

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Fourth 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 fourth quarter of 2018, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from October to December 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

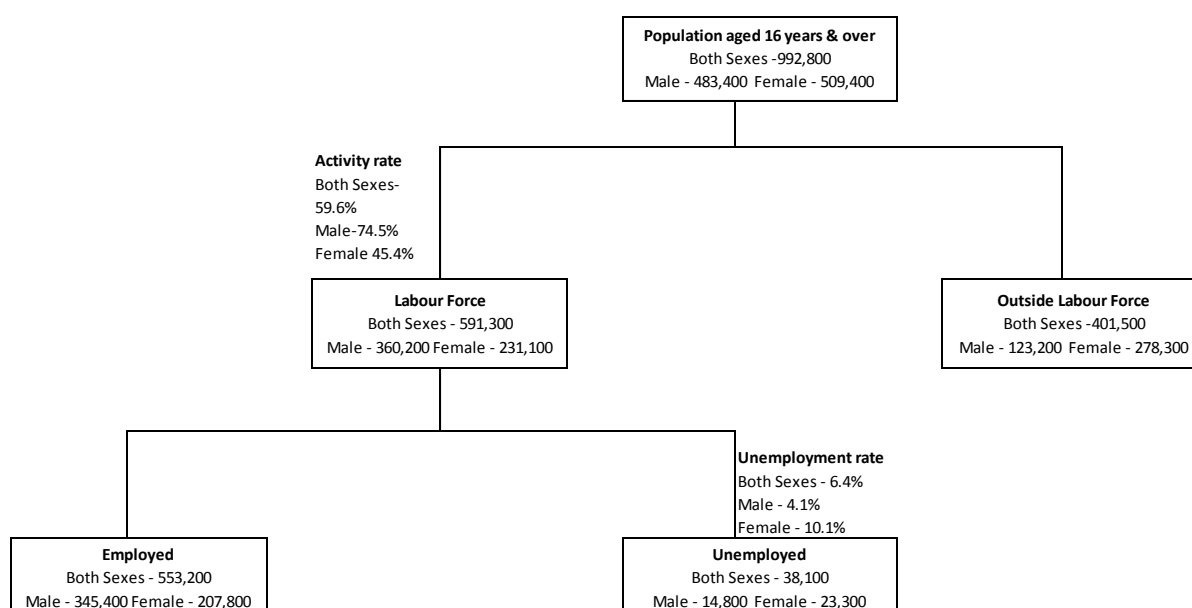
	Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Change	
				Q4 2017 to Q4 2018	Q3 2018 to Q4 2018
Population (aged 16+)	987,400	990,700	992,800	+5,400	+2,100
Labour Force (Economically active)	587,600	576,600	591,300	+3,700	+14,700
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>548,000</i>	<i>536,800</i>	<i>553,200</i>	<i>+5,200</i>	<i>+16,400</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>39,600</i>	<i>39,800</i>	<i>38,100</i>	<i>-1,500</i>	<i>-1,700</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	399,800	414,100	401,500	+1,700	-12,600
Activity rate (%)	59.5	58.2	59.6	+0.1	+1.4
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	6.9	6.4	-0.3	-0.5
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate	7.3	7.1	7.0	-0.3	-0.1
Youth unemployment	16,700	19,300	17,900	+1,200	-1,400
Youth unemployment rate (%)	21.0	25.2	22.1	+1.1	-3.1

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, fourth quarter 2018

3. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2017, there has been an increase in the labour force (+3,700) with a rise in employment (+5,200) and a fall in unemployment (-1,500). The number of those outside labour force increased by 1,700 during the same period.
4. Compared with the previous quarter, labour force increased by 14,700 with an increase in employment (16,400) and a fall in unemployment (-1,700). Those outside labour force decreased by 12,600 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 4th quarter 2018



Labour force participation

	Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Change	
				Q4 2017 to Q4 2018	Q3 2018 to Q4 2018
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	59.5	58.2	59.6	+0.1	+1.4
Male	74.2	72.5	74.5	+0.3	+2.0
Female	45.5	44.6	45.4	-0.1	+0.8

5. The activity rate for fourth quarter 2018 rose by 0.1 percentage point to 59.6% from 59.5% in the corresponding quarter one year earlier. The male activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 74.5% and the female rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 45.4%.

6. Compared to the previous quarter, the activity rate increased by 1.4 percentage points. The male activity rate increased by 2.0 percentage points from 72.5% to 74.5% and the female activity rate increased by 0.8 percentage point from 44.6% to 45.4%.

