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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 2026, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from April to June 2026. 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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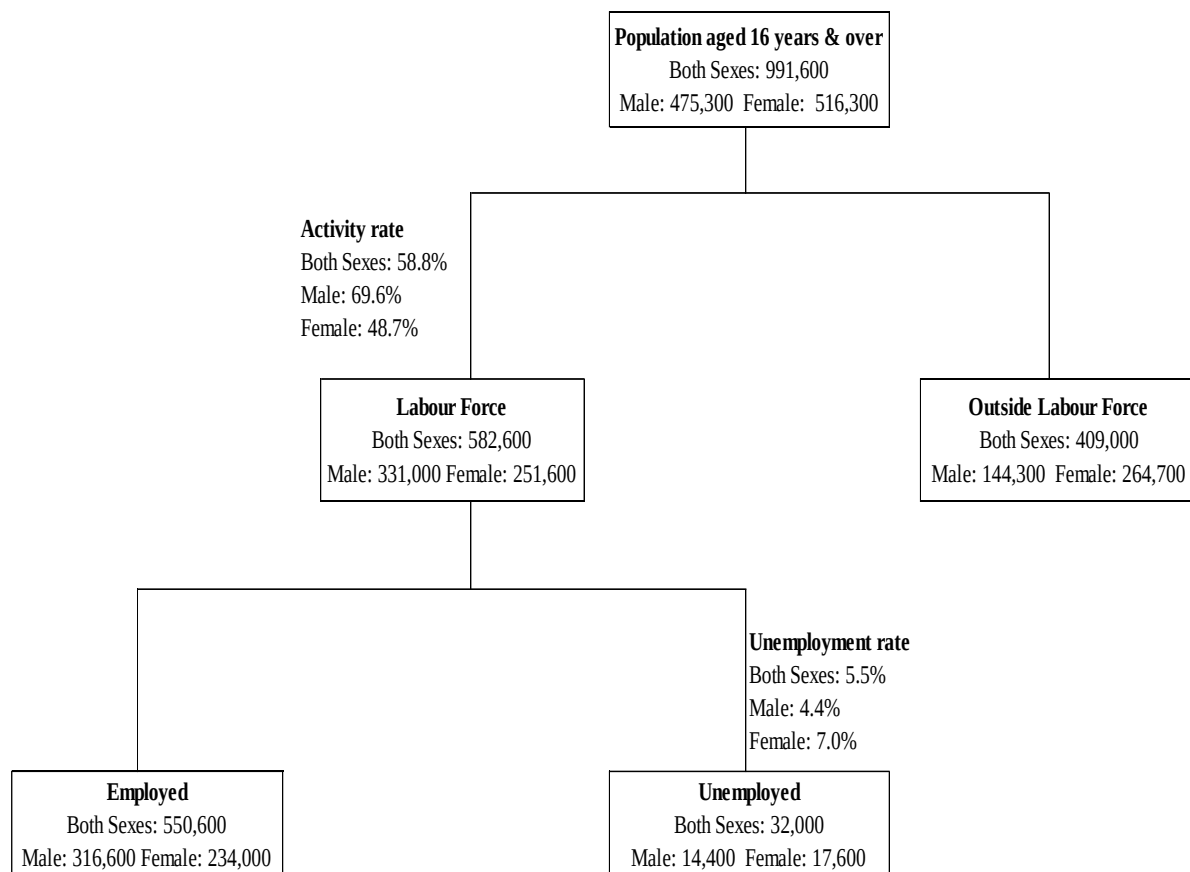
	Q2 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Change	
				Q2 2025 to Q2 2026	Q1 2026 to Q2 2026
Population (aged 16+)	994,100	990,800	991,600	-2,500	+800
Labour Force (Economically active)	584,300	587,000	582,600	-1,700	-4,400
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>550,100</i>	<i>553,700</i>	<i>550,600</i>	<i>+500</i>	<i>-3,100</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>33,300</i>	<i>32,000</i>	<i>-2,200</i>	<i>-1,300</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	409,800	403,800	409,000	-800	+5,200
Activity rate (%)	58.8	59.2	58.8	0.0	-0.4
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	5.7	5.5	-0.4	-0.2
Youth unemployment	12,800	12,100	11,600	-1,200	-500
Youth unemployment rate (%)	20.1	19.1	19.3	-0.8	+0.2

