

## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2022

### Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the first quarter of 2022, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2022. 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.

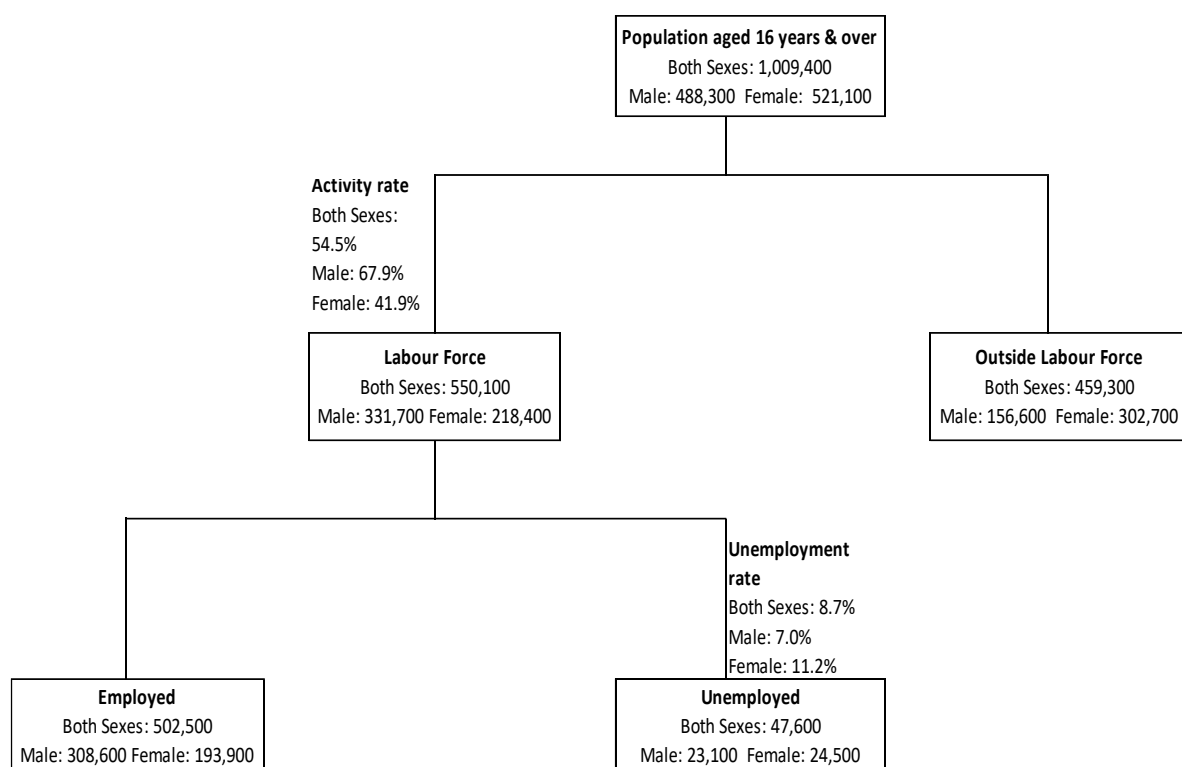
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	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Change	
				Q1 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022
Population (aged 16+)	1,004,600	1,011,700	1,009,400	+4,800	-2,300
Labour Force (Economically active)	534,400	554,800	550,100	+15,700	-4,700
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>481,900</i>	<i>509,900</i>	<i>502,500</i>	<i>+20,600</i>	<i>-7,400</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>52,500</i>	<i>44,900</i>	<i>47,600</i>	<i>-4,900</i>	<i>+2,700</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	470,200	456,900	459,300	-10,900	+2,400
Activity rate (%)	53.2	54.8	54.5	+1.3	-0.3
Unemployment rate (%)	9.8	8.1	8.7	-1.1	+0.6
Youth unemployment	18,600	15,800	18,100	-500	+2,300
Youth unemployment rate (%)	31.5	24.2	28.9	-2.6	+4.7

### Labour market overview, first quarter 2022

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, the labour force has increased by 15,700. Employment increased by 20,600 while unemployment decreased by 4,900. The number of persons outside labour force declined by 10,900 during the same period.
4. Compared to fourth quarter of 2021, labour force decreased by 4,700 with a fall in employment (-7,400) and a rise in unemployment (+2,700). The number of persons outside labour force increased by 2,400 during the same period.

**Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**



**Labour force participation**

	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Change	
				Q1 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022
Both sexes	53.2	54.8	54.5	+1.3	-0.3
Male	64.2	68.4	67.9	+3.7	-0.5
Female	42.9	42.1	41.9	-1.0	-0.2

- The activity rate for first quarter 2022 increased by 1.3 percentage points to 54.5% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021. The male activity rate increased by 3.7 percentage points to 67.9% and the female activity rate decreased by 1.0 percentage point to 41.9%.
- Compared to fourth quarter 2021, the activity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point and the female activity rate by 0.2 percentage point.

## Employment

	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Change	
				Q1 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022
Both sexes	481,900	509,900	502,500	+20,600	-7,400
Male	285,300	312,500	308,600	+23,300	-3,900
Female	196,600	197,400	193,900	-2,700	-3,500

7. From first quarter 2021 to first quarter 2022, employment increased by 20,600 to 502,500; male employment increased by 23,300 while female employment decreased by 2,700.

8. Compared to fourth quarter 2021, employment decreased by 7,400; both male and female employment decreased by 3,900 and 3,500 respectively.

## Unemployment

	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Change	
				Q1 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022
Both sexes	52,500	44,900	47,600	-4,900	+2,700
Male	26,600	22,700	23,100	-3,500	+400
Female	25,900	22,200	24,500	-1,400	+2,300
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	9.8	8.1	8.7	-1.1	+0.6
Male	8.5	6.8	7.0	-1.5	+0.2
Female	11.6	10.1	11.2	-0.4	+1.1

### *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022*

9. From first quarter 2021 to first quarter 2022, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 4,900. Male unemployment decreased by 3,500 and female unemployment by 1,400.

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points from 9.8% in first quarter 2021 to 8.7% in first quarter 2022. Male unemployment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points to reach 7.0% and female unemployment went down by 0.4 percentage point to 11.2%.

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022***

11. When compared to fourth quarter 2021, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 2,700, with increases of 400 among males and 2,300 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage point from 8.1% in the fourth quarter of 2021 to 8.7% in the first quarter of 2022. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point from 6.8% to 7.0% and female unemployment rate by 1.1 percentage points from 10.1% to 11.2%.

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

	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Change	
				Q1 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022
Both sexes	18,600	15,800	18,100	-500	+2,300
Male	8,900	8,000	8,900	-	+900
Female	9,700	7,800	9,200	-500	+1,400
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	31.5	24.2	28.9	-2.6	+4.7
Male	29.0	21.7	24.9	-4.1	+3.2
Female	34.2	27.6	34.2	-	+6.6

13. At the first quarter of 2022, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 18,100 (8,900 males and 9,200 females) compared to 15,800 (8,000 males and 7,800 females) at the previous quarter and 18,600 (8,900 males and 9,700 females) at the first quarter of 2021.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the first quarter of 2022 to 28.9% from 31.5% in the corresponding quarter of 2021. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 4.1 percentage points to 24.9%, and that for young women remained unchanged at 34.2%.
15. Compared to fourth quarter 2021, the youth unemployment rate increased from 24.2% to 28.9%, with increases of 3.2 percentage points for young men and 6.6 percentage points for young women.

### ***Characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2022***

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2022 were as follows:

- (i) The 47,600 unemployed comprised 23,100 males (49%) and 24,500 females (51%).
- (ii) Around 28,700 (60%) of the unemployed were single; males (68%) and females (53%).
- (iii) Some 25,000 (53%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 5,700 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 26,400 (55%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 21,200 (45%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 28,800 (61%) had working experience and 18,800 (39%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 15,000 (32%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 12,000 (25%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 4,300 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 8,500 or 18% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 13,200 (28%) lived in households with no employed persons.

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

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2022 was 8.4%, lower than the rates of 9.5% and 8.6% at the corresponding quarter of 2021 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 459,300 at the first quarter of 2022 compared to 456,900 in the fourth quarter of 2021 and 470,200 in the first quarter of 2021.

19. The population outside labour force comprised 156,600 males and 302,700 females. Among males, around 55% were retired/old persons and 24% were students. Among females, 58% were homemakers and 20% were retired/old persons.

