

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Third quarter 2021

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the third quarter of 2021, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from July to September 2021. The estimates refer to the **Mauritian population aged 16 years and above**.
2. Annual estimates of labour force including foreign workers, derived after integrating data from the CMPHS with other data sources, are given at Annex 3.

Key figures

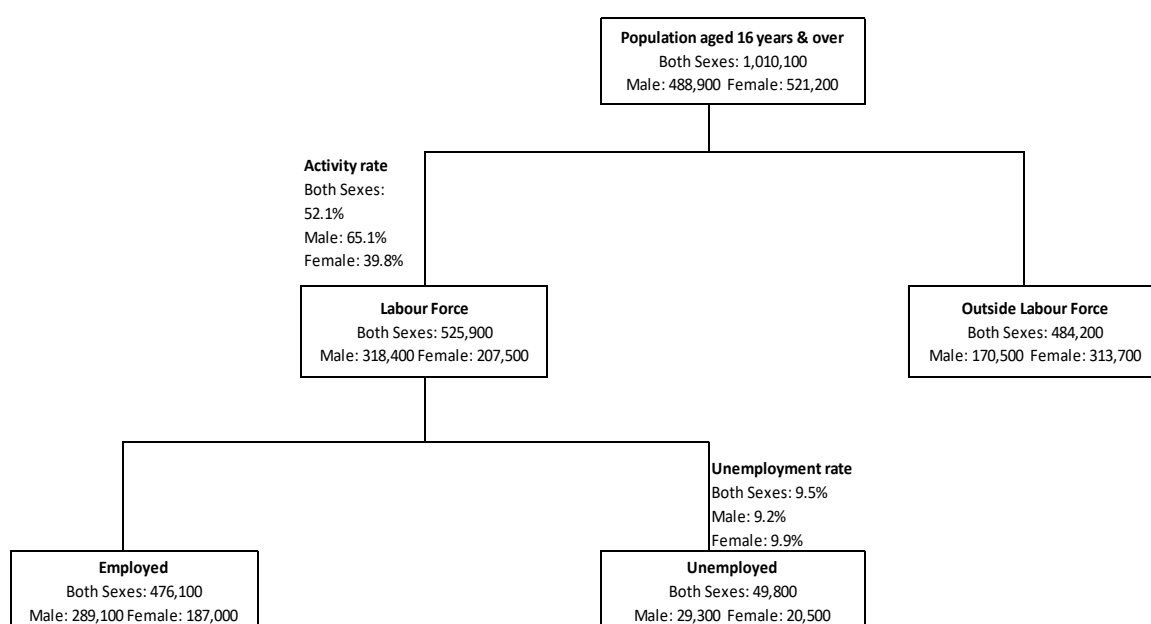
	Q3 2020	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Change	
				Q3 2020 to Q3 2021	Q2 2021 to Q3 2021
Population (aged 16+)	1,003,200	1,007,400	1,010,100	+6,900	+2,700
Labour Force (Economically active)	566,500	521,400	525,900	-40,600	+4,500
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>507,400</i>	<i>466,600</i>	<i>476,100</i>	<i>-31,300</i>	<i>+9,500</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>59,100</i>	<i>54,800</i>	<i>49,800</i>	<i>-9,300</i>	<i>-5,000</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	436,700	486,000	484,200	+47,500	-1,800
Activity rate (%)	56.5	51.8	52.1	-4.4	+0.3
Unemployment rate (%)	10.4	10.5	9.5	-0.9	-1.0
Youth unemployment	20,600	17,100	14,600	-6,000	-2,500
Youth unemployment rate (%)	32.0	32.4	26.4	-5.6	-6.0

Note: The net change in employment level in the above table is equal to “Employment creations minus employment losses” during the period under reference.

