

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Second 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 second quarter of 2022, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 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.

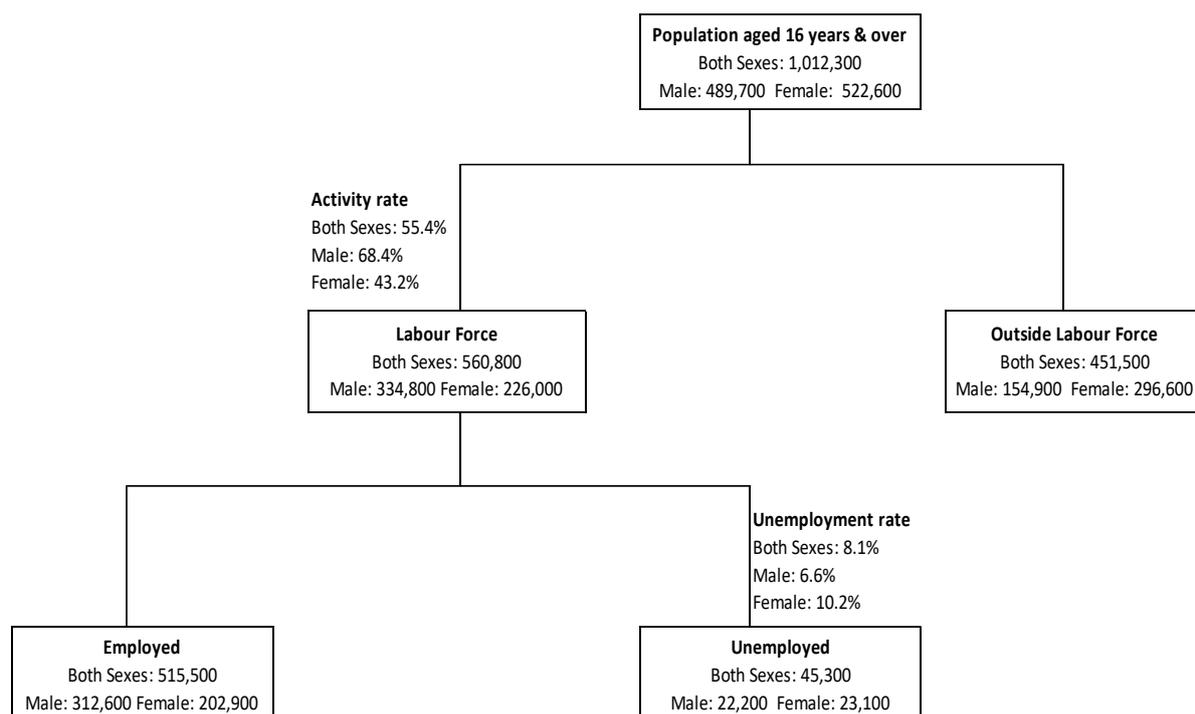
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	Q2 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Change	
				Q2 2021 to Q2 2022	Q1 2022 to Q2 2022
Population (aged 16+)	1,007,400	1,009,400	1,012,300	+4,900	+2,900
Labour Force (Economically active)	521,400	550,100	560,800	+39,400	+10,700
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>466,600</i>	<i>502,500</i>	<i>515,500</i>	<i>+48,900</i>	<i>+13,000</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>54,800</i>	<i>47,600</i>	<i>45,300</i>	<i>-9,500</i>	<i>-2,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	486,000	459,300	451,500	-34,500	-7,800
Activity rate (%)	51.8	54.5	55.4	+3.6	+0.9
Unemployment rate (%)	10.5	8.7	8.1	-2.4	-0.6
Youth unemployment	17,100	18,100	15,500	-1,600	-2,600
Youth unemployment rate (%)	32.4	28.9	26.1	-6.3	-2.8

Labour market overview, second quarter 2022

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, the labour force has increased by 39,400. Employment increased by 48,900 while unemployment decreased by 9,500. The number of persons outside labour force declined by 34,500 during the same period.
4. Compared to first quarter of 2022, labour force increased by 10,700 with a rise in employment (+13,000) and a fall in unemployment (-2,300). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 7,800 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 2nd Quarter 2022



