

## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Third 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 third quarter of 2019, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from July to September 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

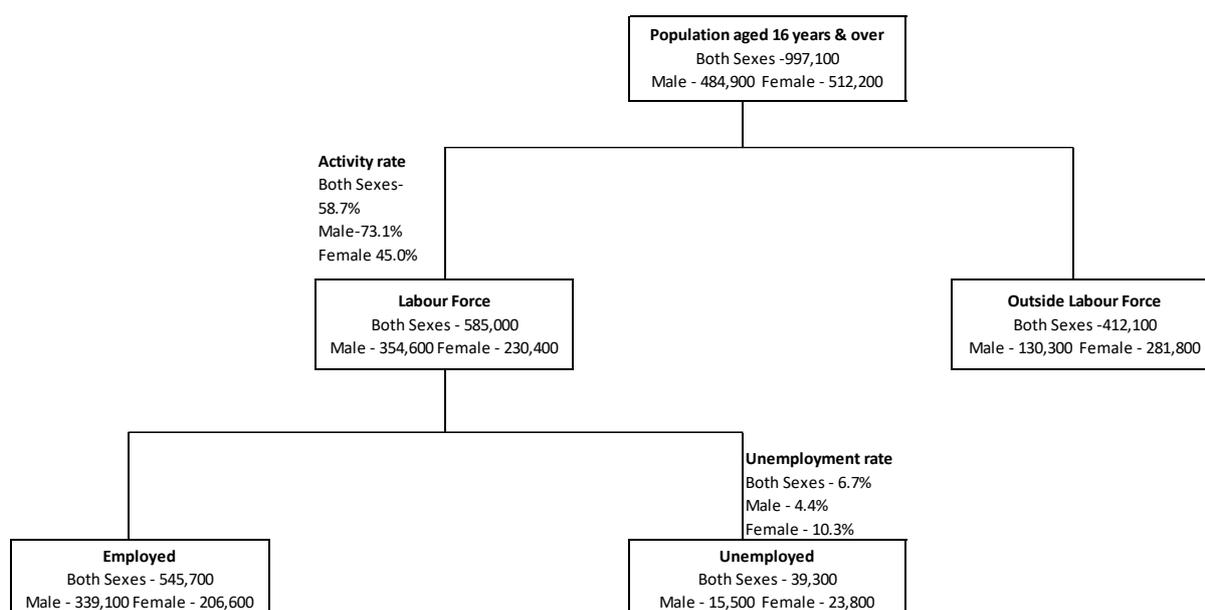
	Q3 2018	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Change	
				Q3 2018 to Q3 2019	Q2 2019 to Q3 2019
Population (aged 16+)	990,700	996,300	997,100	+6,400	+800
Labour Force (Economically active)	576,600	592,900	585,000	+8,400	-7,900
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>536,800</i>	<i>553,800</i>	<i>545,700</i>	<i>+8,900</i>	<i>-8,100</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>39,800</i>	<i>39,100</i>	<i>39,300</i>	<i>-500</i>	<i>+200</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	414,100	403,400	412,100	-2,000	+8,700
Activity rate (%)	58.2	59.5	58.7	+0.5	-0.8
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.6	6.7	-0.2	+0.1
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	7.1	6.3	6.9	-0.2	+0.6
Youth unemployment	19,300	16,100	16,400	-2,900	+300
Youth unemployment rate (%)	25.2	21.3	23.4	-1.8	+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, third quarter 2019

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2018, there has been an increase in the labour force (+8,400), with a rise in employment (+8,900) and a fall in unemployment (-500). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 2,000 during the same period.
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force decreased by 7,900 with a decrease in employment (-8,100) and a rise in unemployment (+200). The number of persons outside labour force increased by 8,700 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019



### Labour force participation

	Q3 2018	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Change	
				Q3 2018 to Q3 2019	Q2 2019 to Q3 2019
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	58.2	59.5	58.7	+0.5	-0.8
Male	72.5	73.1	73.1	+0.6	0.0
Female	44.6	46.6	45.0	+0.4	-1.6

5. The activity rate for third quarter 2019 rose by 0.5 percentage point to 58.7% from 58.2% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate increased by 0.6 percentage point to 73.1% and the female rate increased by 0.4 percentage point to 45.0%.

