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Labour force, Employment and Unemployment – First quarter 2023

Introduction

1. This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment for the first quarter of 2023, based on the results of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS) from January to March 2023. 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.

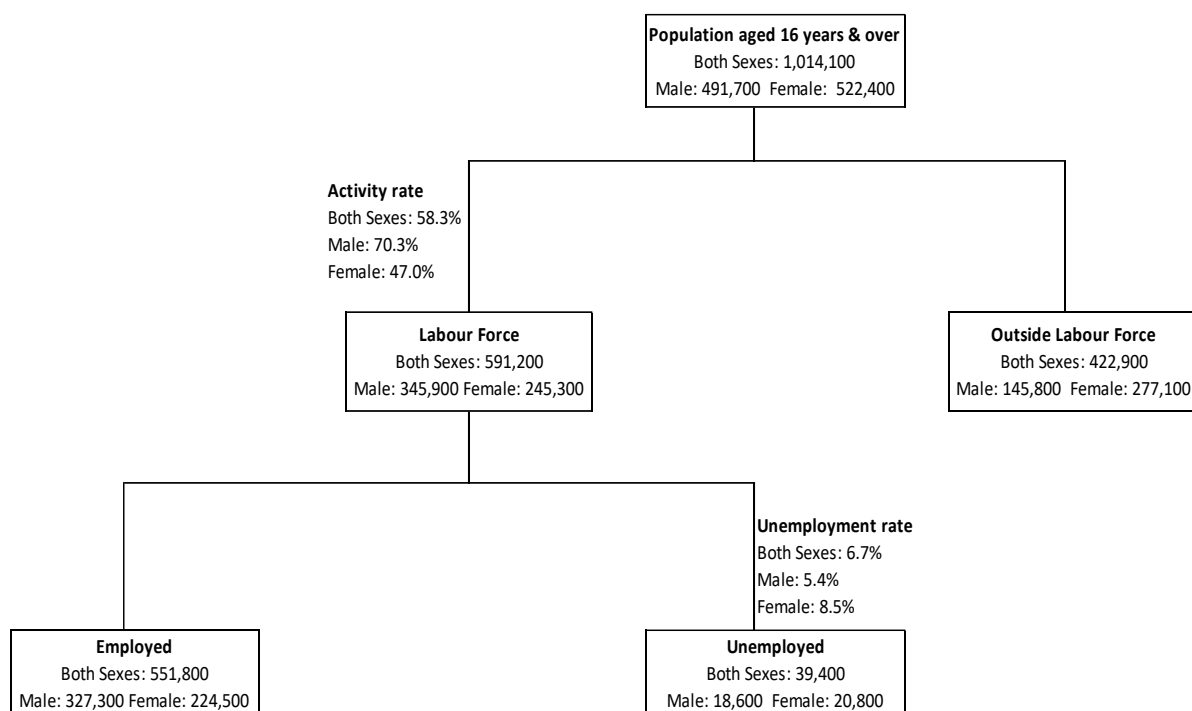
Key figures

	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Change	
				Q1 2022 to Q1 2023	Q4 2022 to Q1 2023
Population (aged 16+)	1,009,400	1,011,300	1,014,100	+4,700	+2,800
Labour Force (Economically active)	550,100	570,300	591,200	+41,100	+20,900
<i>Of which Employment</i>	502,500	531,500	551,800	+49,300	+20,300
<i>Unemployment</i>	47,600	38,800	39,400	-8,200	+600
Outside Labour Force (Economically inactive)	459,300	441,000	422,900	-36,400	-18,100
Activity rate (%)	54.5	56.4	58.3	+3.8	+1.9
Unemployment rate (%)	8.7	6.8	6.7	-2.0	-0.1
Youth unemployment	18,100	14,000	13,800	-4,300	-200
Youth unemployment rate (%)	28.9	21.3	20.0	-8.9	-1.3

Labour market overview, first quarter 2023

3. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2022, the labour force has increased by 41,100. Employment increased by 49,300 while unemployment decreased by 8,200. The number of persons outside labour force declined by 36,400 during the same period.
4. Compared to fourth quarter of 2022, labour force increased by 20,900 with increases of 20,300 and 600 in employment and unemployment respectively. The number of persons outside labour force decreased by 18,100 during the same period.