Employment

Employment	Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Change	
				Q4 2017 - Q4 2018	Q3 2018 - Q4 2018
Both sexes	548,000	536,800	553,200	+5,200	+16,400
Male	340,700	333,900	345,400	+4,700	+11,500
Female	207,300	202,900	207,800	+500	+4,900

7. From fourth quarter 2017 to fourth quarter 2018, employment increased by 5,200 to 553,200; male employment increased by 4,700 to 345,400 and female employment increased by 500 to 207,800.

8. Compared to the previous quarter, employment increased by 16,400; male and female employment increased by 11,500 and 4,900 respectively.

Unemployment

Unemployment	Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Change	
				Q4 2017 to Q4 2018	Q3 2018 to Q4 2018
Both sexes	39,600	39,800	38,100	-1,500	-1,700
Male	16,300	15,800	14,800	-1,500	-1,000
Female	23,300	24,000	23,300	-	-700
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	6.7	6.9	6.4	-0.3	-0.5
Male	4.6	4.5	4.1	-0.5	-0.4
Female	10.1	10.6	10.1	-	-0.5

4th Quarter 2017 to 4th Quarter 2018

9. From fourth quarter 2017 to fourth quarter 2018, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,500; decrease noted among males only.

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point from fourth quarter 2017 to 6.4% in fourth quarter 2018. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point to 4.1% while female unemployment rate remained unchanged at 10.1%.

3rd Quarter 2018 to 4th Quarter 2018

11. When compared with the third quarter of 2018, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 1,700 with decreases of 1,000 among males and 700 among females.

12. From third quarter 2018 to fourth quarter 2018, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point from 6.9% to 6.4%. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point from 4.5% to 4.1% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point from 10.6% to 10.1%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Change	
				Q4 2017 - Q4 2018	Q3 2018 - Q4 2018
Youth unemployment					
Both sexes	16,700	19,300	17,900	+1,200	-1,400
Male	7,500	8,500	8,200	+700	-300
Female	9,200	10,800	9,700	+500	-1,100
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	21.0	25.2	22.1	+1.1	-3.1
Male	16.9	20.4	17.9	+1.0	-2.5
Female	26.2	31.0	27.6	+1.4	-3.4

13. At the fourth quarter 2018, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years numbered 17,900 (8,200 males and 9,700 females) compared to 19,300 (8,500 males and 10,800 females) at the previous quarter and 16,700 (7,500 males and 9,200 females) at the corresponding quarter of 2017.

14. The youth unemployment rate increased from 21.0% to 22.1% in the fourth quarter of 2018 when compared to the corresponding quarter one year earlier. During the same period, the youth unemployment rate for male increased by 1.0 percentage point to 17.9% and female youth unemployment rate increased by 1.4 percentage points to 27.6%.

15. Compared to the previous quarter, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 25.2% to 22.1% with decreases of 2.5 percentage points in the male youth

unemployment rate and 3.4 percentage points in the female youth unemployment rate respectively.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at fourth quarter 2018

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

- (i) The 38,100 unemployed comprised 14,800 males (39%) and 23,300 females (61%).
- (ii) Around 23,400 (61%) of the unemployed were single. Among males, the majority (86%) was single compared to 46% among the females.
- (iii) Some 3,800 or 10% had not reached the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) level or equivalent and a further 13,300 (35%) did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 31,600 (83%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 6,500 (17%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 25,800 (68%) had working experience and 12,300 (32%) were looking for a job for the first time.
- (vi) Around 17,000 (45%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 8,800 (23%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,400 (27%) of them possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) 3,200 or 8% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) 4,300 (11%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the fourth quarter of 2018 was 7.0%, lower than the rates of 7.3% and 7.1% 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 401,500 at the fourth quarter 2018 compared to 414,100 in the previous quarter and 399,800 in the corresponding quarter of 2017.

19. The population outside labour force was made up of 123,200 males and 278,300 females. Among inactive males, around 51% were 'retired or old persons' and 31% were students. Among females, 56% were homemakers; 19% were 'retired or old persons' followed by 15% 'students'.

Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2018¹

20. Based on the results of the survey for the four quarters of the year, the following are the estimates of employment and unemployment for 2018 compared to 2017:

	Year 2017	Year 2018 ¹	Change
Employment	545,100	543,700	-1,400 ²
Unemployment	41,800	40,100	-1,700
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	6.9	-0.2

¹Provisional

²please see explanations in the box on page 1

CAUTION:

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

21. Employment decreased by 1,400 in 2018 to reach 543,700 compared to 545,100 in 2017. It is to be noted that this decrease 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 year 2018 worked out to 6.9% compared to 7.1% in 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, 4th quarter 2017 – 4th quarter 2018

