

## Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Fourth 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 fourth quarter of 2021, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from October to December 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.

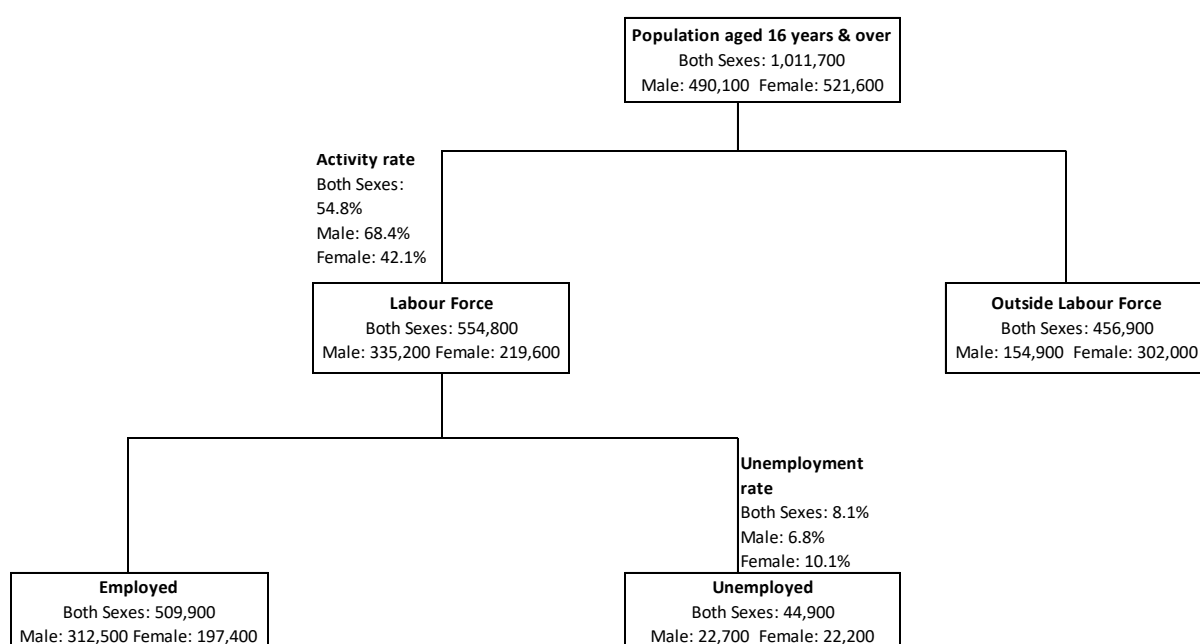
### Key figures

	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Change	
				Q4 2020 to Q4 2021	Q3 2021 to Q4 2021
Population (aged 16+)	1,002,900	1,010,100	1,011,700	+8,800	+1,600
Labour Force (Economically active)	584,700	525,900	554,800	-29,900	+28,900
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>523,700</i>	<i>476,100</i>	<i>509,900</i>	<i>-13,800</i>	<i>+33,800</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>61,000</i>	<i>49,800</i>	<i>44,900</i>	<i>-16,100</i>	<i>-4,900</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	418,200	484,200	456,900	+38,700	-27,300
Activity rate (%)	58.3	52.1	54.8	-3.5	+2.7
Unemployment rate (%)	10.4	9.5	8.1	-2.3	-1.4
Youth unemployment	19,500	14,600	15,800	-3,700	+1,200
Youth unemployment rate (%)	28.0	26.4	24.2	-3.8	-2.2

### Labour market overview, fourth quarter 2021

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020, the labour force has decreased by 29,900 with decreases of 13,800 and 16,100 in employment and unemployment respectively. The number of persons outside labour force rose by 38,700 during the same period.
4. Compared to third quarter of 2021, labour force increased by 28,900 with a rise in employment (+33,800) and a fall in unemployment (-4,900). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 27,300 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021



**Labour force participation**

	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Change	
				Q4 2020 to Q4 2021	Q3 2021 to Q4 2021
Both sexes	58.3	52.1	54.8	-3.5	+2.7
Male	71.2	65.1	68.4	-2.8	+3.3
Female	46.2	39.8	42.1	-4.1	+2.3

- The activity rate for fourth quarter 2021 decreased by 3.5 percentage points to 54.8% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020. The male activity rate decreased by 2.8 percentage points to 68.4% and the female activity rate decreased by 4.1 percentage points to 42.1%.
- Compared to third quarter 2021, the activity rate increased by 2.7 percentage points. The male activity rate increased by 3.3 percentage points and the female activity rate increased by 2.3 percentage points.

