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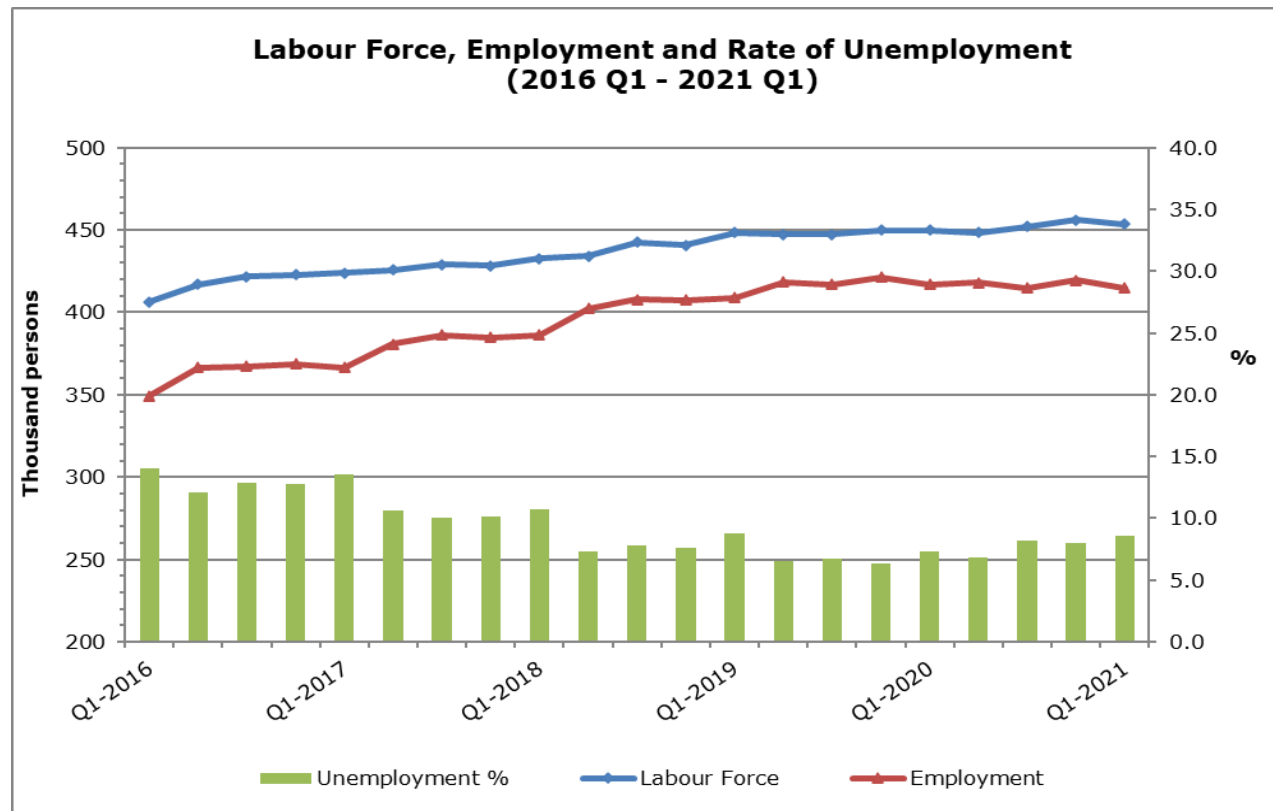
### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS): 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2021

#### Unemployment 8,6%

According to the results of the Labour Force Survey, the labour force in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 amounted to 453.638 persons or 62,2% of the population (males 69,0%, females 55,9%) in comparison to 449.861 persons (62,5%) in the corresponding quarter of 2020 (Table 1).

The number of employed persons was 414.668 and the employment rate 56,8% (males 62,9%, females 51,2%) in comparison to 417.057 persons (57,9%) in the corresponding quarter of 2020.

The number of unemployed persons amounted to 38.970 and the unemployment rate to 8,6% of the labour force (males 8,8%, females 8,3%) in comparison to 32.803 persons (7,3%) in the corresponding quarter of 2020.



## **Employment** (Table 2)

For the age group 20-64, the employment rate was 73,5%. The rate for males was 79,7% and for females 67,7%. In the corresponding quarter of 2020, the rate was 75,1% (males 80,6%, females 69,9%). For the age group 55-64 the employment rate was 60,1% in comparison to 59,5% in the corresponding quarter of 2020.

