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## Labour Force Survey Data, September and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019

### Seasonally Adjusted Data<sup>1</sup>

**In September 2019 (compared with August 2019):** ([For monthly data 9/2019](#))

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 3.7 % (3.8% in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 63.5% (63.2 % in the previous month).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 61.2% (60.8% in the previous month).

**In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019 - July-September (compared with 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019 – April-June):** ([For quarterly data 3/2019](#))

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 3.7% (3.9% in the previous quarter).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 63.3% (63.6% in the previous quarter).
- Employment rate among persons aged 15 and over – 60.9% (61.1% in the previous quarter).

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force – 3.3% (same as in the previous quarter).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 – 80.2% (80.4% in the previous quarter).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 – 77.6% (77.7% in the previous quarter).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons – 78.0% (78.5% in the previous quarter).

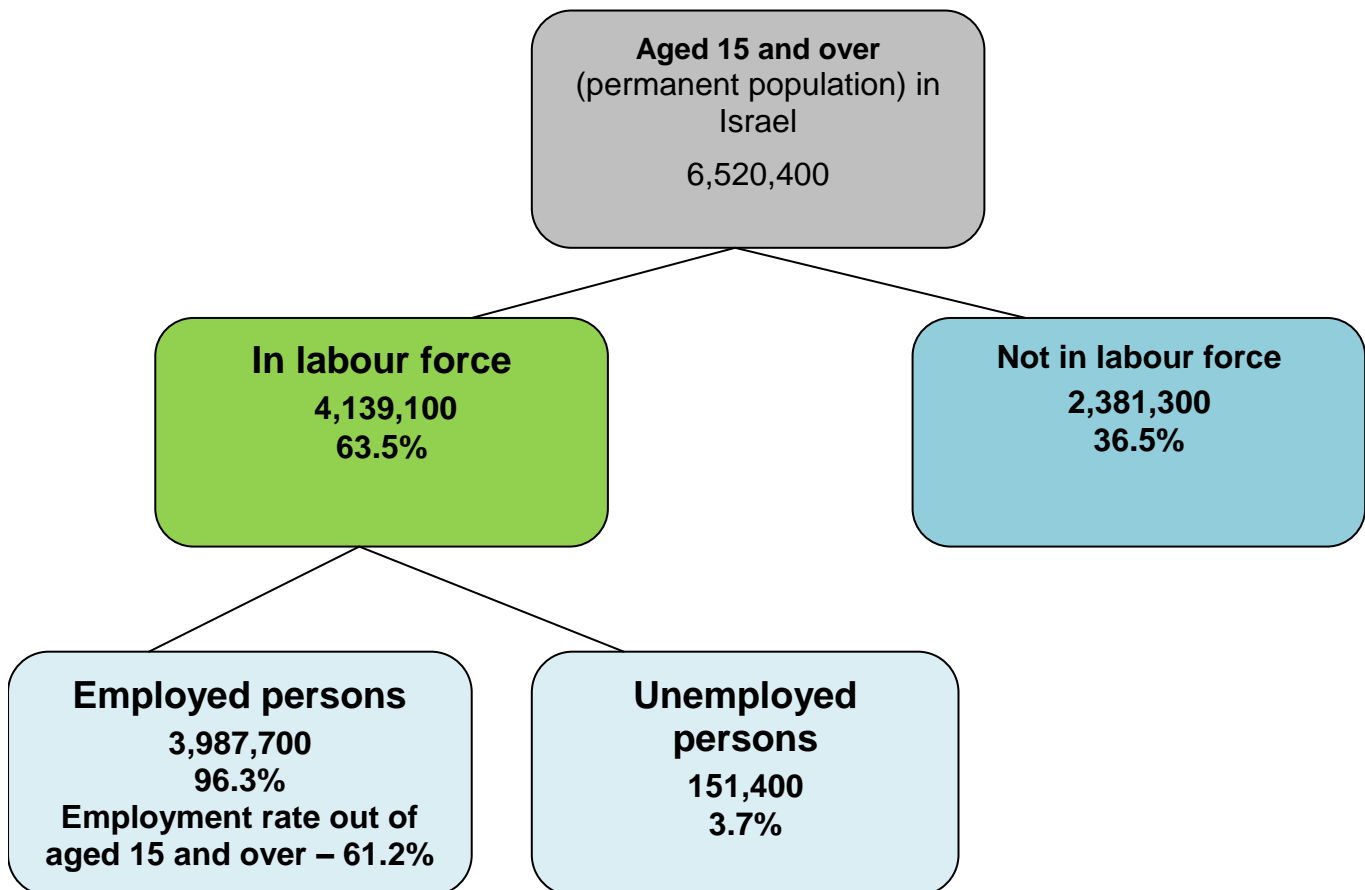
### [Definitions and Explanations](#)

