Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2018

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the first quarter of 2018, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2018. 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 CMPHS with other sources are given at Annex 3.
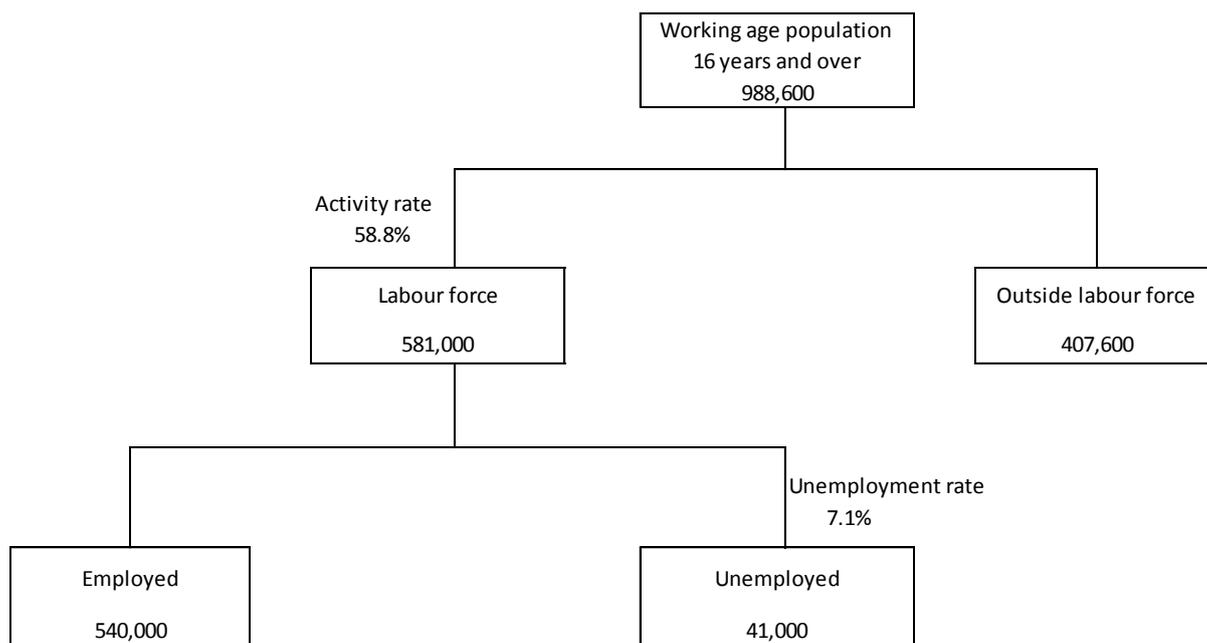
Key figures

	Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Change Q1 2018 - Q1 2017	Change Q1 2018 - Q4 2017
Population (aged 16+)	980,300	987,400	988,600	+8,300	+1,200
Labour Force (Economically active)	580,400	587,600	581,000	+600	-6,600
Of which Employment	*536,100*	*548,000*	*540,000*	*+3,900*	*-8,000*
Unemployment	*44,300*	*39,600*	*41,000*	*-3,300*	*+1,400*
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	399,900	399,800	407,600	+7,700	+7,800
Activity rate (%)	59.2	59.5	58.8	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	6.7	7.1	-0.5	+0.4
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	7.1	7.4	6.6	-0.5	-0.8
Youth unemployment	22,200	16,700	19,300	-2,900	+2,600
Youth unemployment rate (%)	28.9	21.0	24.5	-4.4	+3.5

NOTE: The increase or decrease in employment, represents the net change in employment level i.e the combined effect of employment creations and losses during the period under reference.

Labour market overview, first quarter 2018

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2017, there has been an increase in the labour force (+600) with an increase in employment (+3,900) and a decrease in unemployment (-3,300).

4. Compared with the previous quarter, the number of those outside labour force increased by 7,800. Consequently labour force decreased by 6,600 with a decrease in employment (-8,000) and an increase in unemployment (+1,400).

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1st quarter 2018

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                        Working age population
                          16 years and over
                              988,600
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  Activity rate                                  Outside labour force
    58.8%                                             407,600
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      Labour force
        581,000
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    ┌──────┴────────────────────────┐
                          Unemployment rate
                               7.1%
 Employed                    Unemployed
  540,000                      41,000
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Labour force participation

Activity rate (%)	Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Change Q1 2018 - Q1 2017	Q1 2018 - Q4 2017
Both sexes	59.2	59.5	58.8	-0.4	-0.7
Male	73.8	74.2	72.9	-0.9	-1.3
Female	45.3	45.5	45.4	+0.1	-0.1

5. The activity rate for the first quarter 2018 was 58.8%, down by 0.4 percentage point from 59.2% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point to 72.9% and the female rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 45.4%.

6. Compared with the previous quarter, the activity rate decreased by 0.7 percentage point to 58.8%. The male activity rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points from 74.2% to 72.9% and the female activity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point from 45.5% to 45.4%.

Employment

Employment	Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Change Q1 2018 - Q1 2017	Change Q1 2018 - Q4 2017
Both sexes	536,100	548,000	540,000	+3,900	-8,000
Male	335,400	340,700	333,100	-2,300	-7,600
Female	200,700	207,300	206,900	+6,200	-400

7. From first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018, employment increased by 3,900 to 540,000; male employment decreased by 2,300 to 333,100 while female employment increased by 6,200 to 206,900.

8. Compared with the previous quarter, employment decreased by 8,000 with decreases in both male (-7,600) and female (-400) employment.