## Employment

	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Change Q4 2020 to Q4 2021	Q3 2021 to Q4 2021
Both sexes	523,700	476,100	509,900	-13,800	+33,800
Male	315,200	289,100	312,500	-2,700	+23,400
Female	208,500	187,000	197,400	-11,100	+10,400

7. From fourth quarter 2020 to fourth quarter 2021, employment decreased by 13,800 to 509,900; male employment decreased by 2,700 and female employment decreased by 11,100.
8. Compared to third quarter 2021, employment increased by 33,800; both male and female employment increased by 23,400 and 10,400 respectively.

## Unemployment

	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Change Q4 2020 to Q4 2021	Q3 2021 to Q4 2021
Both sexes	61,000	49,800	44,900	-16,100	-4,900
Male	30,400	29,300	22,700	-7,700	-6,600
Female	30,600	20,500	22,200	-8,400	+1,700
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	10.4	9.5	8.1	-2.3	-1.4
Male	8.8	9.2	6.8	-2.0	-2.4
Female	12.8	9.9	10.1	-2.7	+0.2

### *4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021*

9. From fourth quarter 2020 to fourth quarter 2021, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 16,100. Male unemployment decreased by 7,700 and female unemployment decreased by 8,400.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 2.3 percentage points from 10.4% in fourth quarter 2020 to 8.1% in fourth quarter 2021. Male unemployment rate decreased by 2.0 percentage points to reach 6.8% and female unemployment went down by 2.7 percentage points to 10.1%.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

11. When compared to third quarter 2021, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 4,900, with a drop of 6,600 among males and an increase of 1,700 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points from 9.5% in the third quarter of 2021 to 8.1 % in the fourth quarter of 2021. Male unemployment rate decreased by 2.4 percentage points from 9.2% to 6.8% while female unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point from 9.9% to 10.1%.

#### **Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years**

	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Change	
				Q4 2020 to Q4 2021	Q3 2021 to Q4 2021
Both sexes	19,500	14,600	15,800	-3,700	+1,200
Male	9,500	7,600	8,000	-1,500	+400
Female	10,000	7,000	7,800	-2,200	+800
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	28.0	26.4	24.2	-3.8	-2.2
Male	24.0	25.9	21.7	-2.3	-4.2
Female	33.2	27.0	27.6	-5.6	+0.6

13. At the fourth quarter of 2021, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 15,800 (8,000 males and 7,800 females) compared to 14,600 (7,600 males and 7,000 females) at the previous quarter and 19,500 (9,500 males and 10,000 females) at the fourth quarter of 2020.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the fourth quarter of 2021 to 24.2% from 28.0% in the corresponding quarter of 2020. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 2.3 percentage points to 21.7%, and that for young women decreased by 5.6 percentage points to 27.6%.
15. Compared to third quarter 2021, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 26.4% to 24.2%, with a decrease of 4.2 percentage points for young men and an increase of 0.6 percentage point for young women.

### ***Characteristics of the unemployed as at fourth quarter 2021***

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

- (i) The 44,900 unemployed comprised 22,700 males (51%) and 22,200 females (49%).
- (ii) Around 29,000 (65%) of the unemployed were single; males (74%) and females (55%).
- (iii) Some 22,600 (50%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 5,000 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 26,600 (59%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 18,300 (41%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 31,900 (71%) had working experience and 13,000 (29%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 18,400 (41%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 8,600 (19%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 2,800 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 8,000 or 18% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 10,100 (22%) 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 456,900 at the fourth quarter of 2021 compared to 484,200 in the third quarter of 2021 and 418,200 in the fourth quarter of 2020.

18. The population outside labour force comprised 154,900 males and 302,000 females. Among males, around 56% were retired/old persons and 27% were students. Among females, 58% were homemakers and 19% were retired/old persons.

## Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2021<sup>1</sup>

19. Based on the results of the survey for the four quarters of 2021, the following are the estimates for employment and unemployment for 2021 compared to 2020:

	Year 2020	Year 2021 <sup>1</sup>	Change (2021 over 2020)
Employment	517,900	485,100	-32,800
Unemployment	52,200	50,100	-2,100
Unemployment rate (%)	9.2	9.4	+0.2

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

### **CAUTION:**

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

20. Employment decreased by 32,800 in 2021 to reach 485,100 compared to 517,900 in 2020.
21. Unemployment rate for year 2021 worked out to 9.4% compared to 9.2% in 2020.

### **Reliability of the Labour Force estimates**

22. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	584,700	21,500	3.7
	2021 Q1	534,400	16,300	3.1
	2021 Q2	521,400	18,100	3.5
	2021 Q3	525,900	12,900	2.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	554,800	11,900	2.1
<b>Employment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	523,700	20,400	3.9
	2021 Q1	481,900	15,700	3.3
	2021 Q2	466,600	17,100	3.7
	2021 Q3	476,100	12,000	2.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	509,900	11,900	2.3
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	61,000	4,900	8.0
	2021 Q1	52,500	5,400	10.3
	2021 Q2	54,800	4,200	7.7
	2021 Q3	49,800	3,900	7.8
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	44,900	3,300	7.3
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	10.4	0.8	7.7
	2021 Q1	9.8	1.0	10.2
	2021 Q2	10.5	0.8	7.6
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	9.5	0.7	7.4
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	8.1	0.6	7.4
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	58.3	0.9	1.5
	2021 Q1	53.2	1.1	2.1
	2021 Q2	51.8	0.9	1.7
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	52.1	0.8	1.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	54.8	0.7	1.3

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

**Reliability of estimates**

High reliability	Less than 7.5
Medium reliability	7.5 - 15.0
Low reliability	Greater than 15.0

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	345,600	12,700	3.7
	2021 Q1	311,900	9,400	3.0
	2021 Q2	308,600	11,500	3.7
	2021 Q3	318,400	8,000	2.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	335,200	8,400	2.5
<b>Employment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	315,200	11,900	3.8
	2021 Q1	285,300	8,900	3.1
	2021 Q2	280,300	11,000	3.9
	2021 Q3	289,100	7,600	2.6
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	312,500	8,500	2.7
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	30,400	3,400	11.2
	2021 Q1	26,600	3,400	12.8
	2021 Q2	28,300	3,000	10.6
	2021 Q3	29,300	2,800	9.6
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	22,700	2,300	10.1
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	8.8	1.0	11.4
	2021 Q1	8.5	1.0	11.8
	2021 Q2	9.2	0.9	9.8
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	9.2	0.8	8.7
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	6.8	0.7	10.3
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	71.2	1.0	1.4
	2021 Q1	64.2	1.3	2.0
	2021 Q2	63.3	1.2	1.9
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	65.1	1.0	1.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	68.4	0.9	1.3

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Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>Labour force</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	239,100	10,800	4.5
	2021 Q1	222,500	9,400	4.2
	2021 Q2	212,800	9,600	4.5
	2021 Q3	207,500	7,200	3.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	219,600	7,000	3.2
<b>Employment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	208,500	10,400	5.0
	2021 Q1	196,600	9,400	4.8
	2021 Q2	186,300	8,900	4.8
	2021 Q3	187,000	6,800	3.6
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	197,400	6,800	3.4
<b>Unemployment</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	30,600	2,900	9.5
	2021 Q1	25,900	3,200	12.4
	2021 Q2	26,500	2,800	10.6
	2021 Q3	20,500	2,600	12.7
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	22,200	2,300	10.4
<b>Unemployment rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	12.8	1.2	9.4
	2021 Q1	11.6	1.4	12.1
	2021 Q2	12.5	1.2	9.6
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	9.9	1.2	12.1
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	10.1	1.0	9.9
<b>Activity rate, %</b>				
	2020 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	46.2	1.4	3.0
	2021 Q1	42.9	1.4	3.3
	2021 Q2	40.9	1.2	2.9
	2021 Q3 <sup>2</sup>	39.8	1.0	2.5
	2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	42.1	1.0	2.4