6. Compared to the previous quarter, the activity rate decreased by 0.8 percentage point. The male activity rate remained unchanged at 73.1% while the female activity rate decreased by 1.6 percentage points from 46.6% to 45.0%.

### Employment

	Q3 2018	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Change	
				Q3 2018 to Q3 2019	Q2 2019 to Q3 2019
Employment					
Both sexes	536,800	553,800	545,700	+8,900	-8,100
Male	333,900	341,200	339,100	+5,200	-2,100
Female	202,900	212,600	206,600	+3,700	-6,000

7. From third quarter 2018 to third quarter 2019, employment increased by 8,900 to 545,700; both male and female employment increased by 5,200 and 3,700 respectively.

8. Compared to the previous quarter, employment decreased by 8,100; both male and female employment decreased by 2,100 and 6,000 respectively.

### Unemployment

	Q3 2018	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Change	
				Q3 2018 to Q3 2019	Q2 2019 to Q3 2019
Unemployment					
Both sexes	39,800	39,100	39,300	-500	+200
Male	15,800	13,400	15,500	-300	+2,100
Female	24,000	25,700	23,800	-200	-1,900
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	6.9	6.6	6.7	-0.2	+0.1
Male	4.5	3.8	4.4	-0.1	+0.6
Female	10.6	10.8	10.3	-0.3	-0.5

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019***

9. From third quarter 2018 to third quarter 2019, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 500; both male unemployment and female unemployment decreased by 300 and 200 respectively.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 6.9% in third quarter 2018 to 6.7% in third quarter 2019. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.4% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point to 10.3%.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019***

11. When compared with the second quarter of 2019, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 200 with an increase of 2,100 among males and a decrease of 1,900 among females.
12. From second quarter 2019 to third quarter 2019, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 6.6% to 6.7%. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage point from 3.8% to 4.4% while female unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point from 10.8% to 10.3%.

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

	<b>Q3 2018</b>	<b>Q2 2019</b>	<b>Q3 2019</b>	<b>Change</b>	
				<b>Q3 2018 to Q3 2019</b>	<b>Q2 2019 to Q3 2019</b>
<b>Youth unemployment</b>					
Both sexes	19,300	16,100	16,400	-2,900	+300
Male	8,500	6,100	8,100	-400	+2,000
Female	10,800	10,000	8,300	-2,500	-1,700
<b>Youth unemployment rate (%)</b>					
Both sexes	25.2	21.3	23.4	-1.8	+2.1
Male	20.4	14.3	19.7	-0.7	+5.4
Female	31.0	30.3	28.6	-2.4	-1.7

13. At the third quarter 2019, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years numbered 16,400 (8,100 males and 8,300 females) compared to 16,100 (6,100 males and 10,000 females) at the previous quarter and 19,300 (8,500 males and 10,800 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2018.

14. The youth unemployment rate decreased from 25.2% to 23.4% in the third quarter of 2019 when compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the same period, the youth unemployment rate for male decreased by 0.7 percentage point to 19.7% while female youth unemployment rate decreased by 2.4 percentage points to 28.6%.
15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate increased from 21.3% to 23.4% with increases of 5.4 percentage points in the male youth unemployment rate and decreases of 1.7 percentage points in the female youth unemployment rate.

***Characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2019***

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2019 were as follows:
- (i) The 39,300 unemployed comprised 15,500 males (39%) and 23,800 females (61%).
  - (ii) Around 23,600 (60%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (83%) was single compared to 45% among the females.
  - (iii) Some 4,200 or 11% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 14,900 (38%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
  - (iv) Around 34,500 (88%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 4,800 (12%) for more than one year.
  - (v) About 28,300 (72%) had working experience and 11,000 (28%) were looking for a job for the first time.
  - (vi) Around 19,800 (50%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
  - (vii) There were 7,700 (20%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,900 (51%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.
  - (viii) 3,300 or 8% of the unemployed were heads of households.
  - (ix) 4,600 (12%) lived in households with no employed persons.

***Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate***

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2019 was 6.9%, lower than the rate of 7.1% at the corresponding quarter of 2018 but higher than the rate of 6.3% at the previous quarter.

## 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 412,100 at the third quarter 2019 compared to 403,400 in the previous quarter and 414,100 in the corresponding quarter of 2018.
19. The population outside labour force comprised 130,300 males and 281,800 females. Among inactive males, around 50% were 'retired or old persons' and 31% were students. Among females, 56% were homemakers; 20% were 'retired or old persons' and 17% were 'students'.

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

20. Based on the results of the survey for the first three quarters of 2019, forecasts of employment and unemployment for 2019 are as follows:

	Year 2018	Year 2019 <sup>1</sup>	Change
Employment	543,700	550,300	+6,600 <sup>2</sup>
Unemployment	40,100	39,200	-900
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.7	-0.2

<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, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error <sup>2</sup>	95% confidence interval <sup>2</sup>	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q2	582,000	12,700	557,000	607,100
	Q3	576,600	11,500	553,800	599,300
	Q4	591,300	11,800	568,100	614,500
	2019 Q1	586,400	11,300	564,100	608,700
	Q2	592,900	11,900	569,400	616,400
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	585,000	10,200	564,900	605,200
Employment					
	2018 Q2	541,500	11,500	518,800	564,200
	Q3	536,800	11,200	514,700	559,000
	Q4	553,200	11,500	530,600	575,800
	2019 Q1	546,000	10,700	524,800	567,100
	Q2	553,800	11,200	531,700	575,900
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	545,700	9,900	526,100	565,300
Unemployment					
	2018 Q2	40,500	2,900	34,900	46,200
	Q3	39,800	2,500	34,700	44,700
	Q4	38,100	2,600	33,000	43,200
	2019 Q1	40,400	2,800	34,900	46,000
	Q2	39,100	2,500	34,100	44,100
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	39,300	2,400	34,600	44,100
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	6.6	0.4	5.8	7.4
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	6.7	0.4	5.9	7.5
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q2	58.7	0.7	57.4	60.0
	Q3	58.2	0.6	56.9	59.5
	Q4	59.6	0.6	58.4	60.7
	2019 Q1	59.0	0.6	57.7	60.3
	Q2	59.5	0.6	58.3	60.8
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	58.7	0.6	57.5	59.8

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error <sup>2</sup>	95% confidence interval <sup>2</sup>	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q2	350,000	8,300	333,600	366,400
	Q3	349,700	7,300	335,300	364,100
	Q4	360,200	7,300	345,700	374,600
	2019 Q1	353,200	7,100	339,200	367,200
	Q2	354,600	7,300	340,200	368,900
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	354,600	6,400	342,000	367,200
Employment					
	2018 Q2	331,500	7,700	316,300	346,700
	Q3	333,900	7,300	319,600	348,300
	Q4	345,400	7,400	330,900	359,800
	2019 Q1	335,800	6,700	322,600	349,000
	Q2	341,200	7,300	326,900	355,500
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	339,100	6,100	327,000	351,100
Unemployment					
	2018 Q2	18,500	1,800	15,100	22,000
	Q3	15,800	1,700	12,500	19,000
	Q4	14,800	1,500	11,800	17,900
	2019 Q1	17,400	1,800	13,800	21,000
	Q2	13,400	1,400	10,600	16,200
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	15,500	1,500	12,500	18,500
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 Q2	5.3	0.5	4.4	6.2
	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	3.8	0.4	3.0	4.6
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	4.4	0.4	3.6	5.2
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q2	72.4	0.8	70.8	73.9
	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	73.1	0.8	71.5	74.6
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	73.1	0.7	71.7	74.6

