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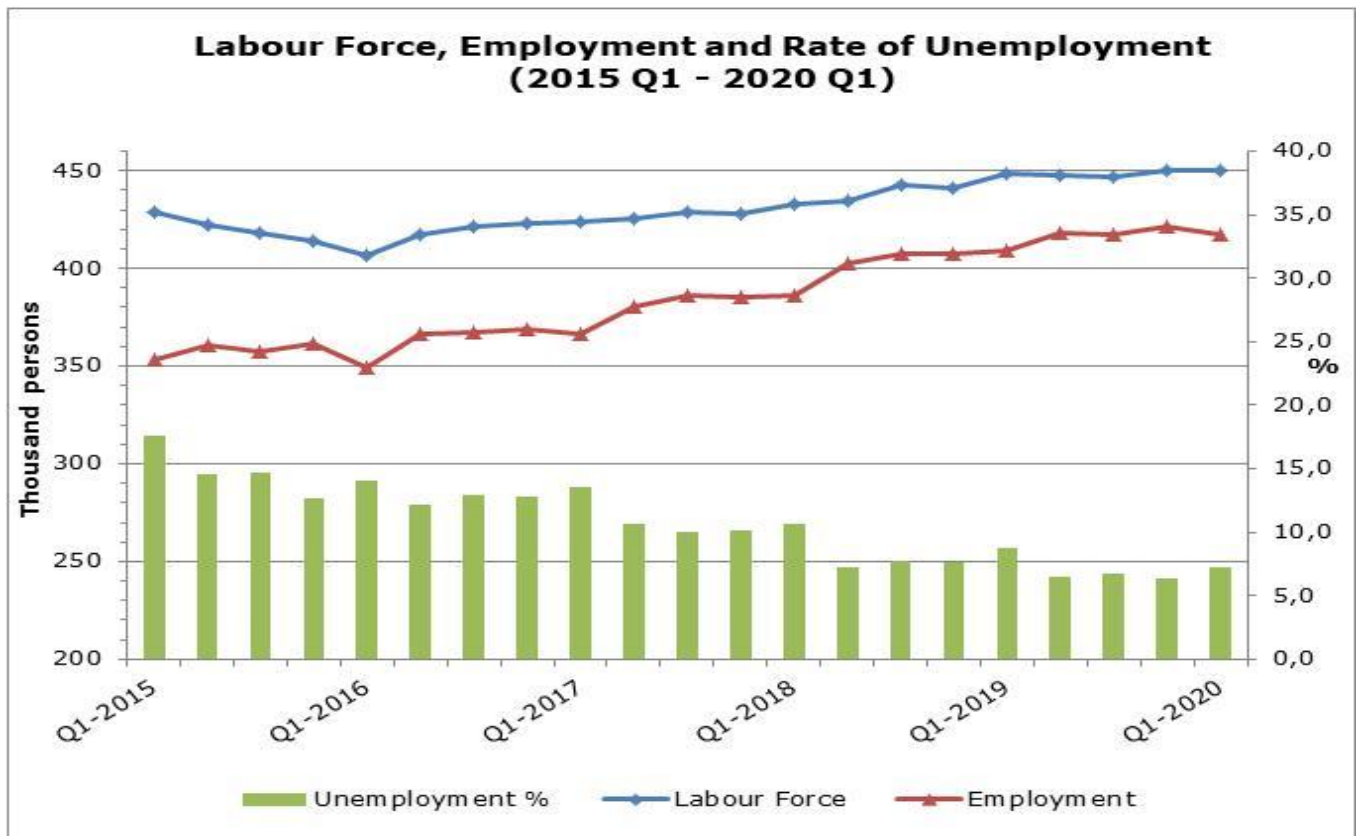
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS): 1st QUARTER 2020

Unemployment 7,3%

According to the results of the Labour Force Survey, the labour force in the 1st quarter of 2020 amounted to 449.861 persons or 62,5% of the population (males 68,3%, females 57,1%) in comparison to 448.369 persons (63,2%) in the corresponding quarter of 2019 (Table 1).

The number of employed persons was 417.057 and the employment rate 57,9% (males 63,4%, females 52,8%) in comparison to 409.117 persons (57,6%) in the corresponding quarter of 2019.

The number of unemployed persons amounted to 32.803 and the unemployment rate to 7,3% of the labour force (males 7,1%, females 7,5%) in comparison to 39.252 persons (8,8%) in the corresponding quarter of 2019.



Employment (Table 2)

For the age group 20-64, the employment rate was 75,1%. The rate for males was 80,6% and for females 69,9%. In the corresponding quarter of 2019 the rate was 74,5% (males 80,4%, females 69,0%). For the age group 55-64 the employment rate was 59,5% in comparison to 59,0% in the corresponding quarter of 2019.

According to the distribution of employment by sector, the biggest percentage of employed persons was in Services (78,3%), followed by Manufacturing (19,1%) and Agriculture (2,6%). For the 1st quarter of 2019, the corresponding percentages were: Services 80,0%, Manufacturing 17,9% and Agriculture 2,1%.

The share of part-time employment to total employment was 11,4% or 47.681 persons (males 7,8%, females 15,5%). The corresponding rate for the 1st quarter of 2019 was 12,0% (males 8,6%, females 15,8%).

85,5% or 356.590 of the total employed persons were employees, of which 13,4% (47.638 persons) had a temporary job. In the corresponding quarter of 2019 employees accounted for 86,2% of total employment of which 11,8% had a temporary job.

Unemployment (Table 3)

For young persons aged 15-24 years old, the unemployment rate was 14,5% of the labour force of the same age group (males 15,9%, females 13,3%) in comparison to 19,8% (males 22,1%, females 18,0%) in the corresponding quarter of last year.

