



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

on the occasion of the International Labor Day

CAPMAS issued Press release on the occasion of the International Labor Day on wednesday 1/ 5 / 2014 under international slogan "Chicago showed us the way" and the Egyptian slogan was "we want work, fair wage, free association" which showed working situations and conditions of workers in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

- The statistical facts of the Labor Market in the Arab Republic of Egypt was highlighted through the main results of labor force sample survey of year 2013 as follows:

48.5% Labor Force participation rate in economic activity

Participation rate in economic activity is a key indicator of the extent of activity and effectiveness of labor market in providing employment opportunities. The results of the labor force sample survey indicate that Labor Force participation rate increased to 48.5% of the total population (15 years and above) during 2013.

3.649 million Unemployed Persons

- Labor force is divided into two categories, employed and unemployed persons. The percentage of employed persons in Egypt reached to 86.8% of total labor force.
- Number of unemployed persons reached 3.649 million with an unemployment rate 13.2% of total labor force during 2013.
- Unemployment rate reached 24.2% among females compared to 9.8% among males.

Number of employed persons is 23.973 million ☐

- Number of total employed persons reached 23.973 million persons, while number of employed males reached 19.082 million by 79.6% compared to 4.891 million by 20.4% among females of total employed.
- Percentage of wage employees reached to 61.1%, while Percentage of self employed workers reached 14.9 % of total employed.

Unemployment among youth

The highest unemployment percent is among youth (15-29years) with 73.7% of total unemployed persons, as Percentage of unemployed youth aged (20-24 years) reached 40.8% of total unemployed, youth aged (25-29 years) with percentage 22.2 % then those aged (15-19 years) with percentage 10.7 %.

Unemployment among graduates

The highest unemployment percent is among educated persons who have (intermediate and above intermediate qualifications) with a percentage 47.1 % of total unemployed persons, then those who have (university and above qualifications) with a percentage 31.1% of total unemployed persons.

Woman and labor market

The data showed that Participation in economic activity rate among females still low at 22.9% compared to 73.4% among males during 2013, This is due to economic reasons related to the ability of the Egyptian labor market to absorb the supply of female labor force, in addition to the expulsion factors from the labor market including low wages, involving women in vulnerable labor, women's entry into the labor market at a later age compared to males and limiting occupations and economic activities that women compete for.

Working Hours

- Average weekly working hours for wage employees reached 46.7 hours.
- Average weekly working hours among males reached 47.5 hours compared to 43.2 hours among females.
- Maximum average weekly working hours was among employed persons at accommodation and food services (52.4 hours per week), followed by transportation and storage activities (51.4 hours per week), then wholesale and retail trade repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activities (51.3 hours per week)
- Maximum average weekly working hours among employed persons was (49.2 hours per week) in the investment sector, followed by those who worked in private sector with average (48.3 hours per week) , then public sector employed persons with average (46.7 hours per week).

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