Labour force participation

	Q2 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Change	
				Q2 2021 to Q2 2022	Q1 2022 to Q2 2022
Both sexes	51.8	54.5	55.4	+3.6	+0.9
Male	63.3	67.9	68.4	+5.1	+0.5
Female	40.9	41.9	43.2	+2.3	+1.3

- The activity rate for second quarter 2022 increased by 3.6 percentage points to 55.4% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021. The male activity rate increased by 5.1 percentage points to 68.4% and the female activity rate increased by 2.3 percentage points to 43.2%.
- Compared to first quarter 2022, the activity rate increased by 0.9 percentage point. The male activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage point and the female activity rate by 1.3 percentage points.

Employment

	Q2 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Change	
				Q2 2021 to Q2 2022	Q1 2022 to Q2 2022
Both sexes	466,600	502,500	515,500	+48,900	+13,000
Male	280,300	308,600	312,600	+32,300	+4,000
Female	186,300	193,900	202,900	+16,600	+9,000

7. From second quarter 2021 to second quarter 2022, employment increased by 48,900 to 515,500; male employment increased by 32,300 and female employment by 16,600.
8. Compared to first quarter 2022, employment increased by 13,000; both male and female employment increased by 4,000 and 9,000 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q2 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Change	
				Q2 2021 to Q2 2022	Q1 2022 to Q2 2022
Both sexes	54,800	47,600	45,300	-9,500	-2,300
Male	28,300	23,100	22,200	-6,100	-900
Female	26,500	24,500	23,100	-3,400	-1,400
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	10.5	8.7	8.1	-2.4	-0.6
Male	9.2	7.0	6.6	-2.6	-0.4
Female	12.5	11.2	10.2	-2.3	-1.0

2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

9. From second quarter 2021 to second quarter 2022, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 9,500. Male unemployment decreased by 6,100 and female unemployment by 3,400.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 2.4 percentage points from 10.5% in second quarter 2021 to 8.1% in second quarter 2022. Male unemployment rate decreased by 2.6 percentage points to reach 6.6% and female unemployment went down by 2.3 percentage points to 10.2%.

1st Quarter 2022 to 2nd Quarter 2022

11. When compared to first quarter 2022, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 2,300, with decreases of 900 among males and 1,400 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point from 8.7% in the first quarter of 2022 to 8.1% in the second quarter of 2022. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point from 7.0% to 6.6% and female unemployment rate by 1.0 percentage point from 11.2% to 10.2%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q2 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Change	
				Q2 2021 to Q2 2022	Q1 2022 to Q2 2022
Both sexes	17,100	18,100	15,500	-1,600	-2,600
Male	9,400	8,900	8,300	-1,100	-600
Female	7,700	9,200	7,200	-500	-2,000
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	32.4	28.9	26.1	-6.3	-2.8
Male	33.8	24.9	25.4	-8.4	+0.5
Female	30.9	34.2	27.0	-3.9	-7.2

13. At the second quarter of 2022, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 15,500 (8,300 males and 7,200 females) compared to 18,100 (8,900 males and 9,200 females) at the previous quarter and 17,100 (9,400 males and 7,700 females) at the second quarter of 2021.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the second quarter of 2022 to 26.1% from 32.4% in the corresponding quarter of 2021. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 8.4 percentage points to 25.4%, and that for young women decreased by 3.9 percentage points to 27.0%.
15. Compared to first quarter 2022, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 28.9% to 26.1%, with an increase of 0.5 percentage point for young men compared to a decrease of 7.2 percentage points for young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2022

