

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Second quarter 2021

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 2021, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 2021. 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 the CMPHS with other data sources, are given at Annex 3.

Key figures

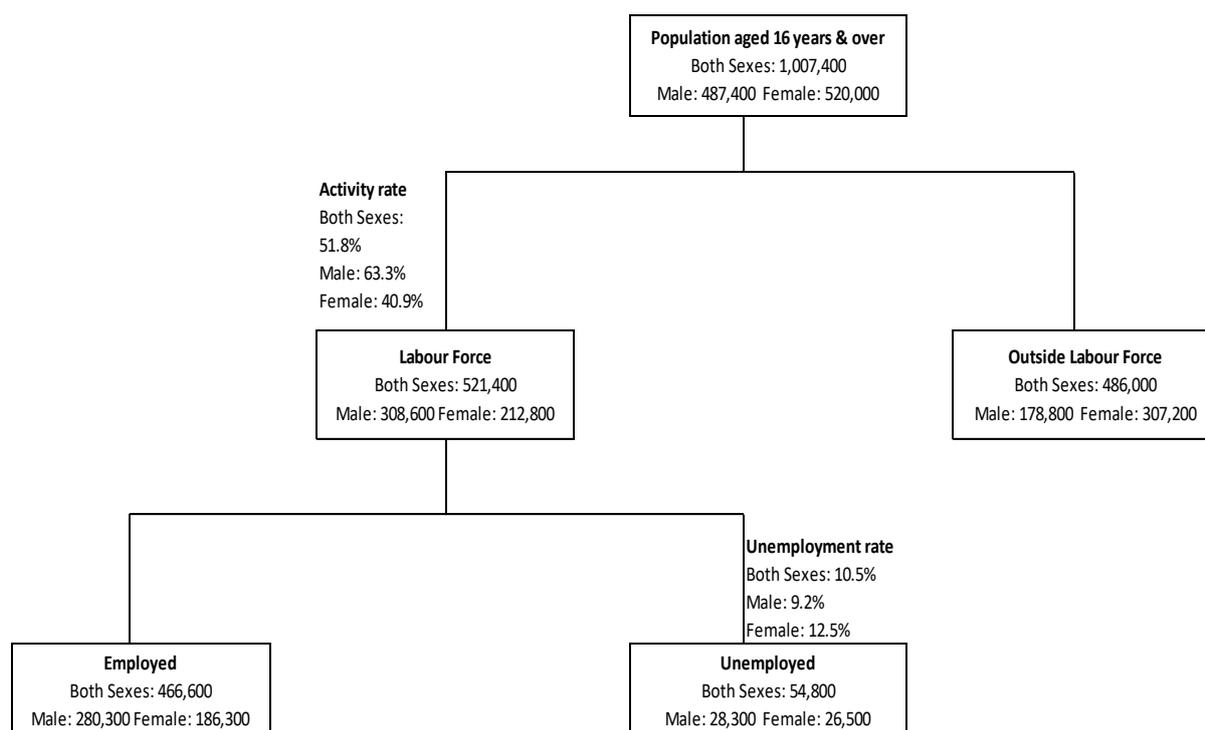
	Q2 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Change	
				Q2 2020 to Q2 2021	Q1 2021 to Q2 2021
Population (aged 16+)	1,002,200	1,004,600	1,007,400	+5,200	+2,800
Labour Force (Economically active)	508,300	534,400	521,400	+13,100	-13,000
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>449,800</i>	<i>481,900</i>	<i>466,600</i>	<i>+16,800</i>	<i>-15,300</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>58,500</i>	<i>52,500</i>	<i>54,800</i>	<i>-3,700</i>	<i>+2,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	493,900	470,200	486,000	-7,900	+15,800
Activity rate (%)	50.7	53.2	51.8	+1.1	-1.4
Unemployment rate (%)	11.5	9.8	10.5	-1.0	+0.7
Youth unemployment	14,000	18,600	17,100	+3,100	-1,500
Youth unemployment rate (%)	24.3	31.5	32.4	+8.1	+0.9

