In May 2023 (Q2), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 8 million of whom 3,984,502 were employed; 805,819 unemployed and 3,257,600 out of labour force.

The sum of the employed and unemployed population gives the population in labour force equivalent to 4,790,321 persons.

The proportion of the working-age population who are in labour force stood at 59.5 percent in May 2023 (Q2) and has increased by 5.2 percent as compared to May 2022 (Q2) and by 1.9 percent as compared to the previous quarter (February 2023).

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force was 40.5 percent in May 2023 as compared to 45.7 percent in May 2022 (Q2), and to 42.4 percent in February 2023 (Q1).

The share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 44.0 percent in May 2023 (Q2).

It decreased by 1.2 percentage points as compared to 45.2 percent observed in February 2023 (Q1) and decreased by 0.9 percentage points as compared to 44.9 percent observed in May 2022 (Q2).

Reference documents (PDF & Excel)

- Final LFS report May 2023_Q2.pdf (pdf, 6.11 MB)
  LAST UPDATED: 25 Jul 2023
- RWLFS2023Q2.xlsx (xlsx, 108.81 KB)
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