Labour market overview, third quarter 2021

- Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020, the labour force has decreased by 40,600 with decreases of 31,300 and 9,300 in employment and unemployment respectively. The number of persons outside labour force rose by 47,500 during the same period.
- Compared to second quarter of 2021, labour force increased by 4,500 with a rise in employment (+9,500) and a fall in unemployment (-5,000). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 1,800 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 3rd Quarter 2021



Labour force participation

	Q3 2020	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Change	
				Q3 2020 to Q3 2021	Q2 2021 to Q3 2021
Activity rate (%)					
Both sexes	56.5	51.8	52.1	-4.4	+0.3
Male	69.0	63.3	65.1	-3.9	+1.8
Female	44.6	40.9	39.8	-4.8	-1.1

- The activity rate for third quarter 2021 decreased by 4.4 percentage points to 52.1% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020. The male activity rate decreased by 3.9 percentage points to 65.1% and the female activity rate decreased by 4.8 percentage points to 39.8%.

6. Compared to second quarter 2021, the activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point. The male activity rate increased by 1.8 percentage points and the female activity rate decreased by 1.1 percentage points.

Employment

	Q3 2020	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Change	
				Q3 2020 to Q3 2021	Q2 2021 to Q3 2021
Both sexes	507,400	466,600	476,100	-31,300	+9,500
Male	305,900	280,300	289,100	-16,800	+8,800
Female	201,500	186,300	187,000	-14,500	+700

7. From third quarter 2020 to third quarter 2021, employment decreased by 31,300 to 476,100; male employment decreased by 16,800 and female employment decreased by 14,500.
8. Compared to second quarter 2021, employment increased by 9,500; both male and female employment increased by 8,800 and 700 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q3 2020	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Change	
				Q3 2020 to Q3 2021	Q2 2021 to Q3 2021
Both sexes	59,100	54,800	49,800	-9,300	-5,000
Male	30,700	28,300	29,300	-1,400	+1,000
Female	28,400	26,500	20,500	-7,900	-6,000
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	10.4	10.5	9.5	-0.9	-1.0
Male	9.1	9.2	9.2	+0.1	-
Female	12.4	12.5	9.9	-2.5	-2.6

3rd Quarter 2020 to 3rd Quarter 2021

9. From third quarter 2020 to third quarter 2021, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 9,300. Male unemployment decreased by 1,400 and female unemployment decreased by 7,900.

10. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point from 10.4% in third quarter 2020 to 9.5% in third quarter 2021. Male unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to reach 9.2%, while female unemployment went down by 2.5 percentage points to 9.9%.

2nd Quarter 2021 to 3rd Quarter 2021

11. When compared to second quarter 2021, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 5,000, with a drop of 6,000 among females and an increase of 1,000 among males.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 1.0 percentage point from 10.5% in the second quarter of 2021 to 9.5% in the third quarter of 2021. Male unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.2%, while female unemployment rate decreased by 2.6 percentage points from 12.5% to 9.9%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q3 2020	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Change	
				Q3 2020 to Q3 2021	Q2 2021 to Q3 2021
Both sexes	20,600	17,100	14,600	-6,000	-2,500
Male	11,900	9,400	7,600	-4,300	-1,800
Female	8,700	7,700	7,000	-1,700	-700
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	32.0	32.4	26.4	-5.6	-6.0
Male	34.7	33.8	25.9	-8.8	-7.9
Female	28.9	30.9	27.0	-1.9	-3.9

13. At the third quarter of 2021, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 14,600 (7,600 males and 7,000 females) compared to 17,100 (9,400 males and 7,700 females) at the previous quarter and 20,600 (11,900 males and 8,700 females) at the third quarter of 2020.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the third quarter of 2021 to 26.4% from 32.0% in the corresponding quarter of 2020. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 8.8 percentage points to 25.9%, and that for young women decreased by 1.9 percentage points to 27.0%.
15. Compared to second quarter 2021, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 32.4% to 26.4%, with decreases of 7.9 and 3.9 percentage points for young men and young women respectively.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2021

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at third quarter 2021 were as follows:

