According to the survey results, among the 6,573,000 persons 16 years old and over living in regular households, about 3,329,000 persons representing 51 percent were in the labour force, either employed (2,703,000) or unemployed (626,000).

The remainder 3,244,000 persons were outside the labour force including some 1,665,000 persons engaged wholly or mostly in subsistence foodstuff production, not classified as employment according to the new international standards on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization.

The unemployment rate stood at 18.8 percent, indicating that roughly for five persons in the labour force there was one person unemployed.

The unemployment rate was higher among women (22.7 percent) than among men (15.7 percent) and higher among young people (21.5) than among adults (16.3%).

It was also higher in the rural areas (19.8 percent) than in the urban areas (16.4 percent).

The median duration of seeking employment was only 2.3 months but about 31 percent of the unemployed were seeking employment for 12 months or more (long-term unemployment).

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