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Labour Force Survey Data, October 2019

Seasonally Adjusted Data¹

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.

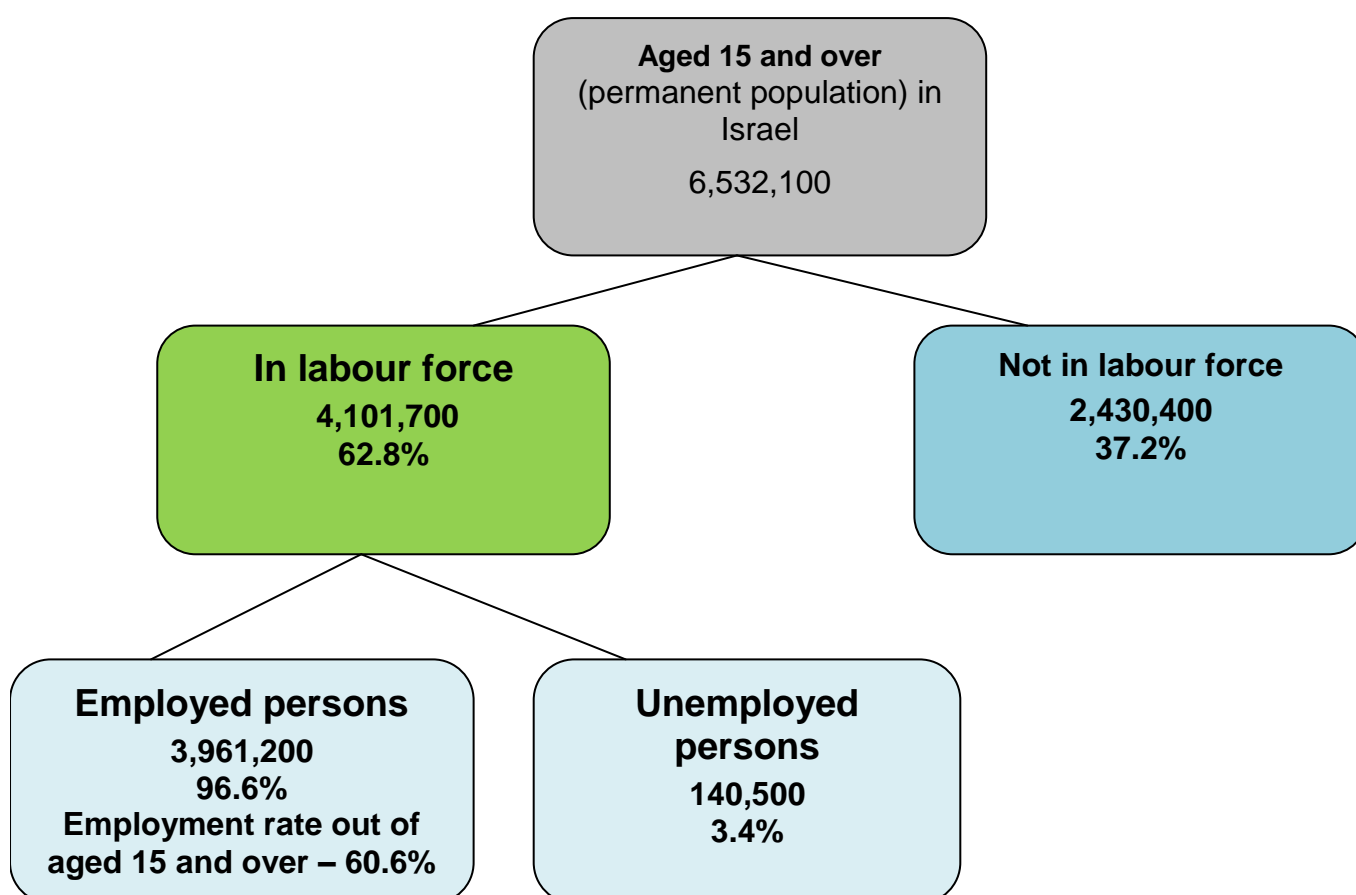
The Labour Force Survey is the main source of information regarding the labour force in Israel, and is conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics on an ongoing basis. Starting from the beginning of 2019, an average of 19,600 persons aged 15 and over a month have been interviewed on an ongoing basis. 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