Note: 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 2021

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020, the labour force has increased by 13,100. Employment increased by 16,800 while unemployment decreased by 3,700. The number of persons outside labour force declined by 7,900 during the same period.
4. Compared to the first quarter of 2021, labour force decreased by 13,000 with a fall in employment (-15,300) and a rise in unemployment (+2,300). The number of persons outside labour force increased by 15,800 during the same period.
5. The decrease in employment in the second quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2021 is mainly due to the impact of the lockdown.
6. The increase in the number of persons considered to be outside the labour force is mostly explained by the fact that many individuals, could not work in April 2021 due to the lockdown. According to international classification, since these individuals were not looking for work during the lockdown, they are classified as inactive and not as unemployed.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 2nd Quarter 2021



Labour force participation

	Q2 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Change	
				Q2 2020 to Q2 2021	Q1 2021 to Q2 2021
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	50.7	53.2	51.8	+1.1	-1.4
Male	62.1	64.2	63.3	+1.2	-0.9
Female	39.9	42.9	40.9	+1.0	-2.0

- The activity rate for second quarter 2021 increased by 1.1 percentage points to 51.8% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020. The male activity rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 63.3% and the female activity rate increased by 1.0 percentage point to 40.9%.
- Compared to first quarter 2021, the activity rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points. The male activity rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point and the female activity rate by 2.0 percentage points.

Employment

	Q2 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Change	
				Q2 2020 to Q2 2021	Q1 2021 to Q2 2021
Both sexes	449,800	481,900	466,600	+16,800	-15,300
Male	268,400	285,300	280,300	+11,900	-5,000
Female	181,400	196,600	186,300	+4,900	-10,300

- From second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2021, employment increased by 16,800 to 466,600; male employment increased by 11,900 and female employment increased by 4,900.
- Compared to first quarter 2021, employment decreased by 15,300; both male and female employment decreased by 5,000 and 10,300 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q2 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Change	
				Q2 2020 to Q2 2021	Q1 2021 to Q2 2021
Both sexes	58,500	52,500	54,800	-3,700	+2,300
Male	34,400	26,600	28,300	-6,100	+1,700
Female	24,100	25,900	26,500	+2,400	+600
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	11.5	9.8	10.5	-1.0	+0.7
Male	11.4	8.5	9.2	-2.2	+0.7
Female	11.7	11.6	12.5	+0.8	+0.9

2nd Quarter 2020 to 2nd Quarter 2021

11. From second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2021, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 3,700. Male unemployment decreased by 6,100 while female unemployment increased by 2,400.
12. The unemployment rate decreased by 1.0 percentage point from 11.5% in second quarter 2020 to 10.5% in second quarter 2021. Male unemployment rate declined by 2.2 percentage points to reach 9.2%, while female unemployment went up by 0.8 percentage point to 12.5%.

1st Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2021

13. When compared to first quarter 2021, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 2,300, with increases of 1,700 among males and 600 among females.
14. Total unemployment rate increased by 0.7 percentage point from 9.8% in the first quarter of 2021 to 10.5% in the second quarter of 2021. Male unemployment rate went up by 0.7 percentage point from 8.5% to 9.2%, and female unemployment rate by 0.9 percentage point from 11.6% to 12.5%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q2 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Change	
				Q2 2020 to Q2 2021	Q1 2021 to Q2 2021
Both sexes	14,000	18,600	17,100	+3,100	-1,500
Male	6,500	8,900	9,400	+2,900	+500
Female	7,500	9,700	7,700	+200	-2,000
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	24.3	31.5	32.4	+8.1	+0.9
Male	20.9	29.0	33.8	+12.9	+4.8
Female	28.3	34.2	30.9	+2.6	-3.3

