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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 2025, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 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.

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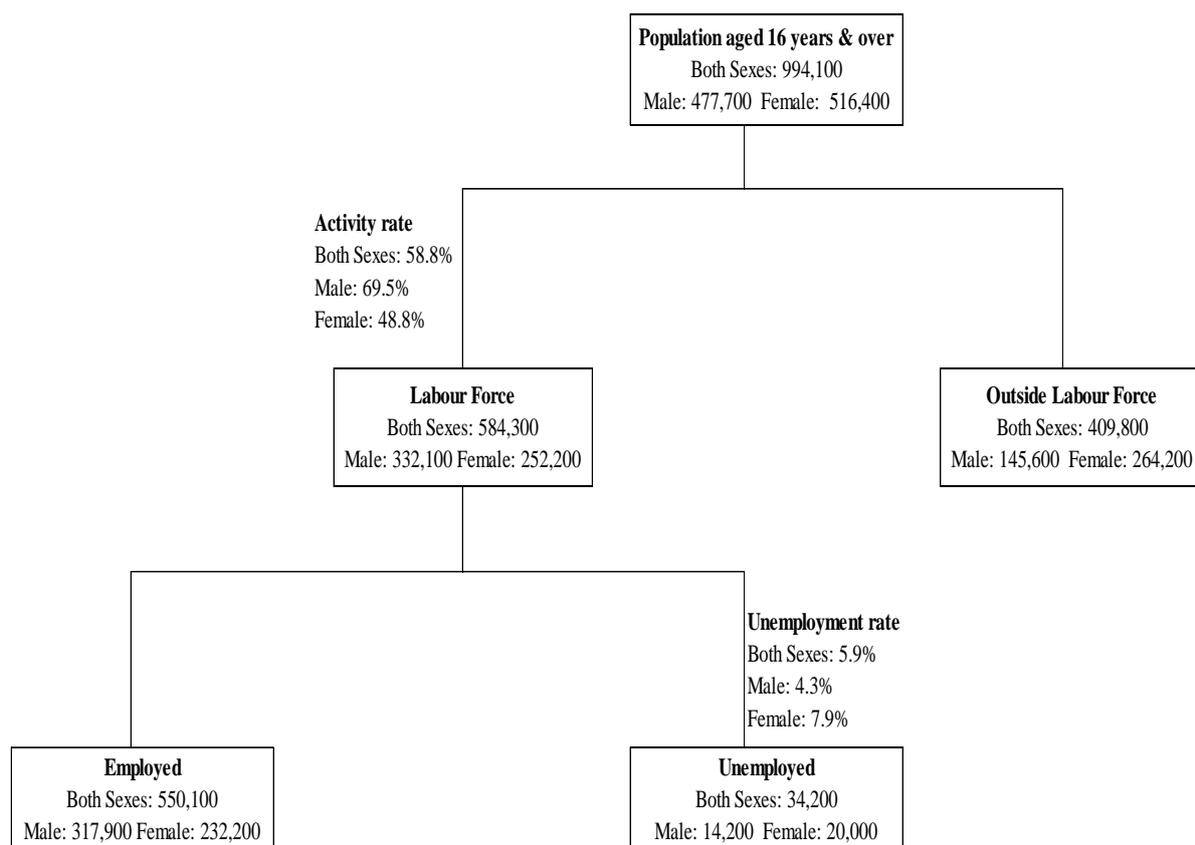
	Q2 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Change	
				Q2 2024 to Q2 2025	Q1 2025 to Q2 2025
Population (aged 16+)	992,200	993,000	994,100	+1,900	+1,100
Labour Force (Economically active)	579,500	582,800	584,300	+4,800	+1,500
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>543,900</i>	<i>547,600</i>	<i>550,100</i>	<i>+6,200</i>	<i>+2,500</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>35,600</i>	<i>35,200</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>-1,400</i>	<i>-1,000</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	412,700	410,200	409,800	-2,900	-400
Activity rate (%)	58.4	58.7	58.8	+0.4	+0.1
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	6.0	5.9	-0.2	-0.1
Youth unemployment	12,000	12,300	12,800	+800	+500
Youth unemployment rate (%)	18.0	19.8	20.1	+2.1	+0.3

Labour market overview, second quarter 2025

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024, the labour force has increased by 4,800. Employment increased by 6,200 while unemployment decreased by 1,400. The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 2,900 during the same period.
4. Compared to first quarter of 2025, labour force increased by 1,500 with a rise in employment (+2,500) and a fall in unemployment (-1,000). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 400 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, 2nd Quarter 2025



Labour force participation

	Q2 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Change	
				Q2 2024 to Q2 2025	Q1 2025 to Q2 2025
Both sexes	58.4	58.7	58.8	+0.4	+0.1
Male	69.0	69.1	69.5	+0.5	+0.4
Female	48.6	49.1	48.8	+0.2	-0.3

- The activity rate for second quarter 2025 increased by 0.4 percentage point to 58.8% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024. The male activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage point to 69.5% and the female activity rate increased by 0.2 percentage point to 48.8%.
- Compared to first quarter 2025, the activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage point. The male activity rate increased by 0.4 percentage point and the female activity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point.

