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## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Fourth 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 fourth quarter of 2025, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from October to December 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.

### Key figures

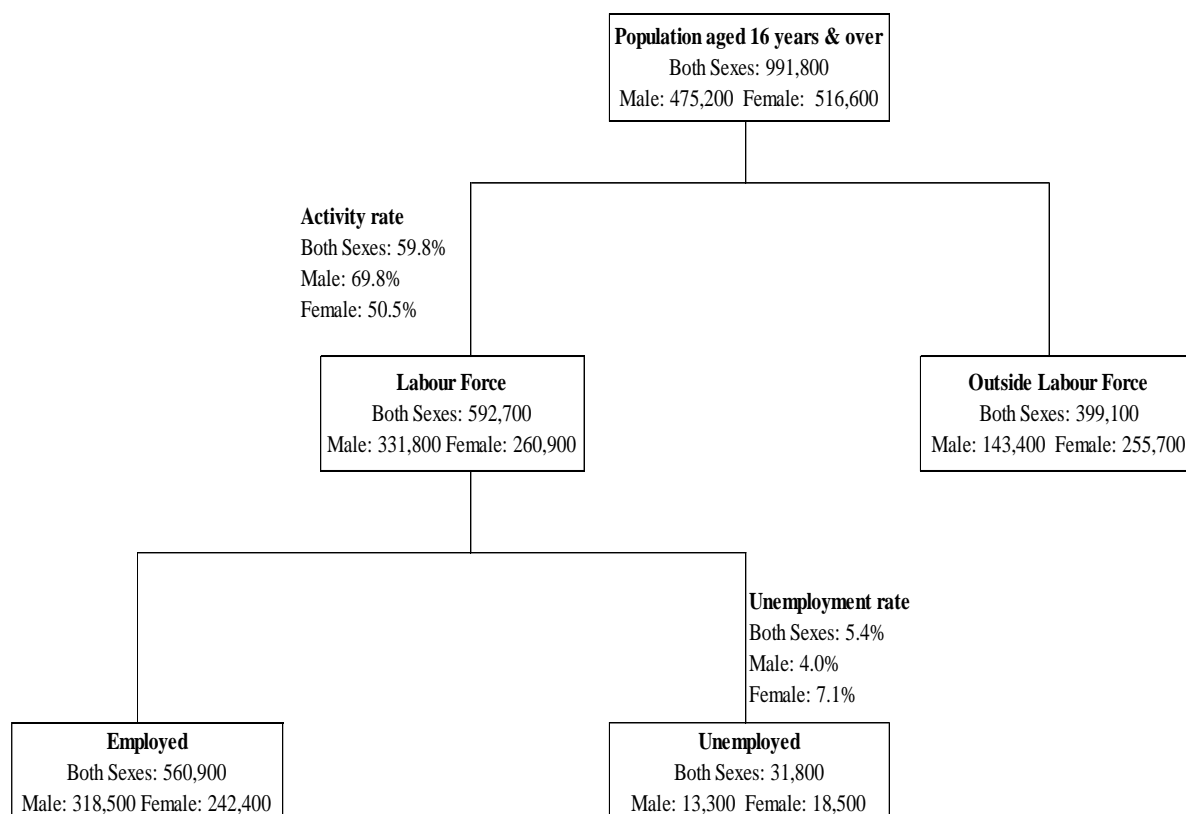
	Q4 2024	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Change	
				Q4 2024 to Q4 2025	Q3 2025 to Q4 2025
Population (aged 16+)	992,200	991,300	991,800	-400	+500
Labour Force (Economically active)	583,900	589,200	592,700	+8,800	+3,500
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>550,400</i>	<i>556,400</i>	<i>560,900</i>	<i>+10,500</i>	<i>+4,500</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>33,500</i>	<i>32,800</i>	<i>31,800</i>	<i>-1,700</i>	<i>-1,000</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	408,300	402,100	399,100	-9,200	-3,000
Activity rate (%)	58.8	59.4	59.8	+1.0	+0.4
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	5.6	5.4	-0.3	-0.2
Youth unemployment	11,200	11,100	10,800	-400	-300
Youth unemployment rate (%)	16.6	17.1	16.8	+0.2	-0.3

