In February 2022 (Q1), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 7.87 million of whom 3,585,651 were employed, 707,654 were unemployed and 3,580,022 were out of labour force.

The sum of employed and unemployed population results to population in labour force (4,293,305 persons).

The proportion of working age population who were in the labour force decreased to 54.5 percent in February 2022 (Q1) from 61 percent in November 2021 (Q4).

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force stood at 45.5 percent in February 2022(Q1) as compared to 39 percent in November 2021 (Q4) and 49.4 percent in February 2021 (Q1) (One year back).

The share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 41.9 percent in February 2022 (Q1) and it increased by 8.4 percentage points as compared to November 2021 (Q4) (33.5 percent).

The sum of employed population (3,585,651 persons) and subsistence agricultural without employment (1,881,502) gives the estimate number of workforce in February 2022 (Q1) equivalent to 5,467,153 persons.

Therefore, in February 2022(Q1), the proportion of working age population engaged in employment or subsistence agriculture was 69.4 percent as compared to 66.6 percent in November 2021(Q4), and to 67.4 percent registered in February 2021 (Q1).

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