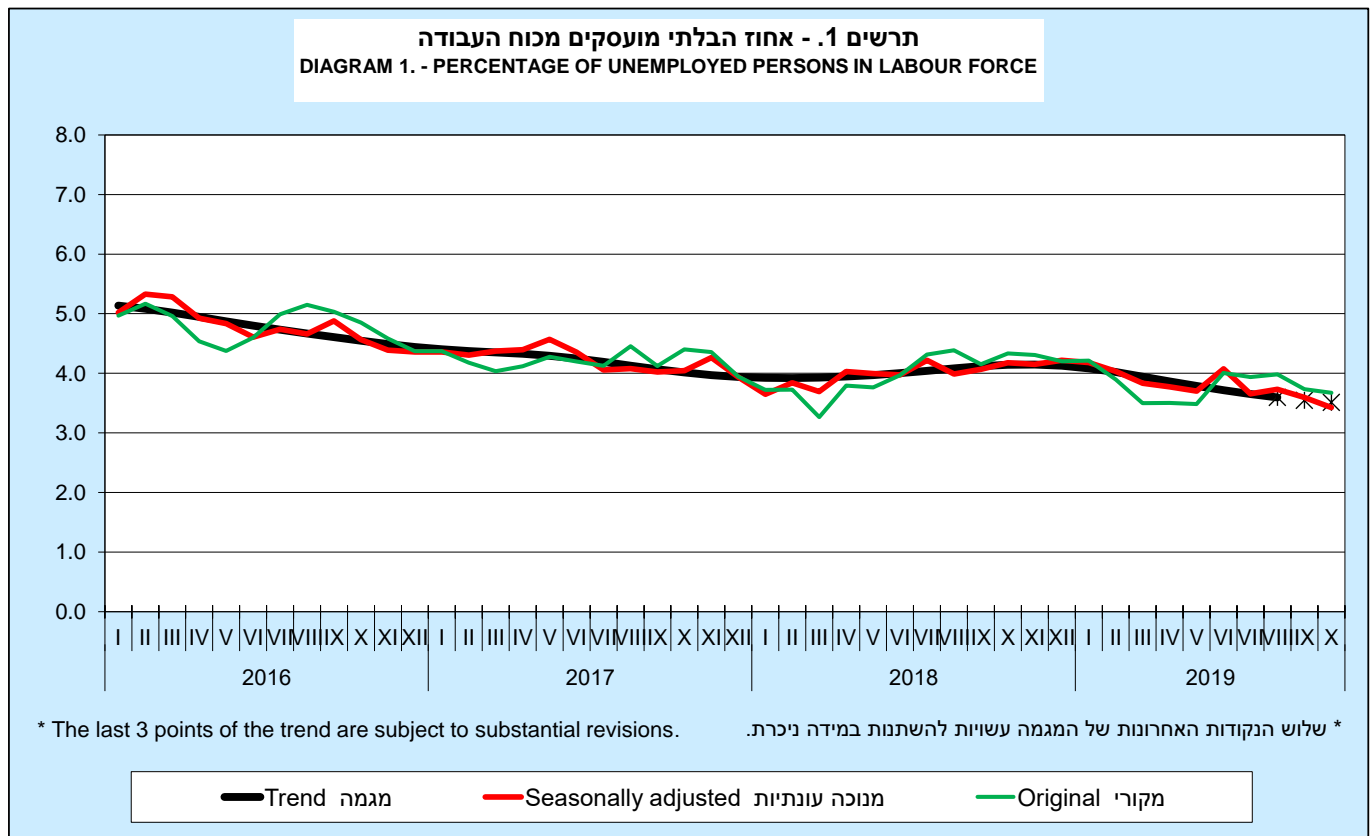
October 2019



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).

* Additional figures on this subject published in the "[Labour Force Survey - Quarterly data](https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/Pages/default.aspx)" on the [Central Bureau of Statistics Website](https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/Pages/default.aspx): <https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/Pages/default.aspx>