### Labour market overview, fourth quarter 2025

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024, the labour force has increased by 8,800. Employment increased by 10,500 while unemployment decreased by 1,700. The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 9,200 during the same period.
4. Compared to third quarter of 2025, labour force increased by 3,500 with a rise in employment (+4,500) and a fall in unemployment (-1,000). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 3,000 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025



### Labour force participation

	Q4 2024	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Change	
				Q4 2024 to Q4 2025	Q3 2025 to Q4 2025
Both sexes	58.8	59.4	59.8	+1.0	+0.4
Male	69.3	69.9	69.8	+0.5	-0.1
Female	49.1	49.8	50.5	+1.4	+0.7

- The activity rate for fourth quarter 2025 increased by 1.0 percentage point to 59.8% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024. The male activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage point to 69.8% and the female activity rate increased by 1.4 percentage points to 50.5%.
- Compared to third quarter 2025, the activity rate increased by 0.4 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point and the female activity rate increased by 0.7 percentage point.

## Employment

	Q4 2024	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Change	
				Q4 2024 to Q4 2025	Q3 2025 to Q4 2025
Both sexes	550,400	556,400	560,900	+10,500	+4,500
Male	317,300	318,200	318,500	+1,200	+300
Female	233,100	238,200	242,400	+9,300	+4,200

7. From fourth quarter 2024 to fourth quarter 2025, employment increased by 10,500 to 560,900; both male and female employment increased by 1,200 and 9,300 respectively.
8. Compared to third quarter 2025, employment increased by 4,500; both male and female employment increased by 300 and 4,200 respectively.

## Unemployment

	Q4 2024	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Change	
				Q4 2024 to Q4 2025	Q3 2025 to Q4 2025
Both sexes	33,500	32,800	31,800	-1,700	-1,000
Male	13,500	13,900	13,300	-200	-600
Female	20,000	18,900	18,500	-1,500	-400
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	5.7	5.6	5.4	-0.3	-0.2
Male	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	-0.2
Female	7.9	7.4	7.1	-0.8	-0.3

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

9. From fourth quarter 2024 to fourth quarter 2025, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,700. Male unemployment decreased by 200 and female unemployment decreased by 1,500.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from 5.7% in fourth quarter 2024 to 5.4% in fourth quarter 2025. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to reach 4.0% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.8 percentage point to 7.1%.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

11. When compared to third quarter 2025, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,000, with decreases of 600 among males and 400 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 5.6% in the third quarter of 2025 to 5.4% in the fourth quarter of 2025. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 4.2% to 4.0% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from 7.4% to 7.1%.

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

	Q4 2024	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Change	
				Q4 2024 to Q4 2025	Q3 2025 to Q4 2025
Both sexes	11,200	11,100	10,800	-400	-300
Male	5,000	5,100	5,000	0	-100
Female	6,200	6,000	5,800	-400	-200
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	16.6	17.1	16.8	+0.2	-0.3
Male	14.2	14.3	14.1	-0.1	-0.2
Female	19.1	20.5	20.1	+1.0	-0.4

13. At the fourth quarter of 2025, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 10,800 (5,000 males and 5,800 females) compared to 11,100 (5,100 males and 6,000 females) at the previous quarter and 11,200 (5,000 males and 6,200 females) at the fourth quarter of 2024.
14. The youth unemployment rate increased in the fourth quarter of 2025 to 16.8% from 16.6% in the corresponding quarter of 2024. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 14.1%, and that for young women increased by 1.0 percentage point to 20.1%.
15. Compared to third quarter 2025, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 17.1% to 16.8%, with decreases of 0.2 percentage point for young men and 0.4 percentage point for young women.

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

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at fourth quarter 2025 were as follows:

- (i) The 31,800 unemployed comprised 13,300 males (42%) and 18,500 females (58%).
- (ii) Around 17,900 (56%) of the unemployed were single; males (76%) and females (42%).
- (iii) Some 15,900 (50%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 3,000 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 26,700 (84%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 5,100 (16%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 22,200 (70%) had working experience and 9,600 (30%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 12,400 (39%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 6,100 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,900 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 2,600 or 8% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 2,800 (9%) lived in households with no employed persons.