15. At the second quarter of 2021, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 17,100 (9,400 males and 7,700 females) compared to 18,600 (8,900 males and 9,700 females) at the previous quarter and 14,000 (6,500 males and 7,500 females) at the second quarter of 2020.
16. The youth unemployment rate increased in the second quarter of 2021 to 32.4% from 24.3% in the corresponding quarter of 2020. During the same period, the rate for young men increased by 12.9 percentage points to 33.8%, and that for young women increased by 2.6 percentage points to 30.9%.
17. Compared to first quarter 2021, the youth unemployment rate increased from 31.5% to 32.4%, with an increase of 4.8 percentage points for young men compared to a decrease of 3.3 percentage points for young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2021

18. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2021 were as follows:
- (i). The 54,800 unemployed comprised 28,300 males (52%) and 26,500 females (48%).
 - (ii). Around 30,000 (55%) of the unemployed were single; males (63%) and females (46%).
 - (iii). Some 32,100 (59%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them, 11,400 had not even passed the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
 - (iv). Around 35,400 (65%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 19,400 (35%) for more than one year.

- (v). About 36,000 (66%) had working experience and 18,800 (34%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi). Around 23,500 (43%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii). There were 10,300 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 4,700 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii). 9,700 or 18% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix). 17,500 (32%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Population outside Labour Force

19. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 486,000 at the second quarter of 2021 compared to 470,200 in the first quarter of 2021 and 493,900 in the second quarter of 2020.
20. The population outside labour force comprised 178,800 males and 307,200 females at the second quarter of 2021. Among males, around 46% were retired/old persons and 19% were students. Among females, 42% were homemakers, 31% were retired/old persons and 11% were students.

Reliability of the Labour Force estimates

21. The estimates in this publication are based on the results of a sample survey and are thus subject to sample variability. Standard errors (SE) and coefficient of variation (CV) give an indication of this variability. The standard error of the estimates and the coefficient of variation (SE/estimate) are given in the table that follows.

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2020 Q2	508,300	25,100	4.9
	2021 Q1	534,400	16,300	3.1
	2021 Q2 ¹	521,400	18,100	3.5
Employment				
	2020 Q2	449,800	22,600	5.0
	2021 Q1	481,900	15,700	3.3
	2021 Q2 ¹	466,600	17,100	3.7
Unemployment				
	2020 Q2	58,500	5,600	9.6
	2021 Q1	52,500	5,400	10.3
	2021 Q2 ¹	54,800	4,200	7.7
Unemployment rate, %				
	2020 Q2	11.5	1.0	8.7
	2021 Q1	9.8	1.0	10.2
	2021 Q2 ¹	10.5	0.8	7.6
Activity rate, %				
	2020 Q2	50.7	1.0	2.0
	2021 Q1	53.2	1.1	2.1
	2021 Q2 ¹	51.8	0.9	1.7

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2020 Q2	302,800	15,300	5.1
	2021 Q1	311,900	9,400	3.0
	2021 Q2 ¹	308,600	11,500	3.7
Employment				
	2020 Q2	268,400	13,700	5.1
	2021 Q1	285,300	8,900	3.1
	2021 Q2 ¹	280,300	11,000	3.9
Unemployment				
	2020 Q2	34,400	4,300	12.5
	2021 Q1	26,600	3,400	12.8
	2021 Q2 ¹	28,300	3,000	10.6
Unemployment rate, %				
	2020 Q2	11.4	1.3	11.4
	2021 Q1	8.5	1.0	11.8
	2021 Q2 ¹	9.2	0.9	9.8
Activity rate, %				
	2020 Q2	62.1	1.1	1.8
	2021 Q1	64.2	1.3	2.0
	2021 Q2 ¹	63.3	1.2	1.9

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2020 Q2	205,500	11,600	5.6
	2021 Q1	222,500	9,400	4.2
	2021 Q2 ¹	212,800	9,600	4.5
Employment				
	2020 Q2	181,400	10,400	5.7
	2021 Q1	196,600	9,400	4.8
	2021 Q2 ¹	186,300	8,900	4.8
Unemployment				
	2020 Q2	24,100	3,000	12.4
	2021 Q1	25,900	3,200	12.4
	2021 Q2 ¹	26,500	2,800	10.6
Unemployment rate, %				
	2020 Q2	11.7	1.3	11.1
	2021 Q1	11.6	1.4	12.1
	2021 Q2 ¹	12.5	1.2	9.6
Activity rate, %				
	2020 Q2	39.9	1.4	3.5
	2021 Q1	42.9	1.4	3.3
	2021 Q2 ¹	40.9	1.2	2.9

