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## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2025

### 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 2025, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2025. 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.

#### NOTE:

The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results.

The use of the revised population figures has impacted on the level of the labour force, employment, unemployment and outside labour force population. Also, changes in the age composition of the population have slightly impacted the different rates, namely activity and unemployment rates.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, longer series of employment, unemployment rate and activity rate and sampling errors, as usually published, will be presented in the next issue of this ESI.

The quarterly and yearly revised estimates for 2022 to 2024 are given at annex 4.

### Key figures

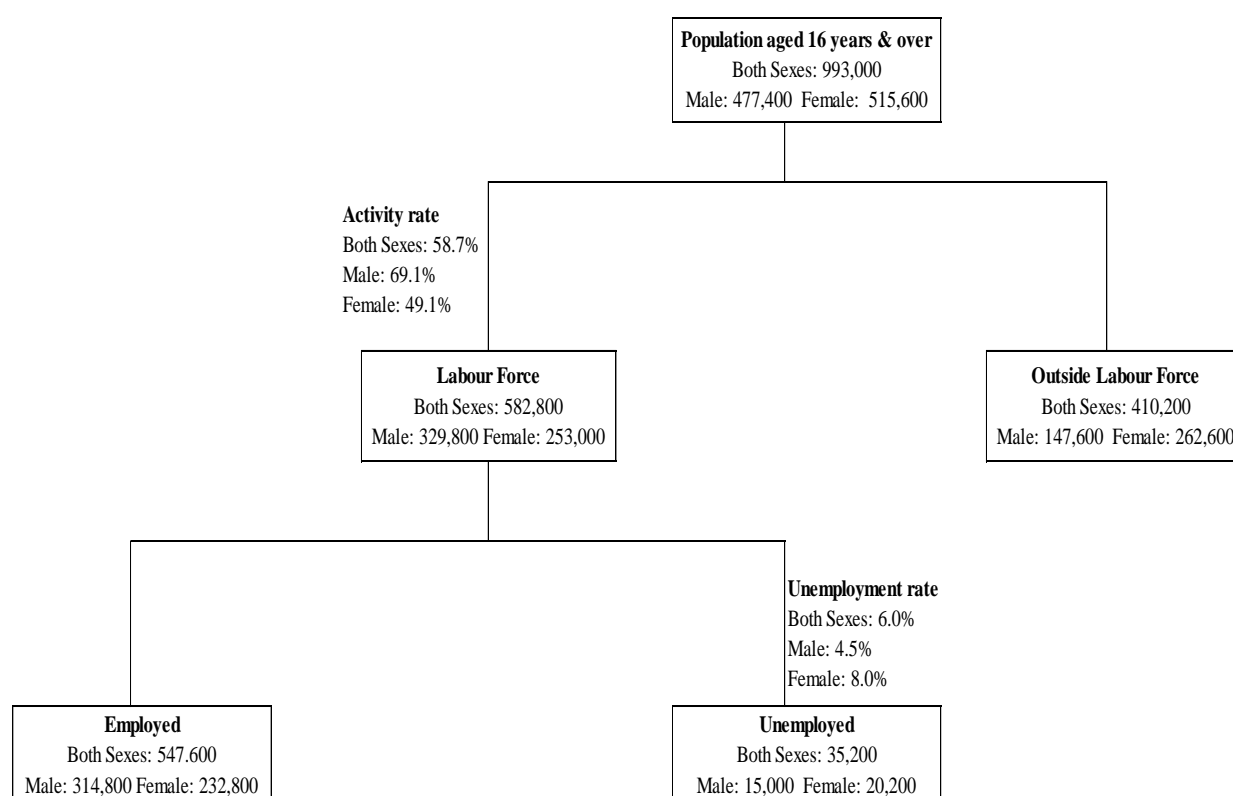
	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Change	
				Q1 2024 to Q1 2025	Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
Population (aged 16+)	991,900	992,200	993,000	+1,100	+800
Labour Force (Economically active)	582,900	583,900	582,800	-100	-1,100
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>546,600</i>	<i>550,400</i>	<i>547,600</i>	<i>+1,000</i>	<i>-2,800</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>36,300</i>	<i>33,500</i>	<i>35,200</i>	<i>-1,100</i>	<i>+1,700</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	409,000	408,300	410,200	+1,200	+1,900
Activity rate (%)	58.8	58.8	58.7	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	5.7	6.0	-0.2	+0.3
Youth unemployment	12,500	11,200	12,300	-200	+1,100
Youth unemployment rate (%)	18.9	16.6	19.8	+0.9	+3.2

