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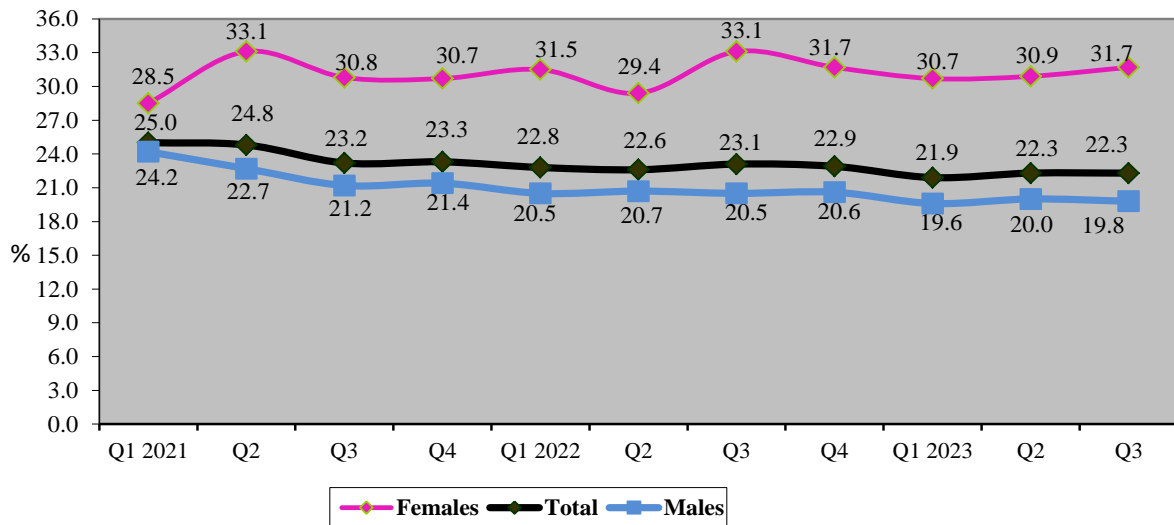
The Department of Statistics: 22.3% is the Unemployment Rate during the Third Quarter of 2023

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

Unemployment:

- ❖ The Unemployment Rate during the third quarter of 2023 has reached 22.3% with a decrease of 0.8 percentage points compared with 23.1% for the third quarter of 2022, and the rate remained stable compared to the second quarter of this year.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached 19.8% during the third quarter of 2023 against 31.7% for females
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has decreased by 0.7 percentage points while it has decreased by 1.4 percentage points for females compared with the third quarter of 2022.
- ❖ Comparing Unemployment rates of the third quarter of 2023 with the previous quarter of the same year, it is clear that the unemployment rate has decreased for males by 0.2 percentage points and increased for females by 0.8 percentage points.

Figure 1: Total Unemployment Rate by Sex and Quarters for 2021-2023



The Unemployed:

- ❖ The unemployment rate has reached 28.3% 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).
- ❖ The results indicated that 57.6% of the total unemployed hold a secondary school certificate or higher, and therefore the total number of unemployed whose educational qualifications are less than secondary school has reached 41.8%.
- ❖ The unemployment rate in the age groups 15-19 years, 20-24 years, and 25-29 years has reached (56.8%, 47.3% and 31.9%) for each of them, respectively.
- ❖ At the governorate level, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Ma’an at a rate of 27.0%, and the lowest unemployment rate was in Aqaba at a rate of 18.1%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) has reached 25.3%.
- ❖ The results show that about 60.0% of the employed males and 59.8% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ 48.8% of the employed had educational qualifications below secondary, 9.8% secondary and 40.8% higher than secondary.
- ❖ The results also show that about 85.3% of the employed are paid employees (83.0% for males against 95.5% for females).

The Labor Force: (Employed & Unemployed):

- ❖ The results show a clear variation in the labor force distribution with regard to educational level and sex. It was found that about 57.4% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 9.4% for females. The results indicate also that 73.2% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 25.1% for males.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) has reached 32.6% (52.7% for males compared to 13.5% for females) for the third quarter of 2023, compared to 33.0% for the total (52.5% for males and 13.7% for females) for the third quarter of 2022, noting that the female economic participation rate in Arab countries is about 19%.

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 (July, August, and September). 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.