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error <sup>2</sup>	95% confidence interval <sup>2</sup>	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2018 Q2	232,000	6,400	219,400	244,700
	Q3	226,900	6,500	214,100	239,700
	Q4	231,100	6,300	218,700	243,600
	2019 Q1	233,200	6,500	220,500	245,900
	Q2	238,300	6,800	225,000	251,600
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	230,400	6,200	218,300	242,700
Employment					
	2018 Q2	210,000	5,900	198,400	221,600
	Q3	202,900	6,100	190,900	215,000
	Q4	207,800	6,100	195,800	219,900
	2019 Q1	210,200	6,100	198,100	222,300
	Q2	212,600	6,200	200,300	224,900
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	206,600	6,000	194,800	218,500
Unemployment					
	2018 Q2	22,000	2,000	18,000	26,000
	Q3	24,000	2,000	20,000	28,000
	Q4	23,300	2,100	19,200	27,400
	2019 Q1	23,000	1,900	19,200	26,800
	Q2	25,700	2,100	21,500	29,900
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	23,800	1,800	20,300	27,300
Unemployment rate, %					
	2018 Q2	9.5	0.8	7.9	11.1
	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	10.8	0.8	9.2	12.4
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	10.3	0.8	8.9	11.8
Activity rate, %					
	2018 Q2	45.7	0.9	43.9	47.5
	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	46.6	0.9	44.8	48.4
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	45.0	0.8	43.3	46.7

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

## Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment rate and activity rate from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

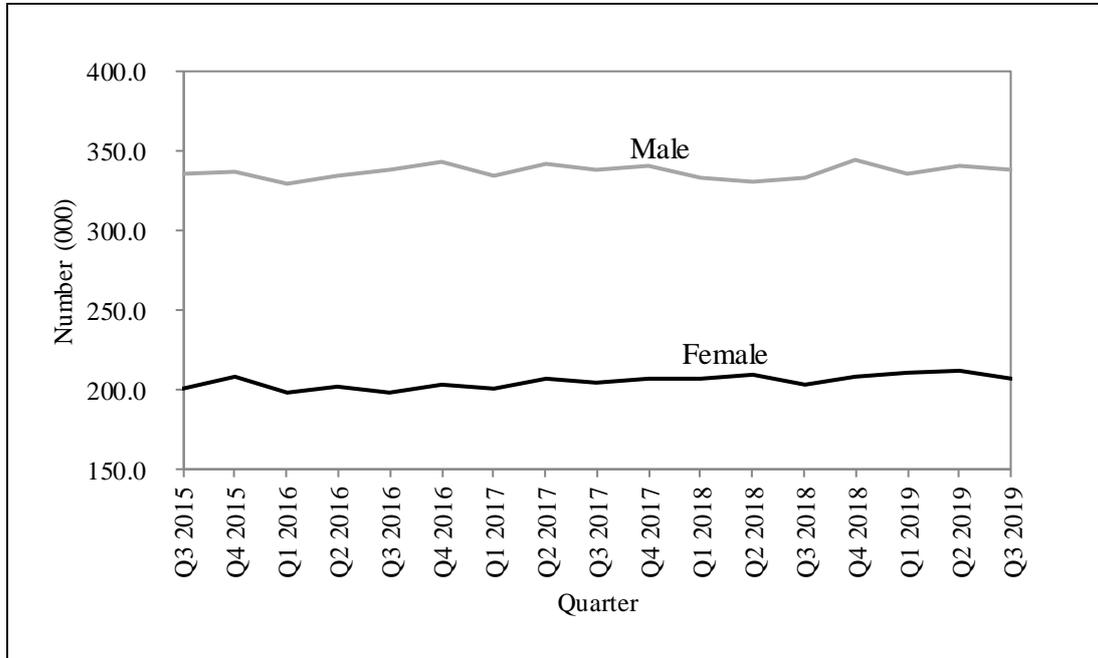


Chart 3: Unemployment rate by quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019

