In May 2021 (Q2), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 7.7 million of whom 3,130,156 were employed, 959,574 unemployed and 3,588,517 out of labour force.

The sum of employed and unemployed population results to population in labour force (4,089,730 persons). The proportion of working age population who were in the labour force increased to 53.3 percent in May 2021, Q2 from 50.6 percent in February 2021, Q1.

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force increased to 46.7 percent in May 2021, Q2 as compared to February 2021, Q1 (49.4 percent) and slightly declined as compared to the situation of February 2021.

The share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 38.7 percent in May 2021 declined from 43.4 percent as compared to February 2021, Q1, to 52.7 in November 2021, and to 50.4 percent in August 2020.

The sum of employed population (3,130,156 persons) and subsistence agricultural without employment (1,854,377) gives the estimate number of workers in February 2021 equivalent to 4,984,534 persons.

Therefore, in May 2021, the proportion of working age population engaged in employment or substance agriculture was 64.9 percent as compared to 67.4 in February 2021, and to 74.2 in November 2020.

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