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Press Release

Department of Statistics: Unemployment Rate for Total Population

Decreased to 16.1% in Q2 2026

1. Unemployment rate (UERATE) for the total population in Jordan (Jordanians and Non-Jordanians) decreased to reach 16.1% in Q2 2026 compared to 16.5% in Q2 2025, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points.
2. UERATE among Jordanian males and females decreased by 0.3 percentage points in Q2 2026 to reach 21.0% compared to 21.3% in Q2 2025.
3. In Q2 2026, UERATE among Jordanian males and females in aged +24 reached 18.0%, while UERATE for Non-Jordanians aged +24 reached 5.8%.
4. Over the past four years and since Q2 2022, UERATE decreased by 1.7 percentage points.
5. Unemployment among Jordanian males decreased by 4.2 percentage points since Q2 2021, when it stood at 22.7%, while it now stands at 18.5%.
6. UERATE among Jordanian females decreased by 2.5 percentage points compared to Q2 2025.
7. UERATE among the total females decreased by 5.3 percentage points in Q2 2026 compared to Q2 2025.
8. UERATE among non-Jordanian residents reached 8.2% during Q2 2026.

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The Department of Statistics (DoS) released its quarterly report on unemployment figures, which shows a decline in the UERATE for the total population in Jordan to reach 16.1% during Q2 2026 compared to 16.5% in Q2 2025, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points.

The report, disseminated on Sunday, also showed a decrease in the UERATE among Jordanians (Males and Females) by 0.3 percentage points in Q2 2026 to reach 21.0% compared to Q2 2025, when it stood at 21.3%.

Accordingly, UERATE had decreased by 1.7 percentage points over the past four years since Q2 2022.

In addition, the report showed a decrease in Jordanian male unemployment by 4.2 percentage points since Q2 2021, as it stood at 22.7%. Meanwhile, UERATE among Jordanian females decreased by 2.4 percentage points in Q2 2026 compared to Q1 2026, and by 2.5 percentage points compared to Q2 2025.

The report also revealed a decrease in UERATE among total females by 5.3 percentage points in Q2 2026 to reach 19.9% compared to Q2 2025.

According to the report, UERATE among Jordanians (Males & Females) in Q2 2026 for the age group +24 years reached 18.0%, while UERATE for Non-Jordanians aged +24 years reached 5.8%.

Besides, UERATE among the non-Jordanian population reached 8.2% in Q2 2026.

Detailed Results

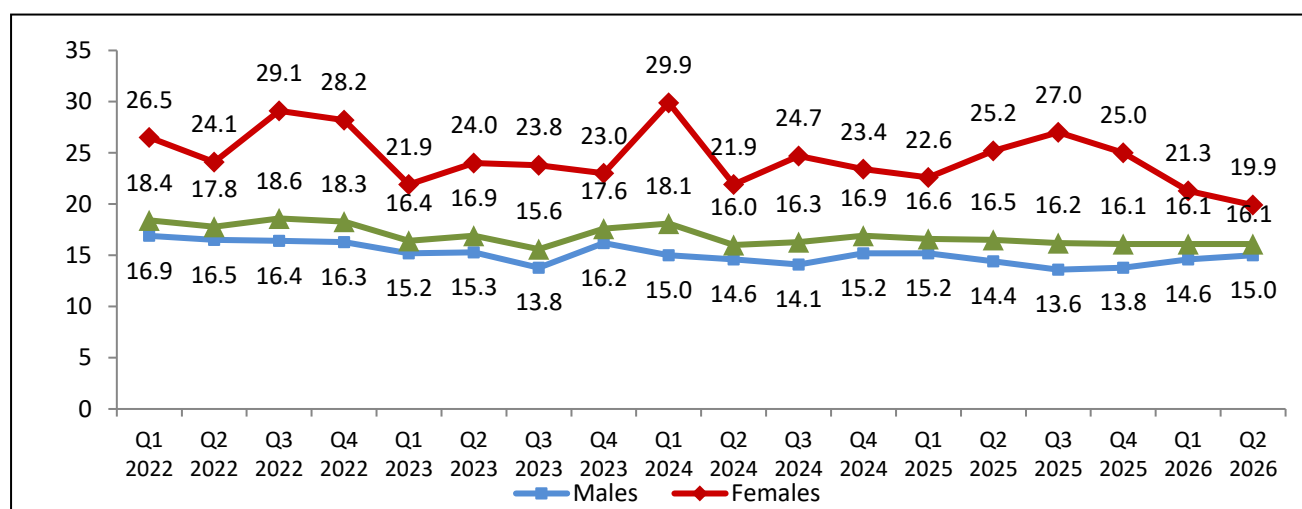
First: Unemployment among the Entire Population:

Unemployment among the entire population refers to the UERATE for all residents of **the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**, including both Jordanian and non-Jordanian residents.

Unemployment among the Entire Population:

- UERATE reached 16.1% during Q2 2026, indicating a decrease of 0.4 percentage points compared to Q2 2025, when it stood at 16.5%.
- UERATE has decreased by 1.7 percentage points over the past four years compared to 2022.
- UERATE among males reached 15.0% during Q2 2026, indicating an increase of 0.6 percentage points compared to Q2 2025 when it stood at 14.4%.
- UERATE among females reached 19.9% during Q2 2026, indicating a decrease of 5.3 percentage points compared to Q2 2025, and a decrease of 1.4 percentage points compared to Q1 2026.

Figure 1 : Population Macro Unemployment Rate by Sex and Quarters for the Years 2022 - 2026



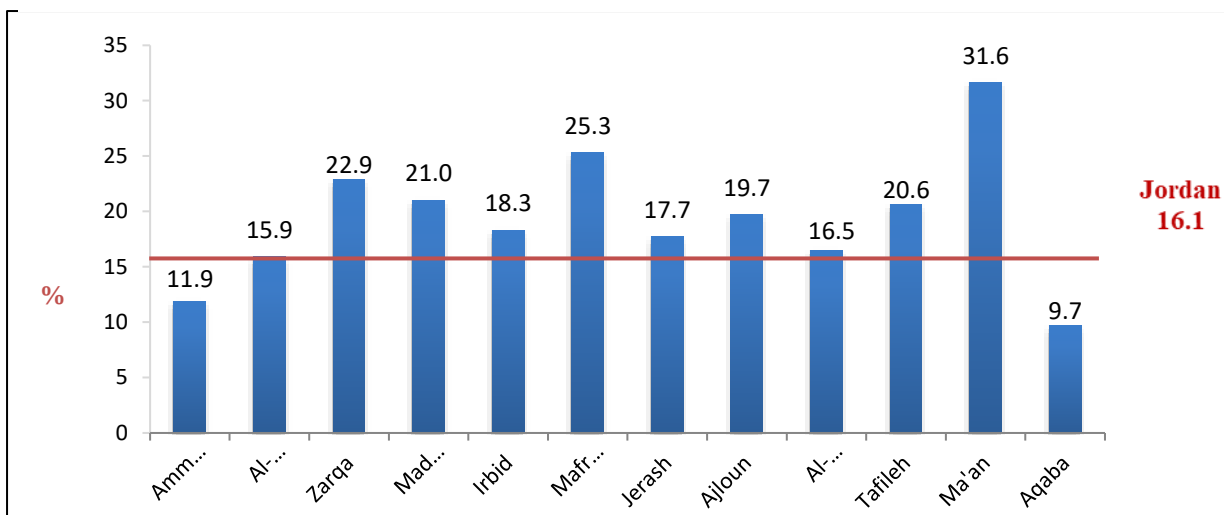
Source: Labour Force Survey/ DOS

Characteristics of the Unemployed Population:

- The unemployed individuals were distributed by educational level, with 51.8% of the total unemployed individuals holding secondary education and higher, and 48.2% holding less than secondary education.
- At the governorate level, the highest UERATE was recorded in Ma'an governorate at 31.6%, and the lowest UERATE was recorded in Aqaba governorate at 9.7%.

- By age group, UERATE for the +24 age group was 13.3%: 12.1% for males and 17.3% for females.