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 2019, an average of 19,900 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.

**September 2019 (compared with August 2019) - Seasonally Adjusted Data**  
**Persons aged 15 and over**

**Labour Force Characteristics**

September 2019

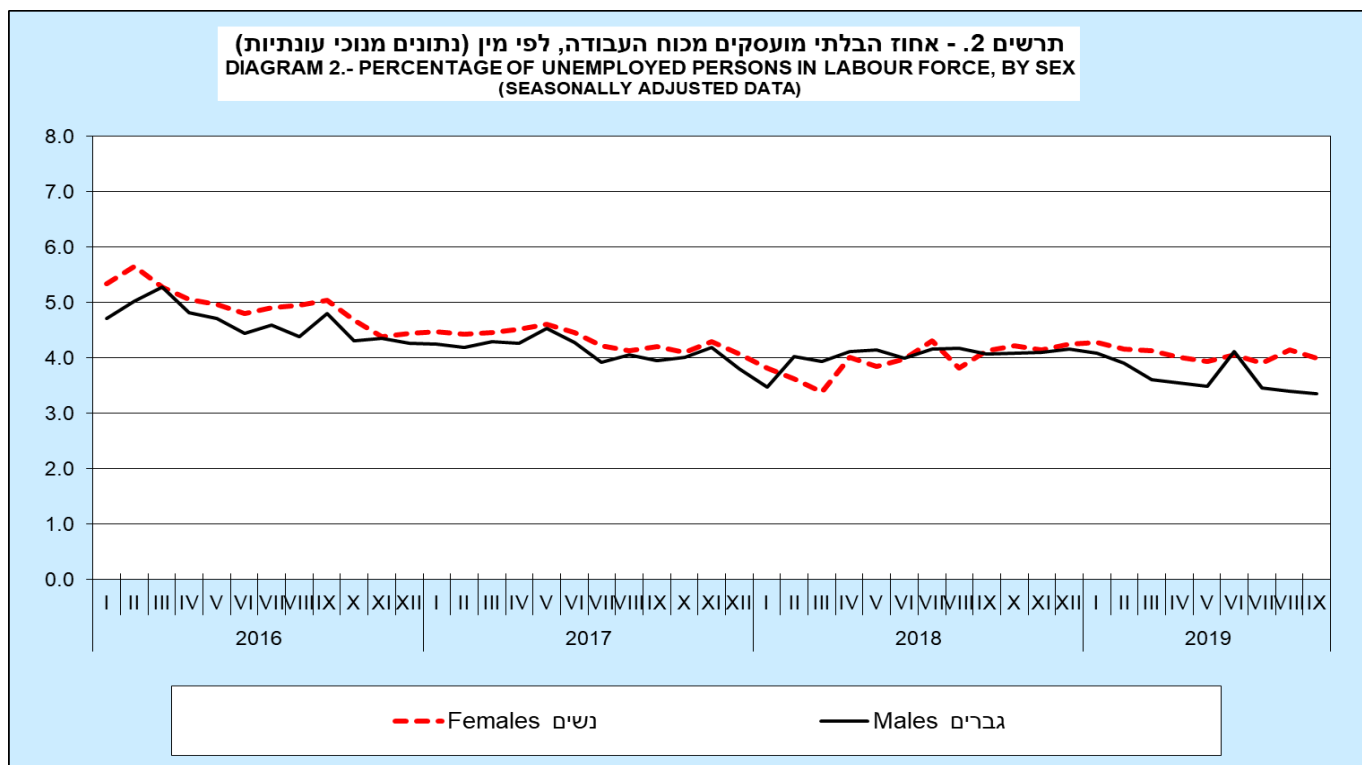
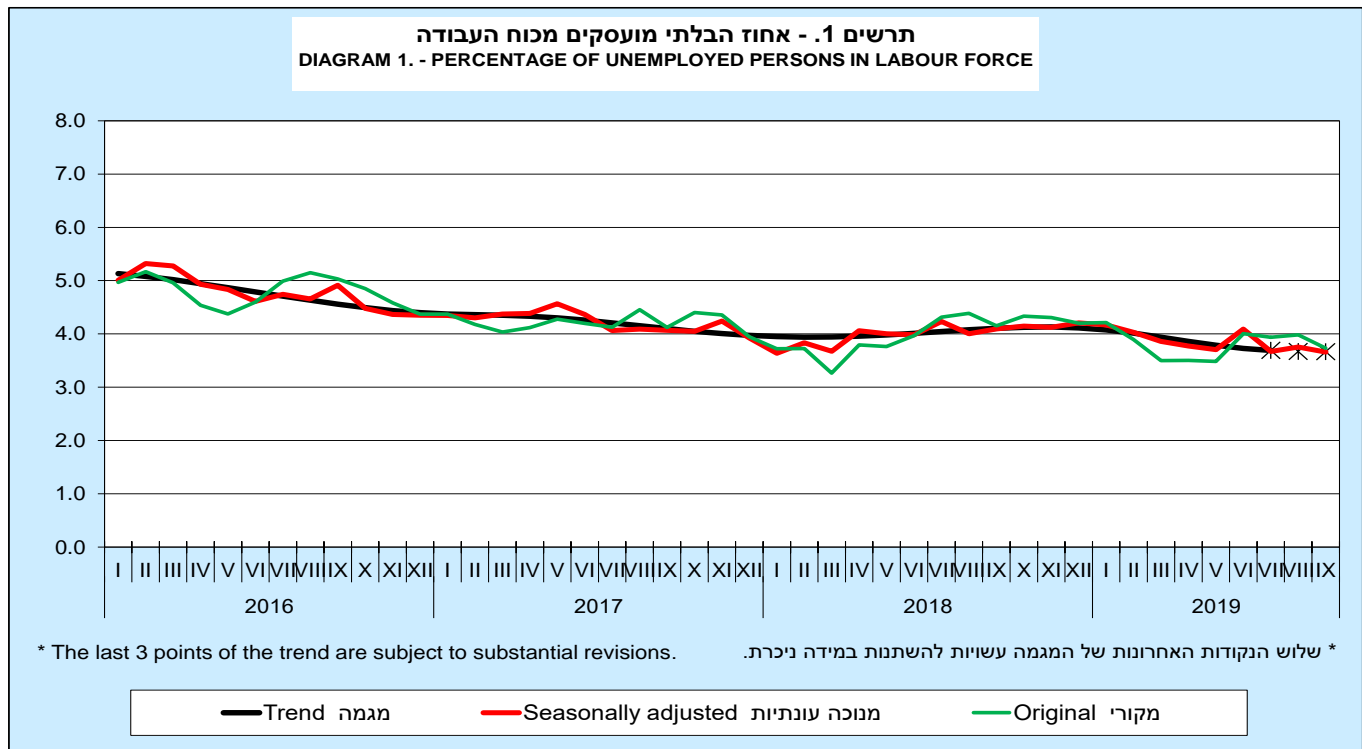


In September 2019, **the number of persons in the labour force** aged 15 and over was 4.139 million. Among them, 3.988 million were **employed** and approximately 151,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.089 million were **men** (2.070 million in the previous month) and 1.899 million were **women** (1.889 million in the previous month).