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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 fourth 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 <sup>1</sup>	
	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)	(%)
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2012	556.3	24.0	<b>580.3</b>	311.5	224.2	<b>535.7</b>	511.7	44.6	8.0
2013	571.2	26.3	<b>597.5</b>	312.5	239.5	<b>552.0</b>	525.7	45.5	8.0
2014	575.7	28.3	<b>604.0</b>	313.5	245.7	<b>559.2</b>	530.9	44.8	7.8
2015	584.6	28.3	<b>612.9</b>	314.1	252.5	<b>566.6</b>	538.3	46.3	7.9
2016	581.0	28.6	<b>609.6</b>	314.2	253.0	<b>567.2</b>	538.6	42.4	7.3
2017	586.9	28.4	<b>615.3</b>	316.9	256.6	<b>573.5</b>	545.1	41.8	7.1
2018	583.8	29.4	<b>613.2</b>	320.0	253.1	<b>573.1</b>	543.7	40.1	6.9
2019 <sup>2</sup>	591.0	30.9	<b>621.9</b>	325.2	257.0	<b>582.2</b>	551.3	39.7	6.7
2020 <sup>3</sup>	570.1	31.8	<b>601.9</b>	326.5	223.2	<b>549.7</b>	517.9	52.2	9.2
<b>Male</b>									
2012	346.9	14.2	<b>361.1</b>	198.3	144.7	<b>343.0</b>	328.8	18.1	5.2
2013	350.4	16.5	<b>366.9</b>	199.1	149.2	<b>348.3</b>	331.8	18.6	5.3
2014	352.8	18.3	<b>371.1</b>	199.3	152.4	<b>351.7</b>	333.4	19.4	5.5
2015	353.3	18.6	<b>371.9</b>	198.5	153.9	<b>352.4</b>	333.8	19.5	5.5
2016	353.6	19.3	<b>372.9</b>	198.6	157.4	<b>356.0</b>	336.7	16.9	4.8
2017	356.6	20.0	<b>376.6</b>	194.8	164.6	<b>359.4</b>	339.4	17.2	4.8
2018	352.8	21.3	<b>374.1</b>	196.0	161.4	<b>357.4</b>	336.1	16.7	4.7
2019 <sup>2</sup>	354.7	24.7	<b>379.4</b>	200.1	163.7	<b>363.8</b>	339.1	15.6	4.4
2020 <sup>3</sup>	336.6	24.9	<b>361.5</b>	199.2	136.0	<b>335.2</b>	310.3	26.3	7.8
<b>Female</b>									
2012	209.4	9.8	<b>219.2</b>	113.2	79.5	<b>192.7</b>	182.9	26.5	12.7
2013	220.8	9.8	<b>230.6</b>	113.4	90.3	<b>203.7</b>	193.9	26.9	12.2
2014	222.9	10.0	<b>232.9</b>	114.2	93.3	<b>207.5</b>	197.5	25.4	11.4
2015	231.3	9.7	<b>241.0</b>	115.6	98.6	<b>214.2</b>	204.5	26.8	11.6
2016	227.4	9.3	<b>236.7</b>	115.6	95.6	<b>211.2</b>	201.9	25.5	11.2
2017	230.3	8.4	<b>238.7</b>	122.1	92.0	<b>214.1</b>	205.7	24.6	10.7
2018	231.0	8.1	<b>239.1</b>	124.0	91.7	<b>215.7</b>	207.6	23.4	10.1
2019 <sup>2</sup>	236.3	6.2	<b>242.5</b>	125.1	93.3	<b>218.4</b>	212.2	24.1	10.2
2020 <sup>3</sup>	233.5	6.9	<b>240.4</b>	127.3	87.2	<b>214.5</b>	207.6	25.9	11.1