Figure2: Population UNRATE by Governorate in Q2 2026



Source: Labour Force Survey/ DOS

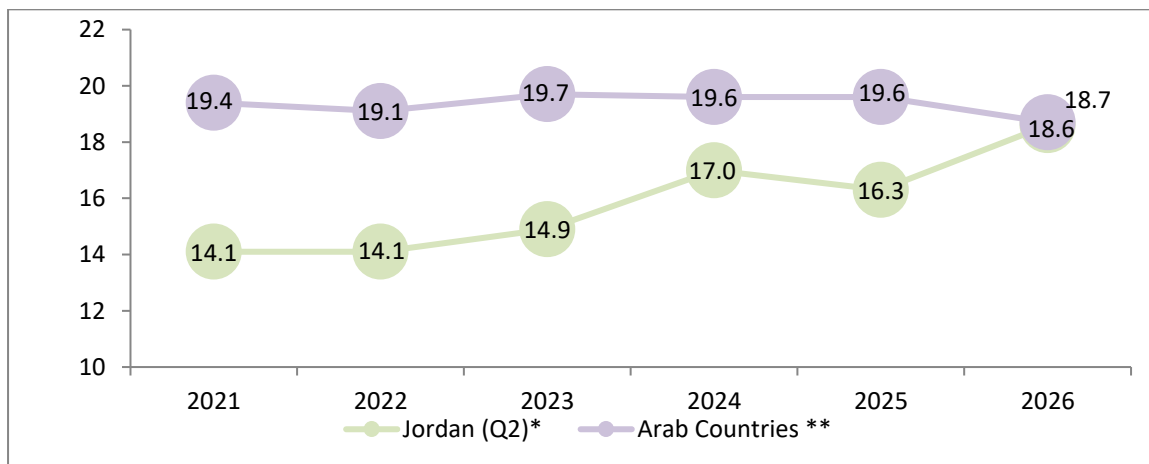
Characteristics of the Employed Population:

- Employment Rate (the ratio of employed individuals to the labour force) reached 83.9% during Q2 2026: 85.0% for males and 80.1% for females.
- The percentage of employed individuals aged +23 years reached 39.7% during Q2 2026.
- According to the age group, 56.8% of employed males were concentrated in the age group (20-39) years, while the percentage of employed females in the same age group reached 72.6%.
- By educational level, the percentage of employed individuals who hold less than secondary education was 55.2%, secondary education 16.0%, and higher than secondary education 28.8%.
- The percentage of paid workers was 86.3%: 83.5% for males and 96.6% for females.
- Data for Q2 2026 showed that the percentage of expatriate workers decreased to 42.2% of the total employed individuals compared to 44.5% during the same period in 2025.
- In the government sector, male employees comprised 76.8% of the total workforce, while female employees comprised 23.2%.
- The employment rate increased by 0.8 percentage points over the four years compared to the same quarter of 2022.
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Labour Force for the Entire Population (Employed and Unemployed):

- The revised economic participation rate (labour force attributed to the population aged +15 years) reached 39.0% in Q2 2026 compared to 39.9% in Q2 2025.
- The revised economic participation rate for males reached 57.4% in Q2 2026 compared to 60.8% in Q2 2025.
- The revised economic participation rate for females reached 16.3% in Q2 2025 compared to 18.6% in Q2 2026, indicating an increase of 2.3 percentage points in the female economic participation rate over the two periods, noting that the overall female economic participation rate in the Arab countries is 18.7%.