Chart 1: The Labour Market, 1st Quarter 2023



Labour force participation

	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Change	
				Q1 2022 to Q1 2023	Q4 2022 to Q1 2023
Both sexes	54.5	56.4	58.3	+3.8	+1.9
Male	67.9	70.4	70.3	+2.4	-0.1
Female	41.9	43.3	47.0	+5.1	+3.7

- The activity rate for first quarter 2023 increased by 3.8 percentage points to 58.3% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2022. The male activity rate increased by 2.4 percentage points to 70.3% and the female activity rate increased by 5.1 percentage points to 47.0%.
- Compared to fourth quarter 2022, the activity rate increased by 1.9 percentage points. The male activity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point and the female activity rate increased by 3.7 percentage points.

Employment

	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Change	
				Q1 2022 to Q1 2023	Q4 2022 to Q1 2023
Both sexes	502,500	531,500	551,800	+49,300	+20,300
Male	308,600	326,100	327,300	+18,700	+1,200
Female	193,900	205,400	224,500	+30,600	+19,100

7. From first quarter 2022 to first quarter 2023, employment increased by 49,300 to 551,800; male employment increased by 18,700 and female employment by 30,600.
8. Compared to fourth quarter 2022, employment increased by 20,300; both male and female employment increased by 1,200 and 19,100 respectively.

Unemployment

	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Change	
				Q1 2022 to Q1 2023	Q4 2022 to Q1 2023
Both sexes	47,600	38,800	39,400	-8,200	+600
Male	23,100	18,300	18,600	-4,500	+300
Female	24,500	20,500	20,800	-3,700	+300
Unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	8.7	6.8	6.7	-2.0	-0.1
Male	7.0	5.3	5.4	-1.6	+0.1
Female	11.2	9.1	8.5	-2.7	-0.6

1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

9. From first quarter 2022 to first quarter 2023, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 8,200. Male unemployment decreased by 4,500 and female unemployment decreased by 3,700.
10. The unemployment rate decreased by 2.0 percentage points from 8.7% in first quarter 2022 to 6.7% in first quarter 2023. Male unemployment rate decreased by 1.6 percentage points to reach 5.4% and female unemployment went down by 2.7 percentage points to 8.5%.

4th Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

11. When compared to fourth quarter 2022, the total number of unemployed persons increased by 600, with increases of 300 among males and 300 among females.
12. Total unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point from 6.8% in the fourth quarter of 2022 to 6.7% in the first quarter of 2023. Male unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point from 5.3% to 5.4% and female unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point from 9.1% to 8.5%.

Unemployment of the youth aged 16-24 years

	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Change	
				Q1 2022 to Q1 2023	Q4 2022 to Q1 2023
Both sexes	18,100	14,000	13,800	-4,300	-200
Male	8,900	7,100	7,000	-1,900	-100
Female	9,200	6,900	6,800	-2,400	-100
Youth unemployment rate (%)					
Both sexes	28.9	21.3	20.0	-8.9	-1.3
Male	24.9	17.7	18.1	-6.8	+0.4
Female	34.2	27.1	22.3	-11.9	-4.8

13. At the first quarter of 2023, unemployed youth aged 16 to 24 years was estimated at 13,800 (7,000 males and 6,800 females) compared to 14,000 (7,100 males and 6,900 females) at the previous quarter and 18,100 (8,900 males and 9,200 females) at the first quarter of 2022.
14. The youth unemployment rate decreased in the first quarter of 2023 to 20.0% from 28.9% in the corresponding quarter of 2022. During the same period, the rate for young men decreased by 6.8 percentage points to 18.1%, and that for young women decreased by 11.9 percentage points to 22.3%.
15. Compared to fourth quarter 2022, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 21.3% to 20.0%, with an increase of 0.4 percentage point for young men compared to a decrease of 4.8 percentage points for young women.

Characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2023

16. The main characteristics of the unemployed as at first quarter 2023 were as follows:

- (i) The 39,400 unemployed comprised 18,600 males (47%) and 20,800 females (53%).
- (ii) Around 21,500 (55%) of the unemployed were single; males (75%) and females (36%).
- (iii) Some 20,700 (53%) of the unemployed did not have the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) or equivalent and among them 3,700 had not even passed the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC)/Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) or equivalent.
- (iv) Around 27,400 (70%) had been looking for work for up to one year and the remaining 12,000 (30%) for more than one year.
- (v) About 27,300 (69%) had working experience and 12,100 (31%) were looking for a first job.
- (vi) Around 17,300 (44%) were registered at the Employment Service Information Centre.
- (vii) There were 6,800 (17%) young persons aged 16 to 24 years, not yet married and looking for a first job. Some 3,400 possessed a qualification below SC.
- (viii) Some 4,700 or 12% of the unemployed were heads of households.
- (ix) Around 7,300 (19%) lived in households with no employed persons.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

17. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2023 was 6.4%, lower than the rates of 8.4% and 7.4% at the corresponding quarter of 2022 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 422,900 at the first quarter of 2023 compared to 441,000 in the fourth quarter of 2022 and 459,300 in the first quarter of 2022.

19. The population outside labour force comprised 145,800 males and 277,100 females. Among males, around 54% were retired/old persons and 25% were students. Among females, 54% were homemakers and 24% were retired/old persons.

Reliability of the Labour Force estimates

20. 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, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

Both Sexes

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	570,300	14,000	2.5
	2023 Q1 ¹	591,200	9,900	1.7
Employment				
	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	531,500	12,900	2.4
	2023 Q1 ¹	551,800	9,800	1.8
Unemployment				
	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	38,800	3,400	8.8
	2023 Q1 ¹	39,400	2,900	7.4
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	6.8	0.5	7.4
	2023 Q1 ¹	6.7	0.5	7.5
Activity rate, %				
	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	56.4	0.8	1.4
	2023 Q1 ¹	58.3	0.6	1.0

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, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

Male

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	344,400	8,900	2.6
	2023 Q1 ¹	345,900	6,600	1.9
Employment				
	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	326,100	8,600	2.6
	2023 Q1 ¹	327,300	6,500	2.0
Unemployment				
	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	18,300	2,100	11.5
	2023 Q1 ¹	18,600	1,900	10.2
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	5.3	0.6	11.3
	2023 Q1 ¹	5.4	0.5	9.3
Activity rate, %				
	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	70.4	0.9	1.3
	2023 Q1 ¹	70.3	0.8	1.1

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Low reliability	Greater than 15.0

Estimated labour force, employment and unemployment by sex, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

Female

		Estimates	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Labour force				
	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	225,900	8,700	3.9
	2022 Q1 ¹	245,300	5,600	2.3
Employment				
	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	205,400	7,700	3.7
	2022 Q1 ¹	224,500	5,500	2.4
Unemployment				
	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	20,500	2,500	12.2
	2022 Q1 ¹	20,800	1,900	9.1
Unemployment rate, %				
	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	9.1	1.0	11.0
	2022 Q1 ¹	8.5	0.8	9.4
Activity rate, %				
	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	43.3	1.1	2.5
	2022 Q1 ¹	47.0	0.9	1.9

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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 first quarter 2023 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 were replaced by telephone interviews. As from January 2023, face-to-face interviews have been resumed.

Frequency of data collection

As from 2005, data collection is carried out monthly except in 2020 after the COVID-19 outbreak 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. 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. As from 2023, in order to improve the variance estimates, RDI boundaries have been reviewed such that each geographical district has four even strata. For this exercise, the 2022 Housing and Population Census results have been used.

At the second stage, stratification criteria are community, household size and average monthly expenditure of the household. From 2005 to 2022, 10 households were selected from each selected PSU in Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues. However, as from 2023 the number of households selected for each PSU in Island of Rodrigues have been increased from

10 to 15 while that of Island of Mauritius has remained the same. It is to be noted that the sample size has remained unchanged.

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 - 2022

	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
2022 ²	562.8	28.3	591.1	304.1	243.8	547.9	519.6	43.2	7.7
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
2022 ²	338.4	22.4	360.8	182.9	157.5	340.4	318.0	20.4	6.0
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
2022 ²	224.4	5.9	230.3	121.2	86.3	207.5	201.6	22.8	10.2

¹ Unemployment figures and rate refer to Mauritians

² Provisional

Note:

1. The above figures have been worked out in order to give a set of comparable labour force estimates obtained from different sources. Users are cautioned in the use of these figures given that there are differences related to the reference period, coverage and methodology. The different sources from which these estimates have been obtained are as follows:

- i CMPHS for Mauritian labour force estimates which are subject to sampling variability as mentioned at Annex 1.
- ii The Annual Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) 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, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

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										
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	1,011.3	398.4	46.1	80.1	6.9	531.5	38.8	570.3	441.0	
2023 Q1 ¹	1,014.1	429.1	21.7	87.6	13.4	551.8	39.4	591.2	422.9	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.3					3.8	1.5	3.7	-4.1	
same quarter a year ago	0.5					9.8	-17.2	7.5	-7.9	
Male										
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	489.3	220.9	40.7	63.8	0.7	326.1	18.3	344.4	144.9	
2023 Q1 ¹	491.7	240.3	16.2	65.5	5.3	327.3	18.6	345.9	145.8	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.5					0.4	1.6	0.4	0.6	
same quarter a year ago	0.7					6.1	-19.5	4.3	-6.9	
Female										
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	522.0	177.5	5.4	16.3	6.2	205.4	20.5	225.9	296.1	
2023 Q1 ¹	522.4	188.8	5.5	22.1	8.1	224.5	20.8	245.3	277.1	
% change, latest quarter over:										
previous quarter	0.1					9.3	1.5	8.6	-6.4	
same quarter a year ago	0.2					15.8	-15.1	12.3	-8.5	

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Table 2: Labour force characteristics by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2023¹

		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	551.8	55.3	68.4	133.9	142.6	151.6
	Unemployed	39.4	13.8	5.9	10.1	6.6	3.0
	Labour force	591.2	69.1	74.3	144.0	149.2	154.6
	Population outside labour force	422.9	94.9	12.0	21.4	31.3	263.3
	Total Population	1014.1	164.0	86.3	165.4	180.5	417.9
	Employment rate (%)	93.3	80.0	92.1	93.0	95.6	98.1
	Unemployment rate (%)	6.7	20.0	7.9	7.0	4.4	1.9
	Activity rate (%)	58.3	42.1	86.1	87.1	82.7	37.0
Male							
	In employment	327.3	31.6	36.4	74.6	83.2	101.5
	Unemployed	18.6	7.0	2.8	4.4	2.4	2.0
	Labour force	345.9	38.6	39.2	79.0	85.6	103.5
	Population outside labour force	145.8	44.2	2.8	2.8	4.9	91.1
	Total Population	491.7	82.8	42.0	81.8	90.5	194.6
	Employment rate (%)	94.6	81.9	92.9	94.4	97.2	98.1
	Unemployment rate (%)	5.4	18.1	7.1	5.6	2.8	1.9
	Activity rate (%)	70.3	46.6	93.3	96.6	94.6	53.2
Female							
	In employment	224.5	23.7	32.0	59.3	59.4	50.1
	Unemployed	20.8	6.8	3.1	5.7	4.2	1.0
	Labour force	245.3	30.5	35.1	65.0	63.6	51.1
	Population outside labour force	277.1	50.7	9.2	18.6	26.4	172.2
	Total Population	522.4	81.2	44.3	83.6	90.0	223.3
	Employment rate (%)	91.5	77.7	91.2	91.2	93.4	98.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	8.5	22.3	8.8	8.8	6.6	2.0
	Activity rate (%)	47.0	37.6	79.2	77.8	70.7	22.9

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Table 3: Employment by industrial activity, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	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									
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	531.5	5.3	24.6	70.1	11.1	12.7	15.6	54.5	
2023 Q1 ²	551.8	5.6	19.2	75.2	10.3	7.7	17.5	57.7	
Male									
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	326.1	6.5	33.4	60.1	11.9	20.4	13.6	46.5	
2023 Q1 ²	327.3	7.2	25.3	67.5	11.0	12.5	16.6	50.9	
Female									
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	205.4	3.5	10.5	86.0	9.8	0.6	18.8	67.2	
2023 Q1 ²	224.5	3.3	10.2	86.5	9.2	0.7	18.8	67.7	

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, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	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						
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	531.5	19.5	11.6	22.1	30.2	16.6
2023 Q1 ²	551.8	30.9	8.9	22.6	25.2	12.4
Male						
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	326.1	17.7	6.1	20.2	44.9	11.1
2023 Q1 ²	327.3	27.7	5.9	20.6	36.4	9.4
Female						
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	205.4	22.5	20.3	25.0	7.0	25.2
2023 Q1 ²	224.5	35.5	13.4	25.5	8.9	16.7

