In 2022, the working age population (16 years and above) was 7,963,586 of which 4,463,296 persons (56.0 percent) were in the labour force, while 3,500,290 were outside the labour force.

For those in the labour force, 3,546,352 were employed, while 916,944 were unemployed.

Among those outside the labour force, 1,310,734 persons were engaged wholly or mostly in subsistence foodstuff production (not classified as employment according to the 2013 international standards on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization).

The annual unemployment rate stood at 20.5 percent, indicating that roughly for five persons in the labour force there was one person unemployed.

The unemployment rate was higher among females (23.7 percent) than among males (17.9 percent) and higher among youth (25.6) than among adults (17.1 percent).

It was relatively the same in the urban and rural areas (20.4 and 20.6 percent respectively).

Reference document (PDF & Excel)

- RLFS Annual Final report_2022.pdf (pdf, 6.85 MB)
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