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Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Third quarter 2024

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the third quarter of 2024, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from July to September 2024. 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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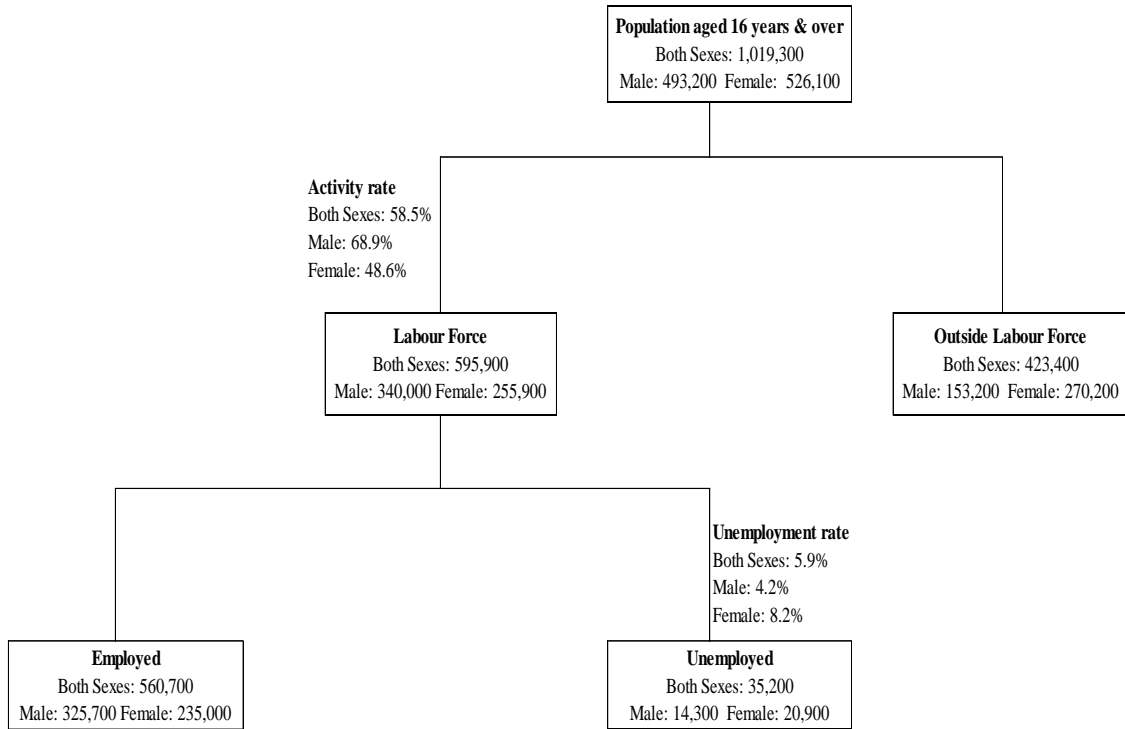
	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change	
				Q3 2023 to Q3 2024	Q2 2024 to Q3 2024
Population (aged 16+)	1,015,400	1,017,700	1,019,300	+3,900	+1,600
Labour Force (Economically active)	593,300	593,200	595,900	+2,600	+2,700
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>556,100</i>	<i>556,700</i>	<i>560,700</i>	<i>+4,600</i>	<i>+4,000</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>37,200</i>	<i>36,500</i>	<i>35,200</i>	<i>-2,000</i>	<i>-1,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	422,100	424,500	423,400	+1,300	-1,100
Activity rate (%)	58.4	58.3	58.5	+0.1	+0.2
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	6.2	5.9	-0.4	-0.3
Youth unemployment	12,400	12,700	12,500	+100	-200
Youth unemployment rate (%)	17.8	17.8	17.6	-0.2	-0.2

Labour market overview, third quarter 2024

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2023, the labour force has increased by 2,600. Employment increased by 4,600 while unemployment decreased by 2,000. The number of persons outside labour force increased by 1,300 during the same period.
4. Compared to second quarter of 2024, labour force increased by 2,700 with a rise in employment (+4,000) and a fall in unemployment (-1,300). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 1,100 during the same period.