<sup>1</sup> Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 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			
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>1002.9</b>	419.4	3.0	90.5	10.8	<b>523.7</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>584.7</b>	<b>418.2</b>
2021 Q1	<b>1004.6</b>	381.3	3.4	93.6	3.6	<b>481.9</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>534.4</b>	<b>470.2</b>
2021 Q2	<b>1007.4</b>	377.1	6.8	79.9	2.8	<b>466.6</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>521.4</b>	<b>486.0</b>
2021 Q3	<b>1010.1</b>	399.0	19.7	52.2	5.2	<b>476.1</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>525.9</b>	<b>484.2</b>
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>1011.7</b>	409.1	25.3	70.0	5.5	<b>509.9</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>554.8</b>	<b>456.9</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>					<b>7.1</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.9</b>					<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-26.4</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Male</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>485.4</b>	246.9	1.9	62.2	4.2	<b>315.2</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>345.6</b>	<b>139.8</b>
2021 Q1	<b>486.1</b>	213.2	2.9	68.2	1.0	<b>285.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>311.9</b>	<b>174.2</b>
2021 Q2	<b>487.4</b>	214.0	3.9	61.4	1.0	<b>280.3</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>308.6</b>	<b>178.8</b>
2021 Q3	<b>488.9</b>	228.5	15.6	43.2	1.8	<b>289.1</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>318.4</b>	<b>170.5</b>
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>490.1</b>	234.3	21.0	55.7	1.5	<b>312.5</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>335.2</b>	<b>154.9</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.2</b>					<b>8.1</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-9.1</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>1.0</b>					<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-25.3</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>
<b>Female</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>517.5</b>	172.5	1.1	28.3	6.6	<b>208.5</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>239.1</b>	<b>278.4</b>
2021 Q1	<b>518.5</b>	168.1	0.5	25.4	2.6	<b>196.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>296.0</b>
2021 Q2	<b>520.0</b>	163.1	2.9	18.5	1.8	<b>186.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>212.8</b>	<b>307.2</b>
2021 Q3	<b>521.2</b>	170.5	4.1	9.0	3.4	<b>187.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>313.7</b>
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>521.6</b>	174.8	4.3	14.3	4.0	<b>197.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>219.6</b>	<b>302.0</b>
<b>% change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>0.1</b>					<b>5.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>0.8</b>					<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



**Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021<sup>1</sup>**

		In thousands					
		Mauritan Population aged 16 years and over	Age group (years)				
			16-24	25 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>							
	In employment	<b>509.9</b>	49.4	62.7	125.2	133.5	139.1
	Unemployed	<b>44.9</b>	15.8	8.2	10.9	6.7	3.3
	Labour force	<b>554.8</b>	65.2	70.9	136.1	140.2	142.4
	Population outside labour force	<b>456.9</b>	100.8	16.2	28.5	38.7	272.7
	Total Population	<b>1011.7</b>	166.0	87.1	164.6	178.9	415.1
	Employment rate (%)	<b>91.9</b>	75.8	88.4	92.0	95.2	97.7
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>8.1</b>	24.2	11.6	8.0	4.8	2.3
	Activity rate (%)	<b>54.8</b>	39.3	81.4	82.7	78.4	34.3
<b>Male</b>							
	In employment	<b>312.5</b>	28.9	36.3	72.3	80.8	94.2
	Unemployed	<b>22.7</b>	8.0	4.2	3.6	4.2	2.7
	Labour force	<b>335.2</b>	36.9	40.5	75.9	85.0	96.9
	Population outside labour force	<b>154.9</b>	46.7	1.6	5.1	4.5	97.0
	Total Population	<b>490.1</b>	83.6	42.1	81.0	89.5	193.9
	Employment rate (%)	<b>93.2</b>	78.3	89.6	95.3	95.1	97.2
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>6.8</b>	21.7	10.4	4.7	4.9	2.8
	Activity rate (%)	<b>68.4</b>	44.1	96.2	93.7	95.0	50.0
<b>Female</b>							
	In employment	<b>197.4</b>	20.5	26.4	52.9	52.7	44.9
	Unemployed	<b>22.2</b>	7.8	4.0	7.3	2.5	0.6
	Labour force	<b>219.6</b>	28.3	30.4	60.2	55.2	45.5
	Population outside labour force	<b>302.0</b>	54.1	14.6	23.4	34.2	175.7
	Total Population	<b>521.6</b>	82.4	45.0	83.6	89.4	221.2
	Employment rate (%)	<b>89.9</b>	72.4	86.8	87.9	95.5	98.7
	Unemployment rate (%)	<b>10.1</b>	27.6	13.2	12.1	4.5	1.3
	Activity rate (%)	<b>42.1</b>	34.3	67.6	72.0	61.7	20.6