- (i) The 49,800 unemployed comprised 29,300 males (59%) and 20,500 females (41%).
- (ii) Around 27,900 (56%) of the unemployed were single; males (59%) and females (52%).
- (iii) Some 26,500 (53%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 9,400 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 31,500 (63%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 18,300 (37%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 31,400 (63%) had working experience and 18,400 (37%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 23,900 (48%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 9,300 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,400 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 8,300 or 17% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 13,200 (27%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Population outside Labour Force

17. The number of persons aged 16 years and over, not forming part of the labour force (inactive population) was estimated at 484,200 at the third quarter of 2021 compared to 486,000 in the second quarter of 2021 and 436,700 in the third quarter of 2020.

18. The population outside labour force comprised 170,500 males and 313,700 females. Among males, around 49% were retired/old persons and 21% were students. Among females, 50% were homemakers and 24% were retired/old persons.

Reliability of the Labour Force estimates

19. 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, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force	2020 Q3 ¹	566,500	27,600	4.9
	2021 Q2	521,400	18,100	3.5
	2021 Q3 ¹	525,900	12,900	2.5
Employment	2020 Q3 ¹	507,400	24,300	4.8
	2021 Q2	466,600	17,100	3.7
	2021 Q3 ¹	476,100	12,000	2.5
Unemployment	2020 Q3 ¹	59,100	6,200	10.5
	2021 Q2	54,800	4,200	7.7
	2021 Q3 ¹	49,800	3,900	7.8
Unemployment rate, %	2020 Q3 ¹	10.4	0.9	8.7
	2021 Q2	10.5	0.8	7.6
	2021 Q3 ¹	9.5	0.7	7.3
Activity rate, %	2020 Q3 ¹	56.5	0.9	1.6
	2021 Q2	51.8	0.9	1.7
	2021 Q3 ¹	52.1	0.8	1.4

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force	2020 Q3 ¹	336,600	16,900	5.0
	2021 Q2	308,600	11,500	3.7
	2021 Q3 ¹	318,400	8,000	2.5
Employment	2020 Q3 ¹	305,900	15,000	4.9
	2021 Q2	280,300	11,000	3.9
	2021 Q3 ¹	289,100	7,600	2.6
Unemployment	2020 Q3 ¹	30,700	4,000	13.0
	2021 Q2	28,300	3,000	10.6
	2021 Q3 ¹	29,300	2,800	9.6
Unemployment rate, %	2020 Q3 ¹	9.1	1.0	11.0
	2021 Q2	9.2	0.9	9.8
	2021 Q3 ¹	9.2	0.8	9.0
Activity rate, %	2020 Q3 ¹	69.0	1.0	1.4
	2021 Q2	63.3	1.2	1.9
	2021 Q3 ¹	65.1	1.0	1.5

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2020 Q3 ¹	229,900	12,500	5.4
	2021 Q2	212,800	9,600	4.5
	2021 Q3 ¹	207,500	7,200	3.5
Employment				
	2020 Q3 ¹	201,500	11,600	5.8
	2021 Q2	186,300	8,900	4.8
	2021 Q3 ¹	187,000	6,800	3.6
Unemployment				
	2020 Q3 ¹	28,400	4,500	15.8
	2021 Q2	26,500	2,800	10.6
	2021 Q3 ¹	20,500	2,600	12.7
Unemployment rate, %				
	2020 Q3 ¹	12.4	1.9	15.3
	2021 Q2	12.5	1.2	9.6
	2021 Q3 ¹	9.9	1.2	12.1
Activity rate, %				
	2020 Q3 ¹	44.6	1.4	3.1
	2021 Q2	40.9	1.2	2.9
	2021 Q3 ¹	39.8	1.0	2.5

¹ Provisional

Reliability of estimates	Coefficient of variation (%)
High reliability	Less than 7.5
Medium reliability	7.5 - 15.0
Low reliability	Greater than 15.0

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https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By_Subject/Labour/SB_labour.aspx

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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 third quarter 2021 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 have been replaced by telephone interviews until further notice.