## **Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate**

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the fourth quarter of 2025 was 6.0%, lower than the rate of 6.3% at the corresponding quarter of 2024 but higher than the rate of 5.7% 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 399,100 at the fourth quarter of 2025 compared to 402,100 in the third quarter of 2025 and 408,300 in the fourth quarter of 2024.

19. The population outside labour force comprised 143,400 males and 255,700 females. Among males, around 58% were retired/old persons and 24% were students. Among females, 50% were homemakers and 25% were retired/old persons.

## Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2025<sup>1</sup>

Based on the results of the survey for the four quarters of 2025, the following are the estimates for employment and unemployment for 2025 compared to 2024:

	Year 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Year 2025 <sup>2</sup>	Change (2025 over 2024)
Employment	547,000	553,600	+6,600
Unemployment	34,900	33,500	-1,400
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	5.7	-0.3

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates based on population figures according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

### **CAUTION:**

The estimate of unemployment rate for the year is NOT end of year estimate (i.e. as at 31<sup>st</sup> December). It represents weighted averages of estimates based on sample data collected throughout the year under review.

20. Employment increased by 6,600 in 2025 to reach 553,600 compared to 547,000 in 2024.
21. Unemployment rate for year 2025 worked out 5.7% compared to 6.0% in 2024.

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

22. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2024 Q4	583,900	9,100	1.6
	2025 Q1	582,800	9,800	1.7
	2025 Q2	584,300	9,200	1.6
	2025 Q3	589,200	8,400	1.4
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	592,700	10,000	1.7
Employment				
	2024 Q4	550,400	8,700	1.6
	2025 Q1	547,600	9,500	1.7
	2025 Q2	550,100	8,800	1.6
	2025 Q3	556,400	8,000	1.4
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	560,900	9,400	1.7
Unemployment				
	2024 Q4	33,500	2,400	7.2
	2025 Q1	35,200	2,400	6.8
	2025 Q2	34,200	2,300	6.7
	2025 Q3	32,800	2,400	7.3
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	31,800	2,600	8.2
Unemployment rate, %				
	2024 Q4	5.7	0.4	7.0
	2025 Q1	6.0	0.4	6.7
	2025 Q2	5.9	0.4	6.8
	2025 Q3	5.6	0.4	7.1
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	5.4	0.4	7.4
Activity rate, %				
	2024 Q4	58.8	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q1	58.7	0.7	1.2
	2025 Q2	58.8	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q3	59.4	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	59.8	0.7	1.2

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Reliability of estimates**

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

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2024 Q4	330,800	5,900	1.8
	2025 Q1	329,800	6,400	1.9
	2025 Q2	332,100	6,300	1.9
	2025 Q3	332,100	5,700	1.7
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	331,800	6,300	1.9
<b>Employment</b>				
	2024 Q4	317,300	5,600	1.8
	2025 Q1	314,800	6,400	2.0
	2025 Q2	317,900	6,200	2.0
	2025 Q3	318,200	5,700	1.8
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	318,500	6,000	1.9
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2024 Q4	13,500	1,500	11.1
	2025 Q1	15,000	1,600	10.7
	2025 Q2	14,200	1,500	10.6
	2025 Q3	13,900	1,400	10.1
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	13,300	1,500	11.3
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2024 Q4	4.1	0.4	9.8
	2025 Q1	4.5	0.5	11.1
	2025 Q2	4.3	0.4	9.3
	2025 Q3	4.2	0.4	9.5
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	4.0	0.4	10.0
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2024 Q4	69.3	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q1	69.1	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q2	69.5	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q3	69.9	0.7	1.0
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	69.8	0.8	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Reliability of estimates**

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

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2024 Q4	253,100	5,700	2.3
	2025 Q1	253,000	5,900	2.3
	2025 Q2	252,200	5,800	2.3
	2025 Q3	257,100	5,500	2.1
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	260,900	6,400	2.5
<b>Employment</b>				
	2024 Q4	233,100	5,600	2.4
	2025 Q1	232,800	5,500	2.4
	2025 Q2	232,200	5,400	2.3
	2025 Q3	238,200	5,200	2.2
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	242,400	6,100	2.5
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2024 Q4	20,000	1,900	9.5
	2025 Q1	20,200	1,900	9.4
	2025 Q2	20,000	1,800	9.0
	2025 Q3	18,900	1,700	9.0
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	18,500	1,900	10.3
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2024 Q4	7.9	0.7	8.9
	2025 Q1	8.0	0.7	8.8
	2025 Q2	7.9	0.7	8.9
	2025 Q3	7.4	0.6	8.1
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	7.1	0.7	9.9
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2024 Q4	49.1	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q1	49.1	0.9	1.8
	2025 Q2	48.8	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q3	49.8	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	50.5	0.9	1.8