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

## Labour market overview, first quarter 2025

- Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024, the labour force has decreased by 100. Employment increased by 1,000 while unemployment decreased by 1,100. The number of persons outside labour force increased by 1,200 during the same period.
- Compared to fourth quarter of 2024, labour force decreased by 1,100 with a fall in employment (-2,800) and a rise in unemployment (+1,700). The number of persons outside labour force increased by 1,900 during the same period.

**Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**



## Labour force participation

	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Change	
				Q1 2024 to Q1 2025	Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
Both sexes	58.8	58.8	58.7	-0.1	-0.1
Male	69.6	69.3	69.1	-0.5	-0.2
Female	48.7	49.1	49.1	+0.4	0.0

- The activity rate for first quarter 2025 decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 58.7% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024. The male activity rate decreased by 0.5

percentage point to 69.1% and the female activity rate increased by 0.4 percentage point to 49.1%.

6. Compared to fourth quarter 2024, the activity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point and the female activity rate remained unchanged.

### **Employment**

	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Change	
				Q1 2024 to Q1 2025	Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
Both sexes	546,600	550,400	547,600	+1,000	-2,800
Male	317,600	317,300	314,800	-2,800	-2,500
Female	229,000	233,100	232,800	+3,800	-300

7. From first quarter 2024 to first quarter 2025, employment increased by 1,000 to 547,600; male employment decreased by 2,800 while female employment increased by 3,800.
8. Compared to fourth quarter 2024, employment decreased by 2,800; both male and female employment decreased by 2,500 and 300 respectively.

### **Unemployment**

	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Change	
				Q1 2024 to Q1 2025	Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
Both sexes	36,300	33,500	35,200	-1,100	+1,700
Male	14,500	13,500	15,000	+500	+1,500
Female	21,800	20,000	20,200	-1,600	+200
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	6.2	5.7	6.0	-0.2	+0.3
Male	4.4	4.1	4.5	+0.1	+0.4
Female	8.7	7.9	8.0	-0.7	+0.1

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025***

9. From first quarter 2024 to first quarter 2025, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,100. Male unemployment increased by 500 and female unemployment decreased by 1,600.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 6.2% in first quarter 2024 to 6.0% in first quarter 2025. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to reach 4.5% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.7 percentage point to 8.0%.

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025***

11. When compared to fourth quarter 2024, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 1,700, with increases of 1,500 among males and 200 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage point from 5.7% in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 6.0% in the first quarter of 2025. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage point from 4.1% to 4.5% and female unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 7.9% to 8.0%.

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

	Q1 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Change	
				Q1 2024 to Q1 2025	Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
Both sexes	12,500	11,200	12,300	-200	+1,100
Male	5,600	5,000	5,800	+200	+800
Female	6,900	6,200	6,500	-400	+300
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	18.9	16.6	19.8	+0.9	+3.2
Male	16.4	14.2	17.9	+1.5	+3.7
Female	21.5	19.1	22.0	+0.5	+2.9

13. At the first quarter of 2025, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 12,300 (5,800 males and 6,500 females) compared to 11,200 (5,000 males and 6,200 females) at the previous quarter and 12,500 (5,600 males and 6,900 females) at the first quarter of 2024.
14. The youth unemployment rate increased in the first quarter of 2025 to 19.8% from 18.9% in the corresponding quarter of 2024. During the same period, the rate for young men increased by 1.5 percentage points to 17.9%, and that for young women increased by 0.5 percentage point to 22.0%.