Unemployment

Unemployment	Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Change Q1 2018 - Q1 2017	Change Q1 2018 - Q4 2017
Both sexes	44,300	39,600	41,000	-3,300	+1,400
Male	17,700	16,300	18,000	+300	+1,700
Female	26,600	23,300	23,000	-3,600	-300
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	7.6	6.7	7.1	-0.5	+0.4
Male	5.0	4.6	5.1	+0.1	+0.5
Female	11.7	10.1	10.0	-1.7	-0.1

1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

9. From first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 3,300 (with an increase of 300 males and a decrease of 3,600 females).

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point from first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 5.1% while female unemployment rate decreased by 1.7 percentage points to 10.0%.

4th Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

11. When compared with the fourth quarter of 2017, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 1,400 with increase in males (1,700) and decrease in females (-300).

12. From fourth quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018, the unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage point from 6.7% to 7.1%. Male unemployment rate increased by 0. 5 percentage point while female unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point from 10.1% to 10.0%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

Youth unemployment	Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Change Q1 2018 - Q1 2017	Q1 2018 - Q4 2017
Both sexes	22,200	16,700	19,300	-2,900	+2,600
Male	9,700	7,500	9,200	-500	+1,700
Female	12,500	9,200	10,100	-2,400	+900
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	28.9	21.0	24.5	-4.4	+3.5
Male	22.5	16.9	20.8	-1.7	+3.9
Female	37.1	26.2	29.2	-7.9	+3.0

13. At the first quarter 2018, youth unemployed aged 16 to 24 years numbered 19,300 (9,200 males and 10,100 females) compared to 16,700 (7,500 males and 9,200 females) at the previous quarter and 22,200 (9,700 males and 12,500 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2017.

14. The youth unemployment rate decreased from 28.9% to 24.5% in the first quarter of 2018 as compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the same period, the youth unemployment rate for male decreased by 1.7 percentage points to 20.8% and female youth unemployment rate decreased by 7.9 percentage points to 29.2%.

15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate increased from 21.0% to 24.5% with increases of 3.9 percentage points in the male youth unemployment rate and 3.0 percentage points in the female youth unemployment rate.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2018

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2018 were as follows:

    (i)   The 41,000 unemployed comprised 18,000 males (44%) and 23,000 females (56%).

    (ii)   Around 27,300 (67%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (84%) was single compared to 53% among the females.

    (iii) Some 4,600 or 11% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 14,400 (35%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.

    (iv)   Around 34,800 (85%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 6,200 (15%) for more than one year.

    (v)   About 26,300 (64%) had working experience and 14,700 (36%) were looking for a job for the first time.

    (vi)   Around 17,200 (42%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.

    (vii) There were 10,700 (26%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,100 (29%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.

    (viii) 3,100 or 8% of the unemployed were heads of households.

    (ix)   6,400 (16%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2018 was 6.6%, lower than the rates of 7.1% and 7.4% at the corresponding quarter of 2017 and at 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 407,600 at the first quarter 2018 compared to 399,800 in the previous quarter and 399,900 in the corresponding quarter of 2017.

19. The population outside labour force was made up of 130,700 males and 276,900 females. Among inactive males, around 48% were 'retired or old persons' and 27%

were students. Among females, 60% were homemakers; 18% were 'retired or old persons' followed by 13% 'students '.

Forecasts of Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2018[1]

20. Based on the results of the survey for the first quarter of the current year and other information available, forecasts of employment and unemployment for 2018 are as follows:

	Year 2017	**Year 2018[1]**	**Change**
Employment	545,100	552,100	+7,000[2]
Unemployment	41,800	41,100	-700
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	6.9	-0.2

[1]Forecasts   [2]please see explanations in the box on page 1

CAUTION:

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

21. Employment is expected to increase by 7,000 in 2018 to reach 552,100 compared to 545,100 in 2017. It is to be noted that this increase represents the net change in employment level, i.e the combined effect of employment creations and losses during the period under reference.

22. Unemployment rate for 2018 is forecasted at 6.9%, lower than the rate of 7.1% for 2017.

Sampling errors

23. The estimates in this publication are based on the results of a sample survey and are thus subject to sample variability. Standard errors and confidence intervals give an indication of this variability.

24. The standard error of the estimates and the 95% confidence interval which represent a 95% chance that the true value lies within that interval, are given in the tables that follow.

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2017 – 1st quarter 2018

Both Sexes

	Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
			Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force				
2017 Q1	580,400	12,000	556,800	604,100
Q2	592,000	12,500	567,400	616,600
Q3	583,000	11,200	560,900	605,100
Q4	587,600	11,400	565,200	610,000
2018 Q1 [1]	581,000	12,700	556,000	606,100
Employment				
2017 Q1	536,100	11,100	514,200	558,000
Q2	549,400	11,700	526,300	572,500
Q3	542,400	10,600	521,600	563,200
Q4	548,000	10,800	526,600	569,300
2018 Q1 [1]	540,000	12,000	516,300	563,700
Unemployment				
2017 Q1	44,300	2,900	38,700	50,000
Q2	42,600	2,800	37,000	48,100
Q3	40,600	2,600	35,600	45,700
Q4	39,600	2,400	34,800	44,400
2018 Q1 [1]	41,000	2,500	36,200	46,000
Unemployment rate, %				
2017 Q1	7.6	0.5	6.8	8.5
Q2	7.2	0.4	6.3	8.1
Q3	7.0	0.4	6.2	7.8
Q4	6.7	0.4	6.0	7.5
2018 Q1 [1]	7.1	0.4	6.3	7.9
Activity rate, %				
2017 Q1	59.2	0.7	57.9	60.5
Q2	60.2	0.7	58.8	61.6
Q3	59.2	0.6	57.9	60.4
Q4	59.5	0.7	58.2	60.9
2018 Q1 [1]	58.8	0.6	57.5	60.0

