment and unemployment for 2019 are as follows:

	Year 2018	Year 2019 ¹	Change
Employment	543,700	549,500	+5,800 ²
Unemployment	40,100	39,800	-300
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.8	-0.1

¹Forecasts ²please 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, 2nd quarter 2018 – 2nd quarter 2019

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 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	586,400	6,000	574,600	598,200
	Q2 ¹	592,900	6,200	580,700	605,100
Employment					
	2018 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	546,000	6,100	534,000	558,000
	Q2 ¹	553,800	6,300	541,400	566,200
Unemployment					
	2018 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	40,400	2,500	35,600	45,200
	Q2 ¹	39,100	2,500	34,200	44,000
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 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	6.9	0.5	6.0	7.8
	Q2 ¹	6.6	0.4	5.8	7.4
Activity rate, %					
	2018 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	59.0	0.6	57.7	60.3
	Q2 ¹	59.5	0.6	58.3	60.8

¹ Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd quarter 2018 – 2nd quarter 2019

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 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	353,200	3,700	345,900	360,500
	Q2 ¹	354,600	3,900	347,000	362,200
Employment					
	2018 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	335,800	3,900	328,200	343,400
	Q2 ¹	341,200	4,000	333,300	349,000
Unemployment					
	2018 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	17,400	1,600	14,200	20,600
	Q2 ¹	13,400	1,400	10,600	16,200
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 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	4.9	0.5	4.0	5.9
	Q2 ¹	3.8	0.4	3.0	4.6
Activity rate, %					
	2018 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	73.0	0.8	71.4	74.6
	Q2 ¹	73.1	0.8	71.5	74.6

¹ Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd quarter 2018 – 2nd quarter 2019

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 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	233,200	4,400	224,500	241,900
	Q2 ¹	238,300	4,600	229,300	247,300
Employment					
	2018 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	210,200	4,400	201,600	218,800
	Q2 ¹	212,600	4,600	203,700	221,500
Unemployment					
	2018 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	23,000	1,800	19,400	26,600
	Q2 ¹	25,700	2,000	21,700	29,700
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 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	9.9	0.8	8.3	11.4
	Q2 ¹	10.8	0.8	9.2	12.4
Activity rate, %					
	2018 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	45.7	0.9	43.9	47.6
	Q2 ¹	46.6	0.9	44.8	48.4

¹ Provisional

Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment rate and activity rate from 2nd quarter 2015 to 2nd quarter 2019.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 2nd quarter 2015 – 2nd quarter 2019