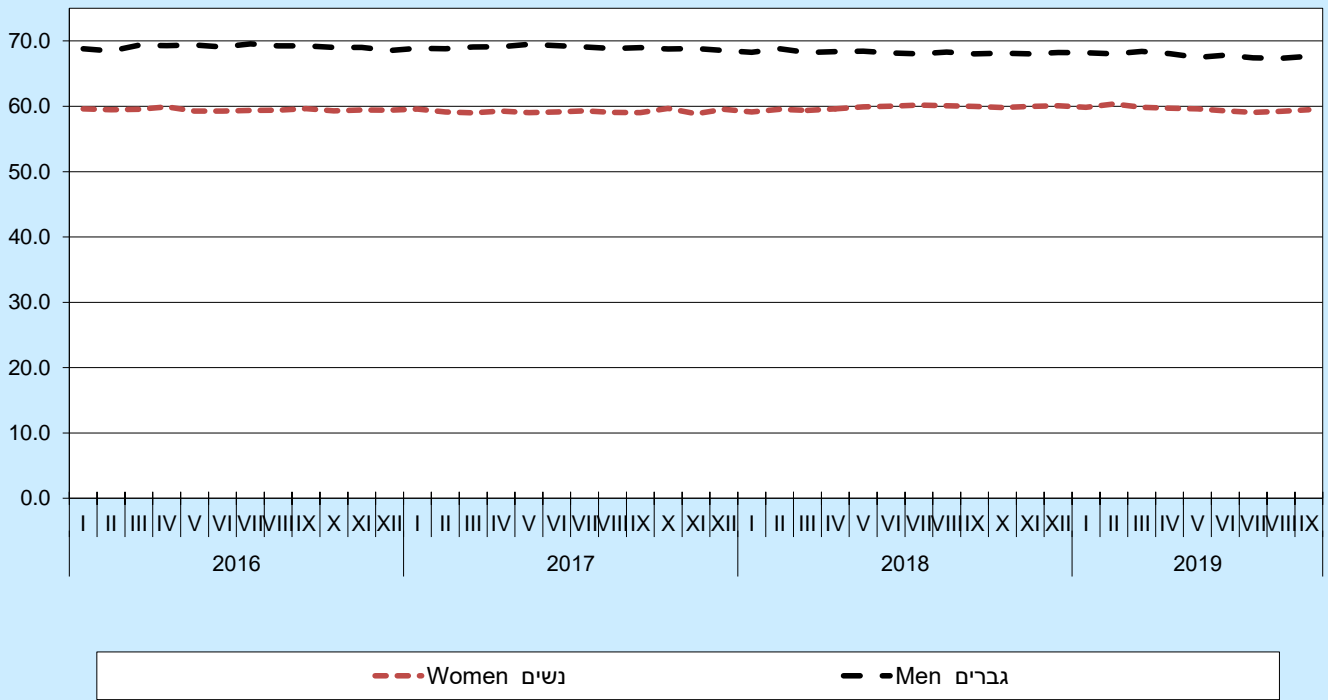
**The participation rate** among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** reached 63.5% (63.2% in the previous month). Among **men** (see diagram 3), that rate rose to 67.7% (67.3% in the previous month), and among **women** it rose to 59.5% (59.2% in the previous month).

**The unemployment rate** among persons aged 15 and over **from the labour force** declined to 3.7% in this month (3.8% in the previous month, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of **men** (see diagram 2) reached 3.4% (same as in the previous month), and that of **women** declined to 4.0% (4.1% in the previous month).