The net change in employment level in the above table is equal to “Employment creations minus employment losses” during the period under reference.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 3rd Quarter 2024



Labour force participation

	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change Q3 2023 to Q3 2024	Change Q2 2024 to Q3 2024
Both sexes	58.4	58.3	58.5	+0.1	+0.2
Male	70.0	68.9	68.9	-1.1	0.0
Female	47.6	48.3	48.6	+1.0	+0.3

- The activity rate for third quarter 2024 increased by 0.1 percentage point to 58.5% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2023. The male activity rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points to 68.9% and the female activity rate increased by 1.0 percentage point to 48.6%.
- Compared to second quarter 2024, the activity rate increased by 0.2 percentage point. The male activity rate remained unchanged and the female activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point.

Employment

	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change Q3 2023 to Q3 2024	Q2 2024 to Q3 2024
Both sexes	556,100	556,700	560,700	+4,600	+4,000
Male	328,200	324,500	325,700	-2,500	+1,200
Female	227,900	232,200	235,000	+7,100	+2,800

7. From third quarter 2023 to third quarter 2024, employment increased by 4,600 to 560,700; male employment decreased by 2,500 while female employment increased by 7,100.

8. Compared to second quarter 2024, employment increased by 4,000; both male and female employment increased by 1,200 and 2,800 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change Q3 2023 to Q3 2024	Q2 2024 to Q3 2024
Both sexes	37,200	36,500	35,200	-2,000	-1,300
Male	15,800	14,800	14,300	-1,500	-500
Female	21,400	21,700	20,900	-500	-800
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	6.3	6.2	5.9	-0.4	-0.3
Male	4.6	4.4	4.2	-0.4	-0.2
Female	8.6	8.5	8.2	-0.4	-0.3

3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

9. From third quarter 2023 to third quarter 2024, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 2,000. Male unemployment decreased by 1,500 and female unemployment decreased by 500.

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point from 6.3% in third quarter 2023 to 5.9% in third quarter 2024. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point to reach 4.2% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point to 8.2%.

2nd Quarter 2024 to 3rd Quarter 2024

11. When compared to second quarter 2024, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,300, with decreases of 500 among males and 800 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from 6.2% in the second quarter of 2024 to 5.9% in the third quarter of 2024. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 4.4% to 4.2% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from 8.5% to 8.2%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q3 2023	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change	
				Q3 2023 to Q3 2024	Q2 2024 to Q3 2024
Both sexes	12,400	12,700	12,500	+100	-200
Male	6,000	6,000	5,800	-200	-200
Female	6,400	6,700	6,700	+300	0
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	17.8	17.8	17.6	-0.2	-0.2
Male	15.3	15.4	14.9	-0.4	-0.5
Female	21.1	20.6	20.9	-0.2	+0.3

13. At the third quarter of 2024, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 12,500 (5,800 males and 6,700 females) compared to 12,700 (6,000 males and 6,700 females) at the previous quarter and 12,400 (6,000 males and 6,400 females) at the third quarter of 2023.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the third quarter of 2024 to 17.6% from 17.8% in the corresponding quarter of 2023. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 0.4 percentage point to 14.9%, and that for young women decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 20.9%.
15. Compared to second quarter 2024, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 17.8% to 17.6%, with a decrease of 0.5 percentage point for young men compared to an increase of 0.3 percentage point for young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2024

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2024 were as follows:

- (i) The 35,200 unemployed comprised 14,300 males (41%) and 20,900 females (59%).
- (ii) Around 21,300 (61%) of the unemployed were single; males (80%) and females (47%).
- (iii) Some 18,600 (53%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 2,800 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 28,500 (81%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 6,700 (19%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 24,600 (70%) had working experience and 10,600 (30%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 13,200 (38%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 6,900 (20%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,600 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 3,400 or 10% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 6,500 (18%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2024 was 6.0%, lower than the rates of 6.4% at the corresponding quarter of 2023 but higher than the rate of 5.8% at the previous quarter.

Population outside Labour Force

18. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 423,400 at the third quarter of 2024 compared to 424,500 in the second quarter of 2024 and 422,100 in the third quarter of 2023.