Figure3: Females Revised Economic Participation in Jordan and Arab Countries

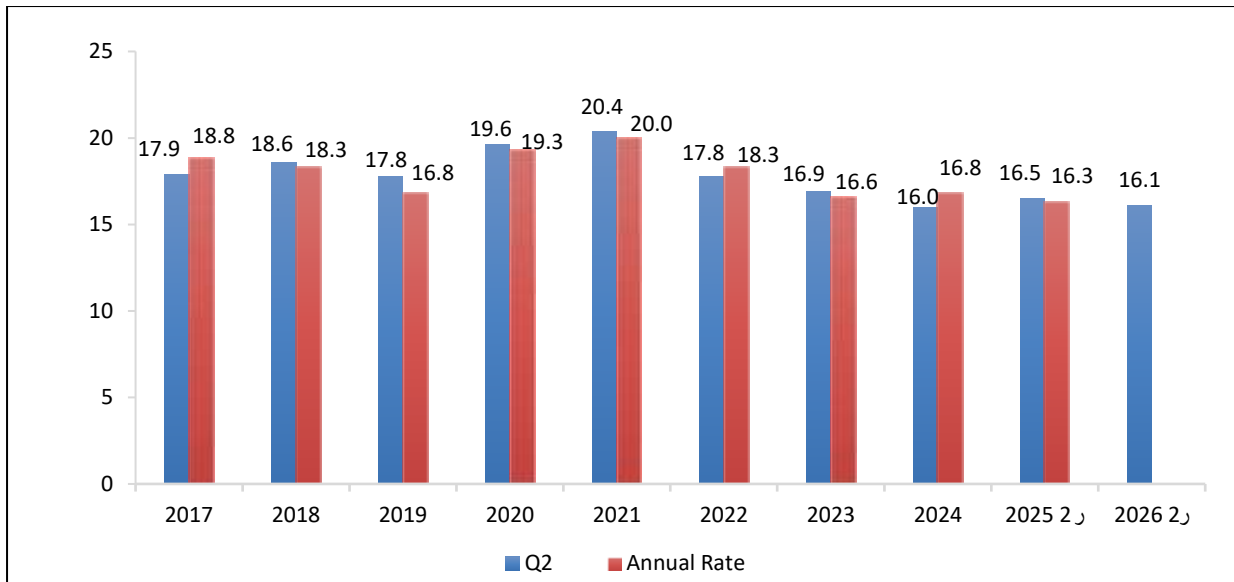


**Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) /DOS*

***Source: World Bank*

- The results also showed a clear disparity in the distribution of the workforce by educational level and sex, as 42.1% of the female workforce holds a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 19.8% of the male workforce.
- The results also indicated that 54.7% of the male workforce holds less than a secondary education compared to 28.2% of the female workforce.

Figure 4: Population Unemployment Rate – Annual and in Q2 - (Jordanians & Non-Jordanians)Over the period 2017- 2026



Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) / DOS

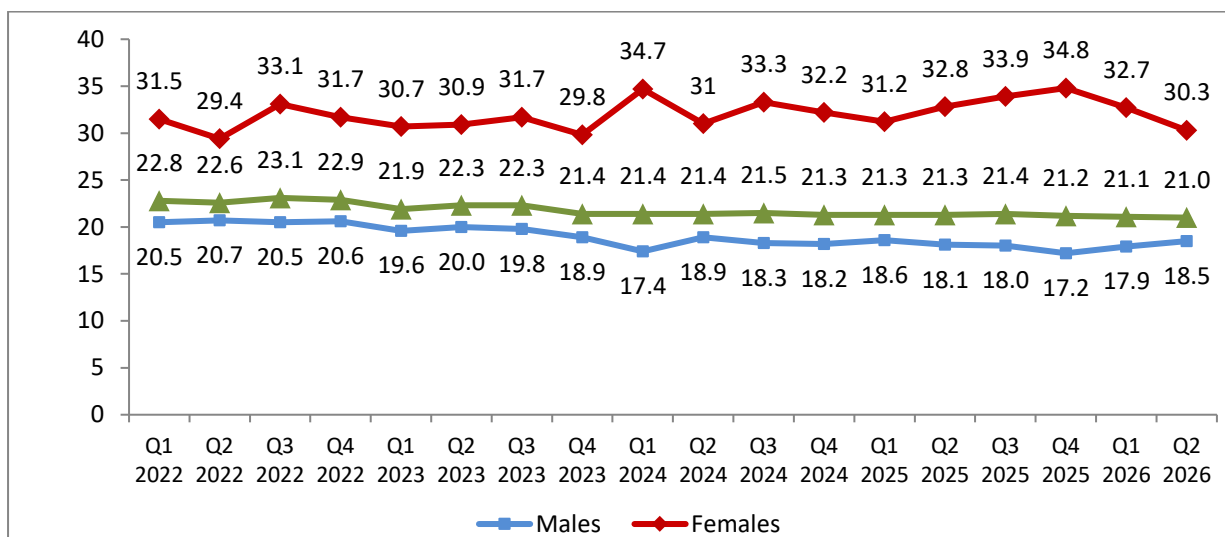
Second: Unemployment among Jordanians

Includes unemployment among Jordanians (Males and Females), and the related results were as follows:

Jordanians Unemployment (Males and Females):

- Jordanians' UERATE reached 21.0% during Q2 2026, indicating a decrease of 0.3 percentage points compared to Q2 2025, when it stood at 21.3%.
- Jordanians' UERATE decreased by 1.6 percentage points over the past four years compared to the same quarter of 2022.
- Among males, UERATE reached 18.5% during Q2 2026, indicating an increase of 0.4 percentage points compared to Q2 2025.
- UERATE among Jordanian males decreased by 4.2 percentage points since Q1 2021, as it stood at 22.7% at that time.
- Among females, UERATE reached 30.3% during Q2 2026, indicating a decrease of 2.5 percentage points compared to Q2 2025, and a decrease of 2.4 percentage points compared to Q1 2026.

Figure4: UERATE for Jordanians by Sex and Quarters for the years 2022-2026

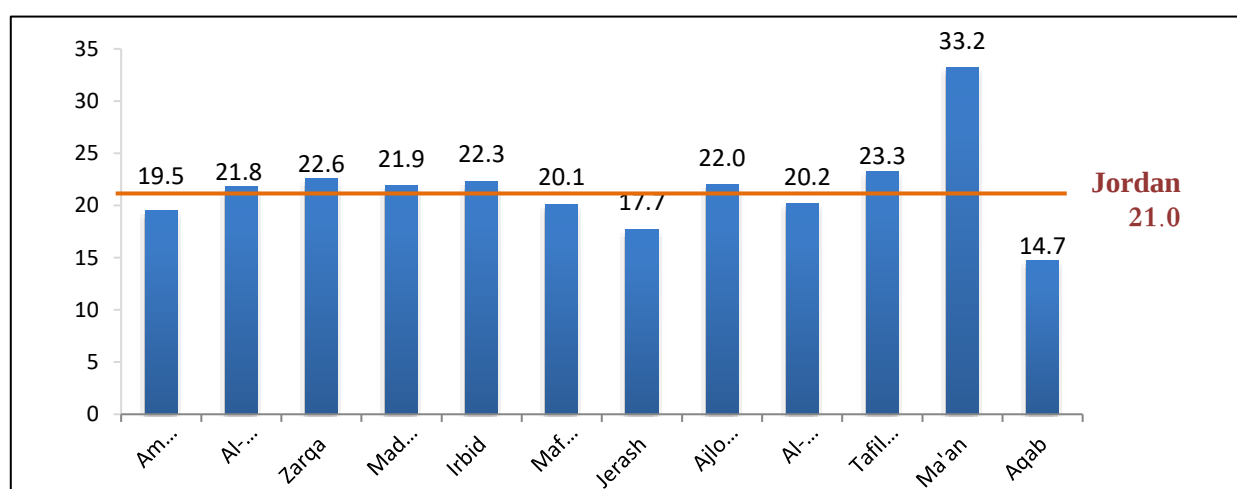


Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) / DOS

Characteristics of the Unemployed Jordanians:

- The results indicated that 57.3% of the total unemployed Jordanians hold secondary education and higher and 42.7% hold less than secondary education.
- By governorate, the highest UERATE among Jordanians was recorded in Ma'an governorate, as it reached 33.2%, and the lowest was in Aqaba governorate, as it reached 14.7%.
- By age group, UERATE for the age group +24 years reached 18.0%, of which 15.4% for males and 27.1% for females.