15. Compared to fourth quarter 2024, the youth unemployment rate increased from 16.6% to 19.8%, with increases of 3.7 percentage points for young men and 2.9 percentage points for young women.

### ***Characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2025***

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2025 were as follows:
- (i) The 35,200 unemployed comprised 15,000 males (43%) and 20,200 females (57%).
  - (ii) Around 19,100 (54%) of the unemployed were single; males (75%) and females (39%).
  - (iii) Some 17,400 (49%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 2,900 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
  - (iv) Around 29,900 (85%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 5,300 (15%) for more than one year.
  - (v) About 25,900 (74%) had working experience and 9,300 (26%) were looking for a first job.
  - (vi) Around 14,600 (41%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
  - (vii) There were 6,300 (18%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,600 possessed a qualification below SC.
  - (viii) Some 3,700 or 11% of the unemployed were heads of households.
  - (ix) Around 5,700 (16%) lived in households with no employed persons.

### **Population outside Labour Force**

17. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 410,200 at the first quarter of 2025 compared to 408,300 in the fourth quarter of 2024 and 409,000 in the first quarter of 2024.
18. The population outside labour force comprised 147,600 males and 262,600 females. Among males, around 57% were retired/old persons and 25% were students. Among females, 49% were homemakers and 26% were retired/old persons.

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

19. 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.

The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at

[https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By\\_Subject/Labour/SB\\_labour.aspx](https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By_Subject/Labour/SB_labour.aspx)

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## **NOTES**

### **Release of Labour Force data**

Labour Force statistics are compiled and published in the “Economic and Social Indicators” in March, June, September and December according to an advance calendar posted on the website of Statistics Mauritius (<https://statsmauritius.govmu.org>). This issue provides data for the first quarter 2025 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, 2022 - 2024

		Labour force			Employment			Unemployment <sup>1</sup>		
		Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Foreign workers (000s)	Total (000s)	in large establishments (000s)	outside large establishments (000s)	Total (000s)	<i>of whom Mauritians (000s)</i>	Number (000s)	Rate (%)
Both sexes										
	2022 <sup>2</sup>	553.5	26.7	<b>580.2</b>	301.8	236.0	<b>537.8</b>	<i>511.1</i>	42.4	7.7
	2023 <sup>2</sup>	580.9	26.9	<b>607.8</b>	304.3	266.6	<b>570.9</b>	<i>544.0</i>	36.9	6.4
	2024 <sup>3</sup>	581.9	26.6	<b>608.5</b>	304.6	269.0	<b>573.6</b>	<i>547.0</i>	34.9	6.0
Male										
	2022 <sup>2</sup>	331.1	21.5	<b>352.6</b>	181.6	151.1	<b>332.7</b>	<i>311.2</i>	19.9	6.0
	2023 <sup>2</sup>	335.2	21.5	<b>356.7</b>	180.0	161.2	<b>341.2</b>	<i>319.7</i>	15.5	4.6
	2024 <sup>3</sup>	330.4	21.6	<b>352.0</b>	179.3	158.7	<b>338.0</b>	<i>316.4</i>	14.0	4.2
Female										
	2022 <sup>2</sup>	222.4	5.2	<b>227.6</b>	120.2	84.9	<b>205.1</b>	<i>199.9</i>	22.5	10.1
	2023 <sup>2</sup>	245.7	5.4	<b>251.1</b>	124.3	105.4	<b>229.7</b>	<i>224.3</i>	21.4	8.7
	2024 <sup>3</sup>	251.5	5.0	<b>256.5</b>	125.3	110.3	<b>235.6</b>	<i>230.6</i>	20.9	8.3

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</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.