Labour market overview, second quarter 2026

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2025, the labour force decreased by 1,700. Employment increased by 500 while unemployment decreased by 2,200. The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 800 during the same period.
4. Compared to first quarter of 2026, labour force decreased by 4,400 with decreases of 3,100 and 1,300 in employment and unemployment respectively. The number of persons outside labour force increased by 5,200 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 2026



Labour force participation

	Q2 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Change	
				Q2 2025 to Q2 2026	Q1 2026 to Q2 2026
Both sexes	58.8	59.2	58.8	0.0	-0.4
Male	69.5	70.0	69.6	+0.1	-0.4
Female	48.8	49.3	48.7	-0.1	-0.6

5. The activity rate for second quarter 2026 remained unchanged at 58.8% when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2025. The male activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 69.6% and the female activity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 48.7%.
6. Compared to first quarter 2026, the activity rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point. The male activity rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point and the female activity rate by 0.6 percentage point.

Employment

	Q2 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Change	
				Q2 2025 to Q2 2026	Q1 2026 to Q2 2026
Both sexes	550,100	553,700	550,600	+500	-3,100
Male	317,900	318,200	316,600	-1,300	-1,600
Female	232,200	235,500	234,000	+1,800	-1,500

7. From second quarter 2025 to second quarter 2026, employment increased by 500 to 550,600; male employment decreased by 1,300 while female employment increased by 1,800.
8. Compared to first quarter 2026, employment decreased by 3,100; both male and female employment decreased by 1,600 and 1,500 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q2 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Change	
				Q2 2025 to Q2 2026	Q1 2026 to Q2 2026
Both sexes	34,200	33,300	32,000	-2,200	-1,300
Male	14,200	14,300	14,400	+200	+100
Female	20,000	19,000	17,600	-2,400	-1,400
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	5.9	5.7	5.5	-0.4	-0.2
Male	4.3	4.3	4.4	+0.1	+0.1
Female	7.9	7.5	7.0	-0.9	-0.5

2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

9. From second quarter 2025 to second quarter 2026, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 2,200. Male unemployment increased by 200 and female unemployment decreased by 2,400.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point from 5.9% in second quarter 2025 to 5.5% in second quarter 2026. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to reach 4.4% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point to 7.0%.

1st Quarter 2026 to 2nd Quarter 2026

11. When compared to first quarter 2026, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,300, with an increase of 100 among males and a decrease of 1,400 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point from 5.7% in the first quarter of 2026 to 5.5% in the second quarter of 2026. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 4.3% to 4.4% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point from 7.5% to 7.0%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q2 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Change	
				Q2 2025 to Q2 2026	Q1 2026 to Q2 2026
Both sexes	12,800	12,100	11,600	-1,200	-500
Male	6,300	6,100	5,700	-600	-400
Female	6,500	6,000	5,900	-600	-100
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	20.1	19.1	19.3	-0.8	+0.2
Male	18.2	16.8	17.2	-1.0	+0.4
Female	22.3	22.2	22.0	-0.3	-0.2

13. At the second quarter of 2026, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 11,600 (5,700 males and 5,900 females) compared to 12,100 (6,100 males and 6,000 females) at the previous quarter and 12,800 (6,300 males and 6,500 females) at the second quarter of 2025.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the second quarter of 2026 to 19.3% from 20.1% in the corresponding quarter of 2025. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 1.0 percentage point to 17.2%, and that for young women decreased by 0.3 percentage point to 22.0%.
15. Compared to first quarter 2026, the youth unemployment rate increased from 19.1% to 19.3%, with an increase of 0.4 percentage point among young men and a decrease of 0.2 percentage point among young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2026