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Reliability of estimates**

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

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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 fourth 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)	of whom Mauritians (000s)	Number (000s)	Rate (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2022 <sup>2</sup>	553.1	26.7	<b>579.8</b>	301.7	235.7	<b>537.4</b>	510.7	42.4	7.7
2023 <sup>2</sup>	580.9	26.9	<b>607.8</b>	304.3	266.6	<b>570.9</b>	544.0	36.9	6.4
2024 <sup>3</sup>	581.9	26.6	<b>608.5</b>	304.6	269.0	<b>573.6</b>	547.0	34.9	6.0
<b>Male</b>									
2022 <sup>2</sup>	330.9	21.5	<b>352.4</b>	181.5	151.0	<b>332.5</b>	311.0	19.9	6.0
2023 <sup>2</sup>	335.2	21.5	<b>356.7</b>	180.0	161.2	<b>341.2</b>	319.7	15.5	4.6
2024 <sup>3</sup>	330.4	21.6	<b>352.0</b>	179.3	158.7	<b>338.0</b>	316.4	14.0	4.2
<b>Female</b>									
2022 <sup>2</sup>	222.2	5.2	<b>227.4</b>	120.2	84.7	<b>204.9</b>	199.7	22.5	10.1
2023 <sup>2</sup>	245.7	5.4	<b>251.1</b>	124.3	105.4	<b>229.7</b>	224.3	21.4	8.7
2024 <sup>3</sup>	251.5	5.0	<b>256.5</b>	125.3	110.3	<b>235.6</b>	230.6	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.

**Table 1: Population aged 16 years and over by economic activity status, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

In thousands

	Population aged 16 years & over	In employment					Total	Unemployed	Total econ. active	Total econ. inactive
		Employees	Employers	Own account workers	Contrib. family workers					
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>992.2</b>	438.5	24.1	80.0	7.8	<b>550.4</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>583.9</b>	<b>408.3</b>	
2025 Q1	<b>993.0</b>	436.9	22.3	81.2	7.2	<b>547.6</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>582.8</b>	<b>410.2</b>	
2025 Q2	<b>994.1</b>	442.3	22.1	78.2	7.5	<b>550.1</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>584.3</b>	<b>409.8</b>	
2025 Q3	<b>991.3</b>	447.1	21.3	81.2	6.8	<b>556.4</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>589.2</b>	<b>402.1</b>	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>991.8</b>	445.1	24.5	81.8	9.5	<b>560.9</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>592.7</b>	<b>399.1</b>	
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>										
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>					<b>0.8</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.0</b>					<b>1.9</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	
<b>Male</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>477.2</b>	236.2	20.5	58.6	2.0	<b>317.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>330.8</b>	<b>146.4</b>	
2025 Q1	<b>477.4</b>	236.7	19.2	56.4	2.5	<b>314.8</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>329.8</b>	<b>147.6</b>	
2025 Q2	<b>477.7</b>	240.0	19.3	57.1	1.5	<b>317.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>332.1</b>	<b>145.6</b>	
2025 Q3	<b>475.1</b>	238.8	17.8	60.2	1.4	<b>318.2</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>332.1</b>	<b>143.0</b>	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>475.2</b>	239.2	19.2	58.1	2.0	<b>318.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>331.8</b>	<b>143.4</b>	
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>										
previous quarter	<b>0.0</b>					<b>0.1</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	
same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.4</b>					<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	
<b>Female</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>515.0</b>	202.3	3.6	21.4	5.8	<b>233.1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>253.1</b>	<b>261.9</b>	
2025 Q1	<b>515.6</b>	200.2	3.1	24.8	4.7	<b>232.8</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>253.0</b>	<b>262.6</b>	
2025 Q2	<b>516.4</b>	202.3	2.8	21.1	6.0	<b>232.2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>252.2</b>	<b>264.2</b>	
2025 Q3	<b>516.2</b>	208.3	3.5	21.0	5.4	<b>238.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>257.1</b>	<b>259.1</b>	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>516.6</b>	205.9	5.3	23.7	7.5	<b>242.4</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>260.9</b>	<b>255.7</b>	
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>										
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>					<b>1.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.3</b>					<b>4.0</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 <sup>1</sup>**

