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12.1% the unemployment rate during the fourth quarter of 2011

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate during the fourth quarter of 2011 based on the Employment and Unemployment Survey / Fourth Round. The following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the unemployment rate has reached 12.1% during the fourth quarter of 2011; the males' unemployment rate has reached 10.7% while it was 18.3% for females for the same quarter.
- ❖ The unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points in the fourth quarter of 2011 compared with the fourth quarter of 2010 where the rate was 11.8%.
- ❖ For the same period, the rate has increased among males by 0.7 percentage point and decreased among females by 1.8 percentage point for the same quarter of 2010.

The Quarterly Unemployment Rates for 2007 - 2011.

Quarters	Years				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
First	14.3	14.1	12.1	12.4	13.1
Second	10.8	12.5	13.0	12.2	13.2
Third	14.3	12.0	14.0	13.5	13.1
Fourth	13.0	12.0	12.2	11.8	12.1

Unemployed:

- ❖ The Survey results show that the unemployment rate is high among the university degree holders (Bachelor degree and higher) by 15.5% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 0.5% of the unemployed are illiterate, and 45.1% have less than secondary school qualifications, while about 54.4% were secondary certificate holders and higher.
- ❖ Male unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was (22.8%) and (67.6%) for females which is varied according to educational level and sex.
- ❖ The highest rate of unemployment was recorded in the age group 15-19 and 20-24 years by 34.3% and 27.2% respectively.
- ❖ The highest rate of unemployment was recorded in Karak at 18.8% and the lowest rate was recorded in Aqaba Governorate at 9.6%.

Employed:

- ❖ The employed rate among the age group (15 and over) is 34.2%.
- ❖ The results show that about 62.7% and 73.6% of employed males and females concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.

- ❖ About half of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 13.0 % of the secondary level and 38.3% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ 5.8% of the employed males are engaged in elementary occupations, while the percentage of workers in crafts and related trades and the professions constitute about 16.3% and 18.6% for each respectively.
- ❖ 55.8 % the employed females were professionals and 13.0 % were technicians and associate professionals.
- ❖ The results show that 24.9% of the total employed work in the sector of public administration, defense and social security, followed by workers in the wholesale and retail trade sector at about 14.4%.
- ❖ The results show that 27.6% of the employed males were employed in the sector of public administration and defense, and 16.3% in the wholesale and retail trade sector. It was noticed that 40.6% of the female workers were in the education sector and 13.7% in the health sector and social work.
- ❖ The results also show that about 84.4% of the employed were paid employees (81.9% for males compared with 95.9% 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 55.2% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 14.1% for females. The results indicate also that 56.5% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 21.4% for males.
- ❖ The results show that the Crude Economic Activity Rate (i.e. labor force attributed to the total population) reached 25.0%.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 38.9% for the whole Kingdom (62.4% for

males against 14.9% for females) compared with 39.0% for the whole Kingdom (63.2% for males and 14.3 % for females) in the fourth quarter 2010.

It should be noted that the Survey included a total sample size of about 13 thousand households distributed all over the governorates of the Kingdom, and is representative of the urban, rural, and regions. It is worthy to mention here that the Employment and Unemployment surveys are carried out at the middle of every quarter and provide data reflecting the situation of the complete quarter (October, November and December). The individual is asked whether he/she has searched for a job during the last seven days before the interview according to the international recommendations applied in Jordan.