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	Primary sector (%)	Secondary sector (%)	Tertiary sector (%)	Selected NSIC <sup>1</sup> Sections			
					Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Other services
					C (%)	F (%)	G (%)	H - U (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>								
2020 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>523.7</b>	4.9	22.2	72.9	12.5	8.6	14.7	58.2
2021 Q1	<b>481.9</b>	6.5	22.5	71.0	12.5	8.4	13.3	57.7
2021 Q2 <sup>3</sup>	<b>466.6</b>	4.8	18.8	76.5	9.7	7.7	14.1	62.3
2021 Q3	<b>476.1</b>	4.6	22.0	73.4	11.4	9.1	15.0	58.4
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>509.9</b>	5.8	24.6	69.6	11.5	11.7	14.4	55.2
<b>Male</b>								
2020 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>315.2</b>	6.1	28.1	65.8	12.4	14.0	12.7	53.1
2021 Q1 <sup>3</sup>	<b>285.3</b>	8.5	28.3	63.1	12.5	13.6	11.3	51.9
2021 Q2	<b>280.3</b>	6.0	23.9	70.1	9.8	12.5	12.7	57.4
2021 Q3	<b>289.1</b>	5.8	28.0	66.2	11.3	14.6	13.7	52.5
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>312.5</b>	7.6	32.4	60.0	12.0	18.6	12.6	47.4
<b>Female</b>								
2020 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>208.5</b>	2.9	13.3	83.8	12.8	0.4	17.7	66.1
2021 Q1	<b>196.6</b>	3.7	13.9	82.4	12.4	0.9	16.3	66.1
2021 Q2	<b>186.3</b>	3.1	11.1	85.8	9.6	0.6	16.5	69.3
2021 Q3	<b>187.0</b>	2.8	12.7	84.5	11.4	0.5	17.0	67.5
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>197.4</b>	2.8	12.3	84.9	10.7	0.9	17.3	67.6

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Rev. 2 (ISIC Rev. 4)

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Revised

**Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Total employed aged 16 years and over  (000s)	ISCO-08 <sup>1</sup>				
		Managers, Professionals, Technicians & associate professionals 1,2,3 (%)	Clerical support workers 4 (%)	Service and sales workers 5 (%)	Agricultural, Craft & related trades workers, Plant & machine operators & assemblers 6,7,8 (%)	Elementary occupations 9 (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>						
2020 Q4	<b>523.7</b>	23.0	10.4	23.4	27.1	16.1
2021 Q1	<b>481.9</b>	24.6	9.5	21.6	28.2	16.1
2021 Q2	<b>466.6</b>	22.9	11.2	24.4	27.0	14.5
2021 Q3	<b>476.1</b>	23.4	11.3	22.3	26.7	16.3
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>509.9</b>	20.8	10.9	19.3	29.7	19.3
<b>Male</b>						
2020 Q4	<b>315.2</b>	21.3	7.9	21.1	37.7	12.0
2021 Q1	<b>285.3</b>	22.3	5.0	20.0	41.1	11.6
2021 Q2	<b>280.3</b>	19.9	5.9	23.0	40.1	11.1
2021 Q3	<b>289.1</b>	20.8	7.1	20.7	38.8	12.6
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>312.5</b>	18.3	5.7	17.6	44.1	14.3
<b>Female</b>						
2020 Q4	<b>208.5</b>	25.6	14.1	27.0	11.0	22.3
2021 Q1	<b>196.6</b>	27.9	16.0	24.0	9.4	22.7
2021 Q2	<b>186.3</b>	27.5	19.2	26.5	7.1	19.7
2021 Q3	<b>187.0</b>	27.6	17.7	24.8	8.0	21.9
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>197.4</b>	24.8	19.1	22.1	6.9	27.1