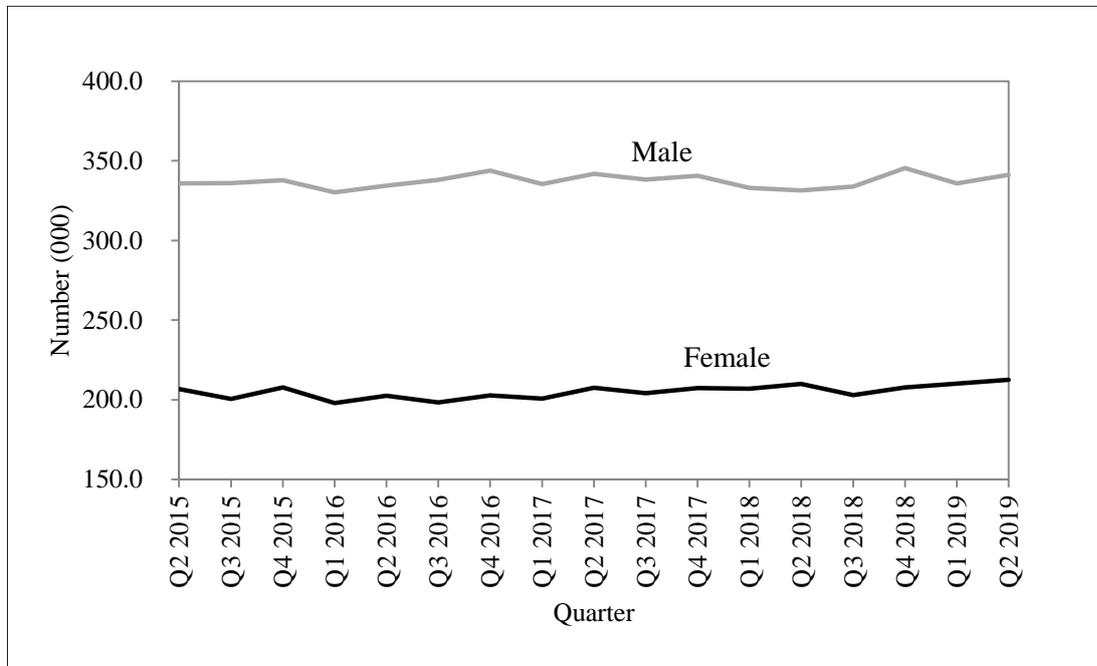


Chart 3: Unemployment rate by quarter, 2nd quarter 2015 – 2nd quarter 2019

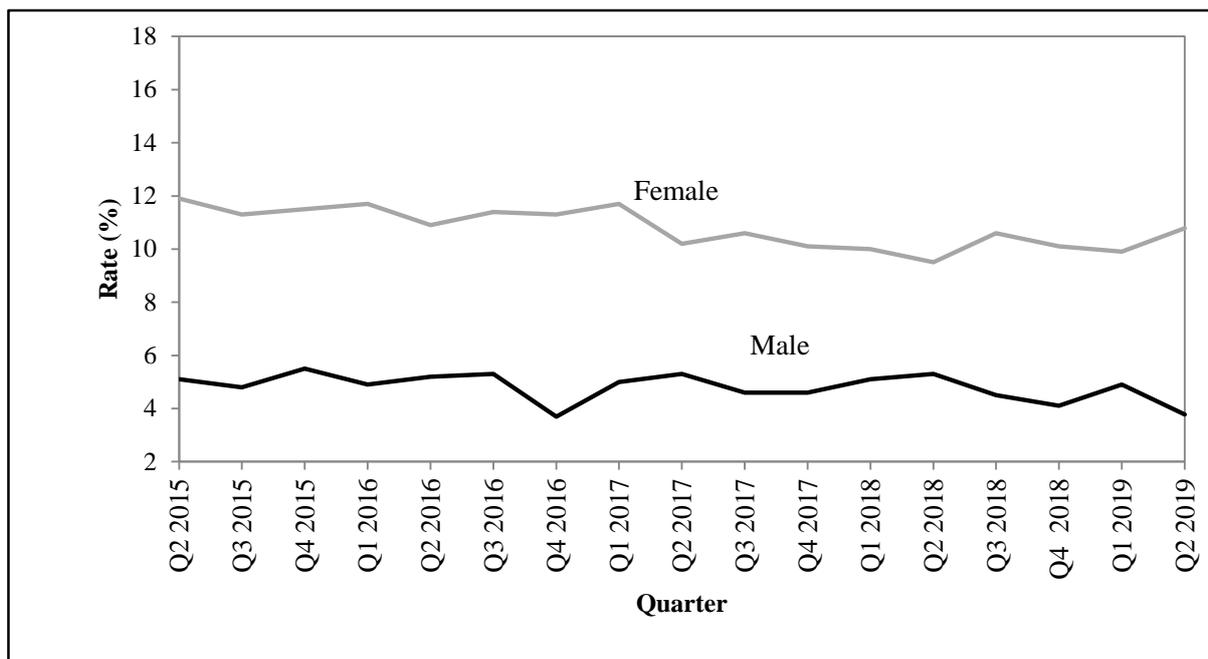
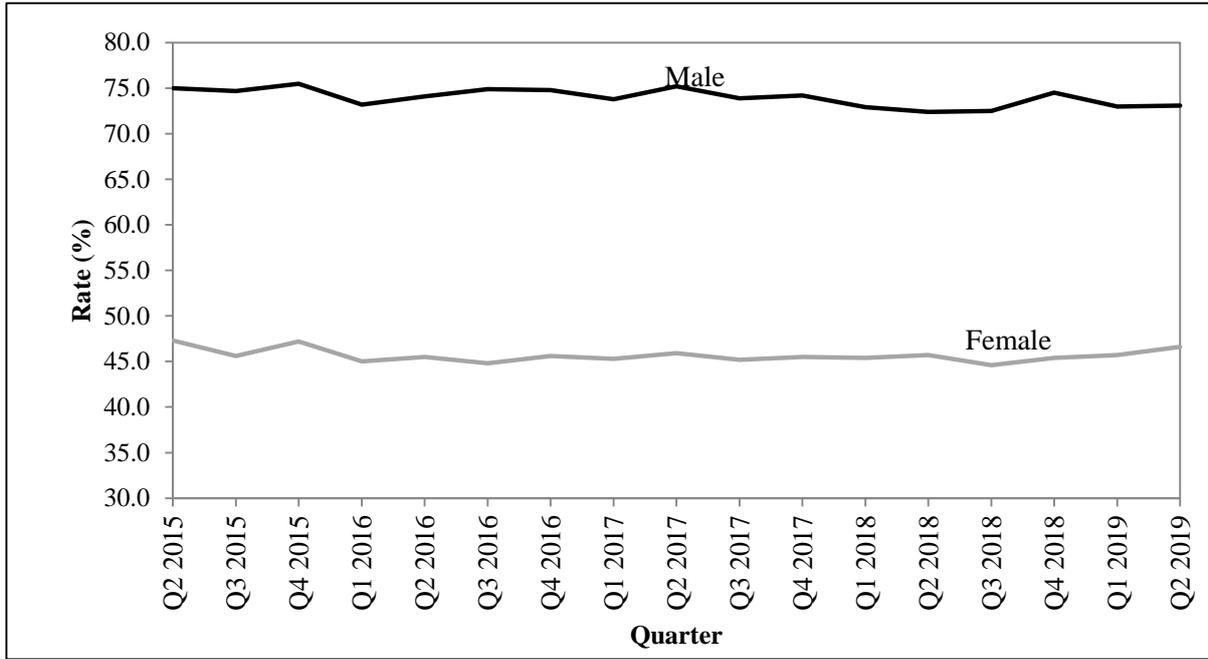