		In thousands					
		Mauritan Population aged 16 years and over	Age group (years)				
			16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>							
	In employment	<b>560.9</b>	53.5	65.1	143.2	141.3	157.8
	Unemployed	<b>31.8</b>	10.8	6.1	7.9	4.5	2.5
	Labour force	<b>592.7</b>	64.3	71.2	151.1	145.8	160.3
	Population outside labour force	<b>399.1</b>	82.2	10.8	20.0	26.1	260.0
	Total Population	<b>991.8</b>	146.5	82.0	171.1	171.9	420.3
	Employment rate (%)	<b>94.6</b>	83.2	91.4	94.8	96.9	98.4
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>5.4</b>	16.8	8.6	5.2	3.1	1.6
	Activity rate (%)	<b>59.8</b>	43.9	86.8	88.3	84.8	38.1
<b>Male</b>							
	In employment	<b>318.5</b>	30.5	32.3	77.0	80.3	98.4
	Unemployed	<b>13.3</b>	5.0	2.6	3.4	1.0	1.3
	Labour force	<b>331.8</b>	35.5	34.9	80.4	81.3	99.7
	Population outside labour force	<b>143.4</b>	36.2	4.1	3.9	3.9	95.3
	Total Population	<b>475.2</b>	71.7	39.0	84.3	85.2	195.0
	Employment rate (%)	<b>96.0</b>	85.9	92.6	95.8	98.8	98.7
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>4.0</b>	14.1	7.4	4.2	1.2	1.3
	Activity rate (%)	<b>69.8</b>	49.5	89.5	95.4	95.4	51.1
<b>Female</b>							
	In employment	<b>242.4</b>	23.0	32.8	66.2	61.0	59.4
	Unemployed	<b>18.5</b>	5.8	3.5	4.5	3.5	1.2
	Labour force	<b>260.9</b>	28.8	36.3	70.7	64.5	60.6
	Population outside labour force	<b>255.7</b>	46.0	6.7	16.1	22.2	164.7
	Total Population	<b>516.6</b>	74.8	43.0	86.8	86.7	225.3
	Employment rate (%)	<b>92.9</b>	79.9	90.4	93.6	94.6	98.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>7.1</b>	20.1	9.6	6.4	5.4	2.0
	Activity rate (%)	<b>50.5</b>	38.5	84.4	81.5	74.4	26.9

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

	Total employed aged 16 years and over  (000s)	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 (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>550.4</b>	4.6	20.0	75.4	10.7	8.4	15.4	60.0
2025 Q1	<b>547.6</b>	4.9	19.5	75.6	10.3	8.1	14.7	60.9
2025 Q2	<b>550.1</b>	5.0	19.8	75.2	10.5	8.1	15.8	59.4
2025 Q3	<b>556.4</b>	4.6	20.8	74.6	10.8	9.0	16.0	58.6
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>560.9</b>	4.9	20.5	74.6	10.9	8.5	15.6	59.0
<b>Male</b>								
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>317.3</b>	5.8	26.6	67.6	11.1	14.2	14.8	52.8
2025 Q1	<b>314.8</b>	6.8	26.3	66.9	10.7	14.0	13.6	53.3
2025 Q2	<b>317.9</b>	6.7	27.0	66.3	11.3	13.8	14.1	52.2
2025 Q3	<b>318.2</b>	5.9	28.8	65.3	11.6	15.7	14.8	50.5
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>318.5</b>	6.9	27.2	65.9	11.1	14.6	13.9	52.0
<b>Female</b>								
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>233.1</b>	3.0	11.0	86.0	10.1	0.4	16.3	69.7
2025 Q1	<b>232.8</b>	2.2	10.3	87.5	9.8	0.2	16.1	71.4
2025 Q2	<b>232.2</b>	2.6	10.0	87.4	9.4	0.3	18.1	69.3
2025 Q3	<b>238.2</b>	2.9	10.2	86.9	9.9	0.1	17.6	69.3
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>242.4</b>	2.4	11.6	86.0	10.6	0.4	17.9	68.1

