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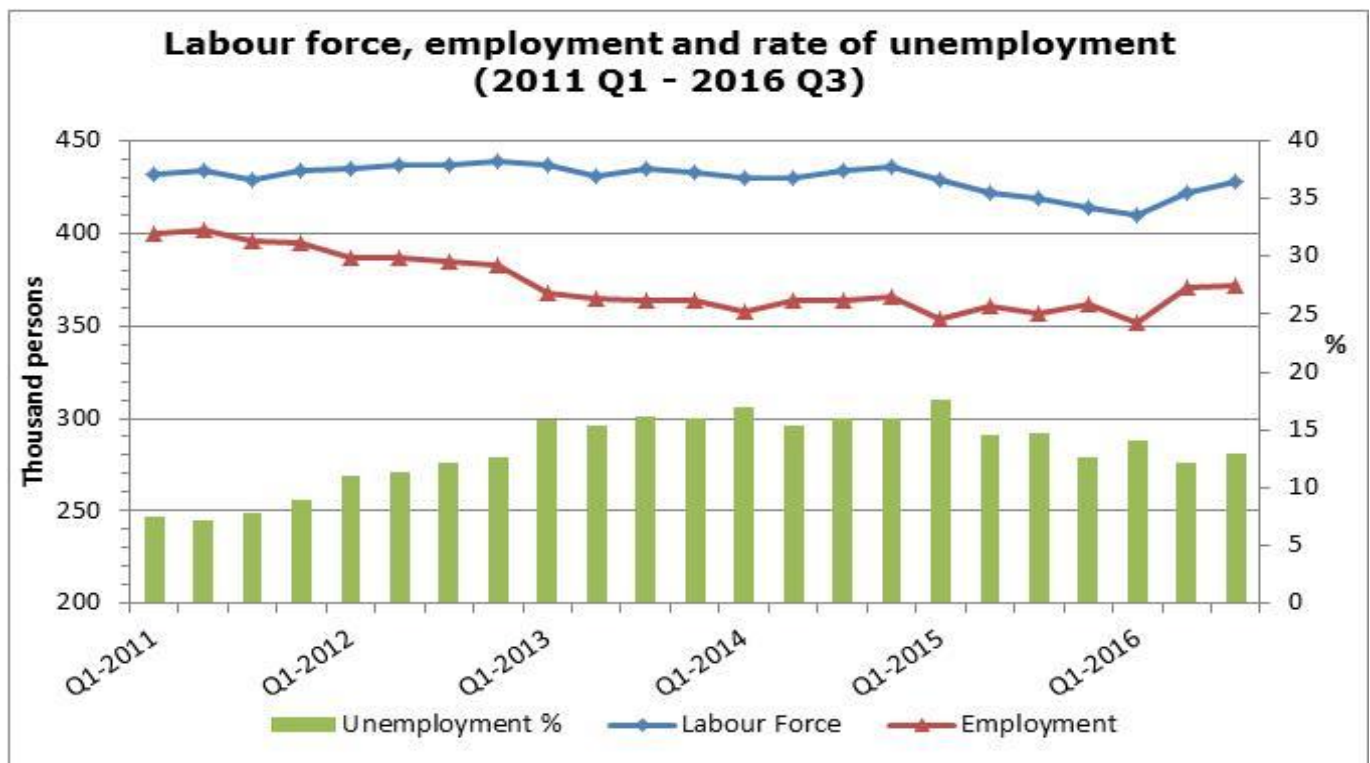
### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS): 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2016

#### Unemployment 13,0%

According to the results of the Labour Force Survey, the labour force in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016 amounted to 427.489 persons or 62,7% of the population (males 68,3%, females 57,6%) in comparison to 421.813 persons (61,9%) and 420.317 persons (62,7%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015 respectively (Table 1).

The number of employed persons was 371.916 and the employment rate 54,5% (males 59,8%, females 49,8%) in comparison to 370.743 persons (54,4%) and 358.178 persons (53,5%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015 respectively.

The number of unemployed persons amounted to 55.573 and the unemployment rate to 13,0% of the labour force (males 12,4%, females 13,6%). In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 the rate was 12,1% or 51.070 persons and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015 14,8% or 62.139 persons.



## **Employment** (Table 2)

For the age group 20-64, the employment rate was 69,2%. The rate for males was 74,3% and for females 64,5%. In the corresponding quarter of 2015 the rate was 67,6% (males 72,8%, females 62,8%). For the age group 55-64 the employment rate was 52,6% in comparison to 48,6% in the corresponding quarter of 2015.

According to the distribution of employment by sector, the biggest percentage of employed persons was in Services (79,1%), followed by Manufacturing (17,1%) and Agriculture (3,8%). For the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015, the corresponding percentages were: Services 80,1%, Manufacturing 16,3% and Agriculture 3,6%.

