

Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – Fourth quarter 2022

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 2022, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from October to December 2022. 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 2021	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Change	
				Q4 2021 to Q4 2022	Q3 2022 to Q4 2022
Population (aged 16+)	1,011,700	1,010,900	1,011,300	-400	+400
Labour Force (Economically active)	554,800	567,600	570,300	+15,500	+2,700
<i>Of which Employment</i>	<i>509,900</i>	<i>524,800</i>	<i>531,500</i>	<i>+21,600</i>	<i>+6,700</i>
<i>Unemployment</i>	<i>44,900</i>	<i>42,800</i>	<i>38,800</i>	<i>-6,100</i>	<i>-4,000</i>
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	456,900	443,300	441,000	-15,900	-2,300
Activity rate (%)	54.8	56.1	56.4	+1.6	+0.3
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	7.5	6.8	-1.3	-0.7
Youth unemployment	15,800	15,400	14,000	-1,800	-1,400
Youth unemployment rate (%)	24.2	24.8	21.3	-2.9	-3.5

Labour market overview, fourth quarter 2022

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, the labour force has increased by 15,500. Employment increased by 21,600 while unemployment decreased by 6,100. The number of persons outside labour force declined by 15,900 during the same period.
4. Compared to third quarter of 2022, labour force increased by 2,700 with a rise in employment (+6,700) and a fall in unemployment (-4,000). The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 2,300 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 4th Quarter 2022



Labour force participation

	Q4 2021	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Change	
				Q4 2021 to Q4 2022	Q3 2022 to Q4 2022
Both sexes	54.8	56.1	56.4	+1.6	+0.3
Male	68.4	69.9	70.4	+2.0	+0.5
Female	42.1	43.2	43.3	+1.2	+0.1

- The activity rate for fourth quarter 2022 increased by 1.6 percentage points to 56.4% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021. The male activity rate increased by 2.0 percentage points to 70.4% and the female activity rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 43.3%.
- Compared to third quarter 2022, the activity rate increased by 0.3 percentage point. The male activity rate increased by 0.5 percentage point and the female activity rate increased by 0.1 percentage point.

Employment

	Q4 2021	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Change Q4 2021 to Q4 2022	Q3 2022 to Q4 2022
Both sexes	509,900	524,800	531,500	+21,600	+6,700
Male	312,500	321,800	326,100	+13,600	+4,300
Female	197,400	203,000	205,400	+8,000	+2,400

7. From fourth quarter 2021 to fourth quarter 2022, employment increased by 21,600 to 531,500; male employment increased by 13,600 and female employment by 8,000.
8. Compared to third quarter 2022, employment increased by 6,700; both male and female employment increased by 4,300 and 2,400 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q4 2021	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Change Q4 2021 to Q4 2022	Q3 2022 to Q4 2022
Both sexes	44,900	42,800	38,800	-6,100	-4,000
Male	22,700	20,200	18,300	-4,400	-1,900
Female	22,200	22,600	20,500	-1,700	-2,100
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	8.1	7.5	6.8	-1.3	-0.7
Male	6.8	5.9	5.3	-1.5	-0.6
Female	10.1	10.0	9.1	-1.0	-0.9

4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

9. From fourth quarter 2021 to fourth quarter 2022, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 6,100. Male unemployment decreased by 4,400 and female unemployment decreased by 1,700.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points from 8.1% in fourth quarter 2021 to 6.8% in fourth quarter 2022. Male unemployment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points to reach 5.3% and female unemployment went down by 1.0 percentage point to 9.1%.

3rd Quarter 2022 to 4th Quarter 2022

11. When compared to third quarter 2022, the total number of unemployed persons decreased by 4,000, with decreases of 1,900 among males and 2,100 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.7 percentage point from 7.5% in the third quarter of 2022 to 6.8% in the fourth quarter of 2022. Male unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point from 5.9% to 5.3% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.9 percentage point from 10.0% to 9.1%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q4 2021	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Change	
				Q4 2021 to Q4 2022	Q3 2022 to Q4 2022
Both sexes	15,800	15,400	14,000	-1,800	-1,400
Male	8,000	8,000	7,100	-900	-900
Female	7,800	7,400	6,900	-900	-500
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	24.2	24.8	21.3	-2.9	-3.5
Male	21.7	23.1	17.7	-4.0	-5.4
Female	27.6	26.9	27.1	-0.5	+0.2