Figure 6: UERATE among Jordanians by Governorate in Q2 2026



Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) / DOS

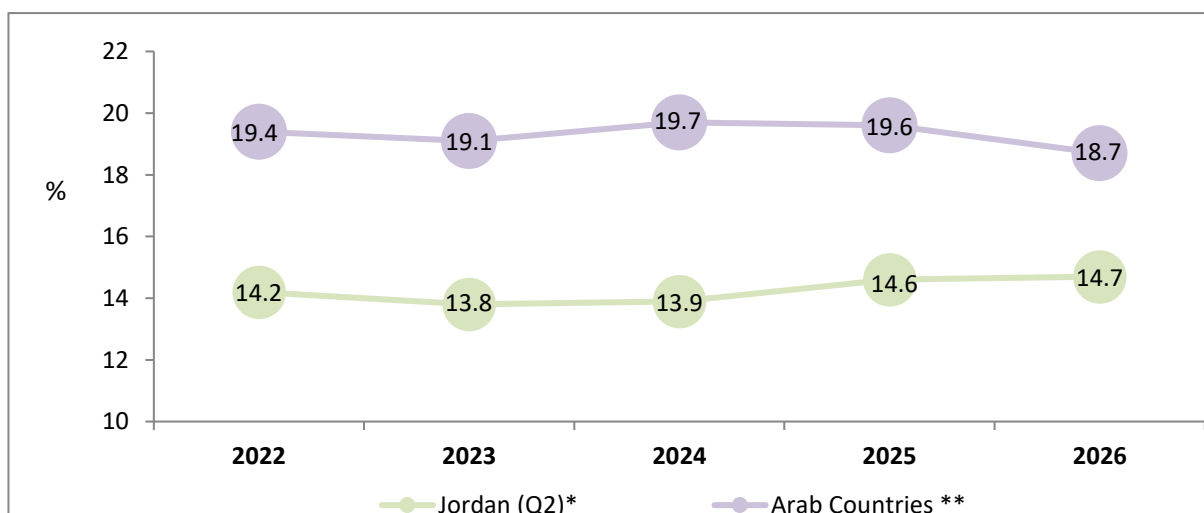
Characteristics of the Employed Jordanians:

- Employment Rate for Jordanians (the ratio of employed individuals to the labour force) reached 79.0% during Q2 2026: 81.5% for males against 69.7% for females.
- Employment rate increased by 1.1 percentage points during the four years (compared to the same quarter of 2022).
- The percentage of employed individuals of the total population aged +23 years reached 33.0% during Q2 2026.
- By educational level, the percentage of employed individuals who hold less than secondary education was 46.0%, secondary education 11.5%, and higher than secondary education 42.5%.
- The percentage of paid workers reached 85.3%: 83.1% for males against 94.6% for females.

Labour Force among Jordanians (Employed and Unemployed):

- The revised economic participation rate (labour force attributed to the population aged +15 years) reached 34.3% in Q2 2026 compared to 33.5% in Q2 2025.
- The revised economic participation rate for males reached 53.6% in Q2 2026 compared to 52.3% in Q2 2025.
- The revised economic participation rate for females reached 14.7% in Q2 2026 compared to 14.6% in Q2 2025, indicating a 0.1 percentage point increase in the females' economic participation rate between the two periods. It is worth noting that the female economic participation rate in Arab countries is 18.7%.

Figure 7: Revised Economic Participation Rate for Jordanian Females in Jordan and Arab Countries



***Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) /DOS**

****Source: World Bank**

- The results showed a clear disparity in the distribution of the workforce by educational level and sex, whereby 70.6% of the female workforce holds a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 27.7% of the male workforce.
- The results also indicated that 53.8% of the male workforce holds less than a secondary education compared to 11.2% of the female workforce.
- The percentage of male Jordanian employees in the government sector to the total employees in this sector reached 79.2%, while the percentage of female employees was 20.8%.