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 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 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.

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 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 years and above 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 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.

Activity rate

Activity rate is the ratio (%) of labour force to population aged 16 years and above.

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; a paid apprentice is considered as an employee.

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 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, 2012 - 2020

	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									
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	583.8	29.4	613.2	320.0	253.1	573.1	543.7	40.1	6.9
2019 ²	591.0	30.9	621.9	325.2	257.0	582.2	551.3	39.7	6.7
2020 ³	570.1	31.8	601.9	326.5	223.2	549.7	517.9	52.2	9.2
Male									
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	352.8	21.3	374.1	196.0	161.4	357.4	336.1	16.7	4.7
2019 ²	354.7	24.7	379.4	200.1	163.7	363.8	339.1	15.6	4.4
2020 ³	336.6	24.9	361.5	199.2	136.0	335.2	310.3	26.3	7.8
Female									
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	231.0	8.1	239.1	124.0	91.7	215.7	207.6	23.4	10.1
2019 ²	236.3	6.2	242.5	125.1	93.3	218.4	212.2	24.1	10.2
2020 ³	233.5	6.9	240.4	127.3	87.2	214.5	207.6	25.9	11.1

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) 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: Population aged 16 years and over by economic activity status, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021
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										
	2020 Q3 ¹	1003.2	404.8	3.9	79.7	19.0	507.4	59.1	566.5	436.7
	2021 Q2	1007.4	377.1	6.8	79.9	2.8	466.6	54.8	521.4	486.0
	2021 Q3 ¹	1010.1	399.0	19.7	52.2	5.2	476.1	49.8	525.9	484.2
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3					2.0	-9.1	0.9	-0.4
	same quarter a year ago	0.7					-6.2	-15.7	-7.2	10.9
Male										
	2020 Q3 ¹	487.8	238.5	2.1	58.4	6.9	305.9	30.7	336.6	151.2
	2021 Q2	487.4	214.0	3.9	61.4	1.0	280.3	28.3	308.6	178.8
	2021 Q3 ¹	488.9	228.5	15.6	43.2	1.8	289.1	29.3	318.4	170.5
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.3					3.1	3.5	3.2	-4.6
	same quarter a year ago	0.2					-5.5	-4.6	-5.4	12.8
Female										
	2020 Q3 ¹	515.4	166.3	1.8	21.3	12.1	201.5	28.4	229.9	285.5
	2021 Q2	520.0	163.1	2.9	18.5	1.8	186.3	26.5	212.8	307.2
	2021 Q3 ¹	521.2	170.5	4.1	9.0	3.4	187.0	20.5	207.5	313.7
% change, latest quarter over:										
	previous quarter	0.2					0.4	-22.6	-2.5	2.1
	same quarter a year ago	1.1					-7.2	-27.8	-9.7	9.9

¹ Provisional

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 3rd Quarter 2021¹**In thousands**