Employment

	Q2 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Change	
				Q2 2024 to Q2 2025	Q1 2025 to Q2 2025
Both sexes	543,900	547,600	550,100	+6,200	+2,500
Male	315,100	314,800	317,900	+2,800	+3,100
Female	228,800	232,800	232,200	+3,400	-600

7. From second quarter 2024 to second quarter 2025, employment increased by 6,200 to 550,100; both male and female employment increased by 2,800 and 3,400 respectively.
8. Compared to first quarter 2025, employment increased by 2,500; male employment increased by 3,100 while female employment decreased by 600.

Unemployment

	Q2 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Change	
				Q2 2024 to Q2 2025	Q1 2025 to Q2 2025
Both sexes	35,600	35,200	34,200	-1,400	-1,000
Male	14,300	15,000	14,200	-100	-800
Female	21,300	20,200	20,000	-1,300	-200
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	6.1	6.0	5.9	-0.2	-0.1
Male	4.3	4.5	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Female	8.5	8.0	7.9	-0.6	-0.1

2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

9. From second quarter 2024 to second quarter 2025, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,400. Male unemployment decreased by 100 and female unemployment decreased by 1,300.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 6.1% in second quarter 2024 to 5.9% in second quarter 2025. Male unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point to 7.9%.

1st Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2025

11. When compared to first quarter 2025, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,000, with decreases of 800 among males and 200 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point from 6.0% in the first quarter of 2025 to 5.9% in the second quarter of 2025. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 4.5% to 4.3% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point from 8.0% to 7.9%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q2 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Change	
				Q2 2024 to Q2 2025	Q1 2025 to Q2 2025
Both sexes	12,000	12,300	12,800	+800	+500
Male	5,500	5,800	6,300	+800	+500
Female	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0	0.0
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	18.0	19.8	20.1	+2.1	+0.3
Male	15.5	17.9	18.2	+2.7	+0.3
Female	20.7	22.0	22.3	+1.6	+0.3

13. At the second quarter of 2025, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 12,800 (6,300 males and 6,500 females) compared to 12,300 (5,800 males and 6,500 females) at the previous quarter and 12,000 (5,500 males and 6,500 females) at the second quarter of 2024.
14. The youth unemployment rate increased in the second quarter of 2025 to 20.1% from 18.0% in the corresponding quarter of 2024. During the same period, the rate for young men increased by 2.7 percentage points to 18.2%, and that for young women increased by 1.6 percentage points to 22.3%.
15. Compared to first quarter 2025, the youth unemployment rate increased from 19.8% to 20.1%, with increases of 0.3 percentage point for both young men and young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2025

