In August 2019 (Q3), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 7.2 million and the population in the labour force constituted the majority of working age population.

The proportion of population in labour force has slightly decreased compared to the previous quarter of the survey.

In August 2019 (Q3), the youth (16-30 years old) constituted 44.2 percent of the population in the labour force and this proportion has slightly increased as compared to the previous Quarter of the survey May 2019 (Q2).

The employment-to-population ratio has slightly decreased from May 2019. It was 44.9 percent in February 2019 (Q1), 45.7 percent in May 2019(Q2) and 43.9 in August 2019 (Q3).

As a result of decline in employment in August 2019, the labour force participation rate has slightly decreased from 53.8 percent in May 2019 (Q2) to 52.3 percent in August 2019 (Q3).

The proportion of the working age population outside the labour force remained relatively stable at around 47 percent.

As compared to the previous quarter, population out of labour force was 46.3 and slightly increased to 47.7 percent in August 2019 (Q3).

Available non-job seekers constituted a substantial category of the population outside labour force.

It has slightly increased from 20.9 percent of the working age population in LFS May (Q2) to 21.9 percent in August 2019 (Q3).

The substantial proportion of available non-job seekers remained those involved in subsistence agriculture (64.7 percent) and the share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 47.7 percent in August 2019 (Q3) as compared to 48.2 percent in May 2019 (Q2).

The number of employed persons has decreased from about 3,186,000 in February 2019(Q1) to about 3, 153,000 in August 2019 (Q3).

Reference document (PDF & Excel)

- LFS AUGUST_ 2019(Q3)_FINAL_REPORT.pdf (pdf, 7.41 MB)
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