In May 2019 (Q2), the working age population (16 years and above) was around 7.1 million and the population in the labour force constituted the majority of working age population.

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

In May 2019 (Q2), the youth (16-30 years old) constituted 43.0 percent of the population in the labour force and this proportion remained relatively the same as compared to the previous Quarter of the survey (February 2019, Q1).

The employment-to-population ratio has remained relatively stable from February 2018.

It was 44.8 percent in February 2018, 44.9 percent in February 2019 (Q1) and 45.7 percent in May 2019 (Q2). As a result of stability in employment and a slight increase in unemployment in May 2019, the labour force participation rate has slightly increased to 53.8 percent in May 2019 (Q2) from 52.5 percent in February 2019 (Q1).

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 47.5 in February 2019 (Q1) and slightly declined to 46.3 percent in May 2019 (Q2).

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

It has been slightly declined to 20.9 percent of the working age population in LFS May (Q2) as compared to 21.2 percent in February 2019 (Q1), and 18.9 percent in February 2018.

The substantial proportion of available non-job seekers remained those involved in subsistence agriculture (66.7 percent) and the share of subsistence agriculture in population outside labour force was 48.2 percent in May 2019 (Q2) as compared to 53.1 percent in February 2019 (Q1).

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