## **Reliability of the Labour Force estimates**

20. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2021 Q1	534,400	16,300	3.1
	2021 Q2	521,400	18,100	3.5
	2021 Q3	525,900	12,900	2.5
	2021 Q4	554,800	11,900	2.1
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	550,100	13,800	2.5
<b>Employment</b>				
	2021 Q1	481,900	15,700	3.3
	2021 Q2	466,600	17,100	3.7
	2021 Q3	476,100	12,000	2.5
	2021 Q4	509,900	11,900	2.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	502,500	13,200	2.6
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2021 Q1	52,500	5,400	10.3
	2021 Q2	54,800	4,200	7.7
	2021 Q3	49,800	3,900	7.8
	2021 Q4	44,900	3,300	7.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	47,600	3,300	6.9
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	9.8	1.0	10.2
	2021 Q2	10.5	0.8	7.6
	2021 Q3	9.5	0.7	7.4
	2021 Q4	8.1	0.6	7.4
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	8.7	0.6	6.9
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	53.2	1.1	2.1
	2021 Q2	51.8	0.9	1.7
	2021 Q3	52.1	0.8	1.5
	2021 Q4	54.8	0.7	1.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	54.5	0.8	1.5

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Reliability of estimates**

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

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2021 Q1	311,900	9,400	3.0
	2021 Q2	308,600	11,500	3.7
	2021 Q3	318,400	8,000	2.5
	2021 Q4	335,200	8,400	2.5
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	331,700	9,500	2.9
<b>Employment</b>				
	2021 Q1	285,300	8,900	3.1
	2021 Q2	280,300	11,000	3.9
	2021 Q3	289,100	7,600	2.6
	2021 Q4	312,500	8,500	2.7
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	308,600	9,300	3.0
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2021 Q1	26,600	3,400	12.8
	2021 Q2	28,300	3,000	10.6
	2021 Q3	29,300	2,800	9.6
	2021 Q4	22,700	2,300	10.1
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	23,100	2,200	9.5
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	8.5	1.0	11.8
	2021 Q2	9.2	0.9	9.8
	2021 Q3	9.2	0.8	8.7
	2021 Q4	6.8	0.7	10.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	7.0	0.6	8.6
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	64.2	1.3	2.0
	2021 Q2	63.3	1.2	1.9
	2021 Q3	65.1	1.0	1.5
	2021 Q4	68.4	0.9	1.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	67.9	0.9	1.3

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2021 Q1	222,500	9,400	4.2
	2021 Q2	212,800	9,600	4.5
	2021 Q3	207,500	7,200	3.5
	2021 Q4	219,600	7,000	3.2
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	218,400	6,900	3.2
<b>Employment</b>				
	2021 Q1	196,600	9,400	4.8
	2021 Q2	186,300	8,900	4.8
	2021 Q3	187,000	6,800	3.6
	2021 Q4	197,400	6,800	3.4
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	193,900	6,600	3.4
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2021 Q1	25,900	3,200	12.4
	2021 Q2	26,500	2,800	10.6
	2021 Q3	20,500	2,600	12.7
	2021 Q4	22,200	2,300	10.4
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	24,500	2,400	9.8
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	11.6	1.4	12.1
	2021 Q2	12.5	1.2	9.6
	2021 Q3	9.9	1.2	12.1
	2021 Q4	10.1	1.0	9.9
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	11.2	1.1	9.8
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2021 Q1	42.9	1.4	3.3
	2021 Q2	40.9	1.2	2.9
	2021 Q3	39.8	1.0	2.5
	2021 Q4	42.1	1.0	2.4
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	41.9	1.0	2.4

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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 first quarter 2022 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, 2014 - 2021