Chart 4: Activity rate by quarter, 2nd quarter 2015 – 2nd quarter 2019



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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 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 ¹	
	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)	(%)
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	586.9	28.4	615.3	316.9	256.6	573.5	545.1	41.8	7.1
2018	583.8	29.4	613.2	320.0	253.1	573.1	543.7	40.1	6.9
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	356.6	20.0	376.6	194.8	164.6	359.4	339.4	17.2	4.8
2018	352.8	21.3	374.1	196.0	161.4	357.4	336.1	16.7	4.7
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	230.3	8.4	238.7	122.1	92.0	214.1	205.7	24.6	10.7
2018	231.0	8.1	239.1	124.0	91.7	215.7	207.6	23.4	10.1

¹ 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, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd 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			
Both sexes									
2018 Q2	991.6	430.5	18.3	83.4	9.3	541.5	40.5	582.0	409.6
Q3	990.7	435.1	17.9	74.4	9.4	536.8	39.8	576.6	414.1
Q4	992.8	445.5	19.5	76.5	11.7	553.2	38.1	591.3	401.5
2019 Q1	993.8	431.9	18.4	84.0	11.7	546.0	40.4	586.4	407.4
Q2 ¹	996.3	442.2	17.9	81.2	12.5	553.8	39.1	592.9	403.4
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3	2.4	-2.7	-3.3	6.8	1.4	-3.2	1.1	-1.0
same quarter a year ago	0.5	2.7	-2.2	-2.6	34.4	2.3	-3.5	1.9	-1.5
Male									
2018 Q2	483.6	251.3	14.8	63.1	2.3	331.5	18.5	350.0	133.6
Q3	482.5	259.8	14.7	56.9	2.5	333.9	15.8	349.7	132.8
Q4	483.4	265.2	17.1	59.3	3.8	345.4	14.8	360.2	123.2
2019 Q1	484.0	251.9	16.1	64.2	3.6	335.8	17.4	353.2	130.8
Q2 ¹	485.2	260.8	14.4	62.1	3.9	341.2	13.4	354.6	130.6
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.2	3.5	-10.6	-3.3	8.3	1.6	-23.0	0.4	-0.2
same quarter a year ago	0.3	3.8	-2.7	-1.6	69.6	2.9	-27.6	1.3	-2.2
Female									
2018 Q2	508.0	179.2	3.5	20.3	7.0	210.0	22.0	232.0	276.0
Q3	508.2	175.3	3.2	17.5	6.9	202.9	24.0	226.9	281.3
Q4	509.4	180.3	2.4	17.2	7.9	207.8	23.3	231.1	278.3
2019 Q1	509.8	180.0	2.3	19.8	8.1	210.2	23.0	233.2	276.6
Q2 ¹	511.1	181.4	3.5	19.1	8.6	212.6	25.7	238.3	272.8
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3	0.8	52.2	-3.5	6.2	1.1	11.7	2.2	-1.4
same quarter a year ago	0.6	1.2	0.0	-5.9	22.9	1.2	16.8	2.7	-1.2

