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Labour Force Survey Data, January 2020

Seasonally Adjusted Data

In January 2020 (compared with December 2019): ([For monthly data 1/2020](#))

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 3.6% (same as in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 63.0% (62.9% in the previous month).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 60.7% (same as in the previous month).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force - 3.0% (3.2% in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 - 80.2% (same as in the previous month).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 - 77.8% (77.6% in the previous month).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons - 78.6% (same as in the previous month).

[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 19,300 persons aged 15 and over a month have been interviewed on an ongoing basis. The survey population includes the permanent population of

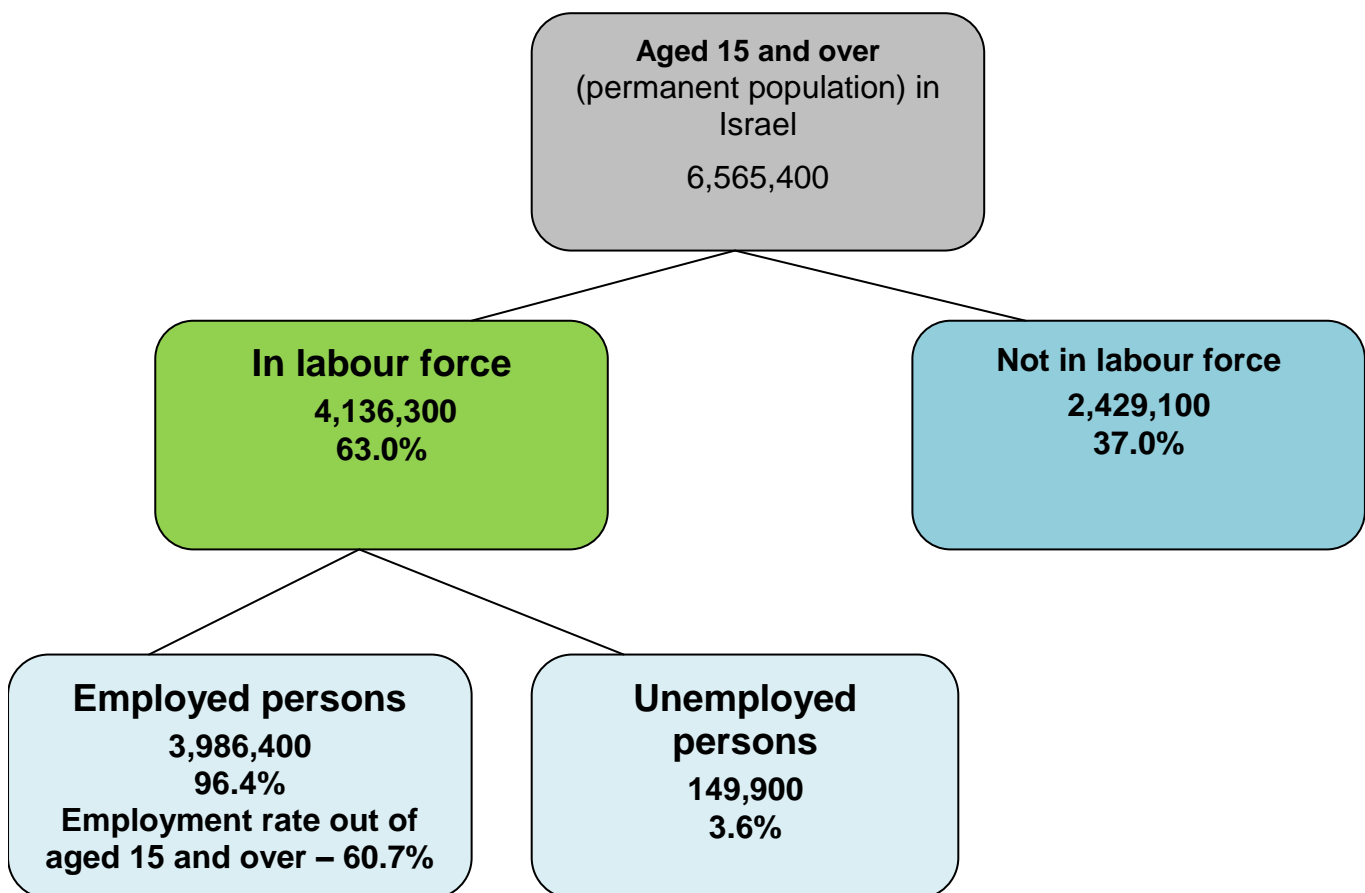
Israel, as well as tourists and temporary residents living in Israel continuously for more than one year. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, the extent of unemployment, etc.

