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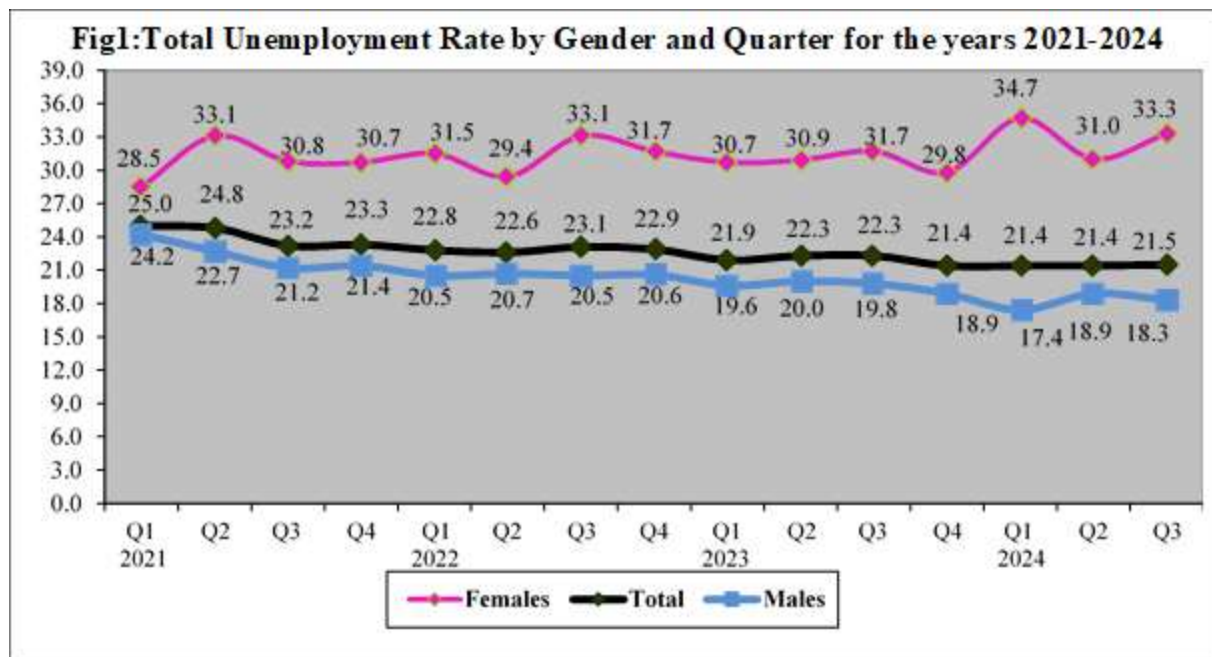
### Press release

## **The Department of Statistics: 21.5% is the unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2024**

The Department of Statistics has released its quarterly report on employment and unemployment in the Kingdom for the third quarter of 2024. The following is a review of the most important results:

### **Unemployment:**

- ❖ The unemployment rate reached (21.5%) during the third quarter of 2024 with a decrease of 0.8 percentage points compared to the third quarter of 2023
- ❖ The unemployment rate for males reached (18.3%) during the third quarter of 2024, a decrease of 1.5 percentage points compared to the third quarter of 2023.
- ❖ The female unemployment rate reached (33.3%) during the third quarter of 2024, an increase by 1.6 percentage points compared to the third quarter of 2023.
- ❖ Comparing the unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2024 with the second quarter of 2024, it becomes clear that the unemployment rate decreased for males by 0.6 percentage points and increased for females by 2.3 percentage points.



### The Unemployed:

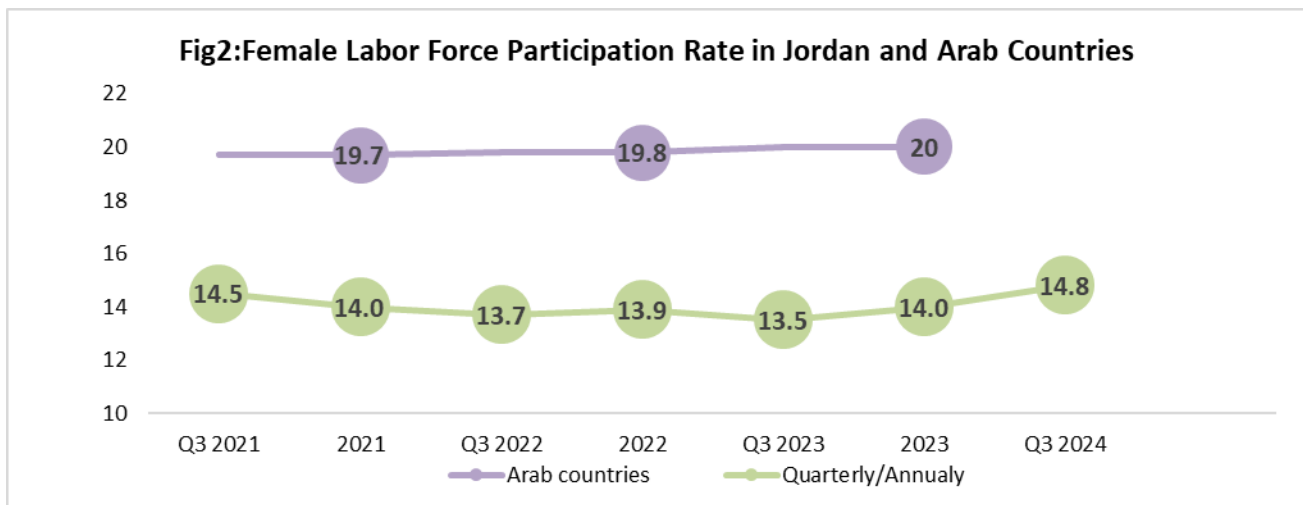
- ❖ The results indicated that 58.8% of the total unemployed people held a secondary school diploma or higher and 40.8% had educational qualifications less than secondary school.
- ❖ At the governorate level, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Ma'an Governorate at a rate of 24.3% and the lowest unemployment rate was in Aqaba Governorate at a rate of 16.3%, a difference of 8 percentage points.