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

<sup>2</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

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

	Total employed aged 16 years and over  (000s)	ISCO-08 <sup>1</sup>				
		Managers, Professionals, Technicians & associate professionals 1,2,3 (%)	Clerical support workers 4 (%)	Service and sales workers 5 (%)	Agricultural, Craft & related trades workers, Plant & machine operators & assemblers 6,7,8 (%)	Elementary occupations 9 (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>						
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>550.4</b>	30.0	9.7	21.0	25.8	13.5
2025 Q1	<b>547.6</b>	31.4	8.1	22.4	24.4	13.7
2025 Q2	<b>550.1</b>	31.6	8.8	23.2	22.8	13.6
2025 Q3	<b>556.4</b>	30.8	8.9	22.0	25.1	13.2
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>560.9</b>	30.0	9.4	22.6	24.5	13.5
<b>Male</b>						
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>317.3</b>	26.2	6.1	19.2	38.5	10.0
2025 Q1	<b>314.8</b>	28.9	4.4	19.4	36.9	10.4
2025 Q2	<b>317.9</b>	28.3	5.2	20.8	34.7	11.0
2025 Q3	<b>318.2</b>	27.3	4.5	19.2	37.8	11.2
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>318.5</b>	27.1	5.0	19.3	38.0	10.6
<b>Female</b>						
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>233.1</b>	35.1	14.5	23.5	8.5	18.4
2025 Q1	<b>232.8</b>	34.8	13.2	26.5	7.4	18.1
2025 Q2	<b>232.2</b>	35.9	13.9	26.6	6.4	17.2
2025 Q3	<b>238.2</b>	35.6	14.7	25.7	8.0	16.0
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>242.4</b>	33.8	15.2	26.9	6.7	17.4

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

<sup>2</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</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	
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>517.7</b>	20,600	10.0	46.8	31.3	11.9	39.8
2025 Q1	<b>525.6</b>	19,300	12.2	53.3	24.2	10.3	36.7
2025 Q2	<b>522.5</b>	20,800	10.0	45.5	32.0	12.5	39.8
2025 Q3	<b>528.0</b>	20,900	9.3	47.1	31.1	12.5	39.6
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>524.9</b>	21,000	9.2	46.9	31.0	12.9	40.0
<b>Male</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>301.7</b>	12,600	7.8	42.8	33.7	15.7	41.8
2025 Q1	<b>300.2</b>	11,600	9.9	49.9	27.1	13.1	38.6
2025 Q2	<b>302.4</b>	12,500	7.9	42.4	34.7	15.0	41.3
2025 Q3	<b>301.5</b>	12,400	7.8	42.8	33.9	15.5	41.1
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>299.0</b>	12,400	7.0	45.3	32.6	15.1	41.5
<b>Female</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>216.0</b>	8,000	13.0	52.5	27.8	6.7	37.0
2025 Q1	<b>225.4</b>	7,700	15.2	57.9	20.3	6.6	34.2
2025 Q2	<b>220.1</b>	8,300	12.9	49.8	28.3	9.0	37.7
2025 Q3	<b>226.5</b>	8,500	11.3	53.0	27.3	8.4	37.5
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>225.9</b>	8,600	12.2	48.9	28.9	10.0	38.1

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

<sup>2</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</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 (%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	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	34.2	11.5	9.4	2.1	64.5	33.0	21.3	10.2	24.0	
2025 Q3	32.8	11.9	9.2	2.7	65.2	34.1	20.7	10.4	22.9	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	31.8	13.2	9.4	3.8	68.3	36.8	21.1	10.4	18.5	
<b>Male</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	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	14.2	12.7	11.3	1.4	67.6	40.1	16.2	11.3	19.7	
2025 Q3	13.9	13.7	11.5	2.2	68.3	37.4	18.7	12.2	18.0	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	13.3	14.3	11.3	3.0	69.9	37.6	21.8	10.5	15.8	
<b>Female</b>										
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	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	20.0	10.5	8.0	2.5	62.5	28.0	25.0	9.5	27.0	
2025 Q3	18.9	10.6	7.4	3.2	62.9	31.7	22.2	9.0	26.5	
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	18.5	12.4	8.1	4.3	67.0	36.2	20.5	10.3	20.6	