19. The population outside labour force comprised 153,200 males and 270,200 females. Among males, around 55% were retired/old persons and 26% were students. Among females, 49% were homemakers and 27% 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, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2023 Q3	593,300	8,700	1.5
	2023 Q4	596,100	9,200	1.5
	2024 Q1	595,900	9,900	1.7
	2024 Q2	593,200	9,800	1.7
	2024 Q3 ¹	595,900	8,600	1.4
Employment				
	2023 Q3	556,100	8,400	1.5
	2023 Q4	559,700	8,900	1.6
	2024 Q1	558,600	9,500	1.7
	2024 Q2	556,700	9,100	1.6
	2024 Q3 ¹	560,700	8,600	1.5
Unemployment				
	2023 Q3	37,200	2,800	7.5
	2023 Q4	36,400	2,600	7.1
	2024 Q1	37,300	2,800	7.5
	2024 Q2	36,500	2,600	7.1
	2024 Q3 ¹	35,200	2,600	7.4
Unemployment rate, %				
	2023 Q3	6.3	0.5	7.9
	2023 Q4	6.1	0.4	6.6
	2024 Q1	6.3	0.4	6.3
	2024 Q2	6.2	0.4	6.5
	2024 Q3 ¹	5.9	0.4	6.8
Activity rate, %				
	2023 Q3	58.4	0.6	1.0
	2023 Q4	58.7	0.6	1.0
	2024 Q1	58.6	0.7	1.2
	2024 Q2	58.3	0.6	1.0
	2024 Q3 ¹	58.5	0.6	1.0

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, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2023 Q3	344,000	5,900	1.7
	2023 Q4	344,000	5,900	1.7
	2024 Q1	341,500	6,400	1.9
	2024 Q2	339,300	6,500	1.9
	2024 Q3 ¹	340,000	5,800	1.7
Employment				
	2023 Q3	328,200	5,600	1.7
	2023 Q4	329,600	5,600	1.7
	2024 Q1	326,300	6,100	1.9
	2024 Q2	324,500	6,200	1.9
	2024 Q3 ¹	325,700	5,700	1.8
Unemployment				
	2023 Q3	15,800	1,700	10.8
	2023 Q4	14,400	1,600	11.1
	2024 Q1	15,200	1,600	10.5
	2024 Q2	14,800	1,800	12.2
	2024 Q3 ¹	14,300	1,500	10.5
Unemployment rate, %				
	2023 Q3	4.6	0.5	10.9
	2023 Q4	4.2	0.4	9.5
	2024 Q1	4.5	0.4	8.9
	2024 Q2	4.4	0.5	11.4
	2024 Q3 ¹	4.2	0.4	9.5
Activity rate, %				
	2023 Q3	70.0	0.8	1.1
	2023 Q4	70.0	0.8	1.1
	2024 Q1	69.4	0.8	1.2
	2024 Q2	68.9	0.8	1.2
	2024 Q3 ¹	68.9	0.8	1.2

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2023 Q3	249,300	5,300	2.1
	2023 Q4	252,100	5,800	2.3
	2024 Q1	254,400	5,900	2.3
	2024 Q2	253,900	5,400	2.1
	2024 Q3 ¹	255,900	5,100	2.0
Employment				
	2023 Q3	227,900	5,300	2.3
	2023 Q4	230,100	5,600	2.4
	2024 Q1	232,300	5,500	2.4
	2024 Q2	232,200	5,100	2.2
	2024 Q3 ¹	235,000	5,100	2.2
Unemployment				
	2023 Q3	21,400	2,000	9.3
	2023 Q4	22,000	1,900	8.6
	2024 Q1	22,100	2,100	9.5
	2024 Q2	21,700	1,800	8.3
	2024 Q3 ¹	20,900	1,900	9.1
Unemployment rate, %				
	2023 Q3	8.6	0.8	9.3
	2023 Q4	8.7	0.7	8.0
	2024 Q1	8.7	0.8	9.2
	2024 Q2	8.5	0.7	8.2
	2024 Q3 ¹	8.2	0.7	8.5
Activity rate, %				
	2023 Q3	47.6	0.9	1.9
	2023 Q4	48.1	0.9	1.9
	2024 Q1	48.5	0.9	1.9
	2024 Q2	48.3	0.8	1.7
	2024 Q3 ¹	48.6	0.8	1.6

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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 third quarter 2024 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 were replaced by telephone interviews. As from January 2023, face-to-face interviews have been resumed.