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Total employed <sup>1</sup> (000s)	Total hours worked (000s)	% having worked for:				Average number of hours worked
			1 to 23 hours	24 to 40 hours	41 to 50 hours	51 and above	
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2020 Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>433.7</b>	16,600	17.1	36.7	35.9	10.3	38.3
2021 Q2 <sup>2</sup>	<b>376.4</b>	15,100	9.6	35.1	50.4	4.9	40.1
2021 Q3	<b>467.2</b>	19,000	5.8	35.8	56.6	1.8	40.7
2021 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>501.0</b>	20,000	6.3	45.9	46.5	1.3	39.9
<b>Male</b>							
2020 Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>255.1</b>	10,300	14.3	34.7	37.4	13.6	40.4
2021 Q2	<b>222.5</b>	9,100	8.7	33.9	51.3	6.1	40.9
2021 Q3	<b>283.1</b>	11,700	4.4	33.6	59.6	2.4	41.3
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>308.1</b>	12,700	3.6	42.5	52.0	1.9	41.2
<b>Female</b>							
2020 Q4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>178.6</b>	6,300	21.1	39.6	33.7	5.6	35.3
2021 Q2 <sup>2</sup>	<b>153.9</b>	6,000	10.9	36.8	49.1	3.2	39.0
2021 Q3	<b>184.1</b>	7,300	7.9	39.1	52.1	0.9	39.7
2021 Q4 <sup>3</sup>	<b>193.0</b>	7,300	10.6	51.3	37.7	0.4	37.8

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

NA - not available

**Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary		
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)		Passed HSC (%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>										
2020 Q4	<b>61.0</b>	<b>20.7</b>	16.7	4.0	<b>60.3</b>	34.3	17.2	8.8	<b>19.0</b>	
2021 Q1	<b>52.5</b>	<b>21.7</b>	15.6	6.1	<b>59.4</b>	41.5	11.4	6.5	<b>18.9</b>	
2021 Q2	<b>54.8</b>	<b>26.5</b>	20.8	5.7	<b>52.0</b>	31.9	13.3	6.8	<b>21.5</b>	
2021 Q3	<b>49.8</b>	<b>25.3</b>	18.9	6.4	<b>51.8</b>	27.9	13.1	10.8	<b>22.9</b>	
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>14.3</b>	11.2	3.1	<b>63.7</b>	36.1	15.1	12.5	<b>22.0</b>	
<b>Male</b>										
2020 Q4	<b>30.4</b>	<b>22.0</b>	18.7	3.3	<b>63.5</b>	39.2	15.1	9.2	<b>14.5</b>	
2021 Q1	<b>26.6</b>	<b>22.2</b>	17.3	4.9	<b>57.9</b>	46.2	8.3	3.4	<b>19.9</b>	
2021 Q2	<b>28.3</b>	<b>28.2</b>	23.3	4.9	<b>55.5</b>	35.3	12.4	7.8	<b>16.3</b>	
2021 Q3	<b>29.3</b>	<b>30.7</b>	21.8	8.9	<b>49.5</b>	31.1	10.9	7.5	<b>19.8</b>	
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>	11.0	2.7	<b>61.2</b>	38.3	13.7	9.2	<b>25.1</b>	
<b>Female</b>										
2020 Q4	<b>30.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	14.7	4.6	<b>57.2</b>	29.4	19.3	8.5	<b>23.5</b>	
2021 Q1	<b>25.9</b>	<b>21.2</b>	13.9	7.3	<b>61.0</b>	36.7	14.7	9.6	<b>17.8</b>	
2021 Q2	<b>26.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>	18.1	6.4	<b>48.3</b>	28.3	14.3	5.7	<b>27.2</b>	
2021 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>	14.7	2.9	<b>55.1</b>	23.4	16.1	15.6	<b>27.3</b>	
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>	11.3	3.6	<b>66.2</b>	33.8	16.7	15.7	<b>18.9</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