¹ Provisional

Reliability of estimates

High reliability	Less than 7.5
Medium reliability	7.5 - 15.0
Low reliability	Greater than 15.0

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https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By_Subject/Labour/SB_labour.aspx

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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 (<https://statsmauritius.govmu.org>). This issue provides data for the second quarter 2021 compared to the previous quarter and to the same quarter a year ago.

The CMPHS methodology

Data collection

Following the COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020, the face-to-face interviews of household members have been replaced by telephone interviews until further notice.

Frequency of data collection

As from 2005, data collection is carried out monthly except in 2020 after the COVID-19 outbreak of in March 2020, it was carried out only in May, June, July, September, October and December 2020.

The reference week is the second week of the survey month so that quarterly estimates can be published within the quarter following the reference quarter, 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 a 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. Standard errors and coefficient of variation for the main labour force estimates are given in this report.

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 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 years and above 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 and above, 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 years and above.

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 from Grade 1 (Standard 1) to Grade 6 (Standard 6) or to Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.

Secondary: comprises persons who have studied from Grade 7 (Form 1) to Grade 13 (Form 6) or to 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, 2012 - 2020

	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									
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
2019 ²	591.0	30.9	621.9	325.2	257.0	582.2	551.3	39.7	6.7
2020 ³	570.1	31.8	601.9	326.5	223.2	549.7	517.9	52.2	9.2
Male									
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
2019 ²	354.7	24.7	379.4	200.1	163.7	363.8	339.1	15.6	4.4
2020 ³	336.6	24.9	361.5	199.2	136.0	335.2	310.3	26.3	7.8
Female									
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
2019 ²	236.3	6.2	242.5	125.1	93.3	218.4	212.2	24.1	10.2
2020 ³	233.5	6.9	240.4	127.3	87.2	214.5	207.6	25.9	11.1

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² Revised

³ Provisional

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) in large establishments 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: Population aged 16 years and over by economic activity status, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

In thousands

	Population aged 16 years & over	In employment					Unemployed	Total econ. active	Total econ. inactive
		Employees	Employers	Own account workers	Contrib. family workers	Total			
Both sexes									
2020 Q2	1002.2	377.6	1.7	55.1	15.4	449.8	58.5	508.3	493.9
2021 Q1	1004.6	381.3	3.4	93.6	3.6	481.9	52.5	534.4	470.2
2021 Q2 ¹	1007.4	377.1	6.8	79.9	2.8	466.6	54.8	521.4	486.0
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					-3.2	4.4	-2.4	3.4
same quarter a year ago	0.5					3.7	-6.3	2.6	-1.6
Male									
2020 Q2	487.3	225.2	1.1	36.3	5.8	268.4	34.4	302.8	184.5
2021 Q1	486.1	213.2	2.9	68.2	1.0	285.3	26.6	311.9	174.2
2021 Q2 ¹	487.4	214.0	3.9	61.4	1.0	280.3	28.3	308.6	178.8
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					-1.8	6.4	-1.1	2.6
same quarter a year ago	0.0					4.4	-17.7	1.9	-3.1
Female									
2020 Q2	514.9	152.4	0.6	18.8	9.6	181.4	24.1	205.5	309.4
2021 Q1	518.5	168.1	0.5	25.4	2.6	196.6	25.9	222.5	296.0
2021 Q2 ¹	520.0	163.1	2.9	18.5	1.8	186.3	26.5	212.8	307.2
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					-5.2	2.3	-4.4	3.8
same quarter a year ago	1.0					2.7	10.0	3.6	-0.7