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. 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. As from 2023, in order to improve the variance estimates, RDI boundaries have been reviewed such that each geographical district has four even strata. For this exercise, the 2022 Housing and Population Census results have been used.

At the second stage, stratification criteria are community, household size and average monthly expenditure of the household. From 2005 to 2022, 10 households were selected from each selected PSU in Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues. However, as from 2023 the number of households selected for each PSU in Island of Rodrigues have been increased from

10 to 15 while that of Island of Mauritius has remained the same. It is to be noted that the sample size has remained unchanged.

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.

LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS, CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

1. 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.

The following labour market indicators are based on the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Labour force

Labour force or active population is made up of employed and unemployed population.

5. Unemployment rate

Unemployment rate is the ratio (%) of unemployment to labour force.

6. 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.

7. Activity rate

Activity rate is the ratio (%) of labour force to population aged 16 years and above.

8. Employment Status:

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.

9. 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 - 2023

	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									
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
2022	562.8	28.3	591.1	304.1	243.8	547.9	519.6	43.2	7.7
2023 ²	592.8	26.7	619.5	303.7	278.2	581.9	555.2	37.6	6.3
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
2022	338.4	22.4	360.8	182.9	157.5	340.4	318.0	20.4	6.0
2023 ²	344.3	21.3	365.6	179.7	169.9	349.6	328.3	16.0	4.6
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
2022	224.4	5.9	230.3	121.2	86.3	207.5	201.6	22.8	10.2
2023 ²	248.5	5.4	253.9	124.0	108.3	232.3	226.9	21.6	8.7

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² 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, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

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										
2023 Q3	1,015.4	436.4	23.0	84.5	12.2	556.1	37.2	593.3	422.1	
2023 Q4	1,015.3	438.7	24.3	85.1	11.6	559.7	36.4	596.1	419.2	
2024 Q1	1,016.3	437.7	23.4	87.9	9.6	558.6	37.3	595.9	420.4	
2024 Q2	1,017.7	443.6	25.8	79.9	7.4	556.7	36.5	593.2	424.5	
2024 Q3 ¹	1,019.3	447.3	24.5	80.8	8.1	560.7	35.2	595.9	423.4	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.2					0.7	-3.6	0.5	-0.3	
same quarter a year ago	0.4					0.8	-5.4	0.4	0.3	
Male										
2023 Q3	491.5	241.0	19.6	63.6	4.0	328.2	15.8	344.0	147.5	
2023 Q4	491.7	242.3	19.9	62.7	4.7	329.6	14.4	344.0	147.7	
2024 Q1	491.9	240.5	20.0	62.9	2.9	326.3	15.2	341.5	150.4	
2024 Q2	492.4	241.4	22.7	58.4	2.0	324.5	14.8	339.3	153.1	
2024 Q3 ¹	493.2	241.6	21.1	60.6	2.4	325.7	14.3	340.0	153.2	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.2					0.4	-3.4	0.2	0.1	
same quarter a year ago	0.3					-0.8	-9.5	-1.2	3.9	
Female										
2023 Q3	523.9	195.4	3.4	20.9	8.2	227.9	21.4	249.3	274.6	
2023 Q4	523.6	196.4	4.4	22.4	6.9	230.1	22.0	252.1	271.5	
2024 Q1	524.4	197.2	3.4	25.0	6.7	232.3	22.1	254.4	270.0	
2024 Q2	525.3	202.2	3.1	21.5	5.4	232.2	21.7	253.9	271.4	
2024 Q3 ¹	526.1	205.7	3.4	20.2	5.7	235.0	20.9	255.9	270.2	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.2					1.2	-3.7	0.8	-0.4	
same quarter a year ago	0.4					3.1	-2.3	2.6	-1.6	