[1] Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2017 – 1st quarter 2018

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2017 Q1	353,100	7,800	337,700	368,500
	Q2	360,900	8,100	345,100	376,800
	Q3	354,700	7,500	339,900	369,500
	Q4	357,000	7,700	341,800	372,200
	2018 Q1[1]	351,100	8,000	335,400	366,900
Employment					
	2017 Q1	335,400	7,400	320,800	349,900
	Q2	341,900	7,600	326,900	356,900
	Q3	338,300	7,400	323,700	353,000
	Q4	340,700	7,700	325,500	355,800
	2018 Q1[1]	333,100	7,800	317,800	348,400
Unemployment					
	2017 Q1	17,700	1,900	14,100	21,400
	Q2	19,000	1,800	15,500	22,600
	Q3	16,400	1,800	12,800	19,900
	Q4	16,300	1,700	13,000	19,700
	2018 Q1[1]	18,000	1,800	14,600	21,600
Unemployment rate, %					
	2017 Q1	5.0	0.5	4.0	6.0
	Q2	5.3	0.5	4.3	6.2
	Q3	4.6	0.5	3.6	5.6
	Q4	4.6	0.5	3.6	5.5
	2018 Q1[1]	5.1	0.5	4.2	6.1
Activity rate, %					
	2017 Q1	73.8	0.9	72.1	75.5
	Q2	75.2	0.8	73.6	76.8
	Q3	73.9	0.7	72.5	75.3
	Q4	74.2	0.8	72.7	75.8
	2018 Q1[1]	72.9	0.7	71.4	74.3

[1] Provisional

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st quarter 2017 – 1st quarter 2018

Female

	Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
			Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force				
2017 Q1	227,300	6,200	215,200	239,400
Q2	231,100	6,300	218,700	243,400
Q3	228,300	5,900	216,800	239,900
Q4	230,600	6,400	218,000	243,200
2018 Q1[1]	229,900	6,700	216,600	243,200
Employment				
2017 Q1	200,700	5,700	189,500	211,900
Q2	207,500	6,000	195,700	219,300
Q3	204,100	5,500	193,300	214,900
Q4	207,300	6,400	194,700	219,900
2018 Q1[1]	206,900	6,100	194,800	219,000
Unemployment				
2017 Q1	26,600	2,000	22,600	30,800
Q2	23,600	2,200	19,300	27,900
Q3	24,200	2,100	20,100	28,400
Q4	23,300	1,800	19,700	26,800
2018 Q1[1]	23,000	1,900	19,300	26,700
Unemployment rate, %				
2017 Q1	11.7	0.8	10.1	13.3
Q2	10.2	0.9	8.4	12.0
Q3	10.6	0.9	8.9	12.3
Q4	10.1	0.8	8.5	11.6
2018 Q1[1]	10.0	0.7	8.6	11.5
Activity rate, %				
2017 Q1	45.3	0.9	43.6	47.1
Q2	45.9	1.0	44.0	47.9
Q3	45.2	0.9	43.4	46.9
Q1	45.5	0.9	43.7	47.3
2018 Q1[1]	45.4	0.9	43.6	47.1