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2019¹**In thousands**

	Mauritian aged	Age group (years)				
	16 and over	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	553.8	59.5	66.9	133.3	134.2	159.9
Unemployed	39.1	16.1	7.5	7.9	4.9	2.7
Labour force	592.9	75.6	74.4	141.2	139.1	162.6
Economically inactive	403.4	93.7	13.1	28.4	33.0	235.2
Total Population	996.3	169.3	87.5	169.6	172.1	397.8
Employment rate (%)	93.4	78.7	89.9	94.4	96.5	98.3
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	21.3	10.1	5.6	3.5	1.7
Activity rate (%)	59.5	44.7	85.0	83.3	80.8	40.9
Male						
In employment	341.2	36.5	37.8	77.5	80.9	108.5
Unemployed	13.4	6.1	2.7	2.2	1.0	1.4
Labour force	354.6	42.6	40.5	79.7	81.9	109.9
Economically inactive	130.6	42.7	3.0	4.5	4.6	75.8
Total Population	485.2	85.3	43.5	84.2	86.5	185.7
Employment rate (%)	96.2	85.7	93.3	97.2	98.8	98.7
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	14.3	6.7	2.8	1.2	1.3
Activity rate (%)	73.1	49.9	93.1	94.7	94.7	59.2
Female						
In employment	212.6	23.0	29.1	55.8	53.3	51.4
Unemployed	25.7	10.0	4.8	5.7	3.9	1.3
Labour force	238.3	33.0	33.9	61.5	57.2	52.7
Economically inactive	272.8	51.0	10.1	23.9	28.4	159.4
Total Population	511.1	84.0	44.0	85.4	85.6	212.1
Employment rate (%)	89.2	69.7	85.8	90.7	93.2	97.5
Unemployment rate (%)	10.8	30.3	14.2	9.3	6.8	2.5
Activity rate (%)	46.6	39.3	77.0	72.0	66.8	24.8

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

	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								
2018 Q2	541.5	6.4	22.3	71.3	11.7	9.7	16.5	54.9
Q3	536.8	6.3	23.7	70.0	12.4	10.2	14.3	55.8
Q4	553.2	6.6	26.2	67.2	15.1	10.3	15.9	51.3
2019 Q1	546.0	6.5	23.9	69.6	13.1	10.1	15.9	53.7
Q2 ²	553.8	5.1	22.2	72.7	12.0	9.2	17.0	55.8
Male								
2018 Q2	331.5	7.7	27.7	64.6	11.2	15.3	15.1	49.4
Q3	333.9	7.5	28.4	64.1	11.2	15.8	13.4	50.6
Q4	345.4	8.0	30.9	61.1	13.8	15.9	15.3	45.8
2019 Q1	335.8	7.9	29.8	62.3	12.9	15.9	14.8	47.5
Q2 ²	341.2	6.4	28.4	65.2	12.5	14.5	15.4	49.8
Female								
2018 Q2	210.0	4.3	13.7	82.0	12.5	0.9	18.6	63.4
Q3	202.9	4.3	15.9	79.8	14.4	0.9	15.6	64.2
Q4	207.8	4.3	18.3	77.4	17.2	0.9	17.0	60.4
2019 Q1	210.2	4.1	14.5	81.4	13.5	0.8	17.6	63.7
Q2 ²	212.6	2.9	12.1	85.0	11.3	0.6	19.5	65.5

