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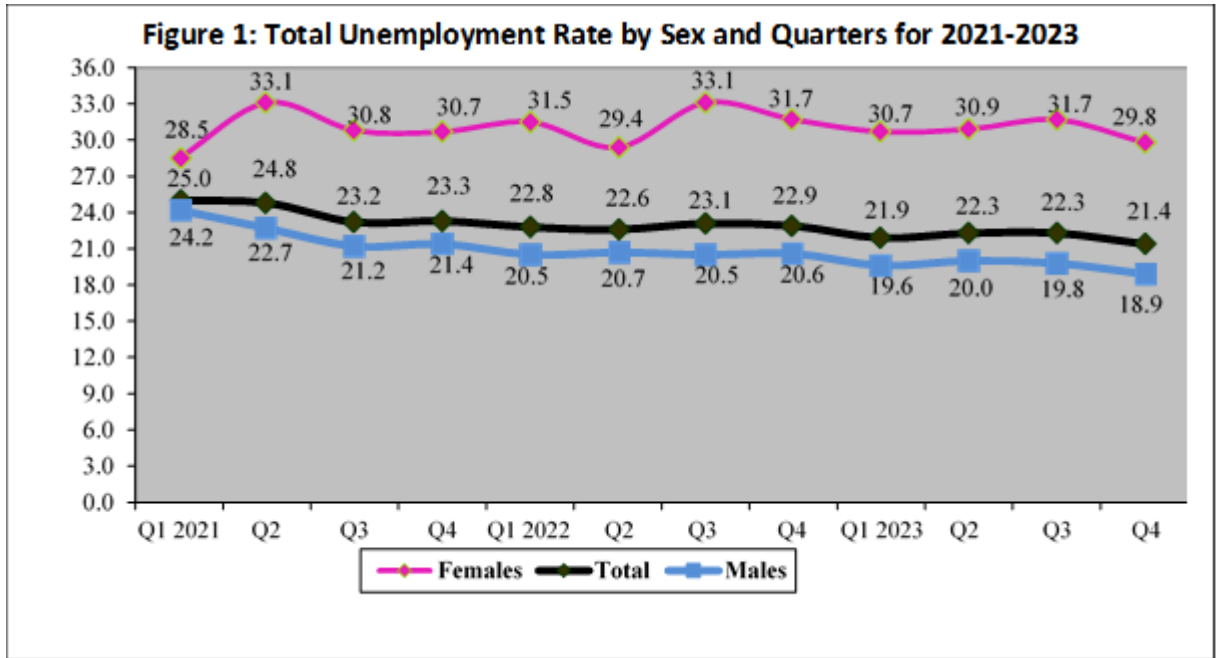
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The Department of Statistics: The unemployment rate decreased to 21.4% during the fourth quarter of 2023

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate during the fourth quarter of 2023: The following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The unemployment rate has reached 21.4% during the fourth quarter of 2023 with a decrease of 1.5 percentage points compared with 22.9% for the fourth quarter of 2022, and with a decrease of 0.9 percentage points compared with 22.3% for the third quarter of 2023.
- ❖ The unemployment rate for males has reached 18.9% during the fourth quarter of 2023 against 29.8% for females.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has decreased by 1.7 percentage points while it has decreased by 1.9 percentage points for females compared with the fourth quarter of 2022.
- ❖ Comparing the unemployment rates of the fourth quarter of 2023 with the previous quarter of the same year, it is clear that the unemployment rate has decreased for males by 0.9 percentage points and for females by 1.9 percentage points.



The Unemployed:

- ❖ The unemployment rate has reached 25.1% among holders of university degrees (unemployed individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree or higher divided by the labor force with the same educational level), with a decrease of 3.2 percentage points from the previous quarter.
- ❖ The results indicated that 56.6% of the total unemployed hold a secondary school certificate or higher, therefore the total number of unemployed whose educational qualifications are less than secondary school has reached 42.8%.
- ❖ The unemployment rate in the age groups 15-19 years, 20-24 years, and 25-29 years has reached (53.5%, 40.5% and 29.0%) for each of them, respectively.
- ❖ At the governorate level, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Mafraq at a rate of 24.8%, and the lowest unemployment rate was in Aqaba at a rate of 17.7%.

The Employed:

- ❖ 26.8% of the total population aged 15 and over is employed.
- ❖ 58.7% of the employed males were concentrated in the age group of 20-39 years against 60.7% for females.
- ❖ 47.7% of the employed had educational qualifications below secondary, 9.7% secondary and 42.2% higher than secondary.
- ❖ The results also showed that about 84.8% of the employed are paid employees (82.0% for males against 95.9% for females).

The Labor Force: (Employed & Unemployed):

- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) has reached 34.1% for the total, (53.8% for males against 15.1% for females) for the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to 33.7% for the total (53.6% for males and 14.0% for females) for the fourth quarter of 2022. Thus, the women's economic participation increased by 1.1 percentage points during the year 2023, noting that the female economic participation rate in Arab countries is about 19.6%.
- ❖ The results show a clear variation in the labor force distribution with regard to educational level and sex. It was found that about 57.3% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 9.7% for females. The results also indicate that 71.8% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 25.6% for males.

It should be noted that the labor force survey includes a sample size of 16,560 households distributed across all governorates of the Kingdom, and represent urban, rural, and

governorates. The labor force survey is conducted in the middle of each quarter of the year and provides data that reflects the situation of the entire quarter (October, November and December). The individual is asked whether he/she has searched for a job during the four weeks before the day of the interview, in accordance with international recommendations adopted in Jordan.