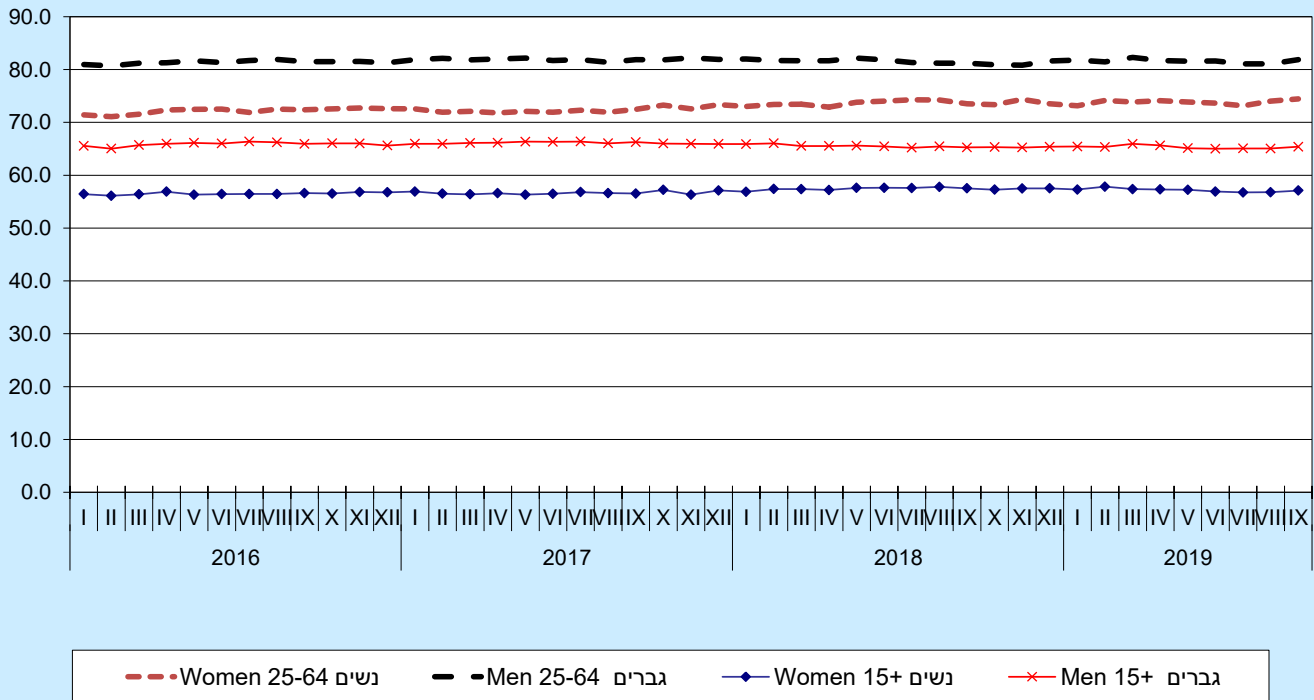
**The employment rate** (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the entire population) among persons aged 15 and over rose to 61.2% in September 2019 (60.8% in the previous month). The employment rate among **men** (see diagram 4) rose to 65.4% (65.1% in the previous month), and that of **women** rose to 57.1% (56.8% in the previous month).



**תרשים 3. - אחוז המשתתפים בכוח העבודה, לפי מין (נתונים מנוכי עונתיות)**  
**DIAGRAM 3.- PERCENTAGE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY SEX**  
 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA)



**תרשים 4. - שיעורי תעסוקה בקרב בני 15 ומעלה ובקרב בני 25-64, לפי מין (נתונים מנוכי עונתיות)**  
**DIAGRAM 4.- EMPLOYMENT RATES OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER AND AGED 25-64, BY SEX**  
 (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019 Average - July-September (compared with 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019 – April-June) - Seasonally Adjusted Data

### Persons aged 15 and over

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019, **the number of persons in the labour force** among persons **aged 15 and over** was 4.119 million. Of these, 3.967 million were **employed** and approximately 152,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.077 million were **men** (2.071 million in the previous quarter) and 1.890 million were **women** (1.889 million in the previous quarter).