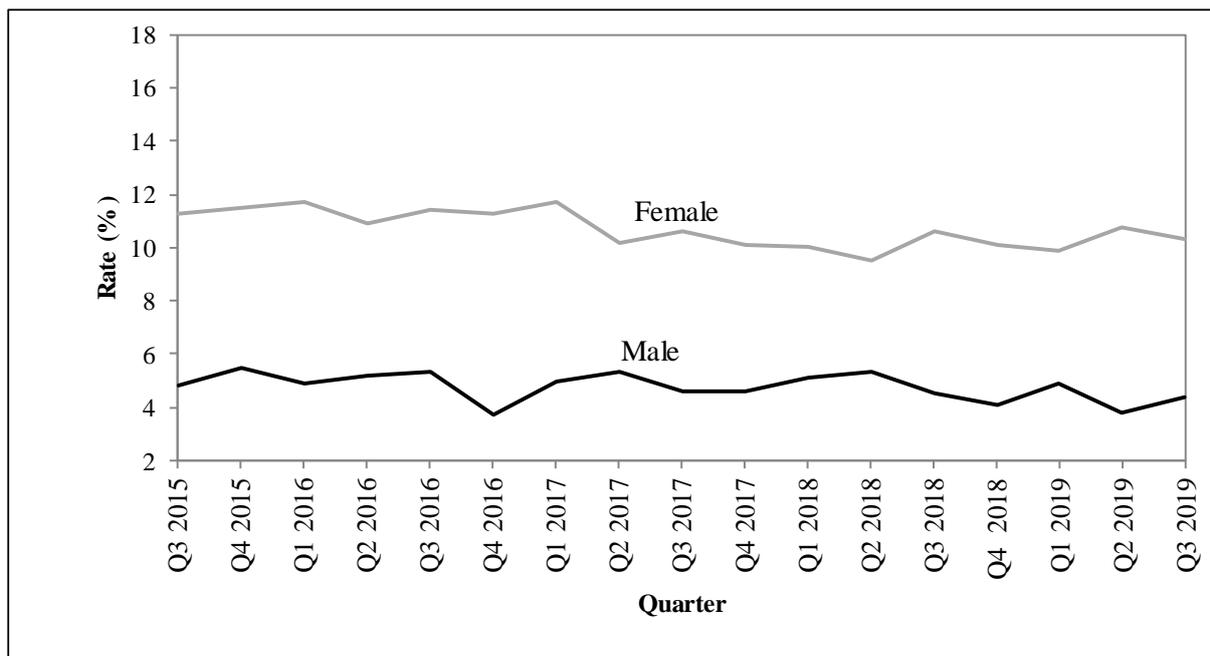
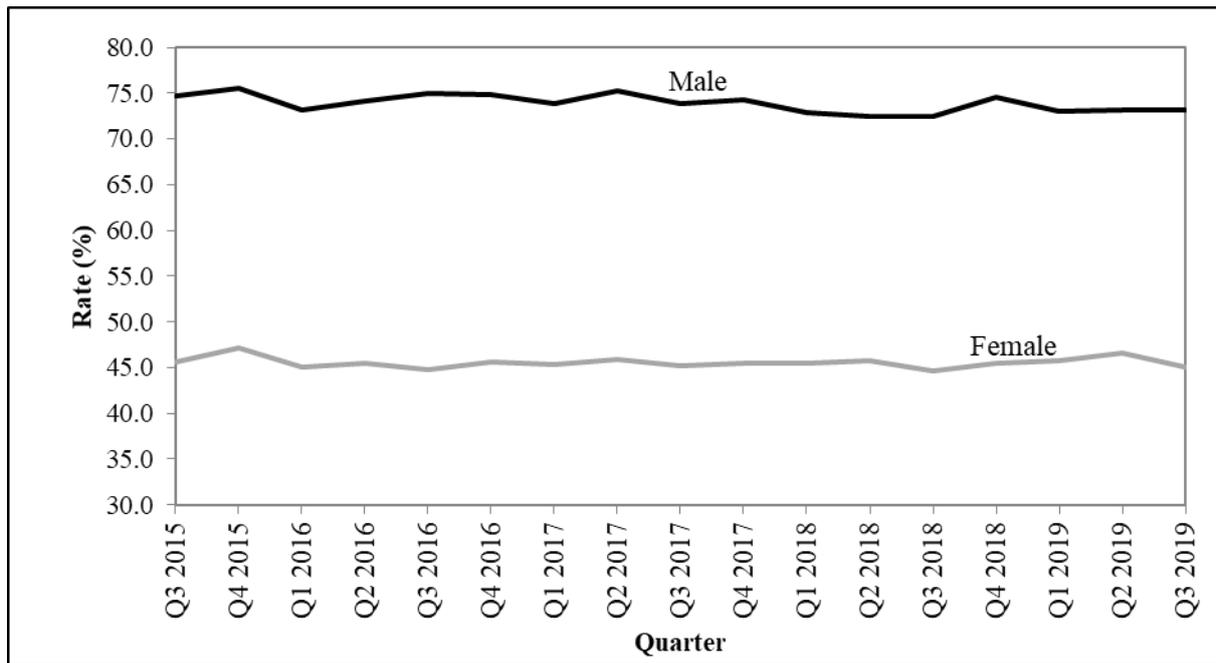


