

6. LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Employment is on the rise and unemployment is declining

Between 2000 and 2011, the Rodriguan labour force increased driven by an increase of 4,501 in the number of employed persons and a decrease of 1,112 in the number of unemployed.

Table - - Main labour force estimates (for 16 years and above), 2000 and 2011 Population Censuses

	Census 2000	Census 2011
Labour force	14,056	17,445
Employment	10,914	15,415
Unemployment	3,142	2,030
Unemployment rate (%)	22.4	11.6
Activity rate (%)	59.6	63.0

More workers are having jobs in the tertiary sector

In 2011, the tertiary sector provided jobs to 52% of workers, up from 44% in 2000. By contrast, the secondary sector is losing ground with a decrease from 24% to 17% and the primary sector remained almost unchanged at 32% - 33%.

Employed persons aged 16 years and over by sector, 2000 and 2011 Censuses



**Primary sector: Agriculture, mining & quarrying*

Secondary sector: Electricity & water, manufacturing & construction

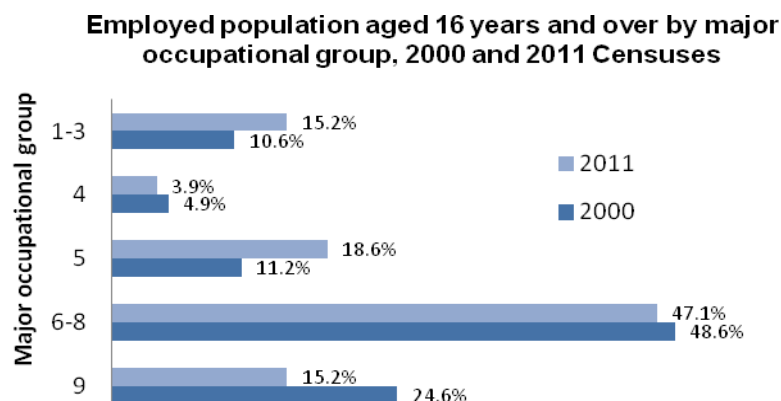
Tertiary sector: Trade, hotels & restaurants, transport & communication, financial services, community, social & personal services

Rodriguan workers are moving up the occupation ladder

The share of employment in the higher occupational groups (ISCO 1-3) comprising legislators, senior officials and managers; professionals; technicians and associate professionals increased from 10.6% in 2000 to 15.2% in 2011.

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In contrast the share of employment in the lowest occupational group (ISCO 9) representing elementary jobs decreased from 24.6% to 15.2%.



ISCO 1-3 :Legislators, senior officials and managers; professionals; technicians and associate professionals

ISCO 4 : Clerical support workers

ISCO 5 :Service workers and shop and market sales workers

ISCO6-8:Skilled agricultural and fishery workers; craft and related trade workers; plant and machine operators and assemblers

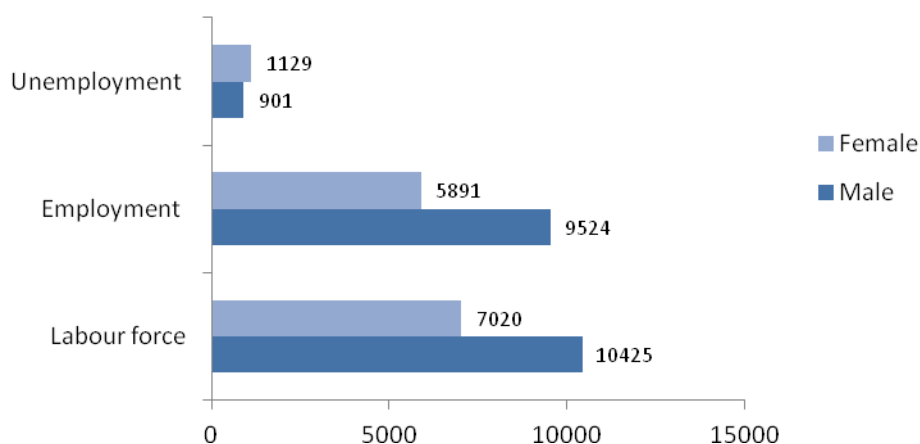
ISCO 9 : Elementary jobs

Women make up 40% of labour force but are over-represented among the unemployed...

In 2011, women made up

- 40.2% of the Rodriguan labour force;
- 38.2% of all workers; and
- 55.6% of the unemployed.

Labour force, employment & unemployment by sex, Island of Rodrigues, 2011 Census



... and have double the unemployment rate of men

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In 2011, unemployment rate was 8.6% among men and 16.1% among women

Unemployment is higher in Rodrigues than in the island of Mauritius