	Labour force			Employment				Unemployment <sup>1</sup>	
	Mauritians aged 16+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments	outside large establishments	Total	of whom Mauritians	Number	Rate
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>									
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
2019	591.0	30.9	<b>621.9</b>	325.2	257.0	<b>582.2</b>	551.3	39.7	6.7
2020	570.1	31.8	<b>601.9</b>	326.5	223.2	<b>549.7</b>	517.9	52.2	9.2
2021 <sup>2</sup>	532.8	30.0	<b>562.8</b>	305.5	208.9	<b>514.4</b>	484.4	48.4	9.1
<b>Male</b>									
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
2019	354.7	24.7	<b>379.4</b>	200.1	163.7	<b>363.8</b>	339.1	15.6	4.4
2020	336.6	24.9	<b>361.5</b>	199.2	136.0	<b>335.2</b>	310.3	26.3	7.8
2021 <sup>2</sup>	318.8	24.0	<b>342.8</b>	186.2	130.8	<b>317.0</b>	293.0	25.8	8.1
<b>Female</b>									
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
2019	236.3	6.2	<b>242.5</b>	125.1	93.3	<b>218.4</b>	212.2	24.1	10.2
2020	233.5	6.9	<b>240.4</b>	127.3	87.2	<b>214.5</b>	207.6	25.9	11.1
2021 <sup>2</sup>	214.0	6.0	<b>220.0</b>	119.3	78.1	<b>197.4</b>	191.4	22.6	10.6

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

<sup>2</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

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			
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>1,004.6</b>	381.3	3.4	93.6	3.6	<b>481.9</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>534.4</b>	<b>470.2</b>
2021 Q2	<b>1,007.4</b>	377.1	6.8	79.9	2.8	<b>466.6</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>521.4</b>	<b>486.0</b>
2021 Q3	<b>1,010.1</b>	399.0	19.7	52.2	5.2	<b>476.1</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>525.9</b>	<b>484.2</b>
2021 Q4	<b>1,011.7</b>	409.1	25.3	70.0	5.5	<b>509.9</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>554.8</b>	<b>456.9</b>
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,009.4</b>	384.6	27.2	83.2	7.5	<b>502.5</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>550.1</b>	<b>459.3</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-0.2</b>					<b>-1.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>					<b>4.3</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>Male</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>486.1</b>	213.2	2.9	68.2	1.0	<b>285.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>311.9</b>	<b>174.2</b>
2021 Q2	<b>487.4</b>	214.0	3.9	61.4	1.0	<b>280.3</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>308.6</b>	<b>178.8</b>
2021 Q3	<b>488.9</b>	228.5	15.6	43.2	1.8	<b>289.1</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>318.4</b>	<b>170.5</b>
2021 Q4	<b>490.1</b>	234.3	21.0	55.7	1.5	<b>312.5</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>335.2</b>	<b>154.9</b>
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>488.3</b>	216.9	23.1	66.6	2.0	<b>308.6</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>331.7</b>	<b>156.6</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-0.4</b>					<b>-1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>					<b>8.2</b>	<b>-13.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>-10.1</b>
<b>Female</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>518.5</b>	168.1	0.5	25.4	2.6	<b>196.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>296.0</b>
2021 Q2	<b>520.0</b>	163.1	2.9	18.5	1.8	<b>186.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>212.8</b>	<b>307.2</b>
2021 Q3	<b>521.2</b>	170.5	4.1	9.0	3.4	<b>187.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>313.7</b>
2021 Q4	<b>521.6</b>	174.8	4.3	14.3	4.0	<b>197.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>219.6</b>	<b>302.0</b>
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>521.1</b>	167.7	4.1	16.6	5.5	<b>193.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>218.4</b>	<b>302.7</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-0.1</b>					<b>-1.8</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>					<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022<sup>1</sup>**