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2022 were as follows:
- (i) The 45,300 unemployed comprised 22,200 males (49%) and 23,100 females (51%).
 - (ii) Around 28,300 (62%) of the unemployed were single; males (77%) and females (49%).
 - (iii) Some 24,100 (53%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 6,600 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
 - (iv) Around 30,100 (66%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 15,200 (34%) for more than one year.
 - (v) About 28,100 (62%) had working experience and 17,200 (38%) were looking for a first job.
 - (vi) Around 13,000 (29%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
 - (vii) There were 8,800 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 4,400 possessed a qualification below SC.
 - (viii) Some 5,100 or 11% of the unemployed were heads of households.
 - (ix) Around 11,800 (26%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2022 was 7.7%, lower than the rates of 10.1% and 8.4% 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 451,500 at the second quarter of 2022 compared to 459,300 in the first quarter of 2022 and 486,000 in the second quarter of 2021.
19. The population outside labour force comprised 154,900 males and 296,600 females. Among males, around 55% were retired/old persons and 26% were students. Among females, 59% were homemakers and 19% 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, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	550,100	13,800	2.5
	2022 Q2 ¹	560,800	13,800	2.5
Employment				
	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	502,500	13,200	2.6
	2022 Q2 ¹	515,500	12,700	2.5
Unemployment				
	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	47,600	3,300	6.9
	2022 Q2 ¹	45,300	3,300	7.3
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	8.7	0.6	6.9
	2022 Q2 ¹	8.1	0.5	6.2
Activity rate, %				
	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	54.5	0.8	1.5
	2022 Q2 ¹	55.4	0.7	1.3

¹ 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, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	331,700	9,500	2.9
	2022 Q2 ¹	334,800	8,700	2.6
Employment				
	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	308,600	9,300	3.0
	2022 Q2 ¹	312,600	8,300	2.7
Unemployment				
	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	23,100	2,200	9.5
	2022 Q2 ¹	22,200	2,300	10.4
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	7.0	0.6	8.6
	2022 Q2 ¹	6.6	0.7	10.6
Activity rate, %				
	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	67.9	0.9	1.3
	2022 Q2 ¹	68.4	0.8	1.2

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	218,400	6,900	3.2
	2022 Q2 ¹	226,000	7,600	3.4
Employment				
	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	193,900	6,600	3.4
	2022 Q2 ¹	202,900	7,000	3.4
Unemployment				
	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	24,500	2,400	9.8
	2022 Q2 ¹	23,100	2,200	9.5
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	11.2	1.1	9.8
	2022 Q2 ¹	10.2	0.9	8.8
Activity rate, %				
	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	41.9	1.0	2.4
	2022 Q2 ¹	43.2	1.0	2.3

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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 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 and is paid.

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

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

Note:

1. The above figures have been worked out in order to give a set of comparable labour force estimates obtained from different sources. Users are cautioned in the use of these figures given that there are differences related to the reference period, coverage and methodology. The different sources from which these estimates have been obtained are as follows:

- i CMPHS for Mauritian labour force estimates which are subject to sampling variability as mentioned at Annex 1.
- ii The Annual Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) 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 2021 to 2nd 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			
Both sexes									
2021 Q2	1,007.4	377.1	6.8	79.9	2.8	466.6	54.8	521.4	486.0
2021 Q3	1,010.1	399.0	19.7	52.2	5.2	476.1	49.8	525.9	484.2
2021 Q4	1,011.7	409.1	25.3	70.0	5.5	509.9	44.9	554.8	456.9
2022 Q1	1,009.4	384.6	27.2	83.2	7.5	502.5	47.6	550.1	459.3
2022 Q2 ¹	1,012.3	403.9	31.3	71.8	8.5	515.5	45.3	560.8	451.5
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					2.6	-4.8	1.9	-1.7
same quarter a year ago	0.5					10.5	-17.3	7.6	-7.1
Male									
2021 Q2	487.4	214.0	3.9	61.4	1.0	280.3	28.3	308.6	178.8
2021 Q3	488.9	228.5	15.6	43.2	1.8	289.1	29.3	318.4	170.5
2021 Q4	490.1	234.3	21.0	55.7	1.5	312.5	22.7	335.2	154.9
2022 Q1	488.3	216.9	23.1	66.6	2.0	308.6	23.1	331.7	156.6
2022 Q2 ¹	489.7	229.4	26.2	55.5	1.5	312.6	22.2	334.8	154.9
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					1.3	-3.9	0.9	-1.1
same quarter a year ago	0.5					11.5	-21.6	8.5	-13.4
Female									
2021 Q2	520.0	163.1	2.9	18.5	1.8	186.3	26.5	212.8	307.2
2021 Q3	521.2	170.5	4.1	9.0	3.4	187.0	20.5	207.5	313.7
2021 Q4	521.6	174.8	4.3	14.3	4.0	197.4	22.2	219.6	302.0
2022 Q1	521.1	167.7	4.1	16.6	5.5	193.9	24.5	218.4	302.7
2022 Q2 ¹	522.6	174.5	5.1	16.3	7.0	202.9	23.1	226.0	296.6
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3					4.6	-5.7	3.5	-2.0
same quarter a year ago	0.5					8.9	-12.8	6.2	-3.5

