

Unemployment in India During COVID-19

1. Project Overview

This report presents a data-driven analysis of unemployment trends across Indian states during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using datasets from CMIE, we examine the spike in unemployment and labor participation changes over time.

2. Key Findings

Key Findings:

- Average Unemployment Rate before COVID (pre-March 2020): 7.53%
- Average Unemployment Rate after COVID (from March 2020): 15.09%
- Top 5 states with highest average unemployment rate (2020):
 - Haryana: 28.12%
 - Jharkhand: 26.18%
 - Rajasthan: 23.45%
 - Jammu & Kashmir: 22.91%
 - Delhi: 20.87%

3. Conclusion

The data indicates a sharp rise in unemployment post-March 2020. Some states such as Haryana, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan were significantly more impacted. These insights highlight the pandemic's effect on India's workforce and the importance of region-specific recovery policies.