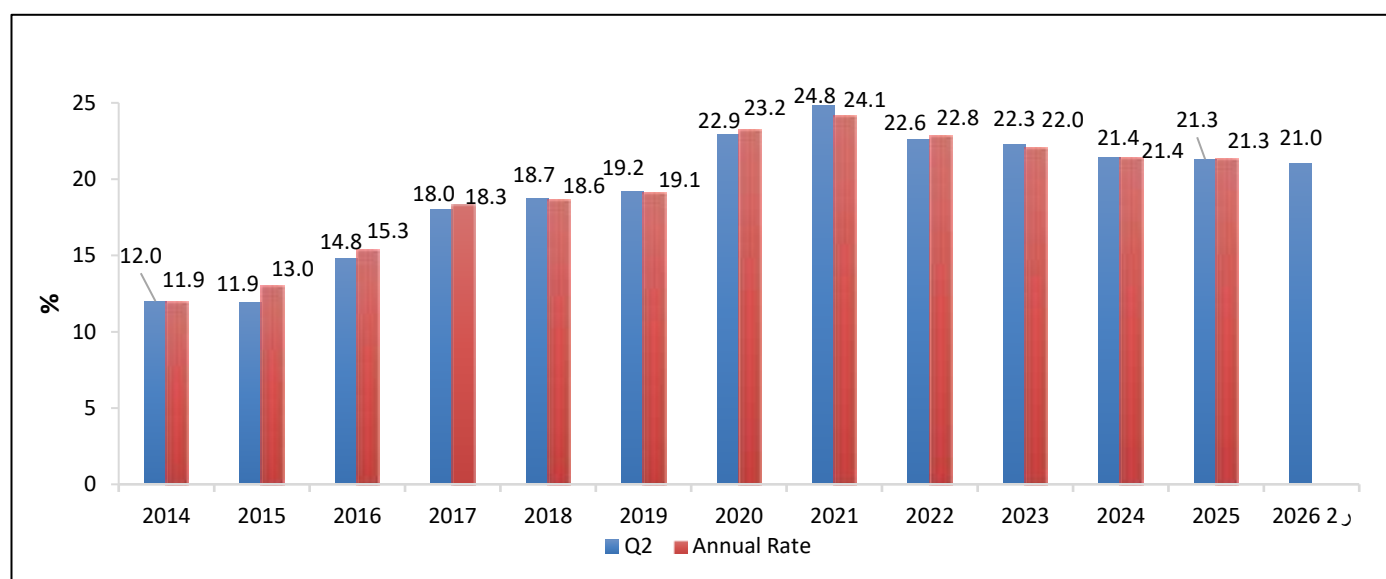


Figure 8: Annual and Q2 UERATE for Jordanians 2014 – 2026

Third: Unemployment among Non-Jordanians

Unemployment among Non-Jordanians includes non-Jordanian residents only, and the related results were as follows:

Non-Jordanian Unemployment:

- UERATE among the non-Jordanian population reached 8.2% during Q2 2026, a decrease of 0.5 point compared to Q1 2026, when it was 8.7%.
- UERATE among non-Jordanian males reached 9.2% during Q2 2026, indicating a decrease of 0.5 percentage points compared to Q1 2026, when it was 9.7%.
- UERATE among non-Jordanian females reached 5.3% in Q2 2026, an increase of 0.1

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) / DOS

percentage points compared to Q1 2026, when it was 5.2%.

- UERATE for Non-Jordanians aged +24 years reached 5.8%, of which 6.7% was for males and 3.0% for females.

Labour Force among Non-Jordanians (Employed and Unemployed):

- The revised economic participation rate for the non-Jordanian population (labour force attributed to the population aged +15 years) reached 49.9% in Q2 2026.
- The revised economic participation rate for non-Jordanian males reached 65.1% in Q2 2026.
- The revised economic participation rate for non-Jordanian females reached 29.0% in Q2 2026.

UERATE and the revised economic participation rate by sex and nationality in the second round of 2026

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
<i>UERATE</i>			
<i>Population</i>	16.1	15.0	19.9
<i>Jordanian</i>	21.0	18.5	30.3
<i>Non-Jordanian</i>	8.2	9.2	5.3
<i>Labour Force (revised economic participation rate)</i>			
<i>Population</i>	39.0	57.4	18.6
<i>Jordanian</i>	34.3	53.6	14.7
<i>Non-Jordanian</i>	49.9	65.1	29.0

It is worth noting that the Labour Force Survey (LFS) includes a sample of 16,560 households distributed across all Jordanian governorates, representing urban, rural, and governorate-level populations. The LFS is conducted midway through each quarter and provides data reflecting the entire quarter (April, May, June). In accordance with international recommendations adopted in Jordan, respondents are asked whether they searched for work during the four weeks preceding the interview.

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