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Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 1st quarter 2014 to 1st quarter 2018.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 1st quarter 2014 – 1st quarter 2018
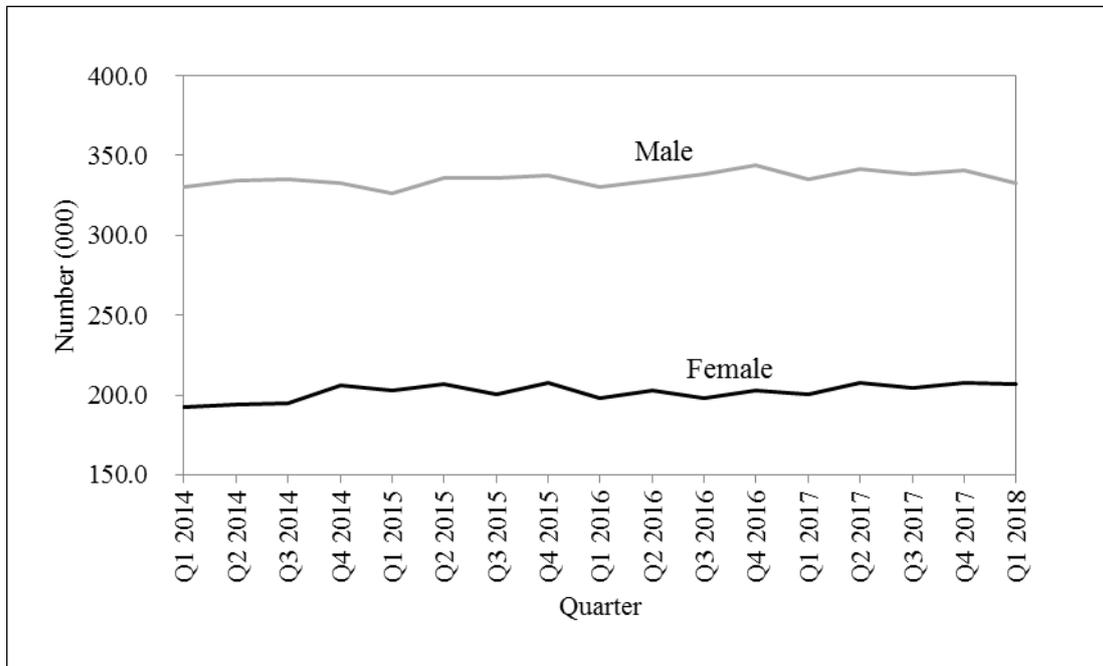
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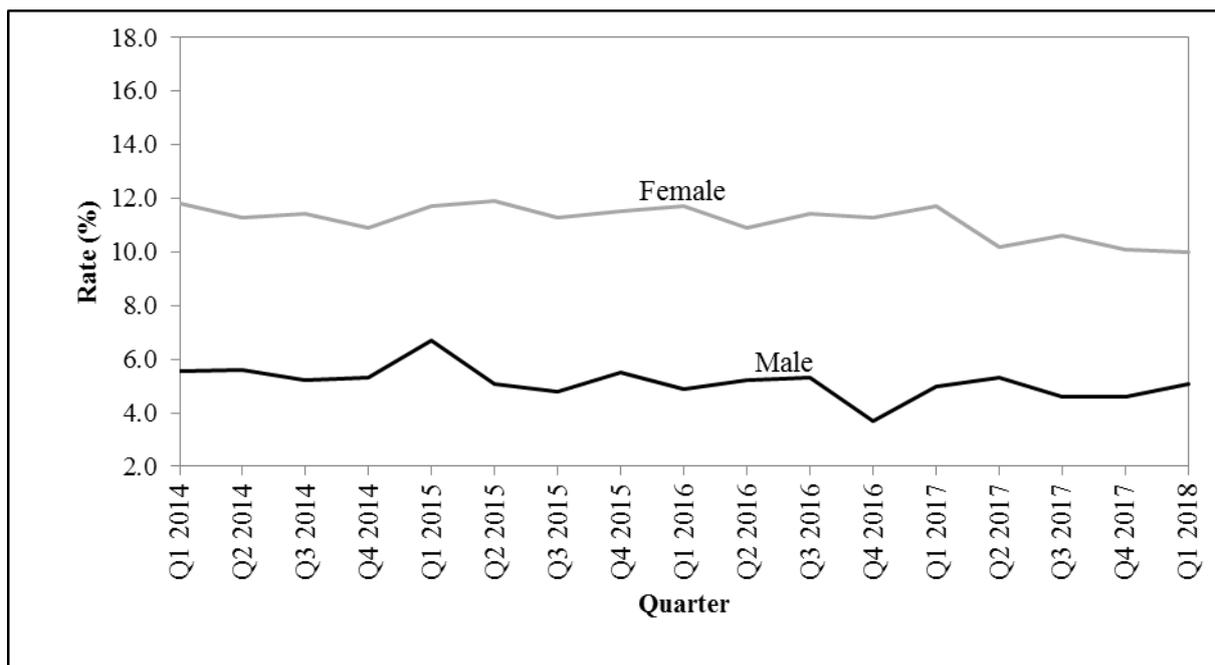
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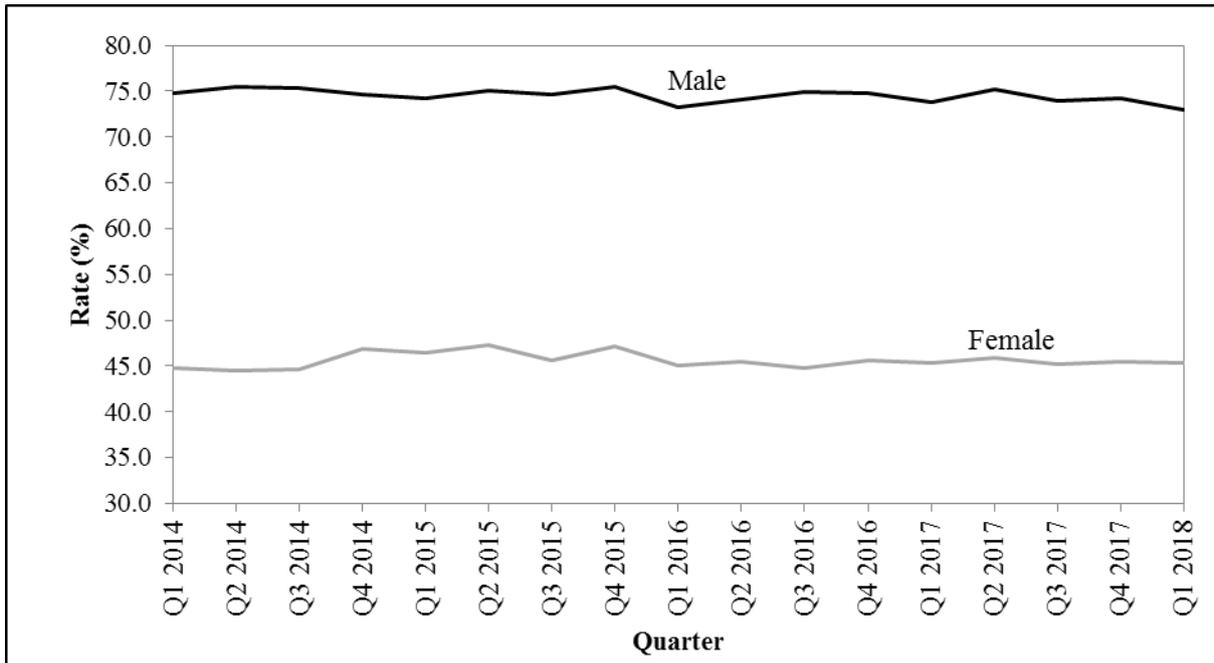
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NOTES

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 (http://statsmauritius.govmu.org). This issue provides data for the first quarter 2018 compared to the previous quarter and to the same quarter a year ago.

However, where appropriate, historical series are also provided for the main indicators.