<sup>1</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

In thousands

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>					
	2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>33.5</b>	11.2	19.2	3.1
	2025 Q1	<b>35.2</b>	12.3	20.7	2.2
	2025 Q2	<b>34.2</b>	12.8	19.2	2.2
	2025 Q3	<b>32.8</b>	11.1	19.0	2.7
	2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>31.8</b>	10.8	18.5	2.5
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Male</b>					
	2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>13.5</b>	5.0	7.3	1.2
	2025 Q1	<b>15.0</b>	5.8	7.7	1.5
	2025 Q2	<b>14.2</b>	6.3	6.7	1.2
	2025 Q3	<b>13.9</b>	5.1	7.4	1.4
	2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>13.3</b>	5.0	7.0	1.3
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Female</b>					
	2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>20.0</b>	6.2	11.9	1.9
	2025 Q1	<b>20.2</b>	6.5	13.0	0.7
	2025 Q2	<b>20.0</b>	6.5	12.5	1.0
	2025 Q3	<b>18.9</b>	6.0	11.6	1.3
	2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>18.5</b>	5.8	11.5	1.2
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>					
	previous quarter	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
	same quarter a year ago	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	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	34.2	9.4	24.8	10.2	9.3	25.2	19.5	35.8	
2025 Q3	32.8	9.6	23.2	15.1	10.8	17.2	16.4	40.5	
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	31.8	9.6	22.2	10.8	6.8	17.6	18.9	45.9	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	-1.0	0.0	-1.0						
same quarter a year ago	-1.7	-0.7	-1.0						
<b>Male</b>									
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	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	14.2	3.0	11.2	8.9	20.5	23.2	14.3	33.1	
2025 Q3	13.9	3.2	10.7	16.8	22.4	19.6	12.2	29.0	
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	13.3	3.7	9.6	7.3	12.5	14.6	22.9	42.7	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	-0.6	0.5	-1.1						
same quarter a year ago	-0.2	-0.8	0.6						
<b>Female</b>									
2024 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	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	20.0	6.4	13.6	11.2	0.0	26.9	23.9	38.0	
2025 Q3	18.9	6.4	12.5	13.6	0.8	15.2	20.0	50.4	
2025 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	18.5	5.9	12.6	13.5	2.4	19.8	15.9	48.4	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	-0.4	-0.5	0.1						
same quarter a year ago	-1.5	0.1	-1.6						

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Rev. 2 (ISIC Rev. 4)<sup>2</sup> The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>992.2</b>	408.3	31.8	36.4	18.9	8.8	4.1
2025 Q1	<b>993.0</b>	410.2	31.6	37.3	18.5	8.2	4.4
2025 Q2	<b>994.1</b>	409.8	32.7	37.2	17.4	8.0	4.7
2025 Q3	<b>991.3</b>	402.1	32.4	37.2	18.7	8.3	3.4
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>991.8</b>	399.1	32.2	36.8	19.5	8.0	3.5
<b>Male</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>477.2</b>	146.4	0.1	55.1	25.2	13.4	6.2
2025 Q1	<b>477.4</b>	147.6	0.3	57.3	24.7	12.3	5.4
2025 Q2	<b>477.7</b>	145.6	0.3	57.8	22.7	12.0	7.2
2025 Q3	<b>475.1</b>	143.0	0.4	58.8	24.1	12.0	4.7
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>475.2</b>	143.4	0.3	58.1	24.4	12.2	5.0
<b>Female</b>							
2024 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>515.0</b>	261.9	49.5	25.9	15.4	6.2	3.0
2025 Q1	<b>515.6</b>	262.6	49.2	26.1	15.0	5.9	3.8
2025 Q2	<b>516.4</b>	264.2	50.6	25.9	14.4	5.8	3.3
2025 Q3	<b>516.2</b>	259.1	50.1	25.3	15.7	6.2	2.7
2025 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>516.6</b>	255.7	50.1	24.8	16.7	5.8	2.6

<sup>1</sup>The estimates are based on population figures revised according to the 2022 Population Census results

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