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at second quarter 2026 were as follows:

- (i) The 32,000 unemployed comprised 14,400 males (45%) and 17,600 females (55%).
- (ii) Around 17,700 (55%) of the unemployed were single; males (71%) and females (43%).
- (iii) Some 14,700 (46%) 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 26,900 (84%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 5,100 (16%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 23,000 (72%) had working experience and 9,000 (28%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 12,400 (39%) were registered at the Employment 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 2,700 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 3,400 or 11% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 5,600 (18%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2026 was 5.2%, lower than the rates of 5.6% at the corresponding quarter of 2025 and of 5.4% 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 409,000 at the second quarter of 2026 compared to 403,800 in the first quarter of 2026 and 409,800 in the second quarter of 2025.
19. The population outside labour force comprised 144,300 males and 264,700 females. Among males, around 57% were retired/old persons and 23% were students. Among females, 50% 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 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2025 Q2	584,300	9,200	1.6
	2025 Q3	589,200	8,400	1.4
	2025 Q4	592,700	10,000	1.7
	2026 Q1	587,000	10,700	1.8
	2026 Q2 ¹	582,600	9,300	1.6
Employment				
	2025 Q2	550,100	8,800	1.6
	2025 Q3	556,400	8,000	1.4
	2025 Q4	560,900	9,400	1.7
	2026 Q1	553,700	10,300	1.9
	2026 Q2 ¹	550,600	8,900	1.6
Unemployment				
	2025 Q2	34,200	2,300	6.7
	2025 Q3	32,800	2,400	7.3
	2025 Q4	31,800	2,600	8.2
	2026 Q1	33,300	2,300	6.9
	2026 Q2 ¹	32,000	2,700	8.4
Unemployment rate, %				
	2025 Q2	5.9	0.4	6.8
	2025 Q3	5.6	0.4	7.1
	2025 Q4	5.4	0.4	7.4
	2026 Q1	5.7	0.4	7.0
	2026 Q2 ¹	5.5	0.4	7.3
Activity rate, %				
	2025 Q2	58.8	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q3	59.4	0.6	1.0
	2025 Q4	59.8	0.7	1.2
	2026 Q1	59.2	0.7	1.2
	2026 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 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2025 Q2	332,100	6,300	1.9
	2025 Q3	332,100	5,700	1.7
	2025 Q4	331,800	6,300	1.9
	2026 Q1	332,500	6,800	2.0
	2026 Q2 ¹	331,000	6,100	1.8
Employment				
	2025 Q2	317,900	6,200	2.0
	2025 Q3	318,200	5,700	1.8
	2025 Q4	318,500	6,000	1.9
	2026 Q1	318,200	6,600	2.1
	2026 Q2 ¹	316,600	5,900	1.9
Unemployment				
	2025 Q2	14,200	1,500	10.6
	2025 Q3	13,900	1,400	10.1
	2025 Q4	13,300	1,500	11.3
	2026 Q1	14,300	1,500	10.5
	2026 Q2 ¹	14,400	1,600	11.1
Unemployment rate, %				
	2025 Q2	4.3	0.4	9.3
	2025 Q3	4.2	0.4	9.5
	2025 Q4	4.0	0.4	10.0
	2026 Q1	4.3	0.4	9.3
	2026 Q2 ¹	4.4	0.5	11.4
Activity rate, %				
	2025 Q2	69.5	0.8	1.2
	2025 Q3	69.9	0.7	1.0
	2025 Q4	69.8	0.8	1.1
	2026 Q1	70.0	0.8	1.1
	2026 Q2 ¹	69.6	0.8	1.1

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Medium reliability	7.5 - 15.0
Low reliability	Greater than 15.0