The CMPHS Survey methodology

Data collection

Face to face interviews of household members are carried out by qualified interviewers recruited by the office.

Frequency of data collection

Data collection is carried out monthly except in 2004 when it was carried out every quarter. Up to 2005, the reference period for data on labour force was the last week of the survey month. As from 2006, the reference week has been changed to the second week of the survey month so that estimates can be published within one quarter of the reference period, 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 with probability proportional to size and at the second stage, a fixed number of households is selected from each selected PSU.

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 derived from the 2011 Housing and Population Census to rank PSUs. A set of RDIs for administrative regions has been published in the series "Economic and Social Indicators" - Issue No. 977.

The second stage stratification criteria are community, household size and average monthly expenditure of the household.

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 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. The Standard Error (S.E) which is a measure of this variability, used to set confidence intervals for any estimate (whether a total or a rate) derived from the sample. For example, a 95% confidence interval indicates that there is 95% chance that the upper and lower limits of the interval enclose the true value (which would be obtained if all households had been surveyed). Standard errors and confidence intervals are calculated for the main labour force estimates.

Definitions

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.

Employment

Employed population consists of Mauritians aged 16 years and above (16+) 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.

Unemployment

Unemployed population comprises all Mauritians aged 16+ who are not working but who are looking for work and are available for work during the reference period.

Labour force

Labour force or active population is made up of employed and unemployed population.

Unemployment rate

Unemployment rate is the ratio (%) of unemployment to labour force.

Outside the Labour Force (previously known as inactive population)

Outside the labour force includes all Mauritians aged 16+ years, 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.

Activity rate

Activity rate is the ratio (%) of labour force to population aged 16+ (active and inactive population).

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. He/She may be paid or may receive some pocket money (stipend); an apprentice is considered as an employee if he/she works for pay in cash or in kind.

Contributing family worker

A Contributing family worker is a person who works without pay in an enterprise operated by a family member.

Educational attainment

Primary: comprises persons who have studied up to a "Standard" between Standard 1 and the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.

Secondary: comprises persons who have studied up to a "Form" between Form 1 and the 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, 2011 - 2018

	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									
2011	548.6	23.0	**571.6**	310.7	218.2	**528.9**	*505.9*	42.7	7.8
2012	556.3	24.0	**580.3**	311.5	224.2	**535.7**	*511.7*	44.6	8.0
2013	571.2	26.3	**597.5**	312.5	239.5	**552.0**	*525.7*	45.5	8.0
2014	575.7	28.3	**604.0**	313.5	245.7	**559.2**	*530.9*	44.8	7.8
2015	584.6	28.3	**612.9**	314.1	252.5	**566.6**	*538.3*	46.3	7.9
2016	581.0	28.6	**609.6**	314.2	253.0	**567.2**	*538.6*	42.4	7.3
2017	586.9	28.4	**615.3**	316.9	256.6	**573.5**	*545.1*	41.8	7.1
2018 [2]	593.2	29.3	**622.5**	320.1	261.3	**581.4**	*552.1*	41.1	6.9
Change current year over previous:	6.3	0.9	7.2	3.2	4.7	7.9	7.0	-0.7	-0.2
Male									
2011	343.3	13.4	**356.7**	197.8	141.6	**339.4**	*326.0*	17.3	5.0
2012	346.9	14.2	**361.1**	198.3	144.7	**343.0**	*328.8*	18.1	5.2
2013	350.4	16.5	**366.9**	199.1	149.2	**348.3**	*331.8*	18.6	5.3
2014	352.8	18.3	**371.1**	199.3	152.4	**351.7**	*333.4*	19.4	5.5
2015	353.3	18.6	**371.9**	198.5	153.9	**352.4**	*333.8*	19.5	5.5
2016	353.6	19.3	**372.9**	198.6	157.4	**356.0**	*336.7*	16.9	4.8
2017	356.6	20.0	**376.6**	194.8	164.6	**359.4**	*339.4*	17.2	4.8
2018 [2]	359.6	20.6	**380.2**	195.5	167.7	**363.2**	*342.6*	17.0	4.7
Change current year over previous:	3.0	0.6	3.6	0.7	3.1	3.8	3.2	-0.2	-0.1
Female									
2011	205.3	9.6	**214.9**	112.9	76.6	**189.5**	*179.9*	25.4	12.4
2012	209.4	9.8	**219.2**	113.2	79.5	**192.7**	*182.9*	26.5	12.7
2013	220.8	9.8	**230.6**	113.4	90.3	**203.7**	*193.9*	26.9	12.2
2014	222.9	10.0	**232.9**	114.2	93.3	**207.5**	*197.5*	25.4	11.4
2015	231.3	9.7	**241.0**	115.6	98.6	**214.2**	*204.5*	26.8	11.6
2016	227.4	9.3	**236.7**	115.6	95.6	**211.2**	*201.9*	25.5	11.2
2017	230.3	8.4	**238.7**	122.1	92.0	**214.1**	*205.7*	24.6	10.7
2018 [2]	233.6	8.7	**242.3**	124.6	93.6	**218.2**	*209.5*	24.1	10.3
Change current year over previous:	3.3	0.3	3.6	2.5	1.6	4.1	3.8	-0.5	-0.4

[1] Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians   [2] 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) 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.