13. At the fourth quarter of 2022, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 14,000 (7,100 males and 6,900 females) compared to 15,400 (8,000 males and 7,400 females) at the previous quarter and 15,800 (8,000 males and 7,800 females) at the fourth quarter of 2021.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the fourth quarter of 2022 to 21.3% from 24.2% in the corresponding quarter of 2021. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 4.0 percentage points to 17.7%, and that for young women decreased by 0.5 percentage point to 27.1%.
15. Compared to third quarter 2022, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 24.8% to 21.3%, with a decrease of 5.4 percentage points for young men compared to an increase of 0.2 percentage point for young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at fourth quarter 2022

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at fourth quarter 2022 were as follows:

- (i) The 38,800 unemployed comprised 18,300 males (47%) and 20,500 females (53%).
- (ii) Around 25,000 (64%) of the unemployed were single; males (75%) and females (55%).
- (iii) Some 16,400 (42%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 1,200 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 26,100 (67%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 12,700 (33%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 22,300 (57%) had working experience and 16,500 (43%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 12,700 (33%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 11,400 (29%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,500 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 5,700 or 15% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 7,500 (19%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2022 was 7.3%, lower than the rates of 8.6% and 7.6% at the corresponding quarter of 2021 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 441,000 at the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to 443,300 in the third quarter of 2022 and 456,900 in the fourth quarter of 2021.

19. The population outside labour force comprised 144,900 males and 296,100 females. Among males, around 56% were retired/old persons and 27% were students. Among females, 62% were homemakers and 15% were retired/old persons.

Employment and Unemployment estimates - Year 2022¹

Based on the results of the survey for the four quarters of 2022, the following are the estimates for employment and unemployment for 2022 compared to 2021:

	Year 2021	Year 2022 ¹	Change (2022 over 2021)
Employment	484,400	519,600	+35,200
Unemployment	48,400	43,200	-5,200
Unemployment rate (%)	9.1	7.7	-1.4

¹Provisional

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.

20. Employment increased by 35,200 in 2022 to reach 519,600 compared to 484,400 in 2021.
21. Unemployment rate for year 2022 worked out to 7.7% compared to 9.1% in 2021.

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, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2021 Q4	554,800	11,900	2.1
	2022 Q1	550,100	13,800	2.5
	2022 Q2	560,800	13,800	2.5
	2022 Q3	567,600	13,300	2.3
	2022 Q4 ¹	570,300	14,000	2.5
Employment				
	2021 Q4	509,900	11,900	2.3
	2022 Q1	502,500	13,200	2.6
	2022 Q2	515,500	12,700	2.5
	2022 Q3	524,800	13,000	2.5
	2022 Q4 ¹	531,500	12,900	2.4
Unemployment				
	2021 Q4	44,900	3,300	7.3
	2022 Q1	47,600	3,300	6.9
	2022 Q2	45,300	3,300	7.3
	2022 Q3	42,800	3,100	7.2
	2022 Q4 ¹	38,800	3,400	8.8
Unemployment rate, %				
	2021 Q4	8.1	0.6	7.4
	2022 Q1	8.7	0.6	6.9
	2022 Q2	8.1	0.5	6.2
	2022 Q3	7.5	0.5	6.7
	2022 Q4 ¹	6.8	0.5	7.4
Activity rate, %				
	2021 Q4	54.8	0.7	1.3
	2022 Q1	54.5	0.8	1.5
	2022 Q2	55.4	0.7	1.3
	2022 Q3	56.1	0.7	1.2
	2022 Q4 ¹	56.4	0.8	1.4

¹ Provisional

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, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2021 Q4	335,200	8,400	2.5
	2022 Q1	331,700	9,500	2.9
	2022 Q2	334,800	8,700	2.6
	2022 Q3	342,000	8,500	2.5
	2022 Q4 ¹	344,400	8,900	2.6
Employment				
	2021 Q4	312,500	8,500	2.7
	2022 Q1	308,600	9,300	3.0
	2022 Q2	312,600	8,300	2.7
	2022 Q3	321,800	8,500	2.6
	2022 Q4 ¹	326,100	8,600	2.6
Unemployment				
	2021 Q4	22,700	2,300	10.1
	2022 Q1	23,100	2,200	9.5
	2022 Q2	22,200	2,300	10.4
	2022 Q3	20,200	2,400	11.9
	2022 Q4 ¹	18,300	2,100	11.5
Unemployment rate, %				
	2021 Q4	6.8	0.7	10.3
	2022 Q1	7.0	0.6	8.6
	2022 Q2	6.6	0.7	10.6
	2022 Q3	5.9	0.7	11.9
	2022 Q4 ¹	5.3	0.6	11.3
Activity rate, %				
	2021 Q4	68.4	0.9	1.3
	2022 Q1	67.9	0.9	1.3
	2022 Q2	68.4	0.8	1.2
	2022 Q3	69.9	0.9	1.3
	2022 Q4 ¹	70.4	0.9	1.3

