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Labour Force Survey Q4 2025 revealed

The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) has released the Labour Force Survey (LFS) results for the fourth quarter of 2025. Labour Force Survey provides important information on employment, unemployment, and other key labour market statistics. It focuses on people aged 16 and above, referred to as the working-age population. The working age population is divided into two main parts.

First, the labour force which comprise the sum of employed and unemployed people. Employed people are those who worked for pay or profit in the reference period, while unemployed people are those not employed but actively seeking and available to work for pay or profit.

The second part consists of people outside the labour force, meaning those who are neither employed nor unemployed such as individuals in subsistence agriculture, full time students, elderly, person with disabilities, and discouraged job seeker.

In quarter four of 2025, unemployment rate declined from 14.7% in quarter four of 2024 to 11.7%. The working age population is estimated at 8.6 million of which 5.5 million are in the labour force while 3.09 million are out of labour force. Out of those in labour force, 56.7 % (around 4,890,198) are employed while 11.7 % (646,799) are unemployed.

The service sector continues to be the largest employer, accounting for 44.9% of employed population, followed by the agriculture sector with 39.6% and Industry with 15.5%. Out of unemployed population, 57.9% are engaged in subsistence agriculture while 42.1% fall into other unemployment categories.

By regularly conducting surveys like Labour Force Survey, The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) will continue to provide reliable data that supports informed decision making.

For more detailed report, visit the NISR website at www.statistics.gov.rw where you can also access other official statistics.

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Infographic for labour Force survey Quarter 4- 2025

