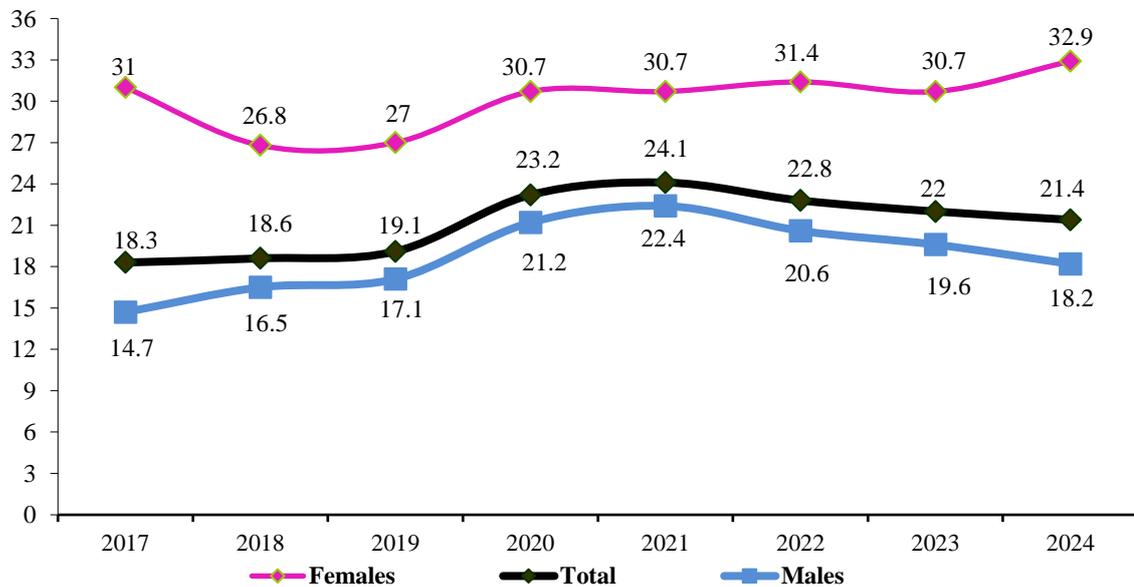


**Press Release**  
**Department of Statistics: 21.4 Unemployment Rate for 2024**

The Department of Statistics issued its annual report on the unemployment rate in Jordan for 2024, and the main results are displayed below:

- The unemployment rate reached 21.4% in 2024, which indicates a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from 22.0% in 2023.
- The unemployment rate among males reached 18.2% in 2024, compared to 32.9% for females.
- Comparing the unemployment rate (for males and females) in 2024 with the previous year of 2023, the unemployment rate for males decreased by 1.4 percentage points, while it increased among females by 2.2 percentage points.

**Figure 1: Total Unemployment Rates by Gender for the Years 2017 – 2024**



**The unemployed:**

- The unemployment rate reached 25.8% among university degree holders (unemployed individuals with a bachelor’s degree or higher divided by the labour force for the same educational qualification), which indicates a decrease of 0.7 percentage points compared to 2023.

- The results indicated that 59.2% of the total unemployed individuals hold a secondary education certificate or higher; thus, the percentage of unemployed individuals with less than secondary education has reached 40.2%.
- At the governorate level, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in AlMafrq and Ma'an governorates at 23.2%, while the lowest rate was recorded in Aqaba governorate at 17.3%.

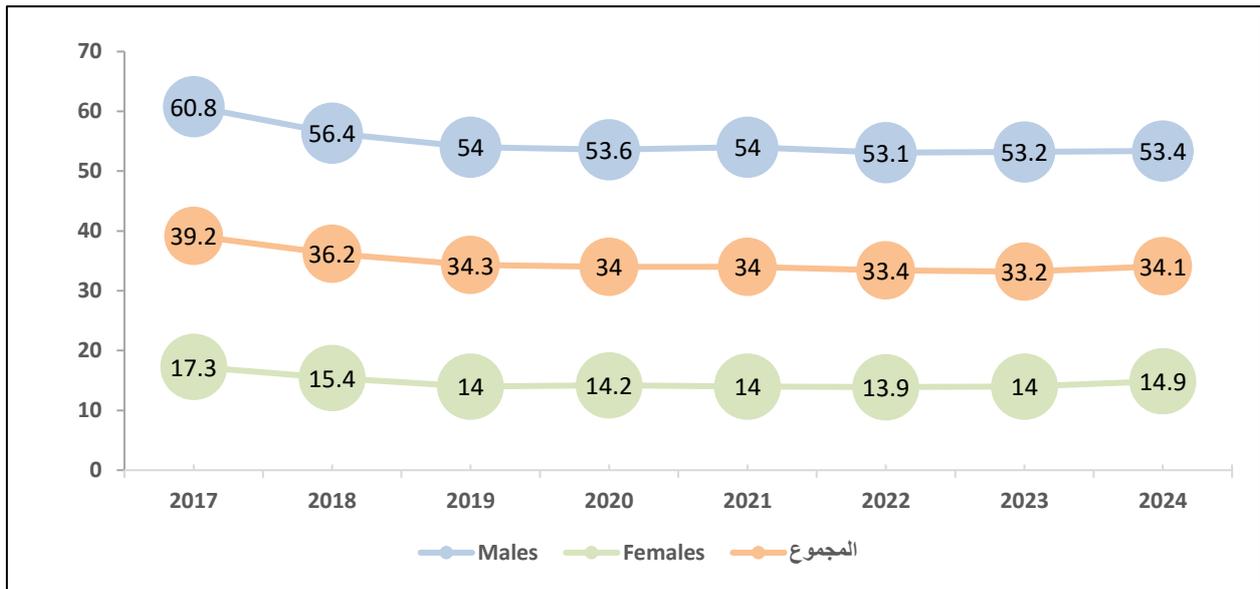
#### **Employed Individuals:**

- 27.5% of the total population  $\leq$  16 years are employed.
- 32.3% of the total population  $\leq$  23 years were employed.
- 59.4% of employed males were in the age group (20-39), while the percentage for females was 57.9%.
- 47.3% of employed individuals had less than secondary education, 9.4% had a secondary education, and 42.7% had higher than secondary education.
- 84.9% of employed individuals were paid workers (82.5% for males compared to 95.4% for females).

#### **Labor Force (Employed and Unemployed):**

- The revised economic participation rate (labour force attributed to the population  $\leq$  15 years) reached 34.1% in 2024, compared to 33.2% in 2023, which indicates an increase of 0.9 percentage points.
- The revised economic participation rate for males reached 53.4% in 2024 compared to 53.2% in 2023.
- The revised economic participation rate for females reached 14.9% in 2024, compared to 14.0% in 2023, which indicates an increase in females' economic participation rate by 0.9 percentage points between the two years, noting that the economic participation rate for females in Arab countries is approximately 19.2%.

**Figure 2: Economic participation rate by gender over 2017-2024**



- The results showed an apparent disparity in the distribution of the labour force by educational level and gender, as 56.1% of the total male labour force have less than a secondary education level, compared to 9.1% among females. The results also indicated that 74.0% of the total female labour force had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 27.1% among males.
- It is worth noting that the labour force survey relies on a sample of (66,240 households per Annum (16,560 households per quarter), distributed in all Jordanian governorates, representing urban and rural areas and governorates. Respondents are asked whether they have searched for a job during the four weeks before the interview, in accordance with international recommendations adopted in Jordan.

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