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2017 Q4	587,600	11,400	565,200	610,000
	2018 Q1	581,000	12,700	556,000	606,100
	Q2	582,000	6,700	568,900	595,100
	Q3	576,600	11,800	553,300	599,800
	Q4 ¹	591,300	6,100	579,300	603,300
Employment					
	2017 Q4	548,000	10,800	526,600	569,300
	2018 Q1	540,000	12,000	516,300	563,700
	Q2	541,500	6,700	528,400	554,600
	Q3	536,800	11,500	514,300	559,400
	Q4 ¹	553,200	6,200	541,100	565,300
Unemployment					
	2017 Q4	39,600	2,400	34,800	44,400
	2018 Q1	41,000	2,500	36,200	46,000
	Q2	40,500	2,500	35,600	45,500
	Q3	39,800	2,600	34,700	44,800
	Q4 ¹	38,100	2,400	33,400	42,800
Unemployment rate, %					
	2017 Q4	6.7	0.4	6.0	7.5
	2018 Q1	7.1	0.4	6.3	7.9
	Q2	7.0	0.4	6.1	7.8
	Q3	6.9	0.4	6.0	7.7
	Q4 ¹	6.4	0.4	5.6	7.3
Activity rate, %					
	2017 Q4	59.5	0.7	58.2	60.9
	2018 Q1	58.8	0.6	57.5	60.0
	Q2	58.7	0.6	57.5	59.9
	Q3	58.2	0.7	56.9	59.5
	Q4 ¹	59.6	0.6	58.4	60.7

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4th quarter 2017 – 4th quarter 2018

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2017 Q4	357,000	7,700	341,800	372,200
	2018 Q1	351,100	8,000	335,400	366,900
	Q2	350,000	6,200	337,800	362,200
	Q3	349,700	7,400	335,100	364,300
	Q4 ¹	360,200	3,700	352,900	367,500
Employment					
	2017 Q4	340,700	7,700	325,500	355,800
	2018 Q1	333,100	7,800	317,800	348,400
	Q2	331,500	6,100	319,500	343,500
	Q3	333,900	7,400	319,400	348,400
	Q4 ¹	345,400	3,900	337,800	352,900
Unemployment					
	2017 Q4	16,300	1,700	13,000	19,700
	2018 Q1	18,000	1,800	14,600	21,600
	Q2	18,500	1,800	15,100	21,900
	Q3	15,800	1,700	12,500	19,000
	Q4 ¹	14,800	1,500	11,900	17,700
Unemployment rate, %					
	2017 Q4	4.6	0.5	3.6	5.5
	2018 Q1	5.1	0.5	4.2	6.1
	Q2	5.3	0.5	4.3	6.3
	Q3	4.5	0.5	3.6	5.4
	Q4 ¹	4.1	0.4	3.3	5.0
Activity rate, %					
	2017 Q4	74.2	0.8	72.7	75.8
	2018 Q1	72.9	0.7	71.4	74.3
	Q2	72.4	0.8	70.8	74.0
	Q3	72.5	0.7	71.1	73.8
	Q4 ¹	74.5	0.7	73.2	75.8

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4th quarter 2017 – 4th quarter 2018

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	95% confidence interval	
				Lower limit	Upper limit
Labour force					
	2017 Q4	230,600	6,400	218,000	243,200
	2018 Q1	229,900	6,700	216,600	243,200
	Q2	232,000	5,500	221,300	242,700
	Q3	226,900	6,700	213,800	240,000
	Q4 ¹	231,100	4,500	222,300	240,000
Employment					
	2017 Q4	207,300	6,400	194,700	219,900
	2018 Q1	206,900	6,100	194,800	219,000
	Q2	210,000	5,300	199,600	220,300
	Q3	202,900	6,200	190,700	215,200
	Q4 ¹	207,800	4,500	199,100	216,600
Unemployment					
	2017 Q4	23,300	1,800	19,700	26,800
	2018 Q1	23,000	1,900	19,300	26,700
	Q2	22,000	1,900	18,400	25,700
	Q3	24,000	2,100	19,900	28,000
	Q4 ¹	23,300	1,900	19,600	27,000
Unemployment rate, %					
	2017 Q4	10.1	0.8	8.5	11.6
	2018 Q1	10.0	0.7	8.6	11.5
	Q2	9.5	0.8	8.0	11.0
	Q3	10.6	0.8	8.9	12.2
	Q4 ¹	10.1	0.9	8.4	11.8
Activity rate, %					
	2017 Q4	45.5	0.9	43.7	47.3
	2018 Q1	45.4	0.9	43.6	47.1
	Q2	45.7	0.9	43.9	47.4
	Q3	44.6	1.0	42.6	46.7
	Q4 ¹	45.4	0.9	43.7	47.1

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Longer time series

1. The following graphs show the series for employment, unemployment and activity rate from 4th quarter 2014 to 4th quarter 2018.