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2025 were as follows:
- (i) The 34,200 unemployed comprised 14,200 males (42%) and 20,000 females (58%).
 - (ii) Around 19,300 (56%) of the unemployed were single; males (72%) and females (46%).
 - (iii) Some 15,200 (44%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 3,200 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
 - (iv) Around 27,400 (80%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 6,800 (20%) for more than one year.
 - (v) About 24,800 (73%) had working experience and 9,400 (27%) were looking for a first job.
 - (vi) Around 14,700 (43%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
 - (vii) There were 5,500 (16%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 1,800 possessed a qualification below SC.
 - (viii) Some 3,100 or 9% of the unemployed were heads of households.
 - (ix) Around 3,900 (11%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2025 was 5.6%, lower than the rates of 5.8% and 5.7% at the corresponding quarter of 2024 and 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 409,800 at the second quarter of 2025 compared to 410,200 in the first quarter of 2025 and 412,700 in the second quarter of 2024.
19. The population outside labour force comprised 145,600 males and 264,200 females. Among males, around 58% were retired/old persons and 23% were students. Among females, 51% were homemakers and 26% 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 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2024 Q2	579,500	9,600	1.7
	2024 Q3	581,600	8,400	1.4
	2024 Q4	583,900	9,100	1.6
	2025 Q1	582,800	9,800	1.7
	2025 Q2 ¹	584,300	9,200	1.6
Employment				
	2024 Q2	543,900	9,000	1.7
	2024 Q3	547,400	8,400	1.5
	2024 Q4	550,400	8,700	1.6
	2025 Q1	547,600	9,500	1.7
	2025 Q2 ¹	550,100	8,800	1.6
Unemployment				
	2024 Q2	35,600	2,500	7.0
	2024 Q3	34,200	2,500	7.3
	2024 Q4	33,500	2,400	7.2
	2025 Q1	35,200	2,400	6.8
	2025 Q2 ¹	34,200	2,300	6.7
Unemployment rate, %				
	2024 Q2	6.1	0.4	6.6
	2024 Q3	5.9	0.4	6.8
	2024 Q4	5.7	0.4	7.0
	2025 Q1	6.0	0.4	6.7
	2025 Q2 ¹	5.9	0.4	6.8
Activity rate, %				
	2024 Q2	58.4	0.6	1.0
	2024 Q3	58.6	0.6	1.0
	2024 Q4	58.8	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q1	58.7	0.7	1.2
	2025 Q2 ¹	58.8	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, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2024 Q2	329,400	6,300	1.9
	2024 Q3	329,700	5,600	1.7
	2024 Q4	330,800	5,900	1.8
	2025 Q1	329,800	6,400	1.9
	2025 Q2 ¹	332,100	6,300	1.9
Employment				
	2024 Q2	315,100	6,100	1.9
	2024 Q3	316,000	5,500	1.7
	2024 Q4	317,300	5,600	1.8
	2025 Q1	314,800	6,400	2.0
	2025 Q2 ¹	317,900	6,200	2.0
Unemployment				
	2024 Q2	14,300	1,700	11.9
	2024 Q3	13,700	1,500	10.9
	2024 Q4	13,500	1,500	11.1
	2025 Q1	15,000	1,600	10.7
	2025 Q2 ¹	14,200	1,500	10.6
Unemployment rate, %				
	2024 Q2	4.3	0.5	11.6
	2024 Q3	4.2	0.4	9.5
	2024 Q4	4.1	0.4	9.8
	2025 Q1	4.5	0.5	11.1
	2025 Q2 ¹	4.3	0.4	9.3
Activity rate, %				
	2024 Q2	69.0	0.8	1.2
	2024 Q3	69.0	0.8	1.2
	2024 Q4	69.3	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q1	69.1	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q2 ¹	69.5	0.8	1.2

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2024 Q2	250,100	5,300	2.1
	2024 Q3	251,900	5,000	2.0
	2024 Q4	253,100	5,700	2.3
	2025 Q1	253,000	5,900	2.3
	2025 Q2 ¹	252,200	5,800	2.3
Employment				
	2024 Q2	228,800	5,000	2.2
	2024 Q3	231,400	5,000	2.2
	2024 Q4	233,100	5,600	2.4
	2025 Q1	232,800	5,500	2.4
	2025 Q2 ¹	232,200	5,400	2.3
Unemployment				
	2024 Q2	21,300	1,800	8.5
	2024 Q3	20,500	1,900	9.3
	2024 Q4	20,000	1,900	9.5
	2025 Q1	20,200	1,900	9.4
	2025 Q2 ¹	20,000	1,800	9.0
Unemployment rate, %				
	2024 Q2	8.5	0.7	8.2
	2024 Q3	8.1	0.7	8.6
	2024 Q4	7.9	0.7	8.9
	2025 Q1	8.0	0.7	8.8
	2025 Q2 ¹	7.9	0.7	8.9
Activity rate, %				
	2024 Q2	48.6	0.8	1.6
	2024 Q3	48.9	0.8	1.6
	2024 Q4	49.1	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q1	49.1	0.9	1.8
	2025 Q2 ¹	48.8	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 second 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 ¹	
	Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Foreign workers (000s)	Total (000s)	in large establishments (000s)	outside large establishments (000s)	Total (000s)	of whom Mauritians (000s)	Number (000s)	Rate (%)
Both sexes									
2022 ²	553.1	26.7	579.8	301.7	235.7	537.4	510.7	42.4	7.7
2023 ²	580.9	26.9	607.8	304.3	266.6	570.9	544.0	36.9	6.4
2024 ³	581.9	26.6	608.5	304.6	269.0	573.6	547.0	34.9	6.0
Male									
2022 ²	330.9	21.5	352.4	181.5	151.0	332.5	311.0	19.9	6.0
2023 ²	335.2	21.5	356.7	180.0	161.2	341.2	319.7	15.5	4.6
2024 ³	330.4	21.6	352.0	179.3	158.7	338.0	316.4	14.0	4.2
Female									
2022 ²	222.2	5.2	227.4	120.2	84.7	204.9	199.7	22.5	10.1
2023 ²	245.7	5.4	251.1	124.3	105.4	229.7	224.3	21.4	8.7
2024 ³	251.5	5.0	256.5	125.3	110.3	235.6	230.6	20.9	8.3