		In thousands					
		Mauritan Population aged 16 years and over	Age group (years)				
			16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>							
	In employment	<b>502.5</b>	44.6	64.4	123.1	133.0	137.4
	Unemployed	<b>47.6</b>	18.1	9.3	11.3	5.2	3.7
	Labour force	<b>550.1</b>	62.7	73.7	134.4	138.2	141.1
	Population outside labour force	<b>459.3</b>	103.2	13.3	29.2	40.6	273.0
	Total Population	<b>1,009.4</b>	165.9	87.0	163.6	178.8	414.1
	Employment rate (%)	<b>91.3</b>	71.1	87.4	91.6	96.2	97.4
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>8.7</b>	28.9	12.6	8.4	3.8	2.6
	Activity rate (%)	<b>54.5</b>	37.8	84.7	82.2	77.3	34.1
<b>Male</b>							
	In employment	<b>308.6</b>	26.9	35.0	71.5	81.9	93.3
	Unemployed	<b>23.1</b>	8.9	4.7	5.2	2.4	1.9
	Labour force	<b>331.7</b>	35.8	39.7	76.7	84.3	95.2
	Population outside labour force	<b>156.6</b>	47.7	2.2	3.9	5.2	97.6
	Total Population	<b>488.3</b>	83.5	41.9	80.6	89.5	192.8
	Employment rate (%)	<b>93.0</b>	75.1	88.2	93.2	97.2	98.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>7.0</b>	24.9	11.8	6.8	2.8	2.0
	Activity rate (%)	<b>67.9</b>	42.9	94.7	95.2	94.2	49.4
<b>Female</b>							
	In employment	<b>193.9</b>	17.7	29.4	51.6	51.1	44.1
	Unemployed	<b>24.5</b>	9.2	4.6	6.1	2.8	1.8
	Labour force	<b>218.4</b>	26.9	34.0	57.7	53.9	45.9
	Population outside labour force	<b>302.7</b>	55.5	11.1	25.3	35.4	175.4
	Total Population	<b>521.1</b>	82.4	45.1	83.0	89.3	221.3
	Employment rate (%)	<b>88.8</b>	65.8	86.5	89.4	94.8	96.1
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>11.2</b>	34.2	13.5	10.6	5.2	3.9
	Activity rate (%)	<b>41.9</b>	32.6	75.4	69.5	60.4	20.7

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Total employed aged 16 years and over	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>								
2021 Q1	<b>481.9</b>	6.5	22.5	71.0	12.5	8.4	13.3	57.7
2021 Q2 <sup>2</sup>	<b>466.6</b>	4.8	18.8	76.4	9.7	7.7	14.1	62.3
2021 Q3	<b>476.1</b>	4.6	22.0	73.4	11.4	9.1	15.0	58.4
2021 Q4	<b>509.9</b>	5.8	24.6	69.6	11.5	11.7	14.4	55.2
2022 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	<b>502.5</b>	6.2	23.6	70.2	10.1	12.5	13.8	56.4
<b>Male</b>								
2021 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>285.3</b>	8.5	28.3	63.2	12.5	13.6	11.3	51.9
2021 Q2	<b>280.3</b>	6.0	23.9	70.1	9.8	12.5	12.7	57.4
2021 Q3	<b>289.1</b>	5.8	28.0	66.2	11.3	14.6	13.7	52.5
2021 Q4	<b>312.5</b>	7.6	32.4	60.0	12.0	18.6	12.6	47.4
2022 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	<b>308.6</b>	8.0	31.4	60.6	10.1	19.8	12.1	48.5
<b>Female</b>								
2021 Q1	<b>196.6</b>	3.7	13.9	82.4	12.4	0.9	16.3	66.1
2021 Q2	<b>186.3</b>	3.1	11.1	85.8	9.6	0.6	16.5	69.3
2021 Q3	<b>187.0</b>	2.8	12.7	84.5	11.4	0.5	17.0	67.5
2021 Q4	<b>197.4</b>	2.8	12.3	84.9	10.7	0.9	17.3	67.6
2022 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	<b>193.9</b>	3.2	11.2	85.6	10.3	0.7	16.5	69.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Total employed aged 16 years and over  (000s)	ISCO-08 <sup>1</sup>				
		Managers, Professionals, Technicians & associate professionals 1,2,3 (%)	Clerical support workers 4 (%)	Service and sales workers 5 (%)	Agricultural, Craft & related trades workers, Plant & machine operators & assemblers 6,7,8 (%)	Elementary occupations 9 (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>						
2021 Q1	<b>481.9</b>	24.6	9.5	21.6	28.2	16.1
2021 Q2	<b>466.6</b>	22.9	11.2	24.4	27.0	14.5
2021 Q3	<b>476.1</b>	23.4	11.3	22.3	26.7	16.3
2021 Q4	<b>509.9</b>	20.8	10.9	19.3	29.7	19.3
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>502.5</b>	20.8	10.0	21.6	30.5	17.1
<b>Male</b>						
2021 Q1	<b>285.3</b>	22.3	5.0	20.0	41.1	11.6
2021 Q2	<b>280.3</b>	19.9	5.9	23.0	40.1	11.1
2021 Q3	<b>289.1</b>	20.8	7.1	20.7	38.8	12.6
2021 Q4	<b>312.5</b>	18.3	5.7	17.6	44.1	14.3
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>308.6</b>	18.1	5.9	20.1	44.1	11.8
<b>Female</b>						
2021 Q1	<b>196.6</b>	27.9	16.0	24.0	9.4	22.7
2021 Q2	<b>186.3</b>	27.5	19.2	26.5	7.1	19.7
2021 Q3	<b>187.0</b>	27.6	17.7	24.8	8.0	21.9
2021 Q4	<b>197.4</b>	24.8	19.1	22.1	6.9	27.1
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>193.9</b>	25.2	16.4	23.9	9.1	25.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Total employed <sup>1</sup> (000s)	Total hours worked (000s)	% having worked for:				Average number of hours worked
			1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>433.7</b>	16,600	17.1	36.7	35.9	10.3	38.3
2021 Q2	<b>376.4</b>	15,100	9.6	35.1	50.4	4.9	40.1
2021 Q3	<b>467.2</b>	19,000	5.8	35.8	56.6	1.8	40.7
2021 Q4	<b>501.0</b>	20,000	6.3	45.9	46.5	1.3	39.9
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>493.5</b>	19,800	3.7	54.7	40.9	0.7	40.1
<b>Male</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>255.1</b>	10,300	14.3	34.7	37.4	13.6	40.4
2021 Q2	<b>222.5</b>	9,100	8.7	33.9	51.3	6.1	40.9
2021 Q3	<b>283.1</b>	11,700	4.4	33.6	59.6	2.4	41.3
2021 Q4	<b>308.1</b>	12,700	3.6	42.5	52.0	1.9	41.2
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>305.1</b>	12,500	2.0	51.9	45.3	0.8	41.0
<b>Female</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>178.6</b>	6,300	21.1	39.6	33.7	5.6	35.3
2021 Q2	<b>153.9</b>	6,000	10.9	36.8	49.1	3.2	39.0
2021 Q3	<b>184.1</b>	7,300	7.9	39.1	52.1	0.9	39.7
2021 Q4	<b>193.0</b>	7,300	10.6	51.3	37.7	0.4	37.8
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>188.4</b>	7,300	6.4	59.4	33.8	0.4	38.7