Chart 4: Activity rate by quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019



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 third 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, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<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>
Q2	<b>996.3</b>	442.2	17.9	81.2	12.5	<b>553.8</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>592.9</b>	<b>403.4</b>
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>997.1</b>	446.0	17.9	74.1	7.7	<b>545.7</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>585.0</b>	<b>412.1</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-38.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Male</b>									
2018 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	<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>
Q2	<b>485.2</b>	260.8	14.4	62.1	3.9	<b>341.2</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>354.6</b>	<b>130.6</b>
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>484.9</b>	265.1	15.8	55.4	2.8	<b>339.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>354.6</b>	<b>130.3</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-28.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<b>Female</b>									
2018 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	<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>
Q2	<b>511.1</b>	181.4	3.5	19.1	8.6	<b>212.6</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>238.3</b>	<b>272.8</b>
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>512.2</b>	180.9	2.1	18.7	4.9	<b>206.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>230.4</b>	<b>281.8</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-43.0</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-34.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 3rd Quarter 2019<sup>1</sup>****In thousands**

	Mauritian aged	Age group (years)				
	16 and over	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>						
In employment	<b>545.7</b>	53.8	65.9	134.6	133.7	157.7
Unemployed	<b>39.3</b>	16.4	9.5	7.0	3.7	2.7
Labour force	<b>585.0</b>	70.2	75.4	141.6	137.4	160.4
Economically inactive	<b>412.1</b>	98.6	12.3	27.3	35.3	238.6
Total Population	<b>997.1</b>	168.8	87.7	168.9	172.7	399.0
Employment rate (%)	<b>93.3</b>	76.6	87.4	95.1	97.3	98.3
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>6.7</b>	23.4	12.6	4.9	2.7	1.7
Activity rate (%)	<b>58.7</b>	41.6	86.0	83.8	79.6	40.2
<b>Male</b>						
In employment	<b>339.1</b>	33.1	37.9	78.1	82.5	107.5
Unemployed	<b>15.5</b>	8.1	3.6	2.0	0.6	1.2
Labour force	<b>354.6</b>	41.2	41.5	80.1	83.1	108.7
Economically inactive	<b>130.3</b>	43.7	1.9	3.5	3.6	77.6
Total Population	<b>484.9</b>	84.9	43.4	83.6	86.7	186.3
Employment rate (%)	<b>95.6</b>	80.3	91.3	97.5	99.3	98.9
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>4.4</b>	19.7	8.7	2.5	0.7	1.1
Activity rate (%)	<b>73.1</b>	48.5	95.6	95.8	95.8	58.3
<b>Female</b>						
In employment	<b>206.6</b>	20.7	28.0	56.5	51.2	50.2
Unemployed	<b>23.8</b>	8.3	5.9	5.0	3.1	1.5
Labour force	<b>230.4</b>	29.0	33.9	61.5	54.3	51.7
Economically inactive	<b>281.8</b>	54.9	10.4	23.8	31.7	161.0
Total Population	<b>512.2</b>	83.9	44.3	85.3	86.0	212.7
Employment rate (%)	<b>89.7</b>	71.4	82.6	91.9	94.3	97.1
Unemployment rate (%)	<b>10.3</b>	28.6	17.4	8.1	5.7	2.9
Activity rate (%)	<b>45.0</b>	34.6	76.5	72.1	63.1	24.3