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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, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	2021 Q4	219,600	7,000	3.2
	2022 Q1	218,400	6,900	3.2
	2022 Q2	226,000	7,600	3.4
	2022 Q3	225,600	8,300	3.7
	2022 Q4 ¹	225,900	8,700	3.9
Employment				
	2021 Q4	197,400	6,800	3.4
	2022 Q1	193,900	6,600	3.4
	2022 Q2	202,900	7,000	3.4
	2022 Q3	203,000	7,500	3.7
	2022 Q4 ¹	205,400	7,700	3.7
Unemployment				
	2021 Q4	22,200	2,300	10.4
	2022 Q1	24,500	2,400	9.8
	2022 Q2	23,100	2,200	9.5
	2022 Q3	22,600	2,500	11.1
	2022 Q4 ¹	20,500	2,500	12.2
Unemployment rate, %				
	2021 Q4	10.1	1.0	9.9
	2022 Q1	11.2	1.1	9.8
	2022 Q2	10.2	0.9	8.8
	2022 Q3	10.0	1.0	10.0
	2022 Q4 ¹	9.1	1.0	11.0
Activity rate, %				
	2021 Q4	42.1	1.0	2.4
	2022 Q1	41.9	1.0	2.4
	2022 Q2	43.2	1.0	2.3
	2022 Q3	43.2	1.1	2.5
	2022 Q4 ¹	43.3	1.1	2.5

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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 fourth quarter 2022 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 and is paid.

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, 2014 - 2021

	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									
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	591.0	30.9	621.9	325.2	257.0	582.2	551.3	39.7	6.7
2020	570.1	31.8	601.9	326.5	223.2	549.7	517.9	52.2	9.2
2021	532.8	30.0	562.8	305.5	208.9	514.4	484.4	48.4	9.1
Male									
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	354.7	24.7	379.4	200.1	163.7	363.8	339.1	15.6	4.4
2020	336.6	24.9	361.5	199.2	136.0	335.2	310.3	26.3	7.8
2021	318.8	24.0	342.8	186.2	130.8	317.0	293.0	25.8	8.1
Female									
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	236.3	6.2	242.5	125.1	93.3	218.4	212.2	24.1	10.2
2020	233.5	6.9	240.4	127.3	87.2	214.5	207.6	25.9	11.1
2021	214.0	6.0	220.0	119.3	78.1	197.4	191.4	22.6	10.6

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

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) in large establishments 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, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

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										
2021 Q4	1,011.7	409.1	25.3	70.0	5.5	509.9	44.9	554.8	456.9	
2022 Q1	1,009.4	384.6	27.2	83.2	7.5	502.5	47.6	550.1	459.3	
2022 Q2	1,012.3	403.9	31.3	71.8	8.5	515.5	45.3	560.8	451.5	
2022 Q3	1,010.9	414.8	41.2	59.0	9.8	524.8	42.8	567.6	443.3	
2022 Q4 ¹	1,011.3	398.4	46.1	80.1	6.9	531.5	38.8	570.3	441.0	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.0					1.3	-9.3	0.5	-0.5	
same quarter a year ago	0.0					4.2	-13.6	2.8	-3.5	
Male										
2021 Q4	490.1	234.3	21.0	55.7	1.5	312.5	22.7	335.2	154.9	
2022 Q1	488.3	216.9	23.1	66.6	2.0	308.6	23.1	331.7	156.6	
2022 Q2	489.7	229.4	26.2	55.5	1.5	312.6	22.2	334.8	154.9	
2022 Q3	489.2	240.4	35.9	44.9	0.6	321.8	20.2	342.0	147.2	
2022 Q4 ¹	489.3	220.9	40.7	63.8	0.7	326.1	18.3	344.4	144.9	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.0					1.3	-9.4	0.7	-1.6	
same quarter a year ago	-0.2					4.4	-19.4	2.7	-6.5	
Female										
2021 Q4	521.6	174.8	4.3	14.3	4.0	197.4	22.2	219.6	302.0	
2022 Q1	521.1	167.7	4.1	16.6	5.5	193.9	24.5	218.4	302.7	
2022 Q2	522.6	174.5	5.1	16.3	7.0	202.9	23.1	226.0	296.6	
2022 Q3	521.7	174.4	5.3	14.1	9.2	203.0	22.6	225.6	296.1	
2022 Q4 ¹	522.0	177.5	5.4	16.3	6.2	205.4	20.5	225.9	296.1	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.1					1.2	-9.3	0.1	0.0	
same quarter a year ago	0.1					4.1	-7.7	2.9	-2.0	