<sup>1</sup> Number of employed persons, aged 16 years and over, who work at least one hour during the reference week at main job

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary		
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)		Passed HSC (%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2021 Q1	52.5	21.7	15.6	6.1	59.4	41.5	11.4	6.5	18.9	
2021 Q2	54.8	26.5	20.8	5.7	52.0	31.9	13.3	6.8	21.5	
2021 Q3	49.8	25.3	18.9	6.4	51.8	27.9	13.1	10.8	22.9	
2021 Q4	44.9	14.3	11.2	3.1	63.7	36.1	15.1	12.5	22.0	
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	47.6	13.4	12.0	1.4	70.0	39.1	18.5	12.4	16.6	
<b>Male</b>										
2021 Q1	26.6	22.2	17.3	4.9	57.9	46.2	8.3	3.4	19.9	
2021 Q2	28.3	28.2	23.3	4.9	55.5	35.3	12.4	7.8	16.3	
2021 Q3	29.3	30.7	21.8	8.9	49.5	31.1	10.9	7.5	19.8	
2021 Q4	22.7	13.7	11.0	2.7	61.2	38.3	13.7	9.2	25.1	
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	23.1	14.7	13.4	1.3	66.2	37.2	16.9	12.1	19.1	
<b>Female</b>										
2021 Q1	25.9	21.2	13.9	7.3	61.0	36.7	14.7	9.6	17.8	
2021 Q2	26.5	24.5	18.1	6.4	48.3	28.3	14.3	5.7	27.2	
2021 Q3	20.5	17.6	14.7	2.9	55.1	23.4	16.1	15.6	27.3	
2021 Q4	22.2	14.9	11.3	3.6	66.2	33.8	16.7	15.7	18.9	
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	24.5	12.2	10.6	1.6	73.5	40.8	20.0	12.7	14.3	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