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<b>546.0</b>	6.5	23.9	69.6	13.1	10.1	15.9	53.7
Q2	<b>553.8</b>	5.1	22.2	72.7	12.0	9.2	17.0	55.8
Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>545.7</b>	5.2	23.3	71.5	12.0	10.2	14.9	56.6
<b>Male</b>								
2018 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	<b>335.8</b>	7.9	29.8	62.3	12.9	15.9	14.8	47.5
Q2	<b>341.2</b>	6.4	28.4	65.2	12.5	14.5	15.4	49.8
Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>339.1</b>	6.0	28.5	65.5	11.0	16.0	14.7	50.8
<b>Female</b>								
2018 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	<b>210.2</b>	4.1	14.5	81.4	13.5	0.8	17.6	63.7
Q2	<b>212.6</b>	2.9	12.1	85.0	11.3	0.6	19.5	65.5
Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>206.6</b>	3.9	14.7	81.4	13.8	0.6	15.2	66.2

<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, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<b>546.0</b>	23.6	7.9	23.1	29.4	16.0
	Q2	<b>553.8</b>	26.4	8.1	23.4	26.3	15.8
	Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>545.7</b>	24.2	9.8	21.2	28.2	16.6
<b>Male</b>							
	2018 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	<b>335.8</b>	21.1	4.5	20.3	41.3	12.8
	Q2	<b>341.2</b>	23.8	5.6	21.3	36.8	12.5
	Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>339.1</b>	22.4	6.6	18.9	38.5	13.6
<b>Female</b>							
	2018 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	<b>210.2</b>	27.7	13.3	27.5	10.5	21.0
	Q2	<b>212.6</b>	30.5	12.2	26.8	9.5	21.0
	Q3 <sup>2</sup>	<b>206.6</b>	27.3	15.0	25.1	11.0	21.6

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<b>546.0</b>	19,900	4.6	11.7	45.4	25.9	12.4	38.1
Q2	<b>553.8</b>	21,100	3.8	10.8	42.2	29.3	13.9	39.6
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>545.7</b>	20,000	4.6	10.3	48.0	23.9	13.2	38.4
<b>Male</b>								
2018 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	<b>335.8</b>	12,700	5.8	8.9	42.7	27.1	15.5	40.1
Q2	<b>341.2</b>	13,500	4.6	8.6	38.1	31.7	17.0	41.5
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>339.1</b>	13,100	4.7	7.2	46.4	25.2	16.5	40.5
<b>Female</b>								
2018 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	<b>210.2</b>	7,200	2.8	16.3	49.6	23.9	7.4	35.1
Q2	<b>212.6</b>	7,600	2.5	14.4	48.8	25.5	8.8	36.6
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>206.6</b>	6,900	4.5	15.4	50.7	21.7	7.7	34.9