Table 1: Labour market activity by status, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

| | Total Mauritian population aged 16 & over | In employment | | | | | Unemployed | Total econ. active | Total econ. inactive |
		Employees	Employers	Own account workers	Contrib. family workers	Total			
Both sexes									
2017 Q1	**980.3**	424.5	21.8	80.4	9.4	**536.1**	**44.3**	**580.4**	**399.9**
Q2	**983.3**	432.3	25.2	79.6	12.3	**549.4**	**42.6**	**592.0**	**391.3**
Q3	**985.2**	428.1	24.5	76.6	13.2	**542.4**	**40.6**	**583.0**	**402.2**
Q4	**987.4**	442.8	21.3	72.7	11.2	**548.0**	**39.6**	**587.6**	**399.8**
2018 Q1[1]	**988.6**	433.3	19.9	76.4	10.4	**540.0**	**41.0**	**581.0**	**407.6**
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	**0.1**	**-2.1**	**-6.6**	**5.1**	**-7.1**	**-1.5**	**3.5**	**-1.1**	**2.0**
same quarter a year ago	**0.8**	**2.1**	**-8.7**	**-5.0**	**10.6**	**0.7**	**-7.4**	**0.1**	**1.9**
Male									
2017 Q1	**478.7**	254.5	18.2	59.7	3.0	**335.4**	**17.7**	**353.1**	**125.6**
Q2	**480.1**	256.6	22.2	58.6	4.5	**341.9**	**19.0**	**360.9**	**119.2**
Q3	**479.9**	254.6	21.6	57.4	4.7	**338.3**	**16.4**	**354.7**	**125.2**
Q4	**480.9**	264.7	17.8	54.4	3.8	**340.7**	**16.3**	**357.0**	**123.9**
2018 Q1[1]	**481.8**	255.3	16.4	59.4	2.0	**333.1**	**18.0**	**351.1**	**130.7**
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	**0.2**	**-3.6**	**-7.9**	**9.2**	**-47.4**	**-2.2**	**10.4**	**-1.7**	**5.5**
same quarter a year ago	**0.6**	**0.3**	**-9.9**	**-0.5**	**-33.3**	**-0.7**	**1.7**	**-0.6**	**4.1**
Female									
2017 Q1	**501.6**	170.0	3.6	20.7	6.4	**200.7**	**26.6**	**227.3**	**274.3**
Q2	**503.2**	175.7	3.0	21.0	7.8	**207.5**	**23.6**	**231.1**	**272.1**
Q3	**505.3**	173.5	2.9	19.2	8.5	**204.1**	**24.2**	**228.3**	**277.0**
Q4	**506.5**	178.1	3.5	18.3	7.4	**207.3**	**23.3**	**230.6**	**275.9**
2018 Q1[1]	**506.8**	178.0	3.5	17.0	8.4	**206.9**	**23.0**	**229.9**	**276.9**
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	**0.1**	**-0.1**	**0.0**	**-7.1**	**13.5**	**-0.2**	**-1.3**	**-0.3**	**0.4**
same quarter a year ago	**1.0**	**4.7**	**-2.8**	**-17.9**	**31.3**	**3.1**	**-13.5**	**1.1**	**0.9**

[1] Provisional

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2018[1]

In thousands

	Mauritian aged 16 and over	Age group (years)				
		16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	**540.0**	59.5	65.0	135.9	128.5	151.1
Unemployed	**41.0**	19.3	6.6	8.4	4.0	2.7
Labour force	**581.0**	78.8	71.6	144.3	132.5	153.8
Economically inactive	**407.6**	91.3	14.5	29.9	37.1	234.8
Total Population	**988.6**	170.1	86.1	174.2	169.6	388.6
Employment rate (%)	**92.9**	75.5	90.8	94.2	97.0	98.2
Unemployment rate (%)	**7.1**	24.5	9.2	5.8	3.0	1.8
Activity rate (%)	**58.8**	46.3	83.2	82.8	78.1	39.6
Male						
In employment	**333.1**	35.0	36.1	79.9	78.3	103.8
Unemployed	**18.0**	9.2	3.1	2.9	1.4	1.4
Labour force	**351.1**	44.2	39.2	82.8	79.7	105.2
Economically inactive	**130.7**	41.4	3.8	3.7	5.4	76.4
Total Population	**481.8**	85.6	43.0	86.5	85.1	181.6
Employment rate (%)	**94.9**	79.2	92.1	96.5	98.2	98.7
Unemployment rate (%)	**5.1**	20.8	7.9	3.5	1.8	1.3
Activity rate (%)	**72.9**	51.6	91.2	95.7	93.7	57.9
Female						
In employment	**206.9**	24.5	28.9	56.0	50.2	47.3
Unemployed	**23.0**	10.1	3.5	5.5	2.6	1.3
Labour force	**229.9**	34.6	32.4	61.5	52.8	48.6
Economically inactive	**276.9**	49.9	10.7	26.2	31.7	158.4
Total Population	**506.8**	84.5	43.1	87.7	84.5	207.0
Employment rate (%)	**90.0**	70.8	89.2	91.1	95.1	97.3
Unemployment rate (%)	**10.0**	29.2	10.8	8.9	4.9	2.7
Activity rate (%)	**45.4**	40.9	75.2	70.1	62.5	23.5

