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12.8 % Unemployment rate in 1st quarter of 2015.

CAPMAS announced today / 05 / 2015 Labor Force Survey results for the 1st quarter (Jan.-Mar.) 2015. Unemployment rate recorded 12.8% of the total labor force compared to 12.9 % in the previous quarter, while it was 13.4% during the same quarter of 2014. The slightly decrease in the unemployment rate is due to improvement in economic activities.

First: Labor Force

Labor Force size is 27.7 million.

Labor Force size reached 27.7 million persons, with an increase of 36 thousand persons by 0.1% for the previous quarter, and an increase of 0.5% for the same quarter of 2014. The total labour force in 1st quarter 2015 represented 31.4% from the total population in 15/2/2015.

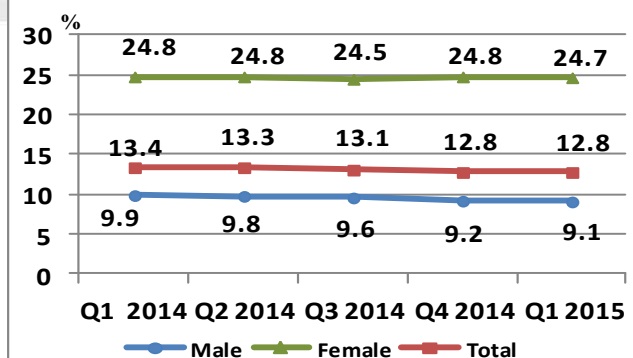
Second: Unemployed persons:

3.5 Million Unemployed persons.

Number of unemployed persons reached 3.5 million with 12.8% of total labor force, with a decrease of 21 thousand unemployed for the previous quarter and a decrease of 152 thousands unemployed for the same quarter of 2014.

9.1% Unemployment rate among males, and 24.7% among females.

- Unemployment rate among males reached 9.1% of total labor force among males, while it was 9.2% for the previous quarter, 9.9% for the same quarter of 2014.
- Unemployment rate among females reached 24.7% of total labor force among females, while it was 24.8% for the previous quarter and for the same quarter of 2014.



16.0 % Unemployment rate in urban areas compared to 10.3% in rural areas .

Unemployment rate in urban areas reached 16.0% of total labor force, while it was 15.5% for the previous quarter and 16.5% for the same quarter of 2014.

In rural areas, it reached 10.3%, while it was 10.8% for the previous quarter, and 11.0 % for the same quarter of 2014.

17.1% unemployment rate in urban governorates.

The highest unemployment rate was recorded in the Urban governorates by 17.1% of total labor force in Urban governorates, while the lowest rate is among labor force in Rural Lower Egypt by 1.3%.

65.6% of total unemployed are youth.

The percentage of unemployed young persons (15-29 years) reached 65.6% of total unemployed persons where:

- 16.5% of them are in the age group (15-19 years).
- 32.6% of them are in the age group (20-24 years).
- 16.5% of them are in the age group (25-29 years).

76.0% of total unemployed persons are educated.

Percentage of educated unemployed persons (who have intermediate, above intermediate, university and post graduates) reached 76.0% of total unemployed persons where:

- 46.1 % of them have intermediate and above intermediate certificates.

- **29.9 % of them have university degrees and post graduates.**

Third: Employed persons

24.2 Million Employed persons

- **The number of employed persons reached 24.2 million persons with an increase of 57 thousand employed, by 0.2% for the previous quarter and an increase of 301 thousand employed, and 1.3% for the same quarter of 2014.**
- **The number of males employed reached 19.3 million persons with an increase of 53 thousand employed by 0.3% for previous quarter and with an increase 241 thousand employed by 1.3% for the same quarter of 2014.**
- **The number of females employed reached 4.9 million persons, with an increase of 4 thousand employed by 0.1% for the previous quarter, and with an increase of 60 thousand employed by 1.2% for the same quarter of 2014.**
- **The number of employed in urban areas reached 10.1 million persons with a decrease of 157 thousand employed by 1.5% for the previous quarter and an increase of 176 thousand employed by 0.2% for the same quarter of 2014.**
- **Number of employed in rural areas reached 14.1 million persons, with an increase of 215 thousand employed by 1.6% for previous quarter and an increase of 283 thousand employed by 2.0% for the same quarter of 2014.**

61.2% of employed persons are paid persons.

- **Number of paid workers reached 14.8 million by 61.2% of total employed persons.**
- **Number of employers reached 3.4 million by 13.8% of total employed persons.**

- Number of self-employed reached 3.1 million by 12.9% of total employed persons.
- Number of unpaid family workers reached 2.9 million by 12.1% of total employed persons.

**26.5 % of employed persons are working in
agriculture & fishing activities**

- Number of workers in agriculture & fishing activities reached 6.5 million with 26.5 % of total employed as usual.
- Number of workers in constructions activity reached 2.8 million with 11.5% of total employed.
- Number of workers in wholesale & Retail trade activity reached 2.7 million with 11.4% of total employed .
- Number of workers in manufacturing activity reached 2.7 million with 11.2% of total employed.
- Real estates & Rental activities represent the lowest number of workers in which reached 35 thousand with 0.1% of total employed.

46.8% Labor Force participation rate in economic activity

- Labor Force participation rate in economic activity reached 46.8% of total population (15 years & above) for the current quarter, while it was 47.0% in the previous quarter, and 48.0% for the same quarter of 2014.
- Labor Force participation rate among males reached 70.4% for the current quarter, while it was 71.2% for the previous quarter, and 72.9% for the same quarter of 2014.
- Labor Force participation rate among females reached 22.2% for the current quarter, while it was 22.3% for previous quarter, and 22.5% for the same quarter of 2014.
- Labor Force participation rate in urban areas reached 45.0% for the current quarter, while it was 45.5% for the previous quarter, and 46.1% for the same quarter of 2014.

- Labor Force participation rate in rural areas reached 48.3% for the current quarter, while it was 49.5% for previous quarter and for the same quarter of 2014.

Forth: Weekly working hour's average for paid workers

Weekly working hour's average is 47.5 hours

- Weekly working hour's average for paid workers reached 47.5 hours.
- Weekly working hour's average among males reached 47.4 hours compared to 43.3 hours among females.
- The highest weekly working hours average was among employed persons in accommodation and food activities (54.9 hours), followed by employed persons in management activities and wholesale & retail trade (52.8 hours), while the lowest weekly working hours average was among employed persons in agriculture and forestry activities (45.1 hours)
- Investment sector are the highest weekly working hours average (49.1 hours), followed by private sector (48.5 hours per week), then public sector (47.5 hours).

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