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

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<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>	
Q2	<b>39.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	11.0	3.0	<b>65.0</b>	33.0	19.2	12.8	<b>21.0</b>	
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>	10.7	5.1	<b>56.2</b>	32.8	12.7	10.7	<b>28.0</b>	
<b>Male</b>										
2018 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	<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>	
Q2	<b>13.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	10.5	3.7	<b>63.4</b>	41.8	9.7	11.9	<b>22.4</b>	
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>14.9</b>	9.7	5.2	<b>65.7</b>	40.6	9.7	15.4	<b>19.4</b>	
<b>Female</b>										
2018 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	<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>	
Q2	<b>25.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>	11.3	2.7	<b>65.8</b>	28.5	24.1	13.2	<b>20.2</b>	
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	11.3	5.0	<b>50.1</b>	27.8	14.7	7.6	<b>33.6</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployment by age, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd Quarter 2019**

		In Thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2018 Q3	<b>39.8</b>	19.3	19.1	1.4
	Q4	<b>38.1</b>	17.9	18.1	2.1
	2019 Q1	<b>40.4</b>	18.2	19.9	2.3
	Q2	<b>39.1</b>	16.1	20.3	2.7
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>39.3</b>	16.4	20.2	2.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Male</b>					
	2018 Q3	<b>15.8</b>	8.5	6.9	0.4
	Q4	<b>14.8</b>	8.2	5.5	1.1
	2019 Q1	<b>17.4</b>	8.1	8.4	0.9
	Q2	<b>13.4</b>	6.1	5.9	1.4
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>15.5</b>	8.1	6.2	1.2
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Female</b>					
	Q3	<b>24.0</b>	10.8	12.2	1.0
	Q4	<b>23.3</b>	9.7	12.6	1.0
	2019 Q1	<b>23.0</b>	10.1	11.5	1.4
	Q2	<b>25.7</b>	10.0	14.4	1.3
	Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.8</b>	8.3	14.0	1.5
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<b>40.4</b>	13.4	27.0	13.0	10.0	20.7	19.6	36.7
Q2	<b>39.1</b>	10.5	28.6	12.9	8.0	24.5	11.5	43.1
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>39.3</b>	11.0	28.3	12.0	7.3	24.5	16.1	40.1
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>					
<b>Male</b>								
2018 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	<b>17.4</b>	5.2	12.2	8.2	21.3	12.3	22.1	36.1
Q2	<b>13.4</b>	3.6	9.8	14.3	23.5	15.3	7.1	39.8
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>15.5</b>	4.1	11.4	9.8	16.9	20.5	19.5	33.3
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>					
<b>Female</b>								
2018 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	<b>23.0</b>	8.2	14.8	16.9	0.7	27.7	17.6	37.1
Q2	<b>25.7</b>	6.9	18.8	12.2	0.0	29.3	13.8	44.7
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.8</b>	6.9	16.9	13.5	0.8	27.2	13.8	44.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>								
previous quarter	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>					
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>2.1</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, 3rd Quarter 2018 to 3rd 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 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	<b>993.8</b>	407.4	39.1	29.0	18.4	9.1	4.4
Q2	<b>996.3</b>	403.4	38.9	28.2	19.5	9.5	3.9
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>997.1</b>	412.1	38.2	29.8	21.2	7.8	3.0
<b>Male</b>							
2018 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	<b>484.0</b>	130.8	0.3	48.9	27.3	17.4	6.1
Q2	<b>485.2</b>	130.6	0.3	48.5	28.6	16.5	6.1
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>484.9</b>	130.3	0.4	50.4	30.7	13.7	4.8
<b>Female</b>							
2018 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	<b>509.8</b>	276.6	57.5	19.6	14.2	5.2	3.5
Q2	<b>511.1</b>	272.8	57.3	18.5	15.1	6.2	2.9
Q3 <sup>1</sup>	<b>512.2</b>	281.8	55.7	20.3	16.8	5.0	2.2

<sup>1</sup> Provisional