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2025 Q2	252,200	5,800	2.3
	2025 Q3	257,100	5,500	2.1
	2025 Q4	260,900	6,400	2.5
	2026 Q1	254,500	6,300	2.5
	2026 Q2 ¹	251,600	5,600	2.2
Employment				
	2025 Q2	232,200	5,400	2.3
	2025 Q3	238,200	5,200	2.2
	2025 Q4	242,400	6,100	2.5
	2026 Q1	235,500	6,100	2.6
	2026 Q2 ¹	234,000	5,400	2.3
Unemployment				
	2025 Q2	20,000	1,800	9.0
	2025 Q3	18,900	1,700	9.0
	2025 Q4	18,500	1,900	10.3
	2026 Q1	19,000	1,600	8.4
	2026 Q2 ¹	17,600	1,900	10.8
Unemployment rate, %				
	2025 Q2	7.9	0.7	8.9
	2025 Q3	7.4	0.6	8.1
	2025 Q4	7.1	0.7	9.9
	2026 Q1	7.5	0.6	8.0
	2026 Q2 ¹	7.0	0.7	10.0
Activity rate, %				
	2025 Q2	48.8	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q3	49.8	0.8	1.6
	2025 Q4	50.5	0.9	1.8
	2026 Q1	49.3	0.9	1.8
	2026 Q2 ¹	48.7	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 2026 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 religion, 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 - 2025

	Labour force			Employment			Unemployment ¹		
	Mauritians aged 16+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments	outside large establishments	Total	of whom Mauritians	Number	Rate
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)
Both sexes									
2022 ²	553.5	26.7	580.2	301.8	236.0	537.8	511.1	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 ²	581.9	26.6	608.5	304.6	269.0	573.6	547.0	34.9	6.0
2025 ³	587.2	28.1	615.3	308.2	273.6	581.8	553.7	33.5	5.7
Male									
2022 ²	331.1	21.5	352.6	181.6	151.1	332.7	311.2	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 ²	330.4	21.6	352.0	179.3	158.7	338.0	316.4	14.0	4.2
2025 ³	331.4	23.3	354.7	181.9	158.7	340.6	317.3	14.1	4.3
Female									
2022 ²	222.4	5.2	227.6	120.2	84.9	205.1	199.9	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 ²	251.5	5.0	256.5	125.3	110.3	235.6	230.6	20.9	8.3
2025 ³	255.8	4.8	260.6	126.3	114.9	241.2	236.4	19.4	7.6

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 (as at March 2025).
 - 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 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

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										
	2025 Q2	994.1	442.3	22.1	78.2	7.5	550.1	34.2	584.3	409.8
	2025 Q3	991.3	447.1	21.3	81.2	6.8	556.4	32.8	589.2	402.1
	2025 Q4	991.8	445.1	24.5	81.8	9.5	560.9	31.8	592.7	399.1
	2026 Q1	990.8	442.0	22.5	82.2	7.0	553.7	33.3	587.0	403.8
	2026 Q2 ¹	991.6	443.6	21.6	77.3	8.1	550.6	32.0	582.6	409.0
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.1					-0.6	-3.9	-0.7	1.3
	same quarter a year ago	-0.3					0.1	-6.4	-0.3	-0.2
Male										
	2025 Q2	477.7	240.0	19.3	57.1	1.5	317.9	14.2	332.1	145.6
	2025 Q3	475.1	238.8	17.8	60.2	1.4	318.2	13.9	332.1	143.0
	2025 Q4	475.2	239.2	19.2	58.1	2.0	318.5	13.3	331.8	143.4
	2026 Q1	475.0	237.1	20.0	58.7	2.4	318.2	14.3	332.5	142.5
	2026 Q2 ¹	475.3	238.0	18.5	57.3	2.8	316.6	14.4	331.0	144.3
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.1					-0.5	0.7	-0.5	1.3
	same quarter a year ago	-0.5					-0.4	1.4	-0.3	-0.9
Female										
	2025 Q2	516.4	202.3	2.8	21.1	6.0	232.2	20.0	252.2	264.2
	2025 Q3	516.2	208.3	3.5	21.0	5.4	238.2	18.9	257.1	259.1
	2025 Q4	516.6	205.9	5.3	23.7	7.5	242.4	18.5	260.9	255.7
	2026 Q1	515.8	204.9	2.5	23.5	4.6	235.5	19.0	254.5	261.3
	2026 Q2 ¹	516.3	205.6	3.1	20.0	5.3	234.0	17.6	251.6	264.7
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.1					-0.6	-7.4	-1.1	1.3
	same quarter a year ago	0.0					0.8	-12.0	-0.2	0.2