[1] Provisional

Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Total employed aged 16+	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Tertiary sector	Selected NSIC [1] Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C	F	G	H - U
	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2017 Q1	**536.1**	7.7	23.6	68.7	13.1	9.5	15.0	53.7
Q2	**549.4**	7.0	22.6	70.4	12.3	9.2	15.9	54.5
Q3	**542.4**	6.6	25.4	68.0	12.9	11.2	15.0	53.1
Q4	**548.0**	7.1	26.1	66.8	13.7	11.2	14.7	52.1
2018 Q1[2]	**540.0**	6.4	23.2	70.4	12.8	9.4	16.2	54.1
Male								
2017 Q1	**335.4**	9.1	27.8	63.1	12.0	14.5	14.4	48.7
Q2	**341.9**	8.3	27.7	64.0	12.2	14.3	14.4	49.6
Q3	**338.3**	7.4	31.5	61.1	12.7	17.1	13.3	47.8
Q4	**340.7**	8.8	31.7	59.5	12.8	17.3	13.7	45.8
2018 Q1[2]	**333.1**	8.1	28.9	63.0	13.0	14.7	15.5	47.5
Female								
2017 Q1	**200.7**	5.5	16.5	78.0	14.8	1.2	16.0	62.0
Q2	**207.5**	5.0	14.0	81.0	12.5	0.7	18.4	62.7
Q3	**204.1**	5.1	15.4	79.5	13.3	1.5	17.7	61.8
Q4	**207.3**	4.4	16.9	78.7	15.3	1.2	16.3	62.4
2018 Q1[2]	**206.9**	3.6	14.2	82.2	12.6	1.0	17.4	64.9

[1] National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)

[2] Provisional

Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Total employed aged 16+	Managers, Professionals, Technicians & associate professionals	Clerical support workers	Service and sales workers	Agricultural, Craft & related trades workers, Plant & machine operators & assemblers	Elementary occupations
		1,2,3	**4**	**5**	**6,7,8**	**9**
	(000s)	**(%)**	**(%)**	**(%)**	**(%)**	**(%)**
Both sexes						
2017 Q1	**536.1**	25.4	9.9	20.5	29.6	14.6
Q2	**549.4**	23.4	9.2	21.4	30.6	15.4
Q3	**542.4**	24.4	8.7	21.1	30.0	15.8
Q4	**548.0**	22.3	10.0	21.5	29.5	16.7
2018 Q1[2]	**540.0**	24.6	10.2	20.8	28.9	15.5
Male						
2017 Q1	**335.4**	23.8	6.3	18.8	39.3	11.8
Q2	**341.9**	22.3	5.4	19.6	41.2	11.5
Q3	**338.3**	22.3	5.2	19.3	41.2	12.0
Q4	**340.7**	20.2	6.2	19.9	40.7	13.0
2018 Q1[2]	**333.1**	22.8	6.1	18.9	40.3	11.9
Female						
2017 Q1	**200.7**	28.0	16.0	23.4	13.3	19.3
Q2	**207.5**	25.2	15.5	24.5	13.1	21.7
Q3	**204.1**	27.8	14.5	24.0	11.5	22.2
Q4	**207.3**	25.9	16.1	24.2	11.1	22.7
2018 Q1[2]	**206.9**	27.6	16.7	23.8	10.6	21.3

The header column "ISCO-08 [1]" spans the five percentage columns.

[1] National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)

[2] Provisional

Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Total employed aged 16+ (000's)	Total hours worked (000's)	% having worked for:					Average number of hours worked
			0 hour	1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
Both sexes								
2017 Q1	**536.1**	19,700	6.2	12.0	41.9	26.1	13.8	39.1
Q2	**549.4**	20,100	6.2	12.5	40.3	27.1	13.9	38.9
Q3	**542.4**	20,400	4.9	10.1	43.0	28.6	13.4	39.5
Q4	**548.0**	20,800	6.0	10.9	37.5	29.1	16.5	40.4
2018 Q1 [1]	**540.0**	17,300	7.9	17.4	47.1	17.4	10.2	34.7
Male								
2017 Q1	**335.4**	12,800	6.8	9.1	39.6	27.1	17.4	41.0
Q2	**341.9**	13,200	5.9	9.4	37.8	30.5	16.4	40.9
Q3	**338.3**	13,300	5.4	7.7	39.4	30.7	16.8	41.5
Q4	**340.7**	13,600	5.6	7.9	35.8	31.1	19.6	42.3
2018 Q1 [1]	**333.1**	11,100	9.2	13.4	46.1	19.1	12.2	36.6
Female								
2017 Q1	**200.7**	6,900	5.2	16.7	45.9	24.3	7.9	35.9
Q2	**207.5**	6,900	6.7	17.8	44.4	21.4	9.7	35.6
Q3	**204.1**	7,100	4.1	14.0	49.0	25.1	7.8	36.3
Q4	**207.3**	7,200	6.8	15.9	40.3	25.6	11.4	37.2
2018 Q1 [1]	**206.9**	6,200	5.7	24.0	48.8	14.6	6.9	31.6

0 hour not included in total hours worked & in average number of hours worked

[1] Provisional

Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary Total (%)	Primary Below CPE (%)	Primary Passed CPE (%)	Secondary Total (%)	Secondary Below SC (%)	Secondary Passed SC (%)	Secondary Passed HSC (%)	Tertiary (%)
Both sexes									
2017 Q1	**44.3**	**13.3**	8.1	5.2	**66.6**	35.2	15.6	15.8	**20.1**
Q2	**42.6**	**12.9**	9.6	3.3	**62.7**	36.2	13.4	13.1	**24.4**
Q3	**40.6**	**13.1**	8.9	4.2	**62.8**	31.8	18.0	13.0	**24.1**
Q4	**39.6**	**10.5**	9.3	1.2	**66.5**	32.6	21.0	12.9	**23.0**
2018 Q1 [1]	**41.0**	**12.2**	11.2	1.0	**63.2**	35.1	13.9	14.2	**24.6**
Male									
2017 Q1	**17.7**	**14.7**	8.5	6.2	**71.2**	42.4	12.4	16.4	**14.1**
Q2	**19.0**	**13.7**	10.0	3.7	**59.5**	40.5	10.1	8.9	**26.8**
Q3	**16.4**	**15.2**	9.7	5.5	**59.8**	35.4	14.6	9.8	**25.0**
Q4	**16.3**	**8.6**	6.1	2.5	**73.0**	42.9	21.5	8.6	**18.4**
2018 Q1 [1]	**18.0**	**14.4**	13.3	1.1	**65.6**	41.1	12.8	11.7	**20.0**
Female									
2017 Q1	**26.6**	**12.4**	7.9	4.5	**63.5**	30.4	17.7	15.4	**24.1**
Q2	**23.6**	**12.3**	9.3	3.0	**65.2**	32.6	16.1	16.5	**22.5**
Q3	**24.2**	**11.6**	8.3	3.3	**64.8**	29.3	20.2	15.3	**23.6**
Q4	**23.3**	**12.0**	11.6	0.4	**61.8**	25.3	20.6	15.9	**26.2**
2018 Q1 [1]	**23.0**	**10.4**	9.5	0.9	**61.3**	30.4	14.8	16.1	**28.3**