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

		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							
2018	Q2	541.5	25.2	8.7	22.4	28.1	15.6
	Q3	536.8	25.4	9.2	19.5	29.6	16.3
	Q4	553.2	24.2	8.2	21.0	29.8	16.8
2019	Q1	546.0	23.6	7.9	23.1	29.4	16.0
	Q2 ²	553.8	26.4	8.1	23.4	26.3	15.8
Male							
2018	Q2	331.5	23.9	4.5	20.0	39.6	12.0
	Q3	333.9	24.3	5.7	17.3	40.6	12.1
	Q4	345.4	22.2	5.2	18.2	40.3	14.1
2019	Q1	335.8	21.1	4.5	20.3	41.3	12.8
	Q2 ²	341.2	23.8	5.6	21.3	36.8	12.5
Female							
2018	Q2	210.0	27.2	15.4	26.2	9.9	21.3
	Q3	202.9	27.2	15.1	23.2	11.3	23.2
	Q4	207.8	27.7	13.0	25.6	12.2	21.5
2019	Q1	210.2	27.7	13.3	27.5	10.5	21.0
	Q2 ²	212.6	30.5	12.2	26.8	9.5	21.0

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd 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	
Both sexes								
2018 Q2	541.5	20,100	5.6	10.9	41.8	28.5	13.2	39.3
Q3	536.8	19,100	4.3	11.1	52.5	20.1	12.0	37.1
Q4	553.2	20,900	6.3	10.1	37.8	30.4	15.4	40.3
2019 Q1	546.0	19,900	4.6	11.7	45.4	25.9	12.4	38.1
Q2 ¹	553.8	21,100	3.8	10.8	42.2	29.3	13.9	39.6
Male								
2018 Q2	331.5	12,800	6.4	8.3	39.3	29.5	16.5	41.2
Q3	333.9	12,500	4.8	8.5	49.9	21.6	15.2	39.2
Q4	345.4	13,800	5.1	8.0	35.8	32.2	18.9	42.1
2019 Q1	335.8	12,700	5.8	8.9	42.7	27.1	15.5	40.1
Q2 ¹	341.2	13,500	4.6	8.6	38.1	31.7	17.0	41.5
Female								
2018 Q2	210.0	7,300	4.4	14.9	45.9	26.9	7.9	36.3
Q3	202.9	6,600	3.5	15.4	56.7	17.6	6.8	33.7
Q4	207.8	7,100	8.2	13.7	41.0	27.6	9.5	37.3
2019 Q1	210.2	7,200	2.8	16.3	49.6	23.9	7.4	35.1
Q2 ¹	212.6	7,600	2.5	14.4	48.8	25.5	8.8	36.6

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 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)	
Both sexes										
2018 Q2	40.5	8.1	5.9	2.2	60.5	29.1	15.1	16.3	31.4	
Q3	39.8	11.0	9.0	2.0	62.6	34.9	13.1	14.6	26.4	
Q4	38.1	12.6	10.0	2.6	64.3	34.9	17.6	11.8	23.1	
2019 Q1	40.4	12.8	10.6	2.2	67.3	38.4	15.8	13.1	19.9	
Q2 ¹	39.1	14.0	11.0	3.0	65.0	33.0	19.2	12.8	21.0	
Male										
2018 Q2	18.5	9.7	5.4	4.3	65.4	40.5	8.7	16.2	24.9	
Q3	15.8	10.7	8.2	2.5	68.4	43.0	12.7	12.7	20.9	
Q4	14.8	10.1	7.4	2.7	69.6	40.6	15.5	13.5	20.3	
2019 Q1	17.4	14.4	12.1	2.3	68.9	49.4	10.3	9.2	16.7	
Q2 ¹	13.4	14.2	10.5	3.7	63.4	41.8	9.7	11.9	22.4	
Female										
2018 Q2	22.0	6.8	6.4	0.4	56.4	19.5	20.5	16.4	36.8	
Q3	24.0	11.3	9.6	1.7	58.7	29.6	13.3	15.8	30.0	
Q4	23.3	14.2	11.6	2.6	60.9	31.3	18.9	10.7	24.9	
2019 Q1	23.0	11.7	9.5	2.2	66.1	30.0	20.0	16.1	22.2	
Q2 ¹	25.7	14.0	11.3	2.7	65.8	28.5	24.1	13.2	20.2	

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Table 7: Unemployment by age, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