Figure 1: Total unemployment rates by sex & quarters for 2007 –2011

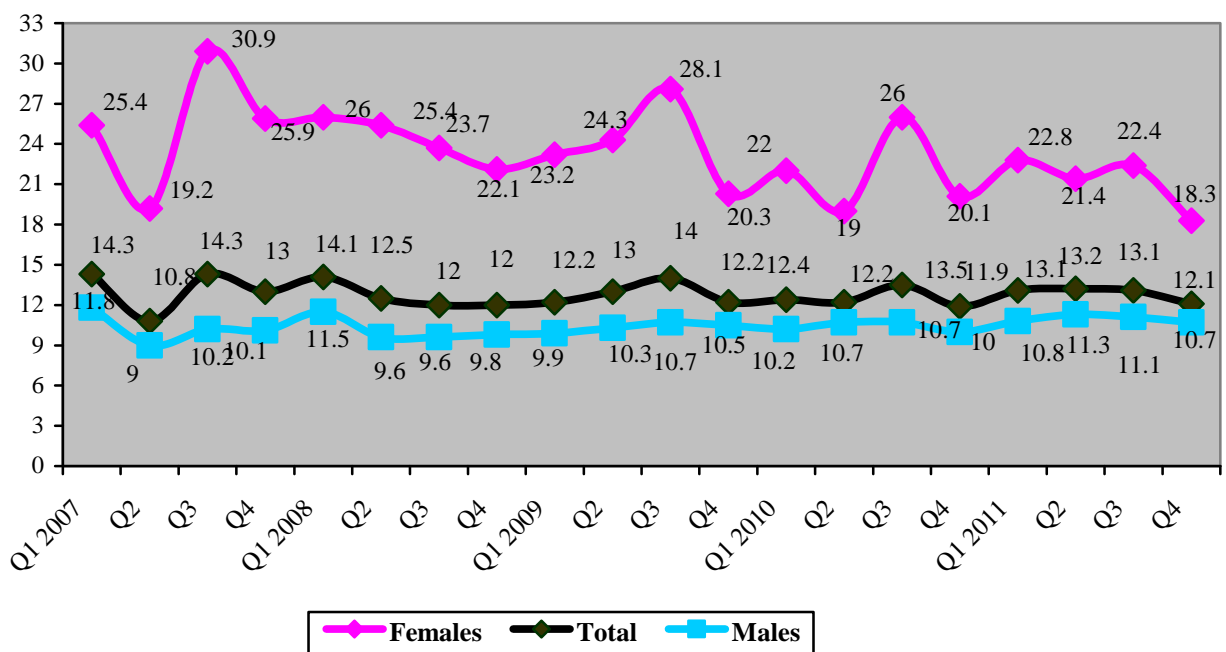


Figure 2: unemployment rates for the fourth quarter of 2001-2011 and the yearly average for the same years

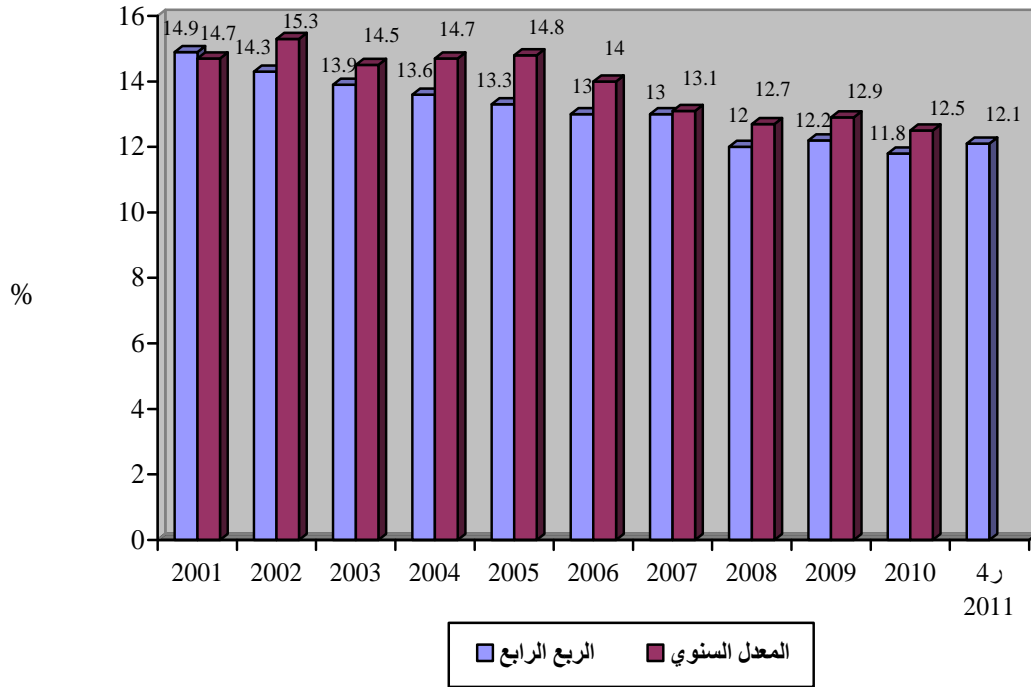


Figure 3: trends of the unemployment rates by sex 2000 - 2010 and the fourth quarter of 2011