[1] Provisional

Table 7: Unemployment by age, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

In Thousands

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes				
2017 Q1	**44.3**	22.2	20.1	2.0
Q2	**42.6**	18.6	22.5	1.5
Q3	**40.6**	19.5	19.9	1.2
Q4	**39.6**	16.7	21.6	1.3
2018 Q1 [1]	**41.0**	19.3	19.0	2.7
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	**1.4**	2.6	-2.6	1.4
same quarter a year ago	**-3.3**	-2.9	-1.1	0.7
Male				
2017 Q1	**17.7**	9.7	6.7	1.3
Q2	**19.0**	8.6	9.5	0.9
Q3	**16.4**	8.1	7.7	0.6
Q4	**16.3**	7.5	7.9	0.9
2018 Q1 [1]	**18.0**	9.2	7.4	1.4
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	**1.7**	1.7	-0.5	0.5
same quarter a year ago	**0.3**	-0.5	0.7	0.1
Female				
2017 Q1	**26.6**	12.5	13.4	0.7
Q2	**23.6**	10.0	13.0	0.6
Q3	**24.2**	11.4	12.2	0.6
Q4	**23.3**	9.2	13.7	0.4
2018 Q1 [1]	**23.0**	10.1	11.6	1.3
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	**-0.3**	0.9	-2.1	0.9
same quarter a year ago	**-3.6**	-2.4	-1.8	0.6

[1] Provisional

Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry *					
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2017 Q1	**44.3**	15.1	29.2	16.1	9.9	18.5	16.8	38.7
Q2	**42.6**	13.3	29.3	13.7	6.5	19.5	20.8	39.5
Q3	**40.6**	12.9	27.7	13.7	8.3	26.4	14.8	36.8
Q4	**39.6**	14.1	25.5	15.7	9.0	31.0	6.3	38.0
2018 Q1 [1]	**41.0**	14.7	26.3	15.6	13.3	20.9	12.5	37.7
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	**1.4**	0.6	0.8					
same quarter a year ago	**-3.3**	-0.4	-2.9					
Male								
2017 Q1	**17.7**	5.9	11.8	16.9	22.0	11.9	23.7	25.5
Q2	**19.0**	5.7	13.3	15.8	14.3	14.3	22.6	33.0
Q3	**16.4**	5.7	10.7	15.0	18.7	18.7	15.9	31.7
Q4	**16.3**	5.7	10.6	16.0	20.8	21.7	6.6	34.9
2018 Q1 [1]	**18.0**	6.0	12.0	15.0	24.2	13.3	10.8	36.7
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	**1.7**	0.3	1.4					
same quarter a year ago	**0.3**	0.1	0.2					
Female								
2017 Q1	**26.6**	9.2	17.4	15.5	1.7	23.0	12.1	47.7
Q2	**23.6**	7.6	16.0	11.9	0.0	23.8	19.4	44.9
Q3	**24.2**	7.2	17.0	12.9	1.8	31.2	14.1	40.0
Q4	**23.3**	8.4	14.9	15.4	0.7	37.6	6.0	40.3
2018 Q1 [1]	**23.0**	8.7	14.3	16.1	4.2	27.3	14.0	38.4
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	**-0.3**	0.3	-0.6					
same quarter a year ago	**-3.6**	-0.5	-3.1					

* National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)

[1] Provisional

Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 1st Quarter 2017 to 1st Quarter 2018

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by reason					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2017 Q1	**980.3**	399.9	41.8	24.5	19.5	9.2	5.0
Q2	**983.3**	391.3	42.0	24.0	21.1	8.4	4.5
Q3	**985.2**	402.2	42.6	24.8	20.0	9.0	3.6
Q4	**987.4**	399.8	43.0	25.0	19.7	9.1	3.2
2018 Q1[1]	**988.6**	407.6	40.7	27.8	17.7	9.2	4.6
Male							
2017 Q1	**478.7**	125.6	0.9	45.6	30.8	15.4	7.3
Q2	**480.1**	119.2	0.4	45.8	34.6	14.7	4.5
Q3	**479.9**	125.2	0.1	48.4	31.2	15.8	4.5
Q4	**480.9**	123.9	0.2	48.7	30.8	15.8	4.5
2018 Q1[1]	**481.8**	130.7	0.4	48.2	26.8	16.7	7.9
Female							
2017 Q1	**501.6**	274.3	60.6	14.8	14.4	6.3	3.9
Q2	**503.2**	272.1	60.2	14.5	15.2	5.7	4.4
Q3	**505.3**	277.0	61.8	14.2	14.9	5.9	3.2
Q4	**506.5**	275.9	62.2	14.4	14.7	6.1	2.6
2018 Q1[1]	**506.8**	276.9	59.8	18.1	13.4	5.7	3.0

[1] Provisional