January 2020 (compared with December 2019) - Seasonally Adjusted Data

Persons aged 15 and over

Labour Force Characteristics

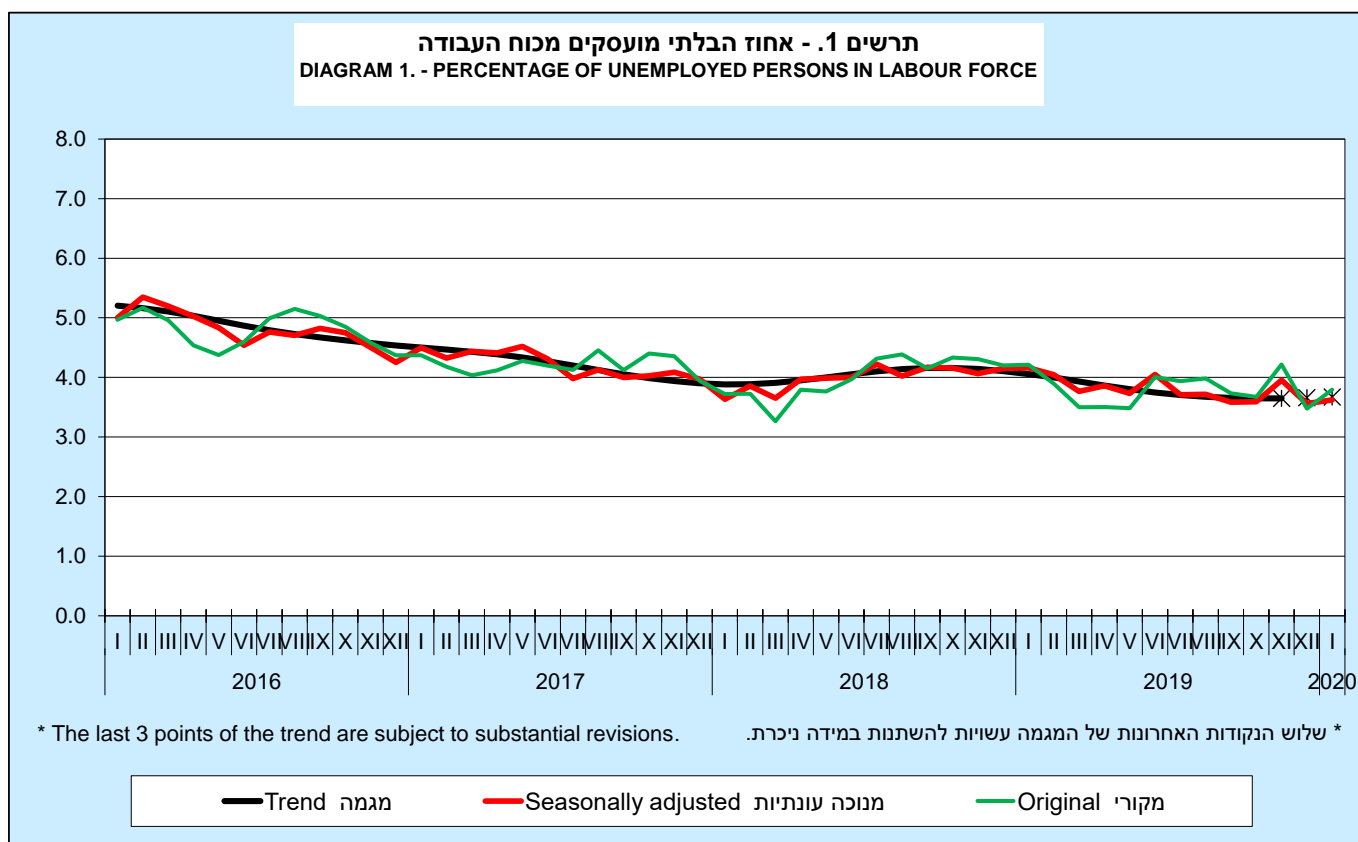
January 2020



In January 2020, **the number of persons in the labour force** aged 15 and over was 4.136 million. Among them, 3.986 million were **employed** and approximately 150,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.076 million were **men** (2.067 million in the previous month) and 1.910 million were **women** (1.909 million in the previous month).

The participation rate among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** rose to 63.0% (62.9% in the previous month). Among **men**, that rate reached 66.9% (same as in the previous month), whereas among **women** it rose to 59.3% (59.1% in the previous month).

The **unemployment rate** among persons aged 15 and over **from the labour force** reached 3.6% (same as in the previous month, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of **men** declined to 3.5% (3.6% in the previous month), whereas that of **women** rose to 3.8% (3.5% 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 reached 60.7% in January 2020 (same as in the previous month). The employment rate among **men** rose to 64.6% (64.5% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate reached 57.0% (same as in the previous month).

The number of **employed persons** in January 2020 reached 3.986 million, an increase of 0.3% compared with the previous month. The number of employed persons who **usually work full time** (35 hours and over per week) increased by 0.2% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 5,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who **usually work part time** (less than 35 hours per week) increased by 0.2% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 1,000 employed persons). The percentage of those who **usually work full time** of all employed persons reached 78.6% (same as in the previous month). Among **men** it declined to 86.7% (86.9% in the previous month), whereas among **women** it rose to 69.8% (69.6% in the previous month).

The number of employed persons who **worked full time** (35 hours and over) **in the determinant week** increased by 0.2%, compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 6,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who **worked part time** (less than 35 hours) **in the determinant week** increased by 0.5% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 5,000 employed persons). The number of employed persons **temporarily absent from work in the determinant week** decreased by 1.3% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 4,000 employed persons).

Persons aged 25-64

Among persons aged 25-64 **the participation rate in the labour force** reached 80.2% in January 2020 (same as in the previous month). Among **men** that rate declined to 84.3% (84.4% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate reached 76.2% (same as in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the unemployment rate from the labour force** declined to 3.0% in this month (3.2% in the previous month). Among **men** the unemployment rate declined to 2.9% (3.3% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate reached 3.1% (same as in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the employment rate** rose to 77.8% (77.6% in the previous month). Among **men** the employment rate rose to 81.9% (81.6% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate reached 73.8% (same as 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>