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

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Table 5: Employment by hours worked at main job, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	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							
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	520.3	20,800	2.7	60.5	36.4	0.4	40.0
2023 Q1 ²	525.7	21,100	8.3	48.3	32.3	11.1	40.1
Male							
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	321.7	13,200	1.1	56.0	42.3	0.6	41.0
2023 Q1 ²	308.8	12,800	6.8	44.9	34.7	13.6	41.4
Female							
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	198.6	7,600	5.3	67.9	26.8	0.0	38.3
2023 Q1 ²	216.9	8,300	10.4	53.3	28.8	7.5	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, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	Unemployed Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Primary			Secondary				Tertiary (%)	
		Total (%)	Below CPE/PSAC (%)	Passed CPE/PSAC (%)	Total (%)	Below SC (%)	Passed SC (%)	Passed HSC (%)		
Both sexes										
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	38.8	9.3	3.1	6.2	74.7	33.0	25.0	16.7	16.0	
2023 Q1 ¹	39.4	13.7	9.4	4.3	66.0	38.8	17.5	9.7	20.3	
Male										
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	18.3	11.4	4.9	6.5	74.9	35.0	25.7	14.2	13.7	
2023 Q1 ¹	18.6	14.5	11.3	3.2	67.2	43.6	16.1	7.5	18.3	
Female										
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	20.5	7.4	1.5	5.9	74.6	31.2	24.4	19.0	18.0	
2023 Q1 ¹	20.8	13.0	7.7	5.3	64.9	34.6	18.8	11.5	22.1	

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Table 7: Unemployed population by age group, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

In thousands

	All aged 16 and over	Age group (years)		
		16-24	25-49	50+
Both sexes				
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	38.8	14.0	20.8	4.0
2023 Q1 ¹	39.4	13.8	22.6	3.0
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	0.6	-0.2	1.8	-1.0
same quarter a year ago	-8.2	-4.3	-3.2	-0.7
Male				
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	18.3	7.1	7.7	3.5
2023 Q1 ¹	18.6	7.0	9.6	2.0
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	0.3	-0.1	1.9	-1.5
same quarter a year ago	-4.5	-1.9	-2.7	0.1
Female				
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	20.5	6.9	13.1	0.5
2023 Q1 ¹	20.8	6.8	13.0	1.0
Change, latest quarter over:				
previous quarter	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
same quarter a year ago	-3.7	-2.4	-0.5	-0.8

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Table 8: Unemployed population with work experience by industry, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	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									
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	38.8	16.5	22.3	16.1	13.5	9.9	9.4	51.1	
2023 Q1 ²	39.4	12.1	27.3	12.1	14.3	17.9	18.3	37.4	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.6	-4.4	5.0						
same quarter a year ago	-8.2	-6.7	-1.5						
Male									
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	18.3	7.4	10.9	18.3	24.8	7.3	10.1	39.5	
2023 Q1 ²	18.6	5.0	13.6	14.7	25.7	13.2	18.4	28.0	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3	-2.4	2.7						
same quarter a year ago	-4.5	-1.2	-3.3						
Female									
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	20.5	9.1	11.4	14.0	2.6	12.3	8.8	62.3	
2023 Q1 ²	20.8	7.1	13.7	9.5	2.9	22.6	18.3	46.7	
Change, latest quarter over:									
previous quarter	0.3	-2.0	2.3						
same quarter a year ago	-3.7	-5.5	1.8						

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Table 9: Population outside labour force by reason for inactivity, 1st Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023

	Total Mauritians aged 16+ (000s)	Economically inactive by status					
		Total (000s)	Homemakers (%)	Retired or elderly (%)	Students (%)	Sick or disabled (%)	Other (%)
Both sexes							
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	1,011.3	441.0	41.7	28.8	19.3	7.2	3.0
2023 Q1 ¹	1,014.1	422.9	35.4	34.1	17.2	8.1	5.2
Male							
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	489.3	144.9	0.0	56.5	26.6	13.9	3.0
2023 Q1 ¹	491.7	145.8	0.0	54.3	24.9	13.6	7.2
Female							
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	522.0	296.1	62.1	15.2	15.8	4.0	2.9
2023 Q1 ¹	522.4	277.1	54.0	23.5	13.1	5.2	4.2

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