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 4th Quarter 2022¹

		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	531.5	51.6	64.1	129.0	140.9	145.9
	Unemployed	38.8	14.0	7.4	8.2	5.2	4.0
	Labour force	570.3	65.6	71.5	137.2	146.1	149.9
	Population outside labour force	441.0	99.0	14.6	27.0	33.8	266.6
	Total Population	1011.3	164.6	86.1	164.2	179.9	416.5
	Employment rate (%)	93.2	78.7	89.7	94.0	96.4	97.3
	Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	21.3	10.3	6.0	3.6	2.7
	Activity rate (%)	56.4	39.9	83.0	83.6	81.2	36.0
Male							
	In employment	326.1	33.0	35.3	73.5	85.9	98.4
	Unemployed	18.3	7.1	2.9	3.4	1.4	3.5
	Labour force	344.4	40.1	38.2	76.9	87.3	101.9
	Population outside labour force	144.9	42.8	3.3	4.0	2.8	92.0
	Total Population	489.3	82.9	41.5	80.9	90.1	193.9
	Employment rate (%)	94.7	82.3	92.4	95.6	98.4	96.6
	Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	17.7	7.6	4.4	1.6	3.4
	Activity rate (%)	70.4	48.4	92.0	95.1	96.9	52.6
Female							
	In employment	205.4	18.6	28.8	55.5	55.0	47.5
	Unemployed	20.5	6.9	4.5	4.8	3.8	0.5
	Labour force	225.9	25.5	33.3	60.3	58.8	48.0
	Population outside labour force	296.1	56.2	11.3	23.0	31.0	174.6
	Total Population	522.0	81.7	44.6	83.3	89.8	222.6
	Employment rate (%)	90.9	72.9	86.5	92.0	93.5	99.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	9.1	27.1	13.5	8.0	6.5	1.0
	Activity rate (%)	43.3	31.2	74.7	72.4	65.5	21.6

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	Total employed aged 16 years and over	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								
2021 Q4	509.9	5.8	24.6	69.6	11.5	11.7	14.4	55.2
2022 Q1	502.5	6.2	23.6	70.2	10.1	12.5	13.8	56.4
2022 Q2	515.5	4.8	21.4	73.8	9.4	11.3	14.4	59.4
2022 Q3	524.8	5.0	22.4	72.6	9.9	11.4	16.3	56.3
2022 Q4 ²	531.5	5.3	24.6	70.1	11.1	12.7	15.6	54.5
Male								
2021 Q4	312.5	7.6	32.4	60.0	12.0	18.6	12.6	47.4
2022 Q1	308.6	8.0	31.4	60.6	10.1	19.8	12.1	48.5
2022 Q2	312.6	6.4	27.7	65.9	8.3	18.2	12.9	53.0
2022 Q3	321.8	5.9	29.1	65.0	9.3	18.3	15.1	49.9
2022 Q4 ²	326.1	6.5	33.4	60.1	11.9	20.4	13.6	46.5
Female								
2021 Q4	197.4	2.8	12.3	84.9	10.7	0.9	17.3	67.6
2022 Q1	193.9	3.2	11.2	85.6	10.3	0.7	16.5	69.1
2022 Q2	202.9	2.3	11.8	85.9	11.0	0.7	16.8	69.1
2022 Q3	203.0	3.6	11.8	84.6	10.9	0.5	18.1	66.5
2022 Q4 ²	205.4	3.5	10.5	86.0	9.8	0.6	18.8	67.2