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² Revised

³ Provisional

Note:

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

- i CMPHS for Mauritian labour force estimates which are subject to sampling variability as mentioned at Annex 1.
- ii The Annual Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) in large establishments carried out in March of each year. Employment figures refer to jobs in large establishments employing 10 or more persons and include both Mauritians and foreign workers.
- iii Employment in 'other than large' establishments has been estimated after reconciling data from CMPHS, SEE and administrative sources.

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

Table 1: Population aged 16 years and over by economic activity status, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd 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 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	993.0	436.9	22.3	81.2	7.2	547.6	35.2	582.8	410.2
2025 Q2 ¹	994.1	442.3	22.1	78.2	7.5	550.1	34.2	584.3	409.8
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.1					0.5	-2.8	0.3	-0.1
same quarter a year ago	0.2					1.1	-3.9	0.8	-0.7
Male									
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	477.4	236.7	19.2	56.4	2.5	314.8	15.0	329.8	147.6
2025 Q2 ¹	477.7	240.0	19.3	57.1	1.5	317.9	14.2	332.1	145.6
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.1					1.0	-5.3	0.7	-1.4
same quarter a year ago	0.1					0.9	-0.7	0.8	-1.6
Female									
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	515.6	200.2	3.1	24.8	4.7	232.8	20.2	253.0	262.6
2025 Q2 ¹	516.4	202.3	2.8	21.1	6.0	232.2	20.0	252.2	264.2
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.2					-0.3	-1.0	-0.3	0.6
same quarter a year ago	0.3					1.5	-6.1	0.8	-0.2

¹ Provisional

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2025 ¹

		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	550.1	51.0	66.4	143.1	139.4	150.2
	Unemployed	34.2	12.8	6.3	8.0	4.9	2.2
	Labour force	584.3	63.8	72.7	151.1	144.3	152.4
	Population outside labour force	409.8	84.5	10.4	20.2	28.6	266.1
	Total Population	994.1	148.3	83.1	171.3	172.9	418.5
	Employment rate (%)	94.1	79.9	91.3	94.7	96.6	98.6
	Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	20.1	8.7	5.3	3.4	1.4
	Activity rate (%)	58.8	43.0	87.5	88.2	83.5	36.4
Male							
	In employment	317.9	28.3	33.5	79.0	80.2	96.9
	Unemployed	14.2	6.3	2.8	2.8	1.1	1.2
	Labour force	332.1	34.6	36.3	81.8	81.3	98.1
	Population outside labour force	145.6	38.1	3.6	3.1	4.5	96.3
	Total Population	477.7	72.7	39.9	84.9	85.8	194.4
	Employment rate (%)	95.7	81.8	92.3	96.6	98.6	98.8
	Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	18.2	7.7	3.4	1.4	1.2
	Activity rate (%)	69.5	47.6	91.0	96.3	94.8	50.5
Female							
	In employment	232.2	22.7	32.9	64.1	59.2	53.3
	Unemployed	20.0	6.5	3.5	5.2	3.8	1.0
	Labour force	252.2	29.2	36.4	69.3	63.0	54.3
	Population outside labour force	264.2	46.4	6.8	17.1	24.1	169.8
	Total Population	516.4	75.6	43.2	86.4	87.1	224.1
	Employment rate (%)	92.1	77.7	90.4	92.5	94.0	98.2
	Unemployment rate (%)	7.9	22.3	9.6	7.5	6.0	1.8
	Activity rate (%)	48.8	38.6	84.3	80.2	72.3	24.2

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	Primary sector (%)	Secondary sector (%)	Tertiary sector (%)	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C (%)	F (%)	G (%)	H - U (%)
Both sexes								
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	547.6	4.9	19.5	75.6	10.3	8.1	14.7	60.9
2025 Q2 ²	550.1	5.0	19.8	75.2	10.5	8.1	15.8	59.4
Male								
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	314.8	6.8	26.3	66.9	10.7	14.0	13.6	53.3
2025 Q2 ²	317.9	6.7	27.0	66.3	11.3	13.8	14.1	52.2
Female								
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	232.8	2.2	10.3	87.5	9.8	0.2	16.1	71.4
2025 Q2 ²	232.2	2.6	10.0	87.4	9.4	0.3	18.1	69.3