In thousands

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2021 Q1	<b>52.5</b>	18.6	29.0	4.9
	2021 Q2	<b>54.8</b>	17.1	31.4	6.3
	2021 Q3	<b>49.8</b>	14.6	32.5	2.7
	2021 Q4	<b>44.9</b>	15.8	25.8	3.3
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>47.6</b>	18.1	25.8	3.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Male</b>					
	2021 Q1	<b>26.6</b>	8.9	15.3	2.4
	2021 Q2	<b>28.3</b>	9.4	15.4	3.5
	2021 Q3	<b>29.3</b>	7.6	19.4	2.3
	2021 Q4	<b>22.7</b>	8.0	12.0	2.7
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>23.1</b>	8.9	12.3	1.9
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Female</b>					
	2021 Q1	<b>25.9</b>	9.7	13.7	2.5
	2021 Q2	<b>26.5</b>	7.7	16.0	2.8
	2021 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	7.0	13.1	0.4
	2021 Q4	<b>22.2</b>	7.8	13.8	0.6
	2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>24.5</b>	9.2	13.5	1.8
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry <sup>1</sup>						
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other	
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>52.5</b>	12.2	40.3	15.9	16.4	10.9	17.1	39.7	
2021 Q2	<b>54.8</b>	18.8	36.0	10.5	17.5	21.7	10.0	40.3	
2021 Q3	<b>49.8</b>	18.4	31.4	9.9	15.6	18.1	15.3	41.1	
2021 Q4	<b>44.9</b>	13.0	31.9	10.1	19.1	11.9	16.3	42.6	
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>47.6</b>	18.8	28.8	11.8	16.3	14.3	17.7	39.9	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-3.1</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-11.5</b>						
<b>Male</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>26.6</b>	4.7	21.9	9.6	27.9	8.7	9.1	44.7	
2021 Q2	<b>28.3</b>	6.9	21.4	5.1	28.0	20.1	11.2	35.6	
2021 Q3	<b>29.3</b>	7.8	21.5	7.0	22.8	14.4	15.8	40.0	
2021 Q4	<b>22.7</b>	4.6	18.1	8.3	29.3	11.6	11.6	39.2	
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>23.1</b>	6.2	16.9	10.1	26.6	8.9	14.8	39.6	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-5.0</b>						
<b>Female</b>									
2021 Q1	<b>25.9</b>	7.5	18.4	23.4	2.7	13.6	26.6	33.7	
2021 Q2	<b>26.5</b>	11.9	14.6	18.5	2.0	24.0	8.2	47.3	
2021 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	10.6	9.9	16.2	0.0	26.3	14.1	43.4	
2021 Q4	<b>22.2</b>	8.4	13.8	12.3	5.8	12.3	22.5	47.1	
2022 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	<b>24.5</b>	12.6	11.9	14.3	1.7	21.9	21.8	40.3	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>2.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>-6.5</b>						

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022**

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>1,004.6</b>	470.2	30.0	29.5	19.2	10.6	10.7
2021 Q2	<b>1,007.4</b>	486.0	26.2	36.5	14.0	7.4	15.9
2021 Q3	<b>1,010.1</b>	484.2	32.3	33.0	15.4	6.1	13.2
2021 Q4	<b>1,011.7</b>	456.9	38.7	31.4	18.8	6.5	4.6
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,009.4</b>	459.3	36.5	33.6	17.7	7.0	5.2
<b>Male</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>486.1</b>	174.2	0.1	42.9	25.3	14.8	16.9
2021 Q2	<b>487.4</b>	178.8	0.0	45.6	18.7	12.5	23.2
2021 Q3	<b>488.9</b>	170.5	0.2	48.7	20.5	11.4	19.2
2021 Q4	<b>490.1</b>	154.9	0.3	56.2	26.6	11.4	5.5
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>488.3</b>	156.6	0.0	54.7	23.8	13.3	8.2
<b>Female</b>							
2021 Q1	<b>518.5</b>	296.0	47.7	21.6	15.5	8.1	7.1
2021 Q2	<b>520.0</b>	307.2	41.5	31.3	11.2	4.4	11.6
2021 Q3	<b>521.2</b>	313.7	49.8	24.4	12.6	3.2	10.0
2021 Q4	<b>521.6</b>	302.0	58.4	18.7	14.9	3.9	4.1
2022 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>521.1</b>	302.7	57.7	20.4	14.5	3.7	3.7

<sup>1</sup> Provisional