	Mauritan Population aged 16 years and over	Age group (years)				
		16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
Both sexes						
In employment	476.1	40.6	60.2	118.1	124.6	132.6
Unemployed	49.8	14.6	9.8	14.4	8.3	2.7
Labour force	525.9	55.2	70.0	132.5	132.9	135.3
Population outside labour force	484.2	111.7	17.5	32.0	45.1	277.9
Total Population	1010.1	166.9	87.5	164.5	178.0	413.2
Employment rate (%)	90.5	73.6	86.0	89.1	93.8	98.0
Unemployment rate (%)	9.5	26.4	14.0	10.9	6.2	2.0
Activity rate (%)	52.1	33.1	80.0	80.5	74.7	32.7
Male						
In employment	289.1	21.7	33.1	65.4	76.7	92.2
Unemployed	29.3	7.6	5.1	9.2	5.1	2.3
Labour force	318.4	29.3	38.2	74.6	81.8	94.5
Population outside labour force	170.5	54.5	4.1	6.4	7.3	98.2
Total Population	488.9	83.8	42.3	81.0	89.1	192.7
Employment rate (%)	90.8	74.1	86.6	87.7	93.8	97.6
Unemployment rate (%)	9.2	25.9	13.4	12.3	6.2	2.4
Activity rate (%)	65.1	35.0	90.3	92.1	91.8	49.0
Female						
In employment	187.0	18.9	27.1	52.7	47.9	40.4
Unemployed	20.5	7.0	4.7	5.2	3.2	0.4
Labour force	207.5	25.9	31.8	57.9	51.1	40.8
Population outside labour force	313.7	57.2	13.4	25.6	37.8	179.7
Total Population	521.2	83.1	45.2	83.5	88.9	220.5
Employment rate (%)	90.1	73.0	85.2	91.0	93.7	99.0
Unemployment rate (%)	9.9	27.0	14.8	9.0	6.3	1.0
Activity rate (%)	39.8	31.2	70.4	69.3	57.5	18.5

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	Primary sector (%)	Secondary sector (%)	Tertiary sector (%)	Selected NSIC ¹ Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C (%)	F (%)	G (%)	H - U (%)
Both sexes								
2020 Q3 ²	507.4	5.1	24.0	70.9	11.8	11.2	14.2	56.7
2021 Q2	466.6	4.8	18.8	76.4	9.7	7.7	14.2	62.3
2021 Q3 ²	476.1	4.6	22.0	73.4	11.4	9.1	15.0	58.4
Male								
2020 Q3 ²	305.9	6.5	29.7	63.8	10.3	18.0	12.6	51.2
2021 Q2	280.3	6.0	23.9	70.1	9.8	12.5	12.7	57.4
2021 Q3 ²	289.1	5.8	28.0	66.2	11.3	14.6	13.7	52.5
Female								
2020 Q3 ²	201.5	3.1	15.2	81.7	14.1	0.9	16.8	64.9
2021 Q2	186.3	3.1	11.1	85.8	9.6	0.6	16.5	69.3
2021 Q3 ²	187.0	2.8	12.7	84.5	11.4	0.5	17.0	67.5

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

		ISCO-08 ¹					
		Total employed aged 16 years and over	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							
	2020 Q3 ²	507.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2021 Q2	466.6	22.9	11.2	24.4	27.0	14.5
	2021 Q3 ²	476.1	23.4	11.3	22.3	26.7	16.3
Male							
	2020 Q3 ²	305.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2021 Q2	280.3	19.9	5.9	23.0	40.1	11.1
	2021 Q3 ²	289.1	20.8	7.1	20.7	38.8	12.6
Female							
	2020 Q3 ²	201.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	2021 Q2	186.3	27.5	19.2	26.5	7.1	19.7
	2021 Q3 ²	187.0	27.6	17.7	24.8	8.0	21.9

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NA - not available

Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

	Total employed ¹ (000's)	Total hours worked (000's)					Average number of hours worked
			1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
Both sexes							
2020 Q3 ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	376.4	15,100	9.6	35.1	50.4	4.9	40.2
2021 Q3 ²	467.2	19,000	5.8	35.8	56.6	1.8	40.7
Male							
2020 Q3 ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	222.5	9,100	8.7	33.9	51.3	6.1	40.9
2021 Q3 ²	283.1	11,700	4.4	33.6	59.6	2.4	41.3
Female							
2020 Q3 ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	153.9	6,000	10.9	36.8	49.1	3.2	39.3
2021 Q3 ²	184.1	7,300	7.9	39.1	52.1	0.9	39.7

¹ Number of employed persons, aged 16 years and over, who work at least one hour during the reference week