### The Employed:

- ❖ The employment rate among the total population aged 15 years and above was 26.9%.
- ❖ The employment rate among the total population aged 23 years and above was 32.5%.
- ❖ Among employed males, 59.1% were in the age group of 20-39 years, whereas the percentage for females was 56.5%.
- ❖ The percentage of wage-employed individuals was 84.9%, with (82.4% for males and 96.0% for females).
- ❖ 47.7% of the employed individuals, had educational qualifications less secondary level, 9.3% had secondary education and 42.5% had qualifications above secondary level.

### The Labor Force: (Employed & Unemployed):

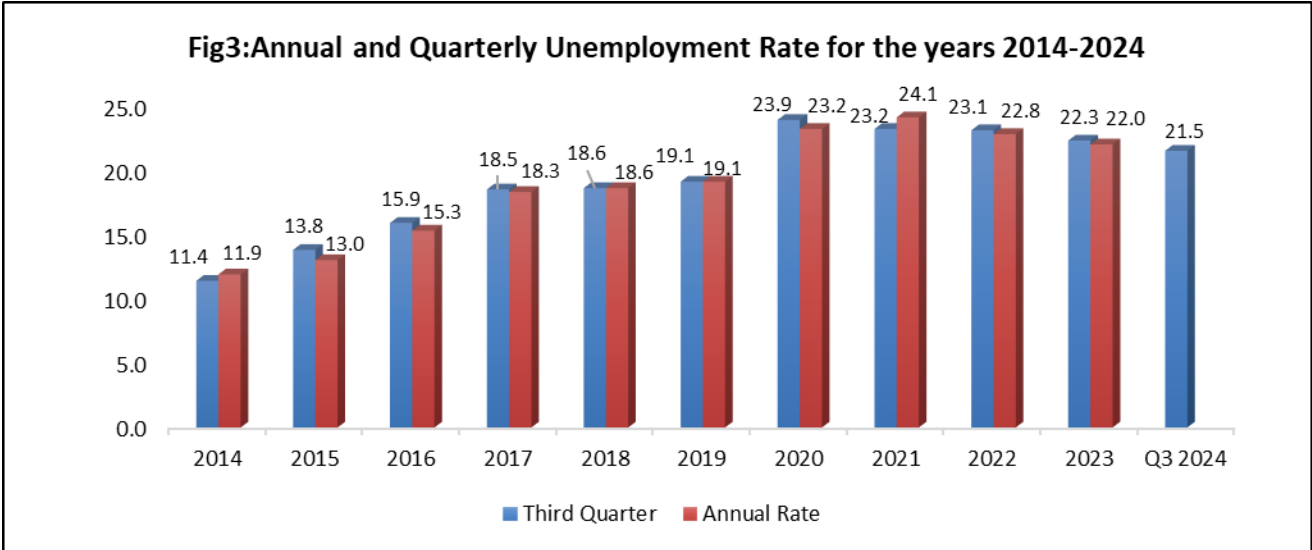
- ❖ The revised economic participation rate (labor force attributed to the population aged 15 years and above) reached 34.3% for the third quarter of 2024, compared to 32.6% for the third quarter of 2023, with an increase in economic participation of (1.7%).
- ❖ The revised economic participation rate for males reached 53.6% for the third quarter of 2024, compared to 52.7% for the third quarter of 2023.
- ❖ The revised economic participation rate for females reached 14.8% for the third quarter of 2024, compared to 13.5% for the third quarter of 2023. It is noted that the economic participation rate for women increased by 1.3 percentage points between the two periods, noting that the economic participation rate for females in the Arab countries is 20.0. %.



- The results showed a clear disparity in the distribution of the labor force according to educational level and gender, as 56.5% of the total male labor force had educational levels below secondary school, compared to 8.5% for females .
- The results indicated that 76.2% of the total female workforce had a bachelor's degree of education or higher, compared to 26.7% among males.

•The percentage of female workers in the government sector to the total number of workers in this sector reached 22.6%.

It should be noted that the labor force survey includes a sample size of 16,560 families distributed across all governorates of the Kingdom, and representative of urban, rural and governorates. The labor force survey is carried out in the middle of each quarter of the year and provides data that reflects the reality of the entire quarter (July, August, September). The individual is asked whether he searched for work during the four weeks preceding the day of the interview, in accordance with international recommendations adopted in Jordan.



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