2. The labour force, employment and unemployment estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results.

**Annex 4**

Labour force estimates based on population figures revised according to 2022 Population Census results, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Key Indicators	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Year 2022
Population (aged 16+)	988,600	989,200	989,100	985,900	988,200
Labour Force	541,300	551,500	557,900	561,000	553,500
Employment	494,500	506,900	515,900	522,800	511,100
Unemployment	46,800	44,600	42,000	38,200	42,400
Outside Labour Force	447,300	437,700	431,200	424,900	434,700
Activity Rate (%)	54.8	55.8	56.4	56.9	56.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.1	7.5	6.8	7.7

Key Indicators	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Year 2023
Population (aged 16+)	991,000	991,400	991,800	992,100	991,600
Labour Force	579,600	578,700	581,400	584,100	580,900
Employment	541,000	541,500	545,000	548,300	544,000
Unemployment	38,600	37,200	36,400	35,800	36,900
Outside Labour Force	411,400	412,700	410,400	408,000	410,700
Activity Rate (%)	58.5	58.4	58.6	58.9	58.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.4

Key Indicators	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Year 2024
Population (aged 16+)	991,900	992,200	993,200	992,200	992,400
Labour Force	582,900	579,500	581,600	583,900	581,900
Employment	546,600	543,900	547,400	550,400	547,000
Unemployment	36,300	35,600	34,200	33,500	34,900
Outside Labour Force	409,000	412,700	411,600	408,300	410,500
Activity Rate (%)	58.8	58.4	58.6	58.8	58.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.7	6.0

Table 1: Population aged 16 years and over by economic activity status, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

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										
	2024 Q1	991.9	428.9	22.7	85.6	9.4	546.6	36.3	582.9	409.0
	2024 Q2	992.2	433.8	25.1	77.8	7.2	543.9	35.6	579.5	412.7
	2024 Q3	993.2	437.0	23.8	78.7	7.9	547.4	34.2	581.6	411.6
	2024 Q4	992.2	438.5	24.1	80.0	7.8	550.4	33.5	583.9	408.3
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	993.0	436.9	22.3	81.2	7.2	547.6	35.2	582.8	410.2
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.1					-0.5	5.1	-0.2	0.5
	same quarter a year ago	0.1					0.2	-3.0	0.0	0.3
Male										
	2024 Q1	477.4	234.3	19.5	61.0	2.8	317.6	14.5	332.1	145.3
	2024 Q2	477.4	234.4	22.1	56.7	1.9	315.1	14.3	329.4	148.0
	2024 Q3	477.8	234.3	20.5	58.9	2.3	316.0	13.7	329.7	148.1
	2024 Q4	477.2	236.2	20.5	58.6	2.0	317.3	13.5	330.8	146.4
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	477.4	236.7	19.2	56.4	2.5	314.8	15.0	329.8	147.6
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.0					-0.8	11.1	-0.3	0.8
	same quarter a year ago	0.0					-0.9	3.4	-0.7	1.6
Female										
	2024 Q1	514.5	194.6	3.2	24.6	6.6	229.0	21.8	250.8	263.7
	2024 Q2	514.8	199.4	3.0	21.1	5.3	228.8	21.3	250.1	264.7
	2024 Q3	515.4	202.7	3.3	19.8	5.6	231.4	20.5	251.9	263.5
	2024 Q4	515.0	202.3	3.6	21.4	5.8	233.1	20.0	253.1	261.9
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	515.6	200.2	3.1	24.8	4.7	232.8	20.2	253.0	262.6
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.1					-0.1	1.0	0.0	0.3
	same quarter a year ago	0.2					1.7	-7.3	0.9	-0.4

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Note : The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>1</sup>**

