

11.3 Currently Unemployed Youth Population

The currently unemployed population of youth in the age groups 15 to 24 by geographical area reveals that 3,259 unemployed youth (25.0 percent) are in the rural areas and 9,767 unemployed youth (75.0 percent) are in the urban areas (Table below).

A total of 13,026 young people in age groups 15 - 17, 18 - 19 and 20 - 24 are unemployed. Majority of the unemployed youth fall in age group 20 to 24 with 9,460 persons followed by 18 - 19 group with 2,658 and 15 - 17 with 909 young people.

More young women (9,052) than young men (3,974) are unemployed and this is consistent in all the age groups but is significantly larger for the 20 to 24 age group. In the rural areas, 2,409 (73.9 percent) of the young women are unemployed and in the urban areas, 6,644 (68.0 percent) are unemployed. The scenario is different for young men, where more young men (32 percent) are unemployed in the urban areas and 26.1 percent in the rural areas. The results reveal further that young women, particularly in the rural areas are unemployed due to their of education status.

Table of Unemployed Youth Population (15-24) Years by Age Group, Area and Sex

Age Group	Rural			Urban			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-17	109	457	566	172	171	343	280	628	909
18-19	294	652	946	684	1,027	1,711	978	1,680	2,658
20-24	448	1,299	1,747	2,267	5,445	7,712	2,715	6,744	9,460
Total	851	2,409	3,259	3,123	6,644	9,767	3,974	9,052	13,026

11.4 Youth Unemployment Rate

The results reveal that the total unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 24 is 8.7 percent (Table below). The male unemployment rate in the urban areas is 11.7 percent, which is higher compared with rural areas, with a rate of 1.7 percent. The female unemployment rate in the urban areas was 23.7 percent, which is higher than 5.1 percent in the rural areas. The unemployment rate is highest (13 percent) for young people in the age group 20 to 24. This age group tends to have the highest rates in both the rural and urban areas. Young women in the age group 20 to 24 are particularly affected, with the highest unemployment rate of 33.0 percent recorded in urban areas.

Table of Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24) Years by Age Group, Area and Sex

Age Group	Rural			Urban			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-17	0.7	3.5	2.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	1.3	3.4	2.3
18-19	2.0	5.6	3.6	12.3	16.8	14.7	4.8	9.5	7.0
20-24	2.4	5.8	4.2	14.8	33.0	24.3	8.0	17.3	13.0
Total	1.7	5.1	3.4	11.7	23.7	17.9	5.3	12.0	8.7

10.7 The Unemployed Persons by Age Group and Sex

Table below shows the unemployed persons by their age group from 15 years and above by their sex in both urban and rural areas.

The results show that majority (33.3 percent) of unemployed persons fall in age group of 20-24 followed by age group of 25-29 with 20.2 percent. The least were in the age of 65 years and above with 0.8 percent.

In rural areas, the age group with more unemployed persons is 20-24 years with 34.7 percent, out of whom males contribute 38.3 percent and females 33.6 percent. From age 35 years and above (for males) and 50 years and above the number of unemployed person shows a sharp decline.

The same trend is observed in urban areas with 32.9 percent of unemployed persons falling at the same age group (20-24) showing 50.4 and 28.8 percent of males and females respectively.

Table for Distribution of the Unemployed Persons (15+) by Age Group, Area and sex

Age group	Rural			Urban			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-19	34.4	28.7	30.0	19.0	6.3	8.8	22.2	10.1	12.5
20-24	38.3	33.6	34.7	50.4	28.8	32.9	47.9	29.6	33.3
25-29	13.7	17.2	16.4	11.7	23.3	21.0	12.1	22.2	20.2
30-34	3.2	10.7	9.0	7.3	11.5	10.7	6.4	11.4	10.4
35-39	0.0	2.8	2.1	1.9	12.1	10.1	1.5	10.5	8.7
40-44	0.0	2.9	2.2	1.8	8.3	7.0	1.4	7.4	6.2
45-49	0.0	3.0	2.3	0.0	4.6	3.7	0.0	4.3	3.5
50-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.0	1.9
55-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.3	1.6	2.2	1.1	1.3
60-64	4.1	0.0	1.0	1.6	1.2	1.3	2.1	1.0	1.3
65+	6.3	1.0	2.3	1.3	0.2	0.5	2.4	0.4	0.8
Total Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Number	1,171	3,862	5,033	4,500	18,918	23,418	5,671	22,780	28,451

10.8 Economically Inactive Population 15 + by Reason for Being Inactive and Sex

Table 10.8 shows percentage of economically inactive population 15 years and above by reasons for being inactive. The survey reveals that, on average, the main reason for being economically inactive is attending schools accounting for 60.2 percent. The total inactive male population citing this reason is 77.1 percent compared with 49.6 percent female. Geographically, attending schools is echoed as a reason in both urban and rural areas with 57.4 and 62.0 percent respectively. There is a male domination in both areas with 72.5 percent in rural areas and 80.3 percent in urban areas.