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 2nd Quarter 2026 ¹

		In thousands					
		Mauritan	Age group (years)				
		Population aged 16 years and over	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes							
	In employment	550.6	48.4	65.5	144.6	140.4	151.7
	Unemployed	32.0	11.6	6.3	7.2	5.1	1.8
	Labour force	582.6	60.0	71.8	151.8	145.5	153.5
	Population outside labour force	409.0	84.9	9.5	20.1	25.7	268.8
	Total Population	991.6	144.9	81.3	171.9	171.2	422.3
	Employment rate (%)	94.5	80.7	91.2	95.3	96.5	98.8
	Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	19.3	8.8	4.7	3.5	1.2
	Activity rate (%)	58.8	41.4	88.3	88.3	85.0	36.3
Male							
	In employment	316.6	27.5	33.4	77.9	79.4	98.4
	Unemployed	14.4	5.7	2.8	3.4	1.5	1.0
	Labour force	331.0	33.2	36.2	81.3	80.9	99.4
	Population outside labour force	144.3	37.8	2.4	3.6	4.2	96.3
	Total Population	475.3	71.0	38.6	84.9	85.1	195.7
	Employment rate (%)	95.6	82.8	92.3	95.8	98.1	99.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	17.2	7.7	4.2	1.9	1.0
	Activity rate (%)	69.6	46.8	93.8	95.8	95.1	50.8
Female							
	In employment	234.0	20.9	32.1	66.7	61.0	53.3
	Unemployed	17.6	5.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	0.8
	Labour force	251.6	26.8	35.6	70.5	64.6	54.1
	Population outside labour force	264.7	47.1	7.1	16.5	21.5	172.5
	Total Population	516.3	73.9	42.7	87.0	86.1	226.6
	Employment rate (%)	93.0	78.0	90.2	94.6	94.4	98.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	22.0	9.8	5.4	5.6	1.5
	Activity rate (%)	48.7	36.3	83.4	81.0	75.0	23.9

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		Total employed aged 16 years and over	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections			
						Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
		(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	C (%)	F (%)	G (%)	H - U (%)
Both sexes									
	2025 Q2	550.1	5.0	19.8	75.2	10.5	8.1	15.8	59.4
	2025 Q3	556.4	4.6	20.8	74.6	10.8	9.0	16.0	58.6
	2025 Q4	560.9	4.9	20.5	74.6	10.9	8.5	15.6	59.0
	2026 Q1	553.7	4.7	18.2	77.1	9.6	7.6	15.9	61.2
	2026 Q2 ²	550.6	4.8	19.1	76.1	9.8	7.9	15.8	60.3
Male									
	2025 Q2	317.9	6.7	27.0	66.3	11.3	13.8	14.1	52.2
	2025 Q3	318.2	5.9	28.8	65.3	11.6	15.7	14.8	50.5
	2025 Q4	318.5	6.9	27.2	65.9	11.1	14.6	13.9	52.0
	2026 Q1	318.2	6.4	24.4	69.2	10.3	12.7	15.3	53.9
	2026 Q2 ²	316.6	6.5	26.4	67.1	10.9	13.5	14.8	52.3
Female									
	2025 Q2	232.2	2.6	10.0	87.4	9.4	0.3	18.1	69.3
	2025 Q3	238.2	2.9	10.2	86.9	9.9	0.1	17.6	69.3
	2025 Q4	242.4	2.4	11.6	86.0	10.6	0.4	17.9	68.1
	2026 Q1	235.5	2.4	9.8	87.8	8.5	0.7	16.7	71.1
	2026 Q2 ²	234.0	2.5	9.2	88.3	8.4	0.4	17.0	71.3