		In thousands					
		Mauritan	Age group (years)				
		Population aged 16	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
		years and over					
Both sexes							
	In employment	547.6	49.7	63.8	140.2	142.0	151.9
	Unemployed	35.2	12.3	7.9	8.5	4.3	2.2
	Labour force	582.8	62.0	71.7	148.7	146.3	154.1
	Population outside labour force	410.2	86.9	11.7	22.1	26.9	262.6
	Total Population	993.0	148.9	83.4	170.8	173.2	416.7
	Employment rate (%)	94.0	80.2	89.0	94.3	97.1	98.6
	Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	19.8	11.0	5.7	2.9	1.4
	Activity rate (%)	58.7	41.6	86.0	87.1	84.5	37.0
Male							
	In employment	314.8	26.6	32.8	76.7	80.3	98.4
	Unemployed	15.0	5.8	3.0	3.4	1.3	1.5
	Labour force	329.8	32.4	35.8	80.1	81.6	99.9
	Population outside labour force	147.6	40.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	93.7
	Total Population	477.4	73.0	40.2	84.7	85.9	193.6
	Employment rate (%)	95.5	82.1	91.6	95.8	98.4	98.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	17.9	8.4	4.2	1.6	1.5
	Activity rate (%)	69.1	44.4	89.1	94.6	95.0	51.6
Female							
	In employment	232.8	23.1	31.0	63.5	61.7	53.5
	Unemployed	20.2	6.5	4.9	5.1	3.0	0.7
	Labour force	253.0	29.6	35.9	68.6	64.7	54.2
	Population outside labour force	262.6	46.3	7.3	17.5	22.6	168.9
	Total Population	515.6	75.9	43.2	86.1	87.3	223.1
	Employment rate (%)	92.0	78.0	86.4	92.6	95.4	98.7
	Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	22.0	13.6	7.4	4.6	1.3
	Activity rate (%)	49.1	39.0	83.1	79.7	74.1	24.3

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

		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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes									
	2024 Q1	546.6	5.8	20.0	74.2	10.5	8.7	15.6	58.6
	2024 Q2	543.9	5.5	19.6	74.9	10.6	8.2	15.4	59.5
	2024 Q3	547.4	5.6	19.9	74.5	10.8	8.3	16.1	58.4
	2024 Q4	550.4	4.6	20.0	75.4	10.7	8.4	15.4	60.0
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	547.6	4.9	19.5	75.6	10.3	8.1	14.7	60.9
Male									
	2024 Q1	317.6	7.5	26.5	66.0	10.6	14.6	14.9	51.1
	2024 Q2	315.1	6.9	26.5	66.6	11.7	13.5	14.7	51.9
	2024 Q3	316.0	7.0	27.2	65.8	12.3	13.7	15.7	50.1
	2024 Q4	317.3	5.8	26.6	67.6	11.1	14.2	14.8	52.8
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	314.8	6.8	26.3	66.9	10.7	14.0	13.6	53.3
Female									
	2024 Q1	229.0	3.4	10.9	85.7	10.4	0.4	16.5	69.2
	2024 Q2	228.8	3.6	10.1	86.3	9.0	0.8	16.3	70.0
	2024 Q3	231.4	3.7	10.0	86.3	8.8	0.8	16.6	69.7
	2024 Q4	233.1	3.0	11.0	86.0	10.1	0.4	16.3	69.7
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	232.8	2.2	10.3	87.5	9.8	0.2	16.1	71.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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**Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

		ISCO-08 <sup>1</sup>					
		Total employed aged 16 years and over  (000s)	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							
	2024 Q1	546.6	30.7	8.2	21.6	26.1	13.4
	2024 Q2	543.9	30.3	9.5	21.3	25.7	13.2
	2024 Q3	547.4	30.2	9.8	20.7	25.8	13.5
	2024 Q4	550.4	30.0	9.7	21.0	25.8	13.5
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	547.6	31.4	8.1	22.4	24.4	13.7
Male							
	2024 Q1	317.6	27.7	5.2	19.8	38.1	9.2
	2024 Q2	315.1	27.0	5.8	20.0	37.5	9.7
	2024 Q3	316.0	27.0	5.5	18.9	38.2	10.4
	2024 Q4	317.3	26.2	6.1	19.2	38.5	10.0
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	314.8	28.9	4.4	19.4	36.9	10.4
Female							
	2024 Q1	229.0	35.0	12.4	24.1	9.4	19.1
	2024 Q2	228.8	34.9	14.5	23.2	9.3	18.1
	2024 Q3	231.4	34.7	15.6	23.2	8.9	17.6
	2024 Q4	233.1	35.1	14.5	23.5	8.5	18.4
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	232.8	34.8	13.2	26.5	7.4	18.1