**The participation rate** among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** declined to 63.3% (63.6% in the previous quarter). Among **men**, the rate declined to 67.5% (67.8% in the previous quarter), and among **women** the rate declined to 59.3% (59.5% in the previous quarter).

**The unemployment rate** among persons aged 15 and over **from the labour force**, declined to 3.7% (3.9% in the previous quarter). The unemployment rate of **men** declined to 3.4% (3.7% in the previous quarter), and that of **women** reached 4.0% (same as in the previous quarter).

**The employment rate** (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the entire population) among persons aged 15 and over declined to 60.9% (61.1% in the previous quarter). The employment rate among **men** declined to 65.2% (65.3% in the previous quarter), and the employment rate among **women** declined to 56.9% (57.2% in the previous quarter).

**The number of employed persons** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 reached 3.967 million (3.960 million in the previous quarter). The number of employed persons who **usually worked full time** (35 hours and over per week) decreased by 0.6% compared with the previous quarter (a decrease of approximately 18,000 employed persons), whereas the number of employed persons who **usually worked part time** (less than 35 hours per week) increased by 2.5% compared with the previous quarter (an addition of 21,000 employed persons). The **share** of those **usually worked full time** of all employed persons declined to 78.0% (78.5% in the previous quarter). Among **men** that share reached to 86.9% (same as in previous quarter), whereas among **women** it declined to 68.4% (69.4% in the previous quarter). (Detailed figures can be found in Tables 1.24-1.26 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

The number of persons who **worked full time** (35 hours and over) **in the determinant week** increased by 1.8%, compared with the previous quarter (an addition of approximately 47,000

employed persons), and the number of persons who **worked part time** (less than 35 hours) **in the determinant week** increased by 2.3%, compared with the previous quarter (an addition of approximately 24,000 employed persons). The number of persons **temporarily absent from work** in the determinant week decreased by 34.5%, compared with the previous quarter (a decrease of approximately 138,000 employed persons). (Detailed figures can be found in Tables 1.4-1.6 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

**The average weekly number of work hours per employed person** rose to 35.9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 (35.5 hours in the previous quarter). **The average weekly number of work hours per employee** rose to 35.9 (35.4 hours in the previous quarter).

**Employees working part time involuntarily - original data.** As of 2018, the definition of employees working part time involuntarily<sup>2</sup> was changed following the transition to a new and expanded questionnaire. The number of **employees working part time involuntarily** rose to 59,500 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 (51,800 in the previous quarter), and their share out of all employed persons rose to 1.5% (1.3% in the previous quarter). The share of **men** working part time involuntarily, out of all employed men, rose to 0.9% (0.8% in the previous quarter), and the share of **women** working part time involuntarily, out of all employed women, rose to 2.1% (1.8% in the previous quarter). (Detailed figures can be found in Table 2.9 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

### **Labour Force Characteristics by District of Residence**

(Detailed figures can be found in Tables 1.11-1.16 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

**The unemployment rate** among persons aged 15 and over declined in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 in most of the districts compared with the previous quarter and reached 3.5% in the **Jerusalem District** (compared with 3.9%), 4.2% in the **Northern District** (compared with 4.1%), 4.1% in the **Haifa District** (compared with 4.3%), 3.4% in the **Central District** (compared with 3.3%), 3.3% in the **Tel Aviv District** (compared with 3.7%), 4.1% in the **Southern District** (same as in the previous quarter).

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<sup>2</sup> Until 2017: those usually working less than 35 hours per week (including employees owners of LTD companies), because they sought but did not find full-time or additional work.  
As of 2018: those usually working less than 35 hours per week (not including employees owners of LTD companies), who are interested in working more than 35 hours and actively sought to work more hours in the last four weeks.