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		ISCO-08 ¹					
		Total employed aged 16 years and over	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
		(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes							
	2025 Q2	550.1	31.6	8.8	23.2	22.8	13.6
	2025 Q3	556.4	30.8	8.9	22.0	25.1	13.2
	2025 Q4	560.9	30.0	9.4	22.6	24.5	13.5
	2026 Q1	553.7	31.5	9.0	22.0	23.2	14.3
	2026 Q2 ²	550.6	31.9	9.1	21.9	23.1	14.0
Male							
	2025 Q2	317.9	28.3	5.2	20.8	34.7	11.0
	2025 Q3	318.2	27.3	4.5	19.2	37.8	11.2
	2025 Q4	318.5	27.1	5.0	19.3	38.0	10.6
	2026 Q1	318.2	28.4	5.4	19.5	35.6	11.1
	2026 Q2 ²	316.6	28.7	5.0	19.4	35.1	11.8
Female							
	2025 Q2	232.2	35.9	13.9	26.6	6.4	17.2
	2025 Q3	238.2	35.6	14.7	25.7	8.0	16.0
	2025 Q4	242.4	33.8	15.2	26.9	6.7	17.4
	2026 Q1	235.5	35.7	14.0	25.4	6.4	18.5
	2026 Q2 ²	234.0	36.1	14.7	25.2	6.9	17.1

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		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								
	2025 Q2	522.5	20,800	10.0	45.5	32.0	12.5	39.8
	2025 Q3	528.0	20,900	9.3	47.1	31.1	12.5	39.6
	2025 Q4	524.9	21,000	9.2	46.9	31.0	12.9	40.0
	2026 Q1	525.6	20,000	10.4	51.9	26.6	11.1	38.1
	2026 Q2 ²	522.5	20,700	10.2	46.7	31.9	11.2	39.6
Male								
	2025 Q2	302.4	12,500	7.9	42.4	34.7	15.0	41.3
	2025 Q3	301.5	12,400	7.8	42.8	33.9	15.5	41.1
	2025 Q4	299.0	12,400	7.0	45.3	32.6	15.1	41.5
	2026 Q1	300.2	11,900	8.4	48.6	29.7	13.3	39.6
	2026 Q2 ²	299.8	12,300	8.7	43.0	34.5	13.8	41.0
Female								
	2025 Q2	220.1	8,300	12.9	49.8	28.3	9.0	37.7
	2025 Q3	226.5	8,500	11.3	53.0	27.3	8.4	37.5
	2025 Q4	225.9	8,600	12.2	48.9	28.9	10.0	38.1
	2026 Q1	225.4	8,100	13.1	56.2	22.5	8.2	35.9
	2026 Q2 ²	222.7	8,400	12.2	51.7	28.4	7.7	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 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary
			Total	Below	Passed	Total	Below SC	Passed	Passed	
				CPE/PSAC	CPE/PSAC			SC	HSC	
		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes										
	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	31.8	13.2	9.4	3.8	68.3	36.8	21.1	10.4	18.5
	2026 Q1	33.3	12.6	9.6	3.0	64.9	39.7	16.2	9.0	22.5
	2026 Q2 ¹	32.0	12.2	9.1	3.1	60.9	33.7	18.4	8.8	26.9
Male										
	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	13.3	14.3	11.3	3.0	69.9	37.6	21.8	10.5	15.8
	2026 Q1	14.3	13.3	10.5	2.8	69.2	47.5	14.7	7.0	17.5
	2026 Q2 ¹	14.4	12.5	9.7	2.8	62.5	35.4	18.8	8.3	25.0
Female										
	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	18.5	12.4	8.1	4.3	67.0	36.2	20.5	10.3	20.6
	2026 Q1	19.0	12.1	8.9	3.2	61.6	33.7	17.4	10.5	26.3
	2026 Q2 ¹	17.6	11.9	8.5	3.4	59.7	32.4	18.2	9.1	28.4