As far as the duration of unemployment is concerned, 57,9% of the total unemployed persons searched for a job for a period of less than 6 months, 13,9% for a period of 6-11 months, whereas a percentage of 28,2% were long-term unemployed. The corresponding rates for the 1st quarter of 2019 were 63,4%, 11,7% and 24,9%.

Table 1

	Number		Percentage (%)	
	1 st Quarter 2020	1 st Quarter 2019	1 st Quarter 2020	1 st Quarter 2019
<u>Labour Force</u>				
Total	449.861	448.369	62,5	63,2
Males	237.120	235.270	68,3	68,7
Females	212.740	213.099	57,1	58,0
<u>Employment</u>				
Total	417.057	409.117	57,9	57,6
Males	220.256	217.126	63,4	63,4
Females	196.801	191.992	52,8	52,2
<u>Unemployment</u>				
Total	32.803	39.252	7,3	8,8
Males	16.864	18.145	7,1	7,7
Females	15.939	21.107	7,5	9,9

Table 2

Employment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	1 st Quarter 2020			1 st Quarter 2019			1 st Quarter 2020			1 st Quarter 2019		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
Age												
15+	417.057	220.256	196.801	409.117	217.126	191.992	57,9	63,4	52,8	57,6	63,4	52,2
20-64	401.652	209.419	192.232	393.479	205.604	187.872	75,1	80,6	69,9	74,5	80,4	69,0
55-64	62.586	36.652	25.933	60.528	34.507	26.020	59,5	71,0	48,4	59,0	68,6	49,8
Sector												
Agriculture	11.020	7.787	3.233	8.536	6.399	2.138	2,6	3,5	1,7	2,1	3,0	1,1
Industry	79.556	65.918	13.638	73.215	59.519	13.696	19,1	29,9	6,9	17,9	27,4	7,1
Services	326.479	146.551	179.931	327.365	151.208	176.158	78,3	66,6	91,4	80,0	69,6	91,8
Full-time	369.376	203.148	166.228	360.117	198.537	161.580	88,6	92,2	84,5	88,0	91,4	84,2
Part-time	47.681	17.109	30.572	49.001	18.589	30.412	11,4	7,8	15,5	12,0	8,6	15,8
Prof. Status												
Self-employed	60.467	38.317	22.149	56.422	36.377	20.046	14,5	17,4	11,3	13,8	16,7	10,4
Employees												
Total	356.590	181.939	174.652	352.695	180.749	171.946	85,5	82,6	88,7	86,2	83,3	89,6
Permanent	308.952	166.206	142.747	311.187	165.667	145.520	86,6	91,3	81,7	88,2	91,7	84,6
Temporary	47.638	15.733	31.905	41.508	15.082	26.426	13,4	8,7	18,3	11,8	8,3	15,4

Table 3

Unemployment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	1 st Quarter 2020			1 st Quarter 2019			1 st Quarter 2020			1 st Quarter 2019		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
Age												
15+	32.803	16.864	15.939	39.252	18.145	21.107	7,3	7,1	7,5	8,8	7,7	9,9
15-24	4.985	2.564	2.421	7.316	3.544	3.772	14,5	15,9	13,3	19,8	22,1	18,0
25-64	27.566	14.048	13.519	31.699	14.365	17.334	6,8	6,6	7,1	8,0	6,9	9,2
Duration												
< 6 μήνες	18.996	9.227	9.771	24.898	11.585	13.311	57,9	54,7	61,3	63,4	63,8	63,1
6-11 μήνες	4.573	2.266	2.307	4.596	2.535	2.061	13,9	13,4	14,5	11,7	14,0	9,8
12+ μήνες	9.233	5.371	3.862	9.760	4.024	5.733	28,2	31,9	24,2	24,9	22,2	27,1

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding error.

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Survey Identity

The Labour Force survey (LFS) is conducted in all European Union Member States in accordance with Council Regulation 577/98 of the European Union every quarter. The aim of the survey is the collection of data which are useful in the formulation of policy on labour matters (employment, unemployment) and for pursuing and evaluating of the programs that are applied both by the Government and by the European Union.

Coverage and collection of data

The LFS covers a sample of 3.800 households in all districts of Cyprus, which are allocated according to the number of households that reside in urban and rural areas. For comparability of the results, in all Member States, the survey covers the population of private households only. It does not cover persons residing in collective households (i.e. institutions, homes for the aged, hospitals, monasteries etc.), conscripts on compulsory military service, students who study abroad and Cypriots who work abroad.

The collection of data from the Statistical Service is done with personal interviews and the use of portable computers as well as with telephone interviews.

Definitions

Labour Force / Economically Active Population – The total number of the employed and unemployed persons aged 15 years and over.

Employed - Persons aged 15 years and over who during the reference week worked for at least one hour, as well as persons who had a job but were temporarily absent from work.

Unemployed – Persons aged 15 years and over who comply to the following standards:

- Neither worked nor had a job from which they were temporarily absent during the reference week
- They had actively sought for work, i.e. had taken specific steps during the previous 4 weeks to find work
- They were available to start work within the 2 weeks following the reference week

And or,

- Persons who neither worked nor had a job from which they were temporarily absent, but found a job which will start within a period of at most 3 months
- They were available to start work within the 2 weeks following the reference week

Long-term unemployed – Persons aged 15 years and over who searched for work for a period of 12 months or more.

Inactive – Persons aged 15 years and over who are neither employed nor unemployed.

Labour Force participation rate – The number of persons in the Labour Force for any group expressed as a percentage of the total population in the same group.

Employment rate - The number of employed persons for any group expressed as a percentage of the total population in the same group.

Unemployment rate – The number of unemployed persons of any group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

Further information:

Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subthemes [Employment](#) and [Unemployment](#)

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