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Labour Force Survey Data, October 2019

Seasonally Adjusted Data

In October 2019 (compared with September 2019): (For monthly data 10/2019)

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 3.4%
  (3.6% in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 62.8%
  (63.5% in the previous month).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population)
  among persons aged 15 and over – 60.6% (61.2% in the previous month).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force - 2.9% (3.2%
  in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 - 80.1% (80.8% in
  the previous month).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 - 77.8% (78.2% in the previous
  month).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed
  persons - 78.4% (78.3% in the previous month).

Definitions and Explanations

1 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. It should be noted that the response rate in October 2019 (64.4%) was lower than the monthly average this year (average of 76.3% in January-September 2019). This is because of the limited number of work days in October due to Jewish holidays.
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 19,600 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.

**October 2019 (compared with September 2019) - Seasonally Adjusted Data**

**Persons aged 15 and over**

**Labour Force Characteristics**

October 2019

In October 2019, **the number of persons in the labour force** aged 15 and over was 4.102 million. Among them, 3.961 million were employed and approximately 141,000 were unemployed. Among the employed persons, 2.064 million were men (2.092 million in the previous month) and 1.898 million were women (1.899 million in the previous month).
The participation rate among persons aged 15 and over in the labour force declined to 62.8% (63.5% in the previous month). Among men, that rate declined to 66.7% (67.7% in the previous month), and among women it declined to 59.1% (59.4% in the previous month).

The unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force declined to 3.4% (3.6% in the previous month, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of men declined to 3.1% (3.3% in the previous month), and that of women declined to 3.7% (3.9% in the previous month).

The employment rate (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over declined to 60.6% in October 2019 (61.2% in the previous month). The employment rate among men declined to 64.6% (65.5% in the previous month), and among women that rate declined to 56.9% (57.1% in the previous month).

The number of employed persons in October 2019 reached 3.961 million, a decrease of 0.7% compared with the previous month. The number of employed persons who usually work full time (35 hours and over per week) decreased by 0.3% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 9,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who usually work part time (less than 35 hours per week) decreased by 1.0% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 9,000 employed persons). The percentage of those who usually work full time of all employed persons rose to 78.4% (78.3% in the previous month).
Among men it declined to 86.9% (87.1% in the previous month), whereas among women it rose to 69.3% (68.8% in the previous month).

The number of employed persons who worked full time (35 hours and over) in the determinant week decreased by 5.9%, compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 148,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who worked part time (less than 35 hours) in the determinant week decreased by 9.3% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 114,000 employed persons). The number of employed persons temporarily absent from work in the determinant week increased by 64.7% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 142,000 employed persons).

**Persons aged 25-64**

Among persons aged 25-64 the participation rate in the labour force declined to 80.1% in October 2019 (80.8% in the previous month). Among men that rate declined to 83.7% (84.5% in the previous month), and among women that rate declined to 76.6% (77.1% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 the unemployment rate from the labour force declined to 2.9% in this month (3.2% in the previous month). Among men the unemployment rate declined to 2.7% (3.0% in the previous month), among women that rate declined to 3.2% (3.3% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 the employment rate declined to 77.8% (78.2% in the previous month). Among men the employment rate declined to 81.5% (81.9% in the previous month), and among women that rate declined to 74.2% (74.5% in the previous month).