

# Media Release

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## Labour Force Survey Data, August 2017

### In this Media Release All Data is Seasonally Adjusted Data

*It should be noted that the data in the seasonally adjusted series are partially based on past data from the quarterly labour force survey, so these series may change in the future after they are fully replaced by series based on the monthly labour force survey.*

### In August 2017: (to tables)

- Unemployment rate of persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 4.1% (same as in July 2017).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 63.8% (compared with 64.0% in July 2017).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 61.1% (compared with 61.4% in July 2017).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force – 3.6% (compared with 3.7% in July 2017).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 – 79.5% (compared with 80.0% in July 2017).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 – 76.6% (compared with 77.0% in July 2017).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons – 78.2% (compared with 77.5% in July 2017).

*The Labour Force Survey is the main source of information regarding the labour force in Israel, and is conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics on an ongoing basis.*

*Starting from the beginning of 2017, an average of 20,600 persons aged 15 and over a month have been interviewed on an ongoing basis. The survey population includes the permanent population of Israel, as well as tourists and temporary residents living in Israel continuously for more than one year. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, the extent of unemployment, etc.*

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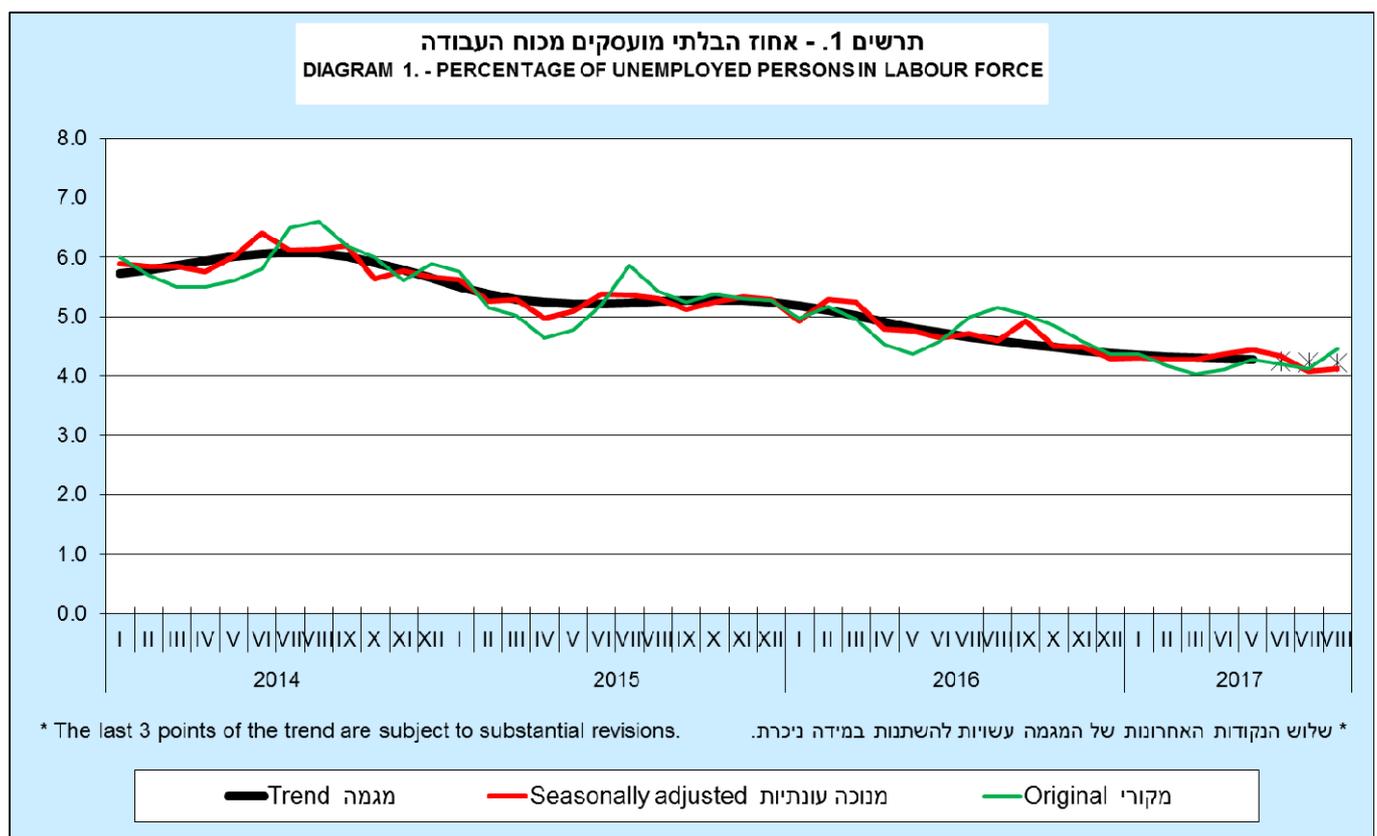
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## August 2017 - Seasonally Adjusted Data