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2022¹**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	515.5	43.9	64.9	129.6	135.0	142.1
Unemployed	45.3	15.5	9.0	11.0	7.0	2.8
Labour force	560.8	59.4	73.9	140.6	142.0	144.9
Population outside labour force	451.5	106.1	12.7	23.2	37.7	271.8
Total Population	1012.3	165.5	86.6	163.8	179.7	416.7
Employment rate (%)	91.9	73.9	87.8	92.2	95.1	98.1
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	26.1	12.2	7.8	4.9	1.9
Activity rate (%)	55.4	35.9	85.3	85.8	79.0	34.8
Male						
In employment	312.6	24.4	35.7	72.4	83.3	96.8
Unemployed	22.2	8.3	4.4	5.7	2.5	1.3
Labour force	334.8	32.7	40.1	78.1	85.8	98.1
Population outside labour force	154.9	50.6	1.6	2.6	4.2	95.9
Total Population	489.7	83.3	41.7	80.7	90.0	194.0
Employment rate (%)	93.4	74.6	89.0	92.7	97.1	98.7
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6	25.4	11.0	7.3	2.9	1.3
Activity rate (%)	68.4	39.3	96.2	96.8	95.3	50.6
Female						
In employment	202.9	19.5	29.2	57.2	51.7	45.3
Unemployed	23.1	7.2	4.6	5.3	4.5	1.5
Labour force	226.0	26.7	33.8	62.5	56.2	46.8
Population outside labour force	296.6	55.5	11.1	20.6	33.5	175.9
Total Population	522.6	82.2	44.9	83.1	89.7	222.7
Employment rate (%)	89.8	73.0	86.4	91.5	92.0	96.8
Unemployment rate (%)	10.2	27.0	13.6	8.5	8.0	3.2
Activity rate (%)	43.2	32.5	75.3	75.2	62.7	21.0

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Total employed aged 16 years and over	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections				
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services	
					C	F	G	H - U	
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2021 Q2	466.6	4.8	18.8	76.4	9.7	7.7	14.1	62.3	
2021 Q3	476.1	4.6	22.0	73.4	11.4	9.1	15.0	58.4	
2021 Q4	509.9	5.8	24.6	69.6	11.5	11.7	14.4	55.2	
2022 Q1	502.5	6.2	23.6	70.2	10.1	12.5	13.8	56.4	
2022 Q2 ²	515.5	4.8	21.4	73.8	9.4	11.3	14.4	59.4	
Male									
2021 Q2	280.3	6.0	23.9	70.1	9.8	12.5	12.7	57.4	
2021 Q3	289.1	5.8	28.0	66.2	11.3	14.6	13.7	52.5	
2021 Q4	312.5	7.6	32.4	60.0	12.0	18.6	12.6	47.4	
2022 Q1	308.6	8.0	31.4	60.6	10.1	19.8	12.1	48.5	
2022 Q2 ²	312.6	6.4	27.7	65.9	8.3	18.2	12.9	53.0	
Female									
2021 Q2	186.3	3.1	11.1	85.8	9.6	0.6	16.5	69.3	
2021 Q3	187.0	2.8	12.7	84.5	11.4	0.5	17.0	67.5	
2021 Q4	197.4	2.8	12.3	84.9	10.7	0.9	17.3	67.6	
2022 Q1	193.9	3.2	11.2	85.6	10.3	0.7	16.5	69.1	
2022 Q2 ²	202.9	2.3	11.8	85.9	11.0	0.7	16.8	69.1	

