

In May 2022 (Q2), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 7.93 million of whom 3,317,268 were employed, 992,586 were unemployed and 3,627,294 were out of labour force.

The sum of employed and unemployed population results to population in labour force were 4,309,854 persons.

The proportion of working age population who were in the labour force remained stable to 54.3 percent in May 2022 (Q1) compared to 54.5 percent in February 2022 (Q1).

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force stood at 45.7 percent in May 2022 (Q2) as compared to 45.5 percent in February 2022(Q1) and 46.7 percent in May 2021(Q2) (One year back).

The share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 33 percent in May 2022 (Q2) and it decreased by 8.9 percentage points as compared to February 2022(Q1) (41.9 percent).

### **Reference document (PDF & Excel)**

- [LFS MAY 2022 Final report.pdf \(pdf, 5.66 MB\)](#)  
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- [RLFS Tables May 2022.xls \(xls, 172 KB\)](#)  
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