¹ Provisional

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2021¹

		In thousands					
		Mauritan Population aged 16 years and over	Age group (years)				
			16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes							
	In employment	466.6	35.6	54.4	121.0	123.6	132.0
	Unemployed	54.8	17.1	10.6	13.1	7.7	6.3
	Labour force	521.4	52.7	65.0	134.1	131.3	138.3
	Population outside labour force	486.0	114.7	22.1	29.5	45.9	273.8
	Total Population	1007.4	167.4	87.1	163.6	177.2	412.1
	Employment rate (%)	89.5	67.6	83.7	90.2	94.1	95.4
	Unemployment rate (%)	10.5	32.4	16.3	9.8	5.9	4.6
	Activity rate (%)	51.8	31.5	74.6	82.0	74.1	33.6
Male							
	In employment	280.3	18.4	30.0	65.6	74.9	91.4
	Unemployed	28.3	9.4	4.7	7.0	3.7	3.5
	Labour force	308.6	27.8	34.7	72.6	78.6	94.9
	Population outside labour force	178.8	56.2	7.4	7.8	10.1	97.3
	Total Population	487.4	84.0	42.1	80.4	88.7	192.2
	Employment rate (%)	90.8	66.2	86.5	90.4	95.3	96.3
	Unemployment rate (%)	9.2	33.8	13.5	9.6	4.7	3.7
	Activity rate (%)	63.3	33.1	82.4	90.3	88.6	49.4
Female							
	In employment	186.3	17.2	24.4	55.4	48.7	40.6
	Unemployed	26.5	7.7	5.9	6.1	4.0	2.8
	Labour force	212.8	24.9	30.3	61.5	52.7	43.4
	Population outside labour force	307.2	58.5	14.7	21.7	35.8	176.5
	Total Population	520.0	83.4	45.0	83.2	88.5	219.9
	Employment rate (%)	87.5	69.1	80.5	90.1	92.4	93.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	12.5	30.9	19.5	9.9	7.6	6.5
	Activity rate (%)	40.9	29.9	67.3	73.9	59.5	19.7

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	Primary sector (%)	Secondary sector (%)	Tertiary sector (%)	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C (%)	F (%)	G (%)	H - U (%)
Both sexes								
2020 Q2	449.8	4.9	21.4	73.7	12.9	7.7	15.8	57.9
2021 Q1	481.9	6.5	22.5	71.0	12.5	8.4	13.3	57.7
2021 Q2 ²	466.6	4.8	18.8	76.4	9.7	7.7	14.2	62.3
Male								
2020 Q2	268.4	6.2	27.2	66.6	13.5	12.4	14.6	52.0
2021 Q1	285.3	8.5	28.3	63.2	12.5	13.6	11.2	51.9
2021 Q2 ²	280.3	6.0	23.9	70.1	9.8	12.5	12.7	57.4
Female								
2020 Q2	181.4	2.9	12.8	84.3	11.9	0.8	17.6	66.7
2021 Q1	196.6	3.7	13.9	82.4	12.4	0.9	16.3	66.1
2021 Q2 ²	186.3	3.1	11.1	85.8	9.6	0.6	16.5	69.3

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

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	ISCO-08 ¹					
	Total employed aged 16 years and over	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 (%)
Both sexes						
2020 Q2	449.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	481.9	24.6	9.5	21.6	28.2	16.1
2021 Q2 ²	466.6	22.9	11.2	24.4	27.0	14.5
Male						
2020 Q2	268.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	285.3	22.3	5.0	20.0	41.1	11.6
2021 Q2 ²	280.3	19.9	5.9	23.0	40.1	11.1
Female						
2020 Q2	181.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	196.6	27.9	16.0	24.0	9.4	22.7
2021 Q2 ²	186.3	27.5	19.2	26.5	7.1	19.7

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	Total employed ¹ (000's)	Total hours worked (000's)					Average number of hours worked
			1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
Both sexes							
2020 Q2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	433.7	16,600	17.1	36.7	35.9	10.3	38.3
2021 Q2 ²	376.4	15,100	9.6	35.1	50.4	4.9	40.2
Male							
2020 Q2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	255.1	10,300	14.3	34.7	37.4	13.6	40.4
2021 Q2 ²	222.5	9,100	8.7	33.9	51.3	6.1	40.9
Female							
2020 Q2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	178.6	6,300	21.1	39.6	33.7	5.6	35.3
2021 Q2 ²	153.9	6,000	10.9	36.8	49.1	3.2	39.3

