

**Datasource:**

Labour Force Survey

**Period:**

January, 2024 to December, 2024

In 2023, The annual unemployment rate stood at 17.2 percent, indicating that roughly for 6 persons in the labour force there was one person unemployed.

The working age population (16 years and above) was 8,071,962 of which 4,783,668 persons (59.3 percent) were in the labour force, while 3,288,293 persons were outside the labour force.

The unemployment rate was higher among females (20.3 percent) than among males (14.5 percent) and higher among youth (20.8 percent) than among adults (14.6 percent). It was high in the rural areas than urban areas (18.0 and 15.8 percent respectively).

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