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

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Table 4: Employment by occupational group, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	Total employed aged 16 years and over (000s)	ISCO-08 ¹				
		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 (%)
Both sexes						
2021 Q4	509.9	20.8	10.9	19.3	29.7	19.3
2022 Q1	502.5	20.8	10.0	21.6	30.5	17.1
2022 Q2	515.5	21.8	10.9	20.9	27.3	19.1
2022 Q3	524.8	20.9	10.5	21.8	28.9	17.9
2022 Q4 ²	531.5	19.5	11.6	22.1	30.2	16.6
Male						
2021 Q4	312.5	18.3	5.7	17.6	44.1	14.3
2022 Q1	308.6	18.1	5.9	20.1	44.1	11.8
2022 Q2	312.6	18.7	5.8	21.1	40.3	14.1
2022 Q3	321.8	18.5	6.0	19.9	42.1	13.5
2022 Q4 ²	326.1	17.7	6.1	20.2	44.9	11.1
Female						
2021 Q4	197.4	24.8	19.1	22.1	6.9	27.1
2022 Q1	193.9	25.2	16.4	23.9	9.1	25.4
2022 Q2	202.9	26.6	18.7	20.5	7.2	27.0
2022 Q3	203.0	24.5	17.7	24.9	8.0	24.9
2022 Q4 ²	205.4	22.5	20.3	25.0	7.0	25.2

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	Total employed ¹ (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	
Both sexes							
2021 Q4	501.0	20,000	6.3	45.9	46.5	1.3	39.9
2022 Q1	493.5	19,800	3.7	54.7	40.9	0.7	40.1
2022 Q2	514.1	20,600	2.2	63.3	34.3	0.2	40.1
2022 Q3	521.4	20,900	1.6	64.2	33.5	0.7	40.1
2022 Q4 ²	520.3	20,800	2.7	60.5	36.4	0.4	40.0
Male							
2021 Q4	308.1	12,700	3.6	42.5	52.0	1.9	41.2
2022 Q1	305.1	12,500	2.0	51.9	45.3	0.8	41.0
2022 Q2	311.8	12,700	1.1	60.7	37.9	0.3	40.7
2022 Q3	320.6	13,100	0.8	59.8	38.4	1.0	40.9
2022 Q4 ²	321.7	13,200	1.1	56.0	42.3	0.6	41.0
Female							
2021 Q4	193.0	7,300	10.6	51.3	37.7	0.4	37.8
2022 Q1	188.4	7,300	6.4	59.4	33.8	0.4	38.7
2022 Q2	202.3	7,900	3.9	67.3	28.7	0.1	39.1
2022 Q3	200.8	7,800	2.9	71.0	25.9	0.2	38.8
2022 Q4 ²	198.6	7,600	5.3	67.9	26.8	0.0	38.3

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

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Table 6: Unemployed population by educational attainment, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary			Tertiary		
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)		Passed HSC (%)	
Both sexes										
2021 Q4	44.9	14.3	11.2	3.1	63.7	36.1	15.1	12.5	22.0	
2022 Q1	47.6	13.4	12.0	1.4	70.0	39.1	18.5	12.4	16.6	
2022 Q2	45.3	15.7	14.6	1.1	67.7	37.5	19.2	11.0	16.6	
2022 Q3	42.8	13.3	5.8	7.5	72.7	43.5	17.8	11.4	14.0	
2022 Q4 ¹	38.8	9.3	3.1	6.2	74.7	33.0	25.0	16.7	16.0	
Male										
2021 Q4	22.7	13.7	11.0	2.7	61.2	38.3	13.7	9.2	25.1	
2022 Q1	23.1	14.7	13.4	1.3	66.2	37.2	16.9	12.1	19.1	
2022 Q2	22.2	12.1	11.7	0.4	72.1	39.6	21.2	11.3	15.8	
2022 Q3	20.2	14.3	7.4	6.9	73.3	43.1	17.3	12.9	12.4	
2022 Q4 ¹	18.3	11.4	4.9	6.5	74.9	35.0	25.7	14.2	13.7	
Female										
2021 Q4	22.2	14.9	11.3	3.6	66.2	33.8	16.7	15.7	18.9	
2022 Q1	24.5	12.2	10.6	1.6	73.5	40.8	20.0	12.7	14.3	
2022 Q2	23.1	19.1	17.3	1.8	63.6	35.5	17.3	10.8	17.3	
2022 Q3	22.6	12.4	4.4	8.0	72.1	43.8	18.1	10.2	15.5	
2022 Q4 ¹	20.5	7.4	1.5	5.9	74.6	31.2	24.4	19.0	18.0	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