The share of part-time employment to total employment was 13,9% or 51.779 persons (males 12,4%, females 15,5%). The corresponding rate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015 was 12,5% (males 10,0%, females 15,1%).

86,3% or 320.918 of the total employed persons were employees, of which 17,0% (54.704 persons) had a temporary job. In the corresponding quarter of 2015 employees accounted for 86,4% of total employment of which 18,8% had a temporary job.

## **Unemployment** (Table 3)

For young persons aged 15-24 years old, the unemployment rate was 30,1% of the labour force of the same age group (males 24,6%, females 34,9%) in comparison to 32,3% (males 28,7%, females 35,5%) in the corresponding quarter of last year.

As far as the duration of unemployment is concerned, 40,9% of the total unemployed persons searched for a job for a period of less than 6 months, 14,4% for a period of 6-11 months, whereas a percentage of 44,7% were long-term unemployed. The corresponding rates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015 were 37,4%, 18,0% and 44,6%.

**Table 1**

	Number			Percentage (%)		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015
<b><u>Labour Force</u></b>						
Total	427.489	421.813	420.317	62,7	61,9	62,7
Males	220.389	217.412	215.746	68,3	67,3	68,0
Females	207.100	204.402	204.570	57,6	57,0	58,0
<b><u>Employment</u></b>						
Total	371.916	370.743	358.178	54,5	54,4	53,5
Males	192.965	191.486	185.371	59,8	59,3	58,4
Females	178.951	179.257	172.807	49,8	50,0	49,0
<b><u>Unemployment</u></b>						
Total	55.573	51.070	62.139	13,0	12,1	14,8
Males	27.424	25.926	30.375	12,4	11,9	14,1
Females	28.149	25.144	31.763	13,6	12,3	15,5

Table 2

Employment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
<b>Age</b>												
15+	371.916	192.965	178.951	358.178	185.371	172.807	54,5	59,8	49,8	53,5	58,4	49,0
20-64	359.795	185.029	174.764	349.371	179.930	169.442	69,2	74,3	64,5	67,6	72,8	62,8
55-64	49.825	28.588	21.236	45.257	26.822	18.435	52,6	60,8	44,5	48,6	58,4	39,1
<b>Sector</b>												
Agriculture	14.084	11.046	3.038	13.062	10.190	2.872	3,8	5,7	1,7	3,6	5,5	1,7
Industry	63.659	51.867	11.792	58.237	46.844	11.391	17,1	26,9	6,6	16,3	25,3	6,6
Services	294.173	130.052	164.121	286.879	128.337	158.544	79,1	67,4	91,7	80,1	69,2	91,7
<b>Distinction</b>												
Full-time	320.137	168.998	151.139	313.393	166.749	146.644	86,1	87,6	84,5	87,5	90,0	84,9
Part-time	51.779	23.967	27.812	44.785	18.622	26.163	13,9	12,4	15,5	12,5	10,0	15,1
<b>Status</b>												
<b>Self-employed</b>	50.998	33.531	17.467	48.538	30.477	18.060	13,7	17,4	9,8	13,6	16,4	10,5
<b>Employees</b>												
Total	320.918	159.434	161.484	309.640	154.894	154.747	86,3	82,6	90,2	86,4	83,6	89,5
Permanent	266.214	139.683	126.531	251.483	131.928	119.556	83,0	87,6	78,4	81,2	85,2	77,3
Temporary	54.704	19.751	34.953	58.157	22.966	35.191	17,0	12,4	21,6	18,8	14,8	22,7

Table 3

Unemployment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
<b>Age</b>												
15+	55.573	27.424	28.149	62.139	30.375	31.763	13,0	12,4	13,6	14,8	14,1	15,5
15-24	11.645	4.426	7.220	12.104	5.039	7.064	30,1	24,6	34,9	32,3	28,7	35,5
25-64	43.788	22.859	20.929	49.967	25.268	24.699	11,5	11,7	11,4	13,3	13,1	13,5
<b>Duration</b>												
< 6 μήνες	22.728	9.817	12.911	23.253	10.601	12.653	40,9	35,8	45,9	37,4	34,9	39,8
6-11 μήνες	8.022	3.422	4.600	11.152	5.417	5.735	14,4	12,5	16,3	18,0	17,8	18,1
12+ μήνες	24.823	14.185	10.638	27.734	14.358	13.377	44,7	51,7	37,8	44,6	47,3	42,1

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.

### **Data Revisions**

Data for the year 2015 have been revised on 8/7/16 based on the new weighting factors resulting from the final population estimates of the year.

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