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 3rd Quarter 2024¹

		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	560.7	58.5	67.2	140.1	141.8	153.1
Unemployed	35.2	12.5	7.6	7.1	4.7	3.3
Labour force	595.9	71.0	74.8	147.2	146.5	156.4
Population outside labour force	423.4	89.3	10.7	20.2	32.2	271.0
Total Population	1019.3	160.3	85.5	167.4	178.7	427.4
Employment rate (%)	94.1	82.4	89.8	95.2	96.8	97.9
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	17.6	10.2	4.8	3.2	2.1
Activity rate (%)	58.5	44.3	87.5	87.9	82.0	36.6
Male						
In employment	325.7	33.2	34.1	75.8	82.4	100.2
Unemployed	14.3	5.8	3.1	2.8	1.4	1.2
Labour force	340.0	39.0	37.2	78.6	83.8	101.4
Population outside labour force	153.2	41.6	4.4	4.0	5.8	97.4
Total Population	493.2	80.6	41.6	82.6	89.6	198.8
Employment rate (%)	95.8	85.1	91.7	96.4	98.3	98.8
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	14.9	8.3	3.6	1.7	1.2
Activity rate (%)	68.9	48.4	89.4	95.2	93.5	51.0
Female						
In employment	235.0	25.3	33.1	64.3	59.4	52.9
Unemployed	20.9	6.7	4.5	4.3	3.3	2.1
Labour force	255.9	32.0	37.6	68.6	62.7	55.0
Population outside labour force	270.2	47.7	6.3	16.2	26.4	173.6
Total Population	526.1	79.7	43.9	84.8	89.1	228.6
Employment rate (%)	91.8	79.1	88.0	93.7	94.7	96.2
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	20.9	12.0	6.3	5.3	3.8
Activity rate (%)	48.6	40.2	85.6	80.9	70.4	24.1

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	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									
2023 Q3	556.1	4.7	22.0	73.3	11.6	9.5	16.1	57.2	
2023 Q4	559.7	5.3	21.4	73.3	11.4	9.2	15.5	57.8	
2024 Q1	558.6	5.8	20.1	74.1	10.5	8.8	15.6	58.5	
2024 Q2	556.7	5.6	19.6	74.8	10.6	8.2	15.4	59.4	
2024 Q3 ²	560.7	5.6	20.0	74.4	10.9	8.3	16.1	58.3	
Male									
2023 Q3	328.2	5.5	27.9	66.6	11.5	15.0	15.3	51.3	
2023 Q4	329.6	6.6	27.7	65.7	11.4	15.2	14.5	51.2	
2024 Q1	326.3	7.5	26.6	65.9	10.6	14.7	14.9	51.0	
2024 Q2	324.5	6.9	26.6	66.5	11.8	13.5	14.7	51.8	
2024 Q3 ²	325.7	7.0	27.2	65.8	12.3	13.7	15.7	50.1	
Female									
2023 Q3	227.9	3.7	13.3	83.0	11.6	1.4	17.3	65.7	
2023 Q4	230.1	3.5	12.4	84.1	11.5	0.7	16.9	67.2	
2024 Q1	232.3	3.4	11.0	85.6	10.4	0.5	16.6	69.0	
2024 Q2	232.2	3.7	10.0	86.3	9.0	0.8	16.3	70.0	
2024 Q3 ²	235.0	3.7	10.1	86.2	8.9	0.8	16.6	69.6	

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, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	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						
2023 Q3	556.1	29.7	9.5	20.6	26.5	13.7
2023 Q4	559.7	30.7	8.7	21.3	25.7	13.6
2024 Q1	558.6	30.6	8.1	21.6	26.3	13.4
2024 Q2	556.7	30.1	9.4	21.4	25.8	13.3
2024 Q3 ²	560.7	30.1	9.7	20.7	26.0	13.5
Male						
2023 Q3	328.2	27.1	5.9	17.9	38.6	10.5
2023 Q4	329.6	27.7	5.1	18.7	37.8	10.7
2024 Q1	326.3	27.5	5.1	19.8	38.3	9.3
2024 Q2	324.5	26.8	5.7	20.1	37.6	9.8
2024 Q3 ²	325.7	26.8	5.5	18.9	38.3	10.5
Female						
2023 Q3	227.9	33.4	14.6	24.6	9.2	18.2
2023 Q4	230.1	35.0	13.9	25.1	8.4	17.6
2024 Q1	232.3	34.9	12.3	24.2	9.4	19.2
2024 Q2	232.2	34.8	14.5	23.2	9.3	18.2
2024 Q3 ²	235.0	34.6	15.5	23.3	8.9	17.7