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 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

	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						
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	547.6	31.4	8.1	22.4	24.4	13.7
2025 Q2 ²	550.1	31.6	8.8	23.2	22.8	13.6
Male						
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	314.8	28.9	4.4	19.4	36.9	10.4
2025 Q2 ²	317.9	28.3	5.2	20.8	34.7	11.0
Female						
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	232.8	34.8	13.2	26.5	7.4	18.1
2025 Q2 ²	232.2	35.9	13.9	26.6	6.4	17.2

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

	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							
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	525.6	19,300	12.2	53.3	24.2	10.3	36.7
2025 Q2 ²	522.5	20,800	10.0	45.5	32.0	12.5	39.8
Male							
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	300.2	11,600	9.9	49.9	27.1	13.1	38.6
2025 Q2 ²	302.4	12,500	7.9	42.4	34.7	15.0	41.3
Female							
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	225.4	7,700	15.2	57.9	20.3	6.6	34.2
2025 Q2 ²	220.1	8,300	12.9	49.8	28.3	9.0	37.7

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 2024 to 2nd 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 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	35.2	11.4	8.3	3.1	69.6	38.1	21.6	9.9	19.0	
2025 Q2 ¹	34.2	11.5	9.4	2.1	64.5	33.0	21.3	10.2	24.0	
Male										
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	15.0	12.7	10.7	2.0	68.0	42.7	18.0	7.3	19.3	
2025 Q2 ¹	14.2	12.7	11.3	1.4	67.6	40.1	16.2	11.3	19.7	
Female										
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	20.2	10.4	6.4	4.0	70.8	34.6	24.3	11.9	18.8	
2025 Q2 ¹	20.0	10.5	8.0	2.5	62.5	28.0	25.0	9.5	27.0	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2024 Q2	35.6	12.0	21.5	2.1
	2024 Q3	34.2	11.7	19.2	3.3
	2024 Q4	33.5	11.2	19.2	3.1
	2025 Q1	35.2	12.3	20.7	2.2
	2025 Q2 ¹	34.2	12.8	19.2	2.2
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.0	0.5	-1.5	0.0
	same quarter a year ago	-1.4	0.8	-2.3	0.1
Male					
	2024 Q2	14.3	5.5	8.1	0.7
	2024 Q3	13.7	5.3	7.2	1.2
	2024 Q4	13.5	5.0	7.3	1.2
	2025 Q1	15.0	5.8	7.7	1.5
	2025 Q2 ¹	14.2	6.3	6.7	1.2
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.8	0.5	-1.0	-0.3
	same quarter a year ago	-0.1	0.8	-1.4	0.5
Female					
	2024 Q2	21.3	6.5	13.4	1.4
	2024 Q3	20.5	6.4	12.0	2.1
	2024 Q4	20.0	6.2	11.9	1.9
	2025 Q1	20.2	6.5	13.0	0.7
	2025 Q2 ¹	20.0	6.5	12.5	1.0
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.3
	same quarter a year ago	-1.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.4

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

	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									
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	35.2	9.3	25.9	10.1	9.3	21.6	21.2	37.8	
2025 Q2 ²	34.2	9.4	24.8	10.2	9.3	25.2	19.5	35.8	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-1.0	0.1	-1.1						
same quarter a year ago	-1.4	-0.2	-1.2						
Male									
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	15.0	3.9	11.1	13.5	21.6	17.1	18.0	29.8	
2025 Q2 ²	14.2	3.0	11.2	8.9	20.5	23.2	14.3	33.1	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.8	-0.9	0.1						
same quarter a year ago	-0.1	-0.7	0.6						
Female									
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	20.2	5.4	14.8	7.4	0.0	25.0	23.7	43.9	
2025 Q2 ²	20.0	6.4	13.6	11.2	0.0	26.9	23.9	38.0	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-0.2	1.0	-1.2						
same quarter a year ago	-1.3	0.5	-1.8						

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 2nd Quarter 2024 to 2nd Quarter 2025

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
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	993.0	410.2	31.6	37.3	18.5	8.2	4.4
2025 Q2 ¹	994.1	409.8	32.7	37.2	17.4	8.0	4.7
Male							
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	477.4	147.6	0.3	57.3	24.7	12.3	5.4
2025 Q2 ¹	477.7	145.6	0.3	57.8	22.7	12.0	7.2
Female							
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	515.6	262.6	49.2	26.1	15.0	5.9	3.8
2025 Q2 ¹	516.4	264.2	50.6	25.9	14.4	5.8	3.3

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