According to the distribution of employment by sector, the biggest percentage of employed persons was in Services (77,3%), followed by Manufacturing (19,3%) and Agriculture (3,4%). For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020, the corresponding percentages were: Services 78,3%, Manufacturing 19,1% and Agriculture 2,6%.

The share of part-time employment to total employment was 12,3% or 50.983 persons (males 10,8%, females 14,0%). The corresponding rate for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 was 11,4% (males 7,8%, females 15,5%).

87,5% or 362.983 of the total employed persons were employees, of which 13,2% (48.026 persons) had a temporary job. In the corresponding quarter of 2020 employees accounted for 85,5% of total employment of which 13,4% had a temporary job.

## **Unemployment** (Table 3)

For young persons aged 15-24 years old, the unemployment rate was 19,5% of the labour force of the same age group (males 25,3%, females 12,8%) in comparison to 14,5% (males 15,9%, females 13,3%) in the corresponding quarter of last year.

As far as the duration of unemployment is concerned, 42,4% of the total unemployed persons searched for a job for a period of less than 6 months, 25,3% for a period of 6-11 months, whereas a percentage of 32,3% were long-term unemployed. The corresponding rates for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 were 57,9%, 13,9% and 28,2%.

**Table 1**

	Number		Percentage (%)	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020
<b><u>Labour Force</u></b>				
Total	453.638	449.861	62,2	62,5
Males	241.813	237.120	69,0	68,3
Females	211.825	212.740	55,9	57,1
<b><u>Employment</u></b>				
Total	414.668	417.057	56,8	57,9
Males	220.456	220.256	62,9	63,4
Females	194.212	196.801	51,2	52,8
<b><u>Unemployment</u></b>				
Total	38.970	32.803	8,6	7,3
Males	21.357	16.864	8,8	7,1
Females	17.613	15.939	8,3	7,5

Table 2

Employment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
<b>Age</b>												
15+	414.668	220.456	194.213	417.057	220.256	196.801	56,8	62,9	51,2	57,9	63,4	52,8
20-64	397.484	207.134	190.351	401.652	209.419	192.232	73,5	79,7	67,7	75,1	80,6	69,9
55-64	63.983	38.099	25.885	62.586	36.652	25.933	60,1	72,8	47,8	59,5	71,0	48,4
<b>Sector</b>												
Agriculture	14.227	11.091	3.136	11.020	7.787	3.233	3,4	5,0	1,6	2,6	3,5	1,7
Industry	80.003	65.308	14.695	79.556	65.918	13.638	19,3	29,6	7,6	19,1	29,9	6,9
Services	320.438	144.057	176.381	326.479	146.551	179.931	77,3	65,3	90,8	78,3	66,6	91,4
Full-time	363.685	196.588	167.097	369.376	203.148	166.228	87,7	89,2	86,0	88,6	92,2	84,5
Part-time	50.983	23.868	27.115	47.681	17.109	30.572	12,3	10,8	14,0	11,4	7,8	15,5
<b>Prof. Status</b>												
<b>Self-employed</b>	51.686	34.706	16.980	60.467	38.317	22.149	12,5	15,7	8,7	14,5	17,4	11,3
<b>Employees</b>												
Total	362.983	185.751	177.232	356.590	181.939	174.652	87,5	84,3	91,3	85,5	82,6	88,7
Permanent	314.956	169.155	145.801	308.952	166.206	142.747	86,8	91,1	82,3	86,6	91,3	81,7
Temporary	48.026	16.595	31.431	47.638	15.733	31.905	13,2	8,9	17,7	13,4	8,7	18,3

Table 3

Unemployment	Number						Percentage (%)					
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020		
	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.	Tot.	Male	Fem.
<b>Age</b>												
15+	38.970	21.357	17.613	32.803	16.864	15.939	8,6	8,8	8,3	7,3	7,1	7,5
15-24	7.471	5.187	2.284	4.985	2.564	2.421	19,5	25,3	12,8	14,5	15,9	13,3
25-64	31.381	16.098	15.283	27.566	14.048	13.519	7,8	7,7	8,0	6,8	6,6	7,1
<b>Duration</b>												
< 6 μήνες	16.501	9.209	7.292	18.996	9.227	9.771	42,4	43,1	41,4	57,9	54,7	61,3
6-11 μήνες	9.866	5.142	4.724	4.573	2.266	2.307	25,3	24,1	26,8	13,9	13,4	14,5
12+ μήνες	12.602	7.005	5.597	9.233	5.371	3.862	32,3	32,8	31,8	28,2	31,9	24,2

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 the Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council, 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.

### ***Further information:***

Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subthemes [Employment](#) and [Unemployment](#)

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