¹ National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)² Provisional

Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	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							
2023 Q3	533.0	21,400	8.7	45.9	34.2	11.2	40.2
2023 Q4	525.8	21,500	8.8	42.8	37.0	11.4	40.9
2024 Q1	533.2	20,300	11.8	48.5	28.1	11.6	38.1
2024 Q2	524.4	19,600	13.7	46.9	28.5	10.9	37.4
2024 Q3 ²	538.3	20,500	10.1	52.1	27.1	10.7	38.1
Male							
2023 Q3	312.9	13,100	6.5	42.4	36.8	14.3	41.9
2023 Q4	311.2	13,200	6.7	40.5	38.5	14.3	42.4
2024 Q1	309.4	12,400	9.3	44.7	31.3	14.7	40.1
2024 Q2	307.1	12,000	11.3	44.9	30.1	13.7	39.1
2024 Q3 ²	311.9	12,400	8.2	47.8	30.1	13.9	39.8
Female							
2023 Q3	220.0	8,300	12.0	50.9	30.4	6.7	37.7
2023 Q4	214.6	8,300	11.8	46.1	34.8	7.3	38.7
2024 Q1	223.8	7,900	15.3	53.9	23.5	7.3	35.3
2024 Q2	217.3	7,600	16.9	49.8	26.2	7.1	35.0
2024 Q3 ²	226.5	8,100	12.7	57.9	23.0	6.4	35.8

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, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary (%)	
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)		
Both sexes										
2023 Q3	37.2	14.5	10.5	4.0	68.3	40.1	19.1	9.1	17.2	
2023 Q4	36.4	8.7	6.0	2.7	64.9	36.0	18.7	10.2	26.4	
2024 Q1	37.3	12.3	8.6	3.7	63.0	32.2	17.4	13.4	24.7	
2024 Q2	36.5	8.5	5.8	2.7	71.5	39.4	15.9	16.2	20.0	
2024 Q3 ¹	35.2	11.4	8.0	3.4	70.7	41.5	15.9	13.3	17.9	
Male										
2023 Q3	15.8	15.2	12.7	2.5	70.2	48.7	13.9	7.6	14.6	
2023 Q4	14.4	9.8	7.0	2.8	68.7	45.1	15.3	8.3	21.5	
2024 Q1	15.2	17.1	12.5	4.6	62.5	38.1	9.9	14.5	20.4	
2024 Q2	14.8	7.4	5.4	2.0	71.0	46.0	12.2	12.8	21.6	
2024 Q3 ¹	14.3	9.8	7.0	2.8	73.4	51.0	11.9	10.5	16.8	
Female										
2023 Q3	21.4	14.0	8.9	5.1	66.8	33.6	22.9	10.3	19.2	
2023 Q4	22.0	8.2	5.5	2.7	62.3	30.0	20.9	11.4	29.5	
2024 Q1	22.1	9.1	5.9	3.2	63.3	28.0	22.6	12.7	27.6	
2024 Q2	21.7	9.2	6.0	3.2	71.9	35.0	18.5	18.4	18.9	
2024 Q3 ¹	20.9	12.4	8.6	3.8	68.9	34.9	18.7	15.3	18.7	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2023 Q3	37.2	12.4	21.2	3.6
	2023 Q4	36.4	12.2	22.7	1.5
	2024 Q1	37.3	13.4	19.4	4.5
	2024 Q2	36.5	12.7	21.5	2.3
	2024 Q3 ¹	35.2	12.5	19.4	3.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.3	-0.2	-2.1	1.0
	same quarter a year ago	-2.0	0.1	-1.8	-0.3
Male					
	2023 Q3	15.8	6.0	7.7	2.1
	2023 Q4	14.4	5.9	7.6	0.9
	2024 Q1	15.2	6.2	5.9	3.1
	2024 Q2	14.8	6.0	8.0	0.8
	2024 Q3 ¹	14.3	5.8	7.3	1.2
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7	0.4
	same quarter a year ago	-1.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.9
Female					
	2023 Q3	21.4	6.4	13.5	1.5
	2023 Q4	22.0	6.3	15.1	0.6
	2024 Q1	22.1	7.2	13.5	1.4
	2024 Q2	21.7	6.7	13.5	1.5
	2024 Q3 ¹	20.9	6.7	12.1	2.1
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.8	0.0	-1.4	0.6
	same quarter a year ago	-0.5	0.3	-1.4	0.6