Chart 2: Employment by quarter, 4th quarter 2014 – 4th quarter 2018

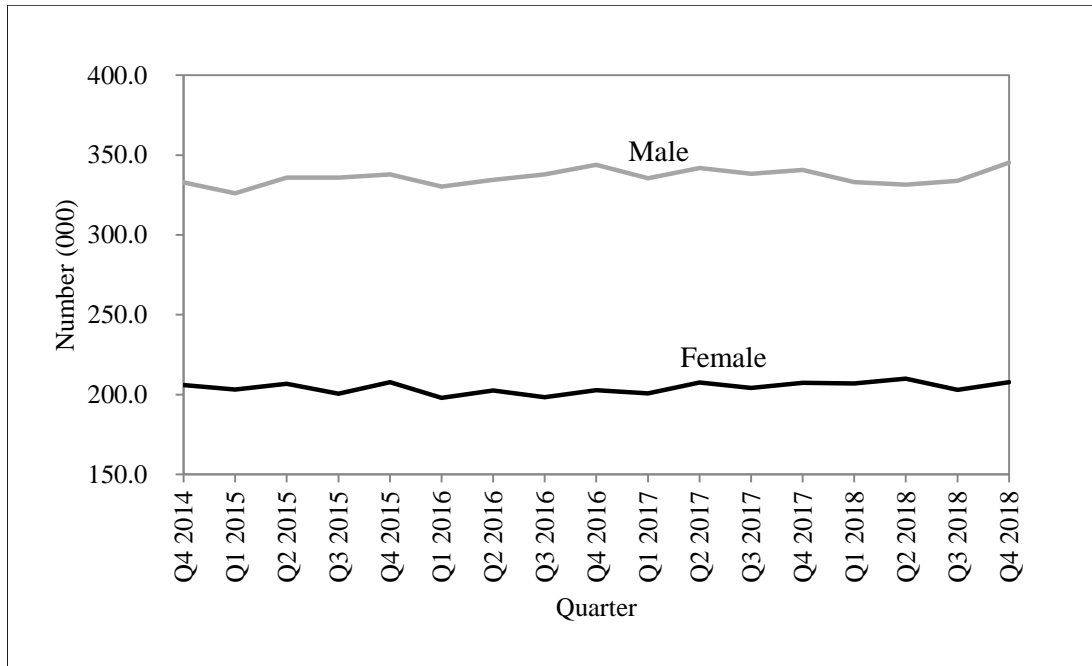


Chart 3: Unemployment rate by quarter, 4th quarter 2014 – 4th quarter 2018

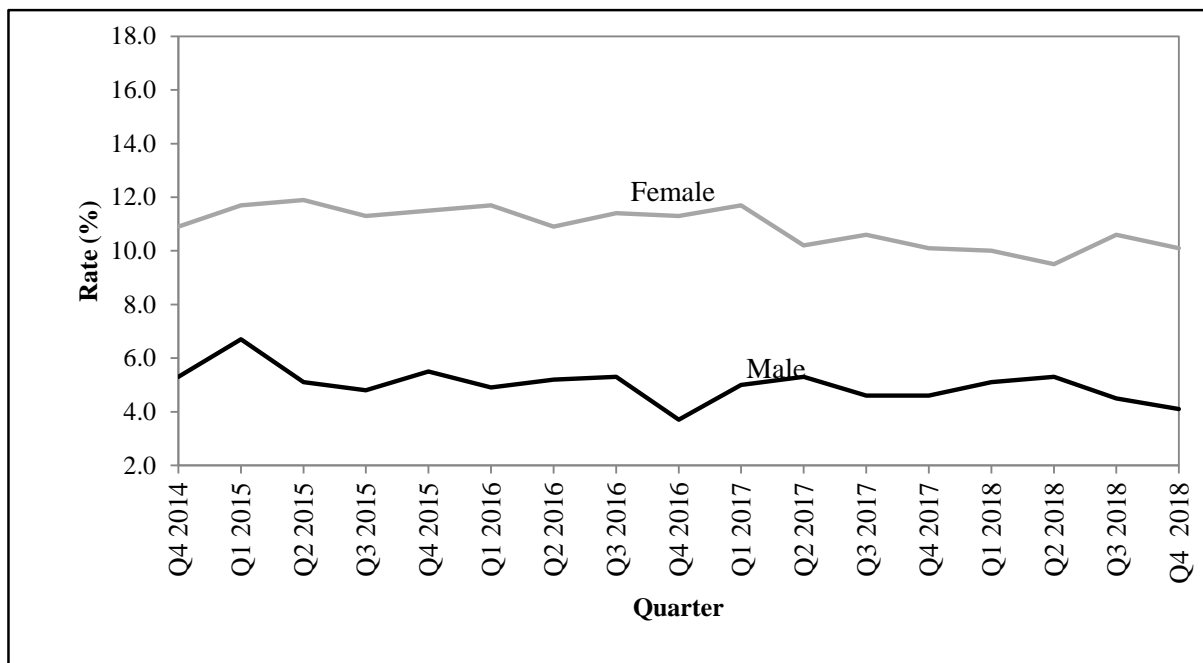
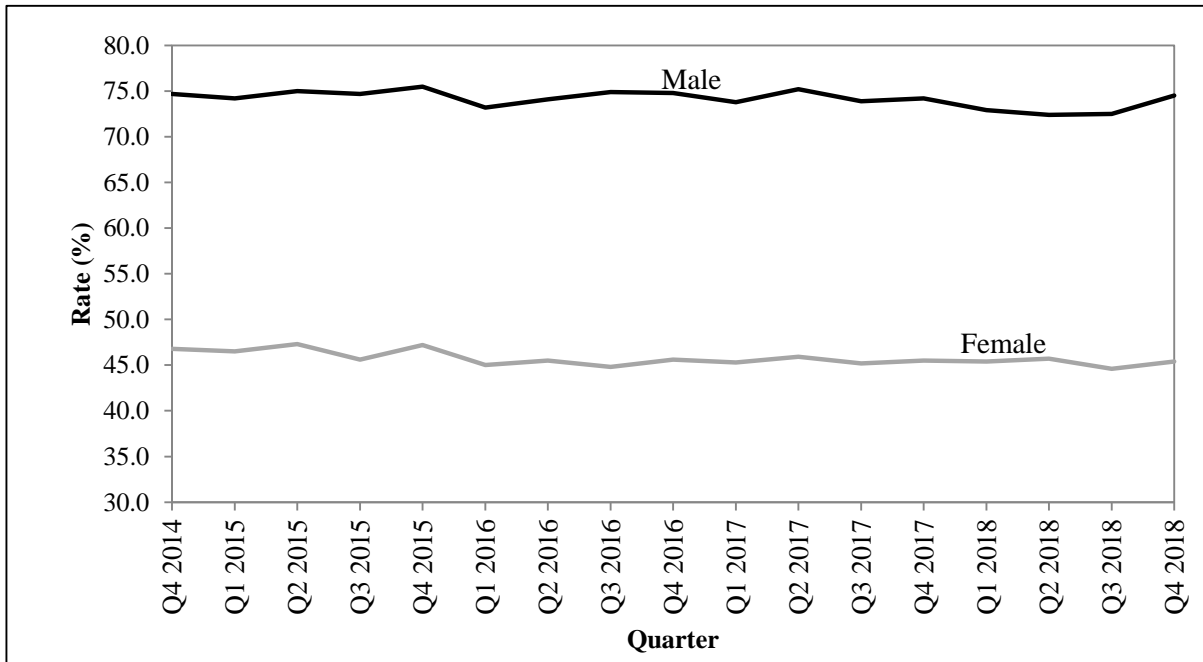


Chart 4: Activity rate by quarter, 4th quarter 2014 – 4th quarter 2018



The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <http://statsmauritius.govmu.org> From the homepage, click on ‘Statistics by subject’ followed by ‘Labour’ then select the appropriate publication under the heading ‘Publications – Economic and Social Indicators’.

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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 fourth 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+	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments	outside large establishments	Total	of whom Mauritian	Number	Rate
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)
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	583.8	29.4	613.2	320.0	253.1	573.1	543.7	40.1	6.9
Change current year over previous:	-3.1	1.0	-2.1	3.1	-3.5	-0.4	-1.4	-1.7	-0.3
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	352.8	21.3	374.1	196.0	161.4	357.4	336.1	16.7	4.7
Change current year over previous:	-3.8	1.3	-2.5	1.2	-3.2	-2.0	-3.3	-0.5	-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	231.0	8.1	239.1	124.0	91.7	215.7	207.6	23.4	10.1
Change current year over previous:	0.7	-0.3	0.4	1.9	-0.3	1.6	1.9	-1.2	-0.6

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians² 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, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th Quarter 2018