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

<sup>2</sup>Provisional

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**Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

		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	
Both sexes								
	2024 Q1	521.6	19,900	11.8	48.6	28.0	11.6	38.2
	2024 Q2	512.2	19,100	13.6	47.0	28.5	10.9	37.3
	2024 Q3	525.5	20,100	10.1	52.1	27.1	10.7	38.2
	2024 Q4	517.7	20,600	10.0	46.8	31.3	11.9	39.8
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	525.6	19,300	12.2	53.3	24.2	10.3	36.7
Male								
	2024 Q1	301.0	12,100	9.3	44.7	31.3	14.7	40.2
	2024 Q2	298.1	11,600	11.3	44.9	30.2	13.6	38.9
	2024 Q3	302.5	12,100	8.2	47.8	30.1	13.9	40.0
	2024 Q4	301.7	12,600	7.8	42.8	33.7	15.7	41.8
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	300.2	11,600	9.9	49.9	27.1	13.1	38.6
Female								
	2024 Q1	220.6	7,800	15.2	53.9	23.5	7.4	35.4
	2024 Q2	214.1	7,500	16.9	49.8	26.2	7.1	35.0
	2024 Q3	223.0	8,000	12.6	58.0	23.0	6.4	35.9
	2024 Q4	216.0	8,000	13.0	52.5	27.8	6.7	37.0
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	225.4	7,700	15.2	57.9	20.3	6.6	34.2

<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

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Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

		Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary
			Total	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	
Both sexes										
	2024 Q1	36.3	11.9	8.3	3.6	63.0	32.2	17.6	13.2	25.1
	2024 Q2	35.6	8.4	5.9	2.5	71.4	39.1	16.0	16.3	20.2
	2024 Q3	34.2	11.1	7.9	3.2	71.1	41.2	16.1	13.8	17.8
	2024 Q4	33.5	12.8	10.4	2.4	68.1	43.6	14.6	9.9	19.1
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	35.2	11.4	8.3	3.1	69.6	38.1	21.6	9.9	19.0
Male										
	2024 Q1	14.5	16.5	12.4	4.1	62.1	37.9	10.4	13.8	21.4
	2024 Q2	14.3	7.0	5.6	1.4	70.6	45.4	11.9	13.3	22.4
	2024 Q3	13.7	10.2	7.3	2.9	73.0	50.4	11.7	10.9	16.8
	2024 Q4	13.5	16.3	14.8	1.5	70.4	45.9	17.1	7.4	13.3
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	15.0	12.7	10.7	2.0	68.0	42.7	18.0	7.3	19.3
Female										
	2024 Q1	21.8	8.7	5.5	3.2	63.8	28.4	22.5	12.9	27.5
	2024 Q2	21.3	9.4	6.1	3.3	71.8	34.7	18.8	18.3	18.8
	2024 Q3	20.5	11.7	8.3	3.4	69.8	35.1	19.1	15.6	18.5
	2024 Q4	20.0	10.5	7.5	3.0	66.5	42.0	13.0	11.5	23.0
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	20.2	10.4	6.4	4.0	70.8	34.6	24.3	11.9	18.8