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NA - not available

Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary	
		Total (%)	Below CPE (%)	Passed CPE (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)	(%)
Both sexes									
2020 Q3 ¹	59.1	16.1	14.6	1.5	59.9	34.2	14.9	10.8	24.0
2021 Q2	54.8	26.5	20.8	5.7	52.0	31.9	13.3	6.8	21.5
2021 Q3 ¹	49.8	25.3	18.9	6.4	51.8	27.9	13.1	10.8	22.9
Male									
2020 Q3 ¹	30.7	15.6	15.0	0.6	51.8	31.9	10.4	9.5	32.6
2021 Q2	28.3	28.2	23.3	4.9	55.5	35.3	12.4	7.8	16.3
2021 Q3 ¹	29.3	30.7	21.8	8.9	49.5	31.1	10.9	7.5	19.8
Female									
2020 Q3 ¹	28.4	16.5	14.1	2.4	68.7	36.6	19.7	12.4	14.8
2021 Q2	26.5	24.5	18.1	6.4	48.3	28.3	14.3	5.7	27.2
2021 Q3 ¹	20.5	17.6	14.7	2.9	55.1	23.4	16.1	15.6	27.3

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

		In thousands			
		All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
			16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes					
	2020 Q3 ¹	59.1	20.4	33.5	5.2
	2021 Q2	54.8	17.1	31.4	6.3
	2021 Q3 ¹	49.8	14.6	32.5	2.7
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-5.0	-2.5	1.1	-3.6
	same quarter a year ago	-9.3	-5.8	-1.0	-2.5
Male					
	2020 Q3 ¹	30.7	11.8	16.0	2.9
	2021 Q2	28.3	9.4	15.4	3.5
	2021 Q3 ¹	29.3	7.6	19.4	2.3
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	1.0	-1.8	4.0	-1.2
	same quarter a year ago	-1.4	-4.2	3.4	-0.6
Female					
	2020 Q3 ¹	28.4	8.6	17.5	2.3
	2021 Q2	26.5	7.7	16.0	2.8
	2021 Q3 ¹	20.5	7.0	13.1	0.4
Change, latest quarter over:					
	previous quarter	-6.0	-0.7	-2.9	-2.4
	same quarter a year ago	-7.9	-1.6	-4.4	-1.9

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry ¹					
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Both sexes								
2020 Q3 ²	59.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	54.8	18.8	36.0	10.5	17.5	21.7	10.0	40.3
2021 Q3 ²	49.8	18.4	31.4	9.9	15.6	18.1	15.3	41.1
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-5.0	-0.4	-4.6					
same quarter a year ago	-9.3							
Male								
2020 Q3 ²	30.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	28.3	6.9	21.4	5.1	28.0	20.1	11.2	35.6
2021 Q3 ²	29.3	7.8	21.5	7.0	22.8	14.4	15.8	40.0
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	1.0	0.9	0.1					
same quarter a year ago	-1.4							
Female								
2020 Q3 ²	28.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	26.5	11.9	14.6	18.5	2.0	24.0	8.2	47.3
2021 Q3 ²	20.5	10.6	9.9	16.2	0.0	26.3	14.1	43.4
Change, latest quarter over:								
previous quarter	-6.0	-1.3	-4.7					
same quarter a year ago	-7.9							

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NA - not available

Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 3rd Quarter 2020, 2nd & 3rd Quarters 2021

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2020 Q3 ¹	1003.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	1007.4	486.0	26.2	36.5	14.0	7.4	15.9
2021 Q3 ¹	1010.1	484.2	32.3	33.0	15.4	6.1	13.2
Male							
2020 Q3 ¹	487.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	487.4	178.8	0.0	45.6	18.7	12.5	23.2
2021 Q3 ¹	488.9	170.5	0.2	48.7	20.5	11.4	19.2
Female							
2020 Q3 ¹	515.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q2	520.0	307.2	41.5	31.3	11.2	4.4	11.6
2021 Q3 ¹	521.2	313.7	49.8	24.4	12.6	3.2	10.0

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NA - not available