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry ¹						
			Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other	
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2023 Q3	37.2	9.2	28.0	11.8	20.4	22.1	11.4	34.3	
2023 Q4	36.4	11.8	24.6	11.4	11.0	16.6	13.0	48.0	
2024 Q1	37.3	9.3	28.0	10.4	11.4	18.6	14.6	45.0	
2024 Q2	36.5	10.0	26.5	6.8	12.5	24.5	16.6	39.6	
2024 Q3 ²	35.2	10.6	24.6	12.2	14.2	22.0	11.8	39.8	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-1.3	0.6	-1.9						
same quarter a year ago	-2.0	1.4	-3.4						
Male									
2023 Q3	15.8	2.5	13.3	7.5	42.1	20.3	7.5	22.6	
2023 Q4	14.4	3.8	10.6	7.6	22.6	12.3	16.0	41.5	
2024 Q1	15.2	4.0	11.2	3.6	26.8	14.3	16.9	38.4	
2024 Q2	14.8	3.9	10.9	5.5	26.6	14.7	20.2	33.0	
2024 Q3 ²	14.3	4.6	9.7	15.5	35.1	14.4	8.2	26.8	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.5	0.7	-1.2						
same quarter a year ago	-1.5	2.1	-3.6						
Female									
2023 Q3	21.4	6.7	14.7	15.6	0.7	23.8	15.0	44.9	
2023 Q4	22.0	8.0	14.0	14.3	2.1	20.0	10.7	52.9	
2024 Q1	22.1	5.3	16.8	14.9	1.2	21.4	13.1	49.4	
2024 Q2	21.7	6.1	15.6	7.7	2.6	31.4	14.1	44.2	
2024 Q3 ²	20.9	6.0	14.9	10.1	0.7	26.8	14.1	48.3	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7						
same quarter a year ago	-0.5	-0.7	0.2						

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 3rd Quarter 2023 to 3rd Quarter 2024

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2023 Q3	1,015.4	422.1	32.6	35.0	20.1	8.8	3.5
2023 Q4	1,015.3	419.2	31.8	34.9	19.1	9.2	5.0
2024 Q1	1,016.3	420.4	33.3	35.5	17.9	8.8	4.5
2024 Q2	1,017.7	424.5	31.4	37.2	18.1	9.4	3.9
2024 Q3 ¹	1,019.3	423.4	31.5	36.9	19.3	9.0	3.3
Male							
2023 Q3	491.5	147.5	0.2	52.5	27.1	14.6	5.6
2023 Q4	491.7	147.7	0.2	51.8	25.4	14.8	7.8
2024 Q1	491.9	150.4	0.1	54.4	25.6	14.6	5.3
2024 Q2	492.4	153.1	0.1	54.2	25.0	14.9	5.8
2024 Q3 ¹	493.2	153.2	0.3	55.4	26.2	13.6	4.5
Female							
2023 Q3	523.9	274.6	50.0	25.6	16.4	5.7	2.3
2023 Q4	523.6	271.5	48.9	25.7	15.7	6.2	3.5
2024 Q1	524.4	270.0	51.9	25.0	13.5	5.5	4.1
2024 Q2	525.3	271.4	49.0	27.7	14.2	6.2	2.9
2024 Q3 ¹	526.1	270.2	49.1	26.5	15.4	6.4	2.6

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