Other three reasons, differing slightly with a range of between one and two percent, cover 38.2 percent, where being Sick is highest with 13.6 followed by Caring the needy /

household chores except fetching water & collection of firewood with 11.8 percent and Too old with 9.8 percent. Unable to hire paid helper is the least, amongst reasons, accounting for 0.6 percent.

Table of Percentage of the Economically Inactive Persons (15+) by, Reasons, Area and sex

Reasons	Rural			Urban			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Attending school	72.5	47.5	57.4	80.3	50.9	62.0	77.1	49.6	60.2
Unable to hire paid helper	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	1.3	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.6
Caring the needy / house hold chores except fetching water & collection of firewood	2.2	14.0	9.3	3.1	19.8	13.5	2.7	17.6	11.8
Relieved from work by spouse	0.0	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.7	1.1	0.1	1.8	1.1
Too old	7.6	14.3	11.7	5.6	10.5	8.7	6.4	12.0	9.8
Too young	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Sick	13.2	18.3	16.3	8.7	13.9	11.9	10.5	15.6	13.6
Disabled	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.1	0.8	1.3	2.3	1.4	1.8
Others	1.9	1.1	1.4	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0
Total Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Number	15,972	24,241	40,213	23,258	38,485	61,743	39,230	62,725	101,955

Total Youth Unemployment Rate 15 - 24 years and above by age group and Sex

Age Group	Total Youth Labour Force			Youth Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-17	20,778	18,530	39,308	280	628	909	1.3	3.4	2.3
18-19	20,456	17,651	38,108	978	1,680	2,658	4.8	9.5	7.0
20-24	34,017	38,977	72,994	2,715	6,744	9,460	8.0	17.3	13.0
Total	75,251	75,159	150,409	3,974	9,052	13,026	5.3	12.0	8.7

Rural Youth Unemployment Rate 15 - 24 years and above by age group, Area and Sex

Age Group	Rural Labour Force			Rural Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-17	15,046	13,046	28,092	109	457	566	0.7	3.5	2.0
18-19	14,911	11,548	26,460	294	652	946	2.0	5.6	3.6
20-24	18,710	22,499	41,209	448	1,299	1,747	2.4	5.8	4.2
Total	48,667	47,093	95,760	851	2,409	3,259	1.7	5.1	3.4

Table A11.3: Urban Youth Unemployment Rate 15 -24 years and above by age group, Area and Sex

Age Group	Urban Labour Force			Urban Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-17	5,732	5,484	11,216	172	171	343	3.0	3.1	3.1
18-19	5,545	6,103	11,648	684	1,027	1,711	12.3	16.8	14.7
20-24	15,307	16,479	31,786	2,267	5,445	7,712	14.8	33.0	24.3
Total	26,583	28,066	54,649	3,123	6,644	9,767	11.7	23.7	17.9

Total Youth Unemployment Rate (National Definition) 15-35 Years by Age Groups, Area and Sex

Age Group	Total Youth Labour Force			Youth Unemployed Population			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-19	41,234	36,181	77,415	8,680	8,859	17,539	21.1	24.5	22.7
20-24	34,017	38,977	72,994	7,274	12,279	19,554	21.4	31.5	26.8
25-29	28,190	40,112	68,302	2,646	9,114	11,759	9.4	22.7	17.2
30-34	29,835	34,838	64,673	2,309	5,695	8,004	7.7	16.3	12.4
35	7,199	10,148	17,346	501	1,692	2,192	7.0	16.7	12.6
Total	140,474	160,256	300,730	21,410	37,639	59,049	15.2	23.5	19.6

Rural Youth Unemployment Rate (National Definition) 15-35 Years by Age Groups, Area and Sex

Age Group	Rural Youth Labour Force			Youth Rural Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-19	29,957	24,594	54,552	4,042	4,439	8,481	13.5	18.0	15.5
20-24	18,710	22,499	41,209	2,042	3,593	5,635	10.9	16.0	13.7
25-29	14,824	21,573	36,397	1,164	2,145	3,310	7.9	9.9	9.1
30-34	15,896	19,871	35,767	764	1,726	2,490	4.8	8.7	7.0
35	4,111	6,048	10,159	202	533	735	4.9	8.8	7.2
Total	83,498	94,586	178,083	8,215	12,436	20,651	9.8	13.1	11.6

Urban Youth Unemployment Rate (National Definition) 15-35 Years by Age Groups, Area and Sex

Age Group	Youth Urban Labour Force			Youth Urban Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-19	11,276	11,587	22,864	4,638	4,419	9,057	41.1	38.1	39.6
20-24	15,307	16,479	31,786	5,232	8,687	13,919	34.2	52.7	43.8
25-29	13,367	18,538	31,905	1,481	6,969	8,450	11.1	37.6	26.5
30-34	13,939	14,967	28,906	1,546	3,969	5,514	11.1	26.5	19.1
35	3,088	4,100	7,187	298	1,159	1,458	9.7	28.3	20.3
Total	56,977	65,670	122,647	13,196	25,202	38,398	23.2	38.4	31.3