**The participation rate** among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** rose in most of the districts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 compared with the previous quarter. The participation rate reached 51.3% in the **Jerusalem District** (compared with 53.2%), 58.2% in the **Northern District** (compared with 59.6%), 62.3% in the **Haifa District** (compared with 61.7%), 70.1% in the **Central District** (compared with 69.2%), 68.6% in the **Tel Aviv District** (same as in the previous quarter), and 60.5% in the **Southern District** (compared with 60.3%).

**The employment rate** among persons aged 15 and over rose in most of the districts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 compared with the previous quarter. The employment rate reached 49.5% in the **Jerusalem District** (compared with 51.1%), 55.8% in the **Northern District** (compared with 57.2%), 59.8% in the **Haifa District** (compared with 59.0%), 67.7% in the **Central District** (compared with 67.0%), 66.3% in the **Tel Aviv District** (compared with 66.1%), and 58.0% in the **Southern District** (compared with 57.8%).

#### **Employed Persons by Industry ([By the new classification of All Economic Activities \(Updated edition\), Technical Publication no. 80](#))**

(Detailed figures can be found in Tables 2.1 and 2.5 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 the number of **employed persons** increased by 7,000 compared with the previous quarter. The number of **employees** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 reached 3.476 million (3.467 million in the previous quarter). Table 1 below presents the number of employed persons and employees by industry in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2019.

Among **employed persons**, the greatest **increases** were in **Education** (approximately 12,000 employed persons), in **Other service activities** (approximately 10,000 employed persons), in **Transportation and storage, postal and courier activities** (approximately 9,000 employed persons), in **Local, public and defence administration and social security** (approximately 6,000 employed persons), in **Households as employers** and in **Arts, entertainment and recreation** (approximately 5,000 employed persons), in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles** (approximately 4,000 employed persons) and in **Information and communication** (approximately 3,000 employed persons).

The greatest **decreases** were in **Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying** (approximately 19,000 employed persons), in **Financial and insurance activities** (approximately 9,000 employed persons), in **Accommodation and food service activities** (6,000 employed persons), in **Water supply, sewerage and waste management** (approximately 5,000



employed persons), in **Human health and social work activities** (approximately 4,000 employed persons), in **Administrative and support service activities** (3,000 employed persons).

Among **employees**, the greatest **increases** were in **Transportation and storage, postal and courier activities** (approximately 14,000 employees), in **Education** (approximately 11,000 employees), in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles**, in **Other service activities**, in **Households as employers** and in **Local, public and defence administration and social security** (approximately 6,000 employees in each industry), in **Information and communication** and in **Arts, entertainment and recreation** (approximately 5,000 employees in each industry) and in **Agriculture, forestry and fishing** (3,000 employees).

The greatest **decreases** were in **Mining and quarrying** (approximately 17,000 employees), in **Financial and insurance activities** (approximately 9,000 employees), in **Accommodation and food service activities** and in **Human health and social work activities** (approximately 5,000 employees in each industry), in **Professional, scientific and technical activities** and in **Water supply, sewerage and waste management** (approximately 4,000 employees in each industry).

**TABLE 1.- EMPLOYED PERSONS AND EMPLOYEES, BY INDUSTRY (2011 CLASSIFICATION), 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER OF 2019, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA, THOUSANDS**

Section	Description	Employed persons Quarter 2/2019	Employed persons Quarter 3/2019	Employees Quarter 2/2019	Employees Quarter 3/2019
<b>Total (1)</b>	-	3,959.5	3,966.5	3,466.9	3,475.8
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	37.1	38.7	25.9	28.8
B+C	Manufacturing; Mining and quarrying	422.8	403.4	396.2	379.5
D	Electricity supply	15.0	13.8	14.7	13.7
E	Water supply, sewerage and waste management	16.3	11.8	15.3	11.7
F	Construction	211.8	209.4	166.1	166.1
G	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles	412.9	416.7	356.1	362.4
H	Transportation and storage, postal and courier activities	163.6	172.5	135.5	149.4
I	Accommodation and food service activities	175.5	169.5	158.7	153.5
J	Information and communication	215.0	218.3	198.2	203.2
K	Financial and insurance activities	132.8	123.4	122.7	113.4
L	Real estate activities	36.0	34.0	20.8	21.1
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	305.6	304.4	209.3	205.2
N	Administrative and support service activities	163.7	160.7	146.8	146.4
O	Local, public and defence administration and social security	389.6	395.1	385.9	391.9
P	Education	484.2	495.9	464.1	474.8
Q	Human health and social work activities	448.1	444.6	394.9	390.3
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	78.1	82.8	44.6	49.4
S	Other service activities	101.2	111.2	63.7	70.0
T	Households as employers	56.3	61.2	51.8	57.9