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**Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2024 Q1	<b>36.3</b>	12.5	19.5	4.3
	2024 Q2	<b>35.6</b>	12.0	21.5	2.1
	2024 Q3	<b>34.2</b>	11.7	19.2	3.3
	2024 Q4	<b>33.5</b>	11.2	19.2	3.1
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>35.2</b>	12.3	20.7	2.2
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Male</b>					
	2024 Q1	<b>14.5</b>	5.6	5.9	3.0
	2024 Q2	<b>14.3</b>	5.5	8.1	0.7
	2024 Q3	<b>13.7</b>	5.3	7.2	1.2
	2024 Q4	<b>13.5</b>	5.0	7.3	1.2
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>15.0</b>	5.8	7.7	1.5
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Female</b>					
	2024 Q1	<b>21.8</b>	6.9	13.6	1.3
	2024 Q2	<b>21.3</b>	6.5	13.4	1.4
	2024 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	6.4	12.0	2.1
	2024 Q4	<b>20.0</b>	6.2	11.9	1.9
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	<b>20.2</b>	6.5	13.0	0.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

		Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry <sup>1</sup>					
				Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other
		(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes									
	2024 Q1	36.3	8.9	27.4	10.6	10.9	18.6	14.6	45.3
	2024 Q2	35.6	9.6	26.0	6.6	12.3	24.6	16.5	40.0
	2024 Q3	34.2	10.2	24.0	12.1	14.1	22.1	12.1	39.6
	2024 Q4	33.5	10.3	23.2	6.5	18.5	16.8	15.5	42.7
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	35.2	9.3	25.9	10.1	9.3	21.6	21.2	37.8
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	1.7	-1.0	2.7					
	same quarter a year ago	-1.1	0.4	-1.5					
Male									
	2024 Q1	14.5	3.8	10.7	3.8	27.1	14.0	16.8	38.3
	2024 Q2	14.3	3.7	10.6	4.7	26.4	15.1	20.8	33.0
	2024 Q3	13.7	4.3	9.4	14.9	35.1	14.9	8.5	26.6
	2024 Q4	13.5	4.5	9.0	4.5	43.3	10.0	13.3	28.9
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	15.0	3.9	11.1	13.5	21.6	17.1	18.0	29.8
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	1.5	-0.6	2.1					
	same quarter a year ago	0.5	0.1	0.4					
Female									
	2024 Q1	21.8	5.1	16.7	15.0	0.6	21.5	13.2	49.7
	2024 Q2	21.3	5.9	15.4	7.8	2.6	31.2	13.6	44.8
	2024 Q3	20.5	5.9	14.6	10.3	0.7	26.7	14.4	47.9
	2024 Q4	20.0	5.8	14.2	7.8	2.8	21.1	16.9	51.4
	2025 Q1 <sup>2</sup>	20.2	5.4	14.8	7.4	0.0	25.0	23.7	43.9
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	0.2	-0.4	0.6					
	same quarter a year ago	-1.6	0.3	-1.9					

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

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**Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

		Total Mauritians aged 16+  (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
			Total	Homemakers	Retired or elderly	Students	Sick or disabled	Other
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
	2024 Q1	991.9	409.0	33.5	35.9	17.4	8.8	4.4
	2024 Q2	992.2	412.7	31.5	37.6	17.7	9.3	3.9
	2024 Q3	993.2	411.6	31.6	37.3	18.8	9.0	3.3
	2024 Q4	992.2	408.3	31.8	36.4	18.9	8.8	4.1
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	993.0	410.2	31.6	37.3	18.5	8.2	4.4
Male								
	2024 Q1	477.4	145.3	0.1	55.6	24.6	14.6	5.1
	2024 Q2	477.4	148.0	0.1	55.2	24.1	14.9	5.7
	2024 Q3	477.8	148.1	0.3	56.5	25.1	13.6	4.5
	2024 Q4	477.2	146.4	0.1	55.1	25.2	13.4	6.2
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	477.4	147.6	0.3	57.3	24.7	12.3	5.4
Female								
	2024 Q1	514.5	263.7	52.0	25.1	13.4	5.5	4.0
	2024 Q2	514.8	264.7	49.1	27.8	14.0	6.2	2.9
	2024 Q3	515.4	263.5	49.2	26.6	15.2	6.4	2.6
	2024 Q4	515.0	261.9	49.5	25.9	15.4	6.2	3.0
	2025 Q1 <sup>1</sup>	515.6	262.6	49.2	26.1	15.0	5.9	3.8

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