		In Thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2018 Q2	40.5	21.5	17.7	1.3
	Q3	39.8	19.3	19.1	1.4
	Q4	38.1	17.9	18.1	2.1
	2019 Q1	40.4	18.2	19.9	2.3
	Q2 ¹	39.1	16.1	20.3	2.7
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.3	-2.1	0.4	0.4
	same quarter a year ago	-1.4	-5.4	2.6	1.4
Male					
	2018 Q2	18.5	10.9	7.0	0.6
	Q3	15.8	8.5	6.9	0.4
	Q4	14.8	8.2	5.5	1.1
	2019 Q1	17.4	8.1	8.4	0.9
	Q2 ¹	13.4	6.1	5.9	1.4
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-4.0	-2.0	-2.5	0.5
	same quarter a year ago	-5.1	-4.8	-1.1	0.8
Female					
	2018 Q2	22.0	10.6	10.7	0.7
	Q3	24.0	10.8	12.2	1.0
	Q4	23.3	9.7	12.6	1.0
	2019 Q1	23.0	10.1	11.5	1.4
	Q2 ¹	25.7	10.0	14.4	1.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	2.7	-0.1	2.9	-0.1
	same quarter a year ago	3.7	-0.6	3.7	0.6

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Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 2nd Quarter 2018 to 2nd 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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2018 Q2	40.5	13.8	26.7	8.2	8.6	24.3	14.2	44.7
Q3	39.8	13.6	26.2	17.2	3.4	23.7	14.9	40.8
Q4	38.1	12.3	25.8	14.3	7.4	22.5	16.3	39.5
2019 Q1	40.4	13.4	27.0	13.0	10.0	20.7	19.6	36.7
Q2 ¹	39.1	10.5	28.6	12.9	8.0	24.5	11.5	43.1
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-1.3	-2.9	1.6					
same quarter a year ago	-1.4	-3.3	1.9					
Male								
2018 Q2	18.5	6.0	12.5	8.8	16.8	20.0	12.0	42.4
Q3	15.8	4.4	11.4	18.4	7.0	25.4	9.6	39.6
Q4	14.8	4.9	9.9	14.1	18.2	17.2	19.2	31.3
2019 Q1	17.4	5.2	12.2	8.2	21.3	12.3	22.1	36.1
Q2 ¹	13.4	3.6	9.8	14.3	23.5	15.3	7.1	39.8
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-4.0	-1.6	-2.4					
same quarter a year ago	-5.1	-2.4	-2.7					
Female								
2018 Q2	22.0	7.8	14.2	7.7	1.4	28.2	16.2	46.5
Q3	24.0	9.2	14.8	16.2	0.7	22.3	18.9	41.9
Q4	23.3	7.4	15.9	14.5	0.6	25.8	14.5	44.6
2019 Q1	23.0	8.2	14.8	16.9	0.7	27.7	17.6	37.1
Q2 ¹	25.7	6.9	18.8	12.2	0.0	29.3	13.8	44.7
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	2.7	-1.3	4.0					
same quarter a year ago	3.7	-0.9	4.6					

* 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 2018 to 2nd Quarter 2019

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2018 Q2	991.6	409.6	41.5	26.8	18.2	8.8	4.7
Q3	990.7	414.1	41.0	27.7	19.8	8.0	3.5
Q4	992.8	401.5	39.4	29.0	20.0	9.1	2.5
2019 Q1	993.8	407.4	39.1	29.0	18.4	9.1	4.4
Q2 ¹	996.3	403.4	38.9	28.2	19.5	9.5	3.9
Male							
2018 Q2	483.6	133.6	0.6	48.6	27.3	15.5	8.0
Q3	482.5	132.8	0.4	49.3	29.7	14.0	6.6
Q4	483.4	123.2	0.8	51.1	30.8	14.3	3.0
2019 Q1	484.0	130.8	0.3	48.9	27.3	17.4	6.1
Q2 ¹	485.2	130.6	0.3	48.5	28.6	16.5	6.1
Female							
2018 Q2	508.0	276.0	61.3	16.3	13.7	5.6	3.1
Q3	508.2	281.3	60.2	17.5	15.1	5.2	2.0
Q4	509.4	278.3	56.4	19.2	15.2	6.9	2.3
2019 Q1	509.8	276.6	57.5	19.6	14.2	5.2	3.5
Q2 ¹	511.1	272.8	57.3	18.5	15.1	6.2	2.9

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