In thousands

	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 Q4	987.4	442.8	21.3	72.7	11.2	548.0	39.6	587.6	399.8
2018 Q1	988.6	433.3	19.9	76.4	10.4	540.0	41.0	581.0	407.6
Q2	991.6	430.5	18.3	83.4	9.3	541.5	40.5	582.0	409.6
Q3	990.7	435.1	17.9	74.4	9.4	536.8	39.8	576.6	414.1
Q4 ¹	992.8	445.5	19.5	76.5	11.7	553.2	38.1	591.3	401.5
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.2	2.4	8.9	2.8	24.5	3.1	-4.3	2.5	-3.0
same quarter a year ago	0.5	0.6	-8.5	5.2	4.5	0.9	-3.8	0.6	0.4
Male									
2017 Q4	480.9	264.7	17.8	54.4	3.8	340.7	16.3	357.0	123.9
2018 Q1	481.8	255.3	16.4	59.4	2.0	333.1	18.0	351.1	130.7
Q2	483.6	251.3	14.8	63.1	2.3	331.5	18.5	350.0	133.6
Q3	482.5	259.8	14.7	56.9	2.5	333.9	15.8	349.7	132.8
Q4 ¹	483.4	265.2	17.1	59.3	3.8	345.4	14.8	360.2	123.2
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.2	2.1	16.3	4.2	52.0	3.4	-6.3	3.0	-7.2
same quarter a year ago	0.5	0.2	-3.9	9.0	0.0	1.4	-9.2	0.9	-0.6
Female									
2017 Q4	506.5	178.1	3.5	18.3	7.4	207.3	23.3	230.6	275.9
2018 Q1	506.8	178.0	3.5	17.0	8.4	206.9	23.0	229.9	276.9
Q2	508.0	179.2	3.5	20.3	7.0	210.0	22.0	232.0	276.0
Q3	508.2	175.3	3.2	17.5	6.9	202.9	24.0	226.9	281.3
Q4 ¹	509.4	180.3	2.4	17.2	7.9	207.8	23.3	231.1	278.3
% change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.2	2.9	-25.0	-1.7	14.5	2.4	-2.9	1.9	-1.1
same quarter a year ago	0.6	1.2	-31.4	-6.0	6.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.9

¹ Provisional

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 4th Quarter 2018¹**In thousands**

	Mauritian aged	Age group (years)				
	16 and over	16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	553.2	63.2	66.8	130.7	131.5	161.0
Unemployed	38.1	17.9	7.2	7.6	3.3	2.1
Labour force	591.3	81.1	74.0	138.3	134.8	163.1
Economically inactive	401.5	89.0	13.2	32.4	35.5	231.4
Total Population	992.8	170.1	87.2	170.7	170.3	394.5
Employment rate (%)	93.6	77.9	90.3	94.5	97.6	98.7
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	22.1	9.7	5.5	2.4	1.3
Activity rate (%)	59.6	47.7	84.9	81.0	79.2	41.3
Male						
In employment	345.4	37.7	38.2	79.5	81.9	108.1
Unemployed	14.8	8.2	2.3	2.3	0.9	1.1
Labour force	360.2	45.9	40.5	81.8	82.8	109.2
Economically inactive	123.2	39.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	74.8
Total Population	483.4	85.6	43.4	84.8	85.6	184.0
Employment rate (%)	95.9	82.1	94.3	97.2	98.9	99.0
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	17.9	5.7	2.8	1.1	1.0
Activity rate (%)	74.5	53.6	93.3	96.5	96.7	59.3
Female						
In employment	207.8	25.5	28.6	51.2	49.6	52.9
Unemployed	23.3	9.7	4.9	5.3	2.4	1.0
Labour force	231.1	35.2	33.5	56.5	52.0	53.9
Economically inactive	278.3	49.3	10.3	29.4	32.7	156.6
Total Population	509.4	84.5	43.8	85.9	84.7	210.5
Employment rate (%)	89.9	72.4	85.4	90.6	95.4	98.1
Unemployment rate (%)	10.1	27.6	14.6	9.4	4.6	1.9
Activity rate (%)	45.4	41.7	76.5	65.8	61.4	25.6

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th 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 Q4	548.0	7.1	26.1	66.8	13.7	11.2	14.7	52.1
2018 Q1	540.0	6.4	23.2	70.4	12.8	9.4	16.2	54.1
Q2	541.5	6.4	22.3	71.3	11.7	9.7	16.5	54.9
Q3	536.8	6.3	23.7	70.0	12.4	10.2	14.3	55.8
Q4 ²	553.2	6.6	26.2	67.2	15.1	10.3	15.9	51.3
Male								
2017 Q4	340.7	8.8	31.7	59.5	12.8	17.3	13.7	45.8
2018 Q1	333.1	8.1	28.9	63.0	13.0	14.7	15.5	47.5
Q2	331.5	7.7	27.7	64.6	11.2	15.3	15.1	49.4
Q3	333.9	7.5	28.4	64.1	11.2	15.8	13.4	50.6
Q4 ²	345.4	8.0	30.9	61.1	13.8	15.9	15.3	45.8
Female								
2017 Q4	207.3	4.4	16.9	78.7	15.3	1.2	16.3	62.4
2018 Q1	206.9	3.6	14.2	82.2	12.6	1.0	17.4	64.9
Q2	210.0	4.3	13.7	82.0	12.5	0.9	18.6	63.4
Q3	202.9	4.3	15.9	79.8	14.4	0.9	15.6	64.2
Q4 ²	207.8	4.3	18.3	77.4	17.2	0.9	17.0	60.4

