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5 Out of 10 people aged 16+ are employed in Rwanda: Labour Force Survey Q2 2025 reveals.

The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) has released new findings from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) for the second quarter of 2025, highlighting a reduction in unemployment rate from 16.8% in second quarter of 2024 to 13.4% for second quarter of 2025

Labour Force Survey is a survey that provide important information on employment, and unemployment as well as other related labour market statistics. It focuses on people aged 16 and above known as the working-age population which is divided into two main parts. The first part is labour force, which includes the sum of those who are employed and unemployed. Employed people are those who worked for pay or profit while unemployed people are those not employed but actively seeking and available to work for pay or profit. The second part is those out of labour force, means those who are not employed nor unemployed like people in substance agriculture, exclusively students, elderly, disables, and discouraged job seeker.

According to the survey, the working age population is estimated at 8.5M of which about 5.3M are in the labour force while 3.2M are out of labour force. Out of those in labour force, 4,581,575 are employed while 710,821 are unemployed. This means that about 5 out of 10 people aged 16 and above are employed (working for pay or profit), while about 1 out of 10 people in labour force is unemployed.

The report also shows that the service sector continues to employ the largest share of the employed population where it occupies 45.6% while other sector like agriculture occupies 38% and Industry occupies 16.4%. In unemployment, people who are unemployed but engaged in subsistence agriculture occupies 55.7% while other unemployment occupies 44.3%

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 2- 2025

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2025 QUARTER 2