In thousands

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes				
2021 Q4	44.9	15.8	25.8	3.3
2022 Q1	47.6	18.1	25.8	3.7
2022 Q2	45.3	15.5	27.0	2.8
2022 Q3	42.8	15.4	22.7	4.7
2022 Q4 ¹	38.8	14.0	20.8	4.0
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-4.0	-1.4	-1.9	-0.7
same quarter a year ago	-6.1	-1.8	-5.0	0.7
Male				
2021 Q4	22.7	8.0	12.0	2.7
2022 Q1	23.1	8.9	12.3	1.9
2022 Q2	22.2	8.3	12.6	1.3
2022 Q3	20.2	8.0	9.7	2.5
2022 Q4 ¹	18.3	7.1	7.7	3.5
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-1.9	-0.9	-2.0	1.0
same quarter a year ago	-4.4	-0.9	-4.3	0.8
Female				
2021 Q4	22.2	7.8	13.8	0.6
2022 Q1	24.5	9.2	13.5	1.8
2022 Q2	23.1	7.2	14.4	1.5
2022 Q3	22.6	7.4	13.0	2.2
2022 Q4 ¹	20.5	6.9	13.1	0.5
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	-2.1	-0.5	0.1	-1.7
same quarter a year ago	-1.7	-0.9	-0.7	-0.1

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	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)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Both sexes									
2021 Q4	44.9	13.0	31.9	10.1	19.1	11.9	16.3	42.6	
2022 Q1	47.6	18.8	28.8	11.8	16.3	14.3	17.7	39.9	
2022 Q2	45.3	17.2	28.1	6.8	9.2	22.4	13.9	47.7	
2022 Q3	42.8	17.4	25.4	14.2	9.8	21.7	10.2	44.1	
2022 Q4 ²	38.8	16.5	22.3	16.1	13.5	9.9	9.4	51.1	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-4.0	-0.9	-3.1						
same quarter a year ago	-6.1	3.5	-9.6						
Male									
2021 Q4	22.7	4.6	18.1	8.3	29.3	11.6	11.6	39.2	
2022 Q1	23.1	6.2	16.9	10.1	26.6	8.9	14.8	39.6	
2022 Q2	22.2	6.2	16.0	6.3	16.2	18.7	16.3	42.5	
2022 Q3	20.2	9.4	10.8	11.1	22.2	18.5	16.7	31.5	
2022 Q4 ²	18.3	7.4	10.9	18.3	24.8	7.3	10.1	39.5	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-1.9	-2.0	0.1						
same quarter a year ago	-4.4	2.8	-7.2						
Female									
2021 Q4	22.2	8.4	13.8	12.3	5.8	12.3	22.5	47.1	
2022 Q1	24.5	12.6	11.9	14.3	1.7	21.9	21.8	40.3	
2022 Q2	23.1	11.0	12.1	7.4	0.0	27.3	10.7	54.6	
2022 Q3	22.6	8.0	14.6	16.4	0.7	24.0	5.5	53.4	
2022 Q4 ²	20.5	9.1	11.4	14.0	2.6	12.3	8.8	62.3	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	-2.1	1.1	-3.2						
same quarter a year ago	-1.7	0.7	-2.4						

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 4th Quarter 2021 to 4th Quarter 2022

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
2021 Q4	1,011.7	456.9	38.7	31.4	18.8	6.5	4.6
2022 Q1	1,009.4	459.3	36.5	33.6	17.7	7.0	5.2
2022 Q2	1,012.3	451.5	38.7	30.9	19.6	6.7	4.1
2022 Q3	1,010.9	443.3	39.9	29.9	21.7	5.9	2.6
2022 Q4 ¹	1,011.3	441.0	41.7	28.8	19.3	7.2	3.0
Male							
2021 Q4	490.1	154.9	0.3	56.2	26.6	11.4	5.5
2022 Q1	488.3	156.6	0.0	54.7	23.8	13.3	8.2
2022 Q2	489.7	154.9	0.0	54.6	26.4	13.2	5.8
2022 Q3	489.2	147.2	0.0	55.9	30.8	10.4	2.9
2022 Q4 ¹	489.3	144.9	0.0	56.5	26.6	13.9	3.0
Female							
2021 Q4	521.6	302.0	58.4	18.7	14.9	3.9	4.1
2022 Q1	521.1	302.7	57.7	20.4	14.5	3.7	3.7
2022 Q2	522.6	296.6	58.9	18.6	16.0	3.3	3.2
2022 Q3	521.7	296.1	59.8	17.0	17.1	3.6	2.5
2022 Q4 ¹	522.0	296.1	62.1	15.2	15.8	4.0	2.9

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