¹ National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC Revision 4)² Provisional

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

		ISCO-08 ¹					
		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
		(000s)	1,2,3 (%)	4 (%)	5 (%)	6,7,8 (%)	9 (%)
Both sexes							
	2017 Q4	548.0	22.3	10.0	21.5	29.5	16.7
	2018 Q1	540.0	24.6	10.2	20.8	28.9	15.5
	Q2	541.5	25.2	8.7	22.4	28.1	15.6
	Q3	536.8	25.4	9.2	19.5	29.6	16.3
	Q4 ²	553.2	24.2	8.2	21.0	29.8	16.8
Male							
	2017 Q4	340.7	20.2	6.2	19.9	40.7	13.0
	2018 Q1	333.1	22.8	6.1	18.9	40.3	11.9
	Q2	331.5	23.9	4.5	20.0	39.6	12.0
	Q3	333.9	24.3	5.7	17.3	40.6	12.1
	Q4 ²	345.4	22.2	5.2	18.2	40.3	14.1
Female							
	2017 Q4	207.3	25.9	16.1	24.2	11.1	22.7
	2018 Q1	206.9	27.6	16.7	23.8	10.6	21.3
	Q2	210.0	27.2	15.4	26.2	9.9	21.3
	Q3	202.9	27.2	15.1	23.2	11.3	23.2
	Q4 ²	207.8	27.7	13.0	25.6	12.2	21.5

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

² Provisional

Table 5: Employment by hours worked, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th 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 Q4	548.0	20,800	6.0	10.9	37.5	29.1	16.5	40.4
2018 Q1	540.0	17,300	7.9	17.4	47.1	17.4	10.2	34.7
Q2	541.5	20,100	5.6	10.9	41.8	28.5	13.2	39.3
Q3	536.8	19,100	4.3	11.1	52.5	20.1	12.0	37.1
Q4 ¹	553.2	20,900	6.3	10.1	37.8	30.4	15.4	40.3
Male								
2017 Q4	340.7	13,600	5.6	7.9	35.8	31.1	19.6	42.3
2018 Q1	333.1	11,100	9.2	13.4	46.1	19.1	12.2	36.6
Q2	331.5	12,800	6.4	8.3	39.3	29.5	16.5	41.2
Q3	333.9	12,500	4.8	8.5	49.9	21.6	15.2	39.2
Q4 ¹	345.4	13,800	5.1	8.0	35.8	32.2	18.9	42.1
Female								
2017 Q4	207.3	7,200	6.8	15.9	40.3	25.6	11.4	37.2
2018 Q1	206.9	6,200	5.7	24.0	48.8	14.6	6.9	31.6
Q2	210.0	7,300	4.4	14.9	45.9	26.9	7.9	36.3
Q3	202.9	6,600	3.5	15.4	56.7	17.6	6.8	33.7
Q4 ¹	207.8	7,100	8.2	13.7	41.0	27.6	9.5	37.3

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

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Table 6: Unemployment by educational attainment, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th Quarter 2018

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)	
Both sexes										
2017 Q4	39.6	10.5	9.3	1.2	66.5	32.6	21.0	12.9	23.0	
2018 Q1	41.0	12.2	11.2	1.0	63.2	35.1	13.9	14.2	24.6	
Q2	40.5	8.1	5.9	2.2	60.5	29.1	15.1	16.3	31.4	
Q3	39.8	11.0	9.0	2.0	62.6	34.9	13.1	14.6	26.4	
Q4 ¹	38.1	12.6	10.0	2.6	64.3	34.9	17.6	11.8	23.1	
Male										
2017 Q4	16.3	8.6	6.1	2.5	73.0	42.9	21.5	8.6	18.4	
2018 Q1	18.0	14.4	13.3	1.1	65.6	41.1	12.8	11.7	20.0	
Q2	18.5	9.7	5.4	4.3	65.4	40.5	8.7	16.2	24.9	
Q3	15.8	10.7	8.2	2.5	68.4	43.0	12.7	12.7	20.9	
Q4 ¹	14.8	10.1	7.4	2.7	69.6	40.6	15.5	13.5	20.3	
Female										
2017 Q4	23.3	12.0	11.6	0.4	61.8	25.3	20.6	15.9	26.2	
2018 Q1	23.0	10.4	9.5	0.9	61.3	30.4	14.8	16.1	28.3	
Q2	22.0	6.8	6.4	0.4	56.4	19.5	20.5	16.4	36.8	
Q3	24.0	11.3	9.6	1.7	58.7	29.6	13.3	15.8	30.0	
Q4 ¹	23.3	14.2	11.6	2.6	60.9	31.3	18.9	10.7	24.9	

