In February 2023 (Q1), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 8 million of whom 3,803,942 were employed; 792,115 unemployed and 3,380,192 out of labour force.

The sum of employed and unemployed population gives the population in labour force equivalent to 4,596,057 persons.

The proportion of working age population who were in the labour force slightly declined to 57.6 percent in February 2023 compared to 58.6 percent in November 2022 (Q4) but increased by 3.1 percentage points as compared to 54.5 percent in February 2022(Q1).

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force was 42.4 percent in February 2023 as compared to 41 percent in November 2022(Q4), and to 45.5 percent in February 2022(Q1).

The share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 45.2 percent in February 2023 (Q1). It increased by 9.9 percentage points as compared to 35.3 percent observed in November 2022 (Q4) and increased by 3.3 percentage points as compared to 41.8 percent observed in February 2022 (Q1).

The sum of employed population (3,803,942 persons) and subsistence agricultural without employment (1,951,421) gives the estimate number of workforce1 equivalent to 5,755,364 persons in February 2023 (Q1).

Therefore, in February 2023 (Q1), the proportion of working age population engaged in employment or subsistence agriculture was 72.2 percent as compared to 65.9 percent observed in November 2022 (Q4) and to 69.4 percent registered in February 2022(Q1).

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