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

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	ISCO-08 ¹				
		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 (%)
Both sexes						
2021 Q2	466.6	22.9	11.2	24.4	27.0	14.5
2021 Q3	476.1	23.4	11.3	22.3	26.7	16.3
2021 Q4	509.9	20.8	10.9	19.3	29.7	19.3
2022 Q1	502.5	20.8	10.0	21.6	30.5	17.1
2022 Q2 ²	515.5	21.8	10.9	20.9	27.3	19.1
Male						
2021 Q2	280.3	19.9	5.9	23.0	40.1	11.1
2021 Q3	289.1	20.8	7.1	20.7	38.8	12.6
2021 Q4	312.5	18.3	5.7	17.6	44.1	14.3
2022 Q1	308.6	18.1	5.9	20.1	44.1	11.8
2022 Q2 ²	312.6	18.7	5.8	21.1	40.3	14.1
Female						
2021 Q2	186.3	27.5	19.2	26.5	7.1	19.7
2021 Q3	187.0	27.6	17.7	24.8	8.0	21.9
2021 Q4	197.4	24.8	19.1	22.1	6.9	27.1
2022 Q1	193.9	25.2	16.4	23.9	9.1	25.4
2022 Q2 ²	202.9	26.6	18.7	20.5	7.2	27.0

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Total employed ¹ (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	
Both sexes							
2021 Q2	376.4	15,100	9.6	35.1	50.4	4.9	40.1
2021 Q3	467.2	19,000	5.8	35.8	56.6	1.8	40.7
2021 Q4	501.0	20,000	6.3	45.9	46.5	1.3	39.9
2022 Q1	493.5	19,800	3.7	54.7	40.9	0.7	40.1
2022 Q2 ²	514.1	20,600	2.2	63.3	34.3	0.2	40.1
Male							
2021 Q2	222.5	9,100	8.7	33.9	51.3	6.1	40.9
2021 Q3	283.1	11,700	4.4	33.6	59.6	2.4	41.3
2021 Q4	308.1	12,700	3.6	42.5	52.0	1.9	41.2
2022 Q1	305.1	12,500	2.0	51.9	45.3	0.8	41.0
2022 Q2 ²	311.8	12,700	1.1	60.7	37.9	0.3	40.7
Female							
2021 Q2	153.9	6,000	10.9	36.8	49.1	3.2	39.0
2021 Q3	184.1	7,300	7.9	39.1	52.1	0.9	39.7
2021 Q4	193.0	7,300	10.6	51.3	37.7	0.4	37.8
2022 Q1	188.4	7,300	6.4	59.4	33.8	0.4	38.7
2022 Q2 ²	202.3	7,900	3.9	67.3	28.7	0.1	39.1

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

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Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary (%)		
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)		Passed HSC (%)	
Both sexes										
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	47.6	13.4	12.0	1.4	70.0	39.1	18.5	12.4	16.6	
2022 Q2 ¹	45.3	15.7	14.6	1.1	67.7	37.5	19.2	11.0	16.6	
Male										
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	23.1	14.7	13.4	1.3	66.2	37.2	16.9	12.1	19.1	
2022 Q2 ¹	22.2	12.1	11.7	0.4	72.1	39.6	21.2	11.3	15.8	
Female										
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	24.5	12.2	10.6	1.6	73.5	40.8	20.0	12.7	14.3	
2022 Q2 ¹	23.1	19.1	17.3	1.8	63.6	35.5	17.3	10.8	17.3	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2021 Q2	54.8	17.1	31.4	6.3
	2021 Q3	49.8	14.6	32.5	2.7
	2021 Q4	44.9	15.8	25.8	3.3
	2022 Q1	47.6	18.1	25.8	3.7
	2022 Q2 ¹	45.3	15.5	27.0	2.8
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-2.3	-2.6	1.2	-0.9
	same quarter a year ago	-9.5	-1.6	-4.4	-3.5
Male					
	2021 Q2	28.3	9.4	15.4	3.5
	2021 Q3	29.3	7.6	19.4	2.3
	2021 Q4	22.7	8.0	12.0	2.7
	2022 Q1	23.1	8.9	12.3	1.9
	2022 Q2 ¹	22.2	8.3	12.6	1.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.9	-0.6	0.3	-0.6
	same quarter a year ago	-6.1	-1.1	-2.8	-2.2
Female					
	2021 Q2	26.5	7.7	16.0	2.8
	2021 Q3	20.5	7.0	13.1	0.4
	2021 Q4	22.2	7.8	13.8	0.6
	2022 Q1	24.5	9.2	13.5	1.8
	2022 Q2 ¹	23.1	7.2	14.4	1.5
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.4	-2.0	0.9	-0.3
	same quarter a year ago	-3.4	-0.5	-1.6	-1.3