In thousands

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
<b>Both sexes</b>				
2020 Q4	<b>61.0</b>	19.5	32.1	9.4
2021 Q1	<b>52.5</b>	18.6	29.0	4.9
2021 Q2	<b>54.8</b>	17.1	31.4	6.3
2021 Q3	<b>49.8</b>	14.6	32.5	2.7
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>44.9</b>	15.8	25.8	3.3
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>				
previous quarter	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>-6.1</b>
<b>Male</b>				
2020 Q4	<b>30.4</b>	9.5	14.3	6.6
2021 Q1	<b>26.6</b>	8.9	15.3	2.4
2021 Q2	<b>28.3</b>	9.4	15.4	3.5
2021 Q3	<b>29.3</b>	7.6	19.4	2.3
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>22.7</b>	8.0	12.0	2.7
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>				
previous quarter	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
<b>Female</b>				
2020 Q4	<b>30.6</b>	10.0	17.8	2.8
2021 Q1	<b>25.9</b>	9.7	13.7	2.5
2021 Q2	<b>26.5</b>	7.7	16.0	2.8
2021 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	7.0	13.1	0.4
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>22.2</b>	7.8	13.8	0.6
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>				
previous quarter	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>
same quarter a year ago	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+	No. of first job seekers	Unemployed with work experience by industry <sup>1</sup>						
			Total	Manuf.	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	Other	
			(000s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
<b>Both sexes</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>61.0</b>	14.1	46.9	13.7	13.0	19.8	16.2	37.3	
2021 Q1	<b>52.5</b>	12.2	40.3	15.9	16.4	10.9	17.1	39.7	
2021 Q2	<b>54.8</b>	18.8	36.0	10.5	17.5	21.7	10.0	40.3	
2021 Q3	<b>49.8</b>	18.4	31.4	9.9	15.6	18.1	15.3	41.1	
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>44.9</b>	13.0	31.9	10.1	19.1	11.9	16.3	42.6	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-15.0</b>						
<b>Male</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>30.4</b>	6.5	23.9	9.2	23.8	15.1	17.6	34.3	
2021 Q1	<b>26.6</b>	4.7	21.9	9.6	27.9	8.7	9.1	44.7	
2021 Q2	<b>28.3</b>	6.9	21.4	5.1	28.0	20.1	11.2	35.6	
2021 Q3	<b>29.3</b>	7.8	21.5	7.0	22.8	14.4	15.8	40.0	
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>22.7</b>	4.6	18.1	8.3	29.3	11.6	11.6	39.2	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-5.8</b>						
<b>Female</b>									
2020 Q4	<b>30.6</b>	7.6	23.0	18.3	1.7	24.8	14.8	40.4	
2021 Q1	<b>25.9</b>	7.5	18.4	23.4	2.7	13.6	26.6	33.7	
2021 Q2	<b>26.5</b>	11.9	14.6	18.5	2.0	24.0	8.2	47.3	
2021 Q3	<b>20.5</b>	10.6	9.9	16.2	0.0	26.3	14.1	43.4	
2021 Q4 <sup>2</sup>	<b>22.2</b>	8.4	13.8	12.3	5.8	12.3	22.5	47.1	
<b>Change, latest quarter over:</b>									
previous quarter	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>						
same quarter a year ago	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-9.2</b>						

<sup>1</sup> National version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Rev. 2 (ISIC Rev. 4)

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021**

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
<b>Both sexes</b>							
2020 Q4	<b>1002.9</b>	418.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>1004.6</b>	470.2	30.0	29.5	19.2	10.6	10.7
2021 Q2	<b>1007.4</b>	486.0	26.2	36.5	14.0	7.4	15.9
2021 Q3	<b>1010.1</b>	484.2	32.3	33.0	15.4	6.1	13.2
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>1011.7</b>	456.9	38.7	31.4	18.8	6.5	4.6
<b>Male</b>							
2020 Q4	<b>485.4</b>	139.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>486.1</b>	174.2	0.1	42.9	25.3	14.8	16.9
2021 Q2	<b>487.4</b>	178.8	-	45.6	18.7	12.5	23.2
2021 Q3	<b>488.9</b>	170.5	0.2	48.7	20.5	11.4	19.2
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>490.1</b>	154.9	0.3	56.2	26.6	11.4	5.5
<b>Female</b>							
2020 Q4	<b>517.5</b>	278.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021 Q1	<b>518.5</b>	296.0	47.7	21.6	15.5	8.1	7.1
2021 Q2	<b>520.0</b>	307.2	41.5	31.3	11.2	4.4	11.6
2021 Q3	<b>521.2</b>	313.7	49.8	24.4	12.6	3.2	10.0
2021 Q4 <sup>1</sup>	<b>521.6</b>	302.0	58.4	18.7	14.9	3.9	4.1

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

NA - not available