¹ Number of employed persons, aged 16 years and over, who work at least one hour during the reference week

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Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)	
Both sexes										
2020 Q2	58.5	21.0	17.9	3.1	57.6	35.7	15.6	6.3	21.4	
2021 Q1	52.5	21.7	15.6	6.1	59.4	41.5	11.4	6.5	18.9	
2021 Q2 ¹	54.8	26.5	20.8	5.7	52.0	31.9	13.3	6.8	21.5	
Male										
2020 Q2	34.4	25.6	21.5	4.1	59.0	36.9	16.9	5.2	15.4	
2021 Q1	26.6	22.2	17.3	4.9	57.9	46.2	8.3	3.4	19.9	
2021 Q2 ¹	28.3	28.2	23.3	4.9	55.5	35.3	12.4	7.8	16.3	
Female										
2020 Q2	24.1	14.5	12.9	1.6	55.6	34.0	13.7	7.9	29.9	
2021 Q1	25.9	21.2	13.9	7.3	61.0	36.7	14.7	9.6	17.8	
2021 Q2 ¹	26.5	24.5	18.1	6.4	48.3	28.3	14.3	5.7	27.2	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2020 Q2	58.5	13.7	33.6	11.2
	2021 Q1	52.5	18.6	29.0	4.9
	2021 Q2 ¹	54.8	17.1	31.4	6.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	2.3	-1.5	2.4	1.4
	same quarter a year ago	-3.7	3.4	-2.2	-4.9
Male					
	2020 Q2	34.4	6.3	21.2	6.9
	2021 Q1	26.6	8.9	15.3	2.4
	2021 Q2 ¹	28.3	9.4	15.4	3.5
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	1.7	0.5	0.1	1.1
	same quarter a year ago	-6.1	3.1	-5.8	-3.4
Female					
	2020 Q2	24.1	7.4	12.4	4.3
	2021 Q1	25.9	9.7	13.7	2.5
	2021 Q2 ¹	26.5	7.7	16.0	2.8
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	0.6	-2.0	2.3	0.3
	same quarter a year ago	2.4	0.3	3.6	-1.5

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry ¹						
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other	
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2020 Q2	58.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	52.5	12.2	40.3	15.9	16.4	10.9	17.1	39.7	
2021 Q2 ²	54.8	18.8	36.0	10.5	17.5	21.7	10.0	40.3	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	2.3	6.6	-4.3						
same quarter a year ago	-3.7								
Male									
2020 Q2	34.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	26.6	4.7	21.9	9.6	27.9	8.7	9.1	44.7	
2021 Q2 ²	28.3	6.9	21.4	5.1	28.0	20.1	11.2	35.6	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	1.7	2.2	-0.5						
same quarter a year ago	-6.1								
Female									
2020 Q2	24.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	25.9	7.5	18.4	23.4	2.7	13.6	26.6	33.7	
2021 Q2 ²	26.5	11.9	14.6	18.5	2.0	24.0	8.2	47.3	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.6	4.4	-3.8						
same quarter a year ago	2.4								

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 2nd Quarter 2020, 1st & 2nd Quarters 2021

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2020 Q2	1002.2	493.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	1004.6	470.2	30.0	29.5	19.2	10.6	10.7
2021 Q2 ¹	1007.4	486.0	26.2	36.5	14.0	7.4	15.9
Male							
2020 Q2	487.3	184.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	486.1	174.2	0.1	42.9	25.3	14.8	16.9
2021 Q2 ¹	487.4	178.8	-	45.6	18.7	12.5	23.2
Female							
2020 Q2	514.9	309.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	518.5	296.0	47.7	21.6	15.5	8.1	7.1
2021 Q2 ¹	520.0	307.2	41.5	31.3	11.2	4.4	11.6

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NA - not available