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026**In thousands**

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2025 Q2	34.2	12.8	19.2	2.2
	2025 Q3	32.8	11.1	19.0	2.7
	2025 Q4	31.8	10.8	18.5	2.5
	2026 Q1	33.3	12.1	18.8	2.4
	2026 Q2 ¹	32.0	11.6	18.6	1.8
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6
	same quarter a year ago	-2.2	-1.2	-0.6	-0.4
Male					
	2025 Q2	14.2	6.3	6.7	1.2
	2025 Q3	13.9	5.1	7.4	1.4
	2025 Q4	13.3	5.0	7.0	1.3
	2026 Q1	14.3	6.1	6.9	1.3
	2026 Q2 ¹	14.4	5.7	7.7	1.0
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	0.1	-0.4	0.8	-0.3
	same quarter a year ago	0.2	-0.6	1.0	-0.2
Female					
	2025 Q2	20.0	6.5	12.5	1.0
	2025 Q3	18.9	6.0	11.6	1.3
	2025 Q4	18.5	5.8	11.5	1.2
	2026 Q1	19.0	6.0	11.9	1.1
	2026 Q2 ¹	17.6	5.9	10.9	0.8
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.4	-0.1	-1.0	-0.3
	same quarter a year ago	-2.4	-0.6	-1.6	-0.2

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		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)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes									
	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	31.8	9.6	22.2	10.8	6.8	17.6	18.9	45.9
	2026 Q1	33.3	9.7	23.6	7.2	10.6	17.4	18.6	46.2
	2026 Q2 ²	32.0	9.0	23.0	9.6	8.2	19.1	10.9	52.2
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	-1.3	-0.7	-0.6					
	same quarter a year ago	-2.2	-0.4	-1.8					
Male									
	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	13.3	3.7	9.6	7.3	12.5	14.6	22.9	42.7
	2026 Q1	14.3	4.4	9.9	4.0	23.2	8.1	16.2	48.5
	2026 Q2 ²	14.4	3.0	11.4	9.7	14.0	14.9	10.5	50.9
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	0.1	-1.4	1.5					
	same quarter a year ago	0.2	0.0	0.2					
Female									
	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	18.5	5.9	12.6	13.5	2.4	19.8	15.9	48.4
	2026 Q1	19.0	5.3	13.7	9.5	1.5	24.1	20.4	44.5
	2026 Q2 ²	17.6	6.0	11.6	9.5	2.6	23.3	11.2	53.4
Change, latest quarter over:									
	previous quarter	-1.4	0.7	-2.1					
	same quarter a year ago	-2.4	-0.4	-2.0					

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 2nd Quarter 2025 to 2nd Quarter 2026

		Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
			Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes								
	2025 Q2	994.1	409.8	32.7	37.2	17.4	8.0	4.7
	2025 Q3	991.3	402.1	32.4	37.2	18.7	8.3	3.4
	2025 Q4	991.8	399.1	32.2	36.8	19.5	8.0	3.5
	2026 Q1	990.8	403.8	32.4	37.1	18.1	8.8	3.6
	2026 Q2 ¹	991.6	409.0	32.4	37.2	17.8	8.6	4.0
Male								
	2025 Q2	477.7	145.6	0.3	57.8	22.7	12.0	7.2
	2025 Q3	475.1	143.0	0.4	58.8	24.1	12.0	4.7
	2025 Q4	475.2	143.4	0.3	58.1	24.4	12.2	5.0
	2026 Q1	475.0	142.5	0.3	58.5	22.4	13.4	5.4
	2026 Q2 ¹	475.3	144.3	0.3	57.4	22.9	13.8	5.6
Female								
	2025 Q2	516.4	264.2	50.6	25.9	14.4	5.8	3.3
	2025 Q3	516.2	259.1	50.1	25.3	15.7	6.2	2.7
	2025 Q4	516.6	255.7	50.1	24.8	16.7	5.8	2.6
	2026 Q1	515.8	261.3	49.9	25.5	15.7	6.2	2.7
	2026 Q2 ¹	516.3	264.7	49.9	26.2	15.1	5.7	3.1

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