In August 2017, the number of persons in the labour force aged 15 and over was 3.987 million. Among them, 3.822 million were **employed** and approximately 165,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.013 million were **males** (compared with 2.028 million in July 2017) and 1.809 million were **females** (compared with 1.805 million in July 2017).

The participation rate among persons aged 15 and over in the labour force in this month declined to 63.8% (compared with 64.0% in July 2017). Among **males aged 15 and over**, that rate declined to 68.6% (compared with 69.1% in July 2017), whereas among **females aged 15 and over** it reached 59.2% (same as in July 2017).

The unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force reached 4.1% this month (same as in July 2017, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of **males aged 15 and over** rose to 4.1% (compared with 4.0% in July 2017), and that of **females aged 15 and over** rose to 4.2% (compared with 4.1% in July 2017).



Among persons aged 25-64 the participation rate in the labour force declined to 79.5% in August 2017 (compared with 80.0% in July 2017). Among **males aged 25-64** the rate declined to 84.3% (compared with 84.8% in July 2017), and among **females aged 25-64** the rate declined to 74.7% (compared with 75.3% in July 2017).

**Among persons aged 25-64 the unemployment rate from the labour force** declined to 3.6% in this month (compared with 3.7% in July 2017). Among **males aged 25-64** the unemployment rate declined to 3.6% (compared with 3.7% in July 2017), and among **females aged 25-64** the rate declined to 3.6% (compared with 3.8% in July 2017).

The number of **employed persons** in August 2017 reached 3.822 million, a decrease of 0.3% compared with July 2017. The number of **employed persons who usually work full time (35 hours and over per week)** increased by 1.0% compared with July 2017 (an addition of approximately 29,000 employed persons), whereas the number of **employed persons who usually work part time (less than 35 hours per week)** decreased by 3.0% compared with July 2017 (a decrease of 26,000 employed persons). The percentage of those who **usually work full time** of all employed persons rose to 78.2% (compared with 77.5% in July 2017). Among **males** it rose to 87.1% (compared with 87.0% in July 2017), and among **females** it rose to 68.2% (compared with 66.9% in July 2017).

The number of **employed persons who worked full time (35 hours and over) in the determinant week** decreased by 1.8%, compared with July 2017 (a decrease of approximately 46,000 employed persons), whereas the number of **employed persons who worked part time (less than 35 hours) in the determinant week** increased by 0.5% compared with July 2017 (an addition of approximately 5,000 employed persons). The number of **employed persons temporarily absent from work in the determinant week** increased by 18.8% compared with July 2017 (an addition of approximately 43,000 employed persons).

**The employment rate** (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the entire population) **among persons aged 15 and over** declined to 61.1% in August 2017 (compared with 61.4% in July 2017). The employment rate among **males aged 15 and over** declined to 65.7% (compared with 66.3% in July 2017), whereas among **females aged 15 and over** the rate reached 56.7% (same as in July 2017). Among **persons aged 25-64** the employment rate declined to 76.6% (compared with 77.0% in July 2017). Among **males aged 25-64** the employment rate declined to 81.2% (compared with 81.6% in July 2017), and among **females aged 25-64** the rate declined to 72.1% (compared with 72.5% in July 2017).

\* Additional figures on this subject published in the "[Labour Force Survey – Quarterly data](http://www.cbs.gov.il)" on the Central Bureau of Statistics Website: <http://www.cbs.gov.il>

## [Definitions and Explanations](#)