(1) Incl. employed persons or employees in the industry "Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies" (Category U), and persons whose industry is not known.

**Employed Persons by Occupation ([By the new classification of Occupations, Technical Publication no. 81](#))** (Detailed figures can be found in Tables 2.10 and 2.14 in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the website).

Table 2 below presents the number of **employed persons** and **employees** by occupation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2019.

Among **employed persons**, the greatest **increases** were among **Service and sales workers** (approximately 26,000 employed persons), **Clerical support workers** (16,000 employed persons), **Managers** (approximately 4,000 employed persons).

The greatest **decreases** were among **Skilled workers in manufacturing and construction, and other skilled workers** (approximately 19,000 employed persons), **Elementary occupations** (approximately 13,000 employed persons), **Practical engineers, technicians, agents and associate professionals** (approximately 9,000 employed persons).

Among **employees**, the greatest **increases** were among **Service and sales workers** (21,000 employees), **Clerical support workers** (approximately 14,000 employees), **Managers** (approximately 6,000 employees), **Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers** (approximately 4,000 employees).

The greatest **decreases** were among **Skilled workers in manufacturing and construction, and other skilled workers** (approximately 17,000 employees), **Practical engineers, technicians, agents and associate professionals** (approximately 13,000 employees), **Elementary occupations** (approximately 12,000 employees).

**TABLE 2.- EMPLOYED PERSONS AND EMPLOYEES, BY OCCUPATIONS (2011 CLASSIFICATION), 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER OF 2019, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA, THOUSANDS**

Major group	Description	Employed persons Quarter 2/2019	Employed persons Quarter 3/2019	Employees Quarter 2/2019	Employees Quarter 3/2019
<b>Total (1)</b>	-	3,959.5	3,966.5	3,466.9	3,475.8
1	Managers	309.0	313.3	272.0	278.4
2	Professionals	1,105.2	1,107.8	944.0	946.1
3	Practical engineers, technicians, agents and associate professionals	568.4	559.8	486.6	473.9
4	Clerical support workers	256.9	273.0	251.5	265.4
5	Service and sales workers	708.1	734.0	625.6	646.7
6	Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	27.7	28.4	13.5	17.0
7-8	Skilled workers in manufacturing and construction, and other skilled workers	514.7	495.5	421.0	404.1
9	Elementary occupations	221.1	208.2	212.2	200.5

(1) Incl. employed persons or employees whose occupation is not known.

## Persons aged 25-64

Among persons aged 25-64 **the participation rate in the labour force** declined to 80.2% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 (80.4% in the previous quarter). Among **men** the rate declined to 84.0% (84.4% in the previous quarter), whereas among **women** the rate rose to 76.6% (76.4% in the previous quarter).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the unemployment rate from the labour force** reached 3.3% (same as in the previous quarter). Among **men** the unemployment rate declined to 3.2% (3.3% in the previous quarter), whereas among **women** the unemployment rate rose to 3.5% (3.4% in the previous quarter).

**The employment rate** among persons aged 25-64 declined to 77.6% (77.7% in the previous quarter). Among **men** the employment rate declined to 81.4% (81.6% in the previous quarter), whereas among **women** the employment rate reached 73.9% (same as in the previous quarter).

\* Additional figures on this subject published in the "[Labour Force Survey Quarterly Data](#)" on the [Central Bureau of Statistics Website](#):