

## Employment

The employment-to-population ratio (EPR) increased to 57% in August 2025 (Q3), up from 54.3 % in August 2024 (Q3). This increase was observed for both sexes, with males recording a rise of 1.8 percentage points and females a significant increase of 3.6 percentage points.

## Unemployment

In August 2025 (Q3), the unemployment rate stood at 13.4 % indicating that roughly for every 7 persons in the labour force, there was one person unemployed. This reflects a 1.9 percentage points decrease compared to the same quarter one year back; and it was significantly lower as compared to the pre-COVID-19 estimate in the same quarter August 2019 (16 %).

## Labour underutilization

The labour underutilization rate stood at 56.7 % in August 2025 (Q3). It was higher among females (64.7 %) than males (48.3 %) and higher among youth (57.8 %) than adults (55.8 %). The labour underutilization rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points in August 2025 (Q3) as compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

## Data source

[Labour Force Survey - 2025 \(Q3\)](#)

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