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Table 7: Unemployment by age, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th Quarter 2018

In Thousands

		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2017 Q4	39.6	16.7	21.6	1.3
	2018 Q1	41.0	19.3	19.0	2.7
	Q2	40.5	21.5	17.7	1.3
	Q3	39.8	19.3	19.1	1.4
	Q4 ¹	38.1	17.9	18.1	2.1
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.7	-1.4	-1.0	0.7
	same quarter a year ago	-1.5	1.2	-3.5	0.8
Male					
	2017 Q4	16.3	7.5	7.9	0.9
	2018 Q1	18.0	9.2	7.4	1.4
	Q2	18.5	10.9	7.0	0.6
	Q3	15.8	8.5	6.9	0.4
	Q4 ¹	14.8	8.2	5.5	1.1
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-1.0	-0.3	-1.4	0.7
	same quarter a year ago	-1.5	0.7	-2.4	0.2
Female					
	2017 Q4	23.3	9.2	13.7	0.4
	2018 Q1	23.0	10.1	11.6	1.3
	Q2	22.0	10.6	10.7	0.7
	Q3	24.0	10.8	12.2	1.0
	Q4 ¹	23.3	9.7	12.6	1.0
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-0.7	-1.1	0.4	0.0
	same quarter a year ago	0.0	0.5	-1.1	0.6

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Table 8: Unemployment by work experience, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th 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 Q4	39.6	14.1	25.5	15.7	9.0	31.0	6.3	38.0
2018 Q1	41.0	14.7	26.3	15.6	13.3	20.9	12.5	37.7
Q2	40.5	13.8	26.7	8.2	8.6	24.3	14.2	44.7
Q3	39.8	13.6	26.2	17.2	3.4	23.7	14.9	40.8
Q4 ¹	38.1	12.3	25.8	14.3	7.4	22.5	16.3	39.5
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-1.7	-1.3	-0.4					
same quarter a year ago	-1.5	-1.8	0.3					
Male								
2017 Q4	16.3	5.7	10.6	16.0	20.8	21.7	6.6	34.9
2018 Q1	18.0	6.0	12.0	15.0	24.2	13.3	10.8	36.7
Q2	18.5	6.0	12.5	8.8	16.8	20.0	12.0	42.4
Q3	15.8	4.4	11.4	18.4	7.0	25.4	9.6	39.6
Q4 ¹	14.8	4.9	9.9	14.1	18.2	17.2	19.2	31.3
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-1.0	0.5	-1.5					
same quarter a year ago	-1.5	-0.8	-0.7					
Female								
2017 Q4	23.3	8.4	14.9	15.4	0.7	37.6	6.0	40.3
2018 Q1	23.0	8.7	14.3	16.1	4.2	27.3	14.0	38.4
Q2	22.0	7.8	14.2	7.7	1.4	28.2	16.2	46.5
Q3	24.0	9.2	14.8	16.2	0.7	22.3	18.9	41.9
Q4 ¹	23.3	7.4	15.9	14.5	0.6	25.8	14.5	44.6
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-0.7	-1.8	1.1					
same quarter a year ago	0.0	-1.0	1.0					

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

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Table 9: Economically inactive population by reason, 4th Quarter 2017 to 4th 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 Q4	987.4	399.8	43.0	25.0	19.7	9.1	3.2
2018 Q1	988.6	407.6	40.7	27.8	17.7	9.2	4.6
Q2	991.6	409.6	41.5	26.8	18.2	8.8	4.7
Q3	990.7	414.1	41.0	27.7	19.8	8.0	3.5
Q4 ¹	992.8	401.5	39.4	29.0	20.0	9.1	2.5
Male							
2017 Q4	480.9	123.9	0.2	48.7	30.8	15.8	4.5
2018 Q1	481.8	130.7	0.4	48.2	26.8	16.7	7.9
Q2	483.6	133.6	0.6	48.6	27.3	15.5	8.0
Q3	482.5	132.8	0.4	49.3	29.7	14.0	6.6
Q4 ¹	483.4	123.2	0.8	51.1	30.8	14.3	3.0
Female							
2017 Q4	506.5	275.9	62.2	14.4	14.7	6.1	2.6
2018 Q1	506.8	276.9	59.8	18.1	13.4	5.7	3.0
Q2	508.0	276.0	61.3	16.3	13.7	5.6	3.1
Q3	508.2	281.3	60.2	17.5	15.1	5.2	2.0
Q4 ¹	509.4	278.3	56.4	19.2	15.2	6.9	2.3

¹ Provisional