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Unemployed Mauritian 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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2021 Q2	54.8	18.8	36.0	10.5	17.5	21.7	10.0	40.3	
2021 Q3	49.8	18.4	31.4	9.9	15.6	18.1	15.3	41.1	
2021 Q4	44.9	13.0	31.9	10.1	19.1	11.9	16.3	42.6	
2022 Q1	47.6	18.8	28.8	11.8	16.3	14.3	17.7	39.9	
2022 Q2 ²	45.3	17.2	28.1	6.8	9.2	22.4	13.9	47.7	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-2.3	-1.6	-0.7						
same quarter a year ago	-9.5	-1.6	-7.9						
Male									
2021 Q2	28.3	6.9	21.4	5.1	28.0	20.1	11.2	35.6	
2021 Q3	29.3	7.8	21.5	7.0	22.8	14.4	15.8	40.0	
2021 Q4	22.7	4.6	18.1	8.3	29.3	11.6	11.6	39.2	
2022 Q1	23.1	6.2	16.9	10.1	26.6	8.9	14.8	39.6	
2022 Q2 ²	22.2	6.2	16.0	6.3	16.2	18.7	16.3	42.5	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.9	0.0	-0.9						
same quarter a year ago	-6.1	-0.7	-5.4						
Female									
2021 Q2	26.5	11.9	14.6	18.5	2.0	24.0	8.2	47.3	
2021 Q3	20.5	10.6	9.9	16.2	0.0	26.3	14.1	43.4	
2021 Q4	22.2	8.4	13.8	12.3	5.8	12.3	22.5	47.1	
2022 Q1	24.5	12.6	11.9	14.3	1.7	21.9	21.8	40.3	
2022 Q2 ²	23.1	11.0	12.1	7.4	0.0	27.3	10.7	54.6	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-1.4	-1.6	0.2						
same quarter a year ago	-3.4	-0.9	-2.5						

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 2nd Quarter 2021 to 2nd Quarter 2022

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2021 Q2	1,007.4	486.0	26.2	36.5	14.0	7.4	15.9
2021 Q3	1,010.1	484.2	32.3	33.0	15.4	6.1	13.2
2021 Q4	1,011.7	456.9	38.7	31.4	18.8	6.5	4.6
2022 Q1	1,009.4	459.3	36.5	33.6	17.7	7.0	5.2
2022 Q2 ¹	1,012.3	451.5	38.7	30.9	19.6	6.7	4.1
Male							
2021 Q2	487.4	178.8	0.0	45.6	18.7	12.5	23.2
2021 Q3	488.9	170.5	0.2	48.7	20.5	11.4	19.2
2021 Q4	490.1	154.9	0.3	56.2	26.6	11.4	5.5
2022 Q1	488.3	156.6	0.0	54.7	23.8	13.3	8.2
2022 Q2 ¹	489.7	154.9	0.0	54.6	26.4	13.2	5.8
Female							
2021 Q2	520.0	307.2	41.5	31.3	11.2	4.4	11.6
2021 Q3	521.2	313.7	49.8	24.4	12.6	3.2	10.0
2021 Q4	521.6	302.0	58.4	18.7	14.9	3.9	4.1
2022 Q1	521.1	302.7	57.7	20.4	14.5	3.7	3.7
2022 Q2 ¹	522.6	296.6	58.9	18.6	16.0	3.3	3.2

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