Explanatory Document on the Published Data

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Labor Force Survey 2020

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Purpose and historical reference
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Survey Objectives:

a) Identify different demographic, social and economic characteristics of the population and manpower.
b) Identify the professional structure, economic activity and the work status of the workers.
c) Identify the reasons that made employees to seek new or additional work.
d) Measure the participation rates in the economic activity (i.e., labor force is attributed to the total population aged 15 years and above).
e) Identify different characteristics of the unemployed.
f) Measure the unemployment rates (i.e., total number of unemployed persons attributed to the total economically active population) according to different characteristics of the unemployed and the related changes.
g) Identify the most important methods followed by the unemployed in order to obtain a job, in addition to measuring the periods of unemployment for those unemployed.
h) Identify changes in these variables over the years.
i) Measure the underemployment associated with time.
j) Measure the potential work force.

Historical reference (please indicate the year the survey started)
The survey was conducted in 1976 The survey was carried out in
and it has been carried out regularly since 2000 with four
quarterly rounds.
Users and Applications:
 Users: economic and social experts and researchers in economic, demographic and social fields in both private and public sectors, in addition to regional and international organization.
Applications: agricultural, economic and social planning and development of labor market policies.

1. Contents

1-1 Content description

This survey provides detailed data on the various characteristics of individuals in general, and on the demographic, social and economic characteristics of economically active individuals (employed and unemployed), and characteristics of economically non-active individuals.

2-1 variables

Variables include the following:

- Identification data per individual
- Demographic data
- Educational data
- Economic data

3-1 Definitions

Employed: Is the individual aged (15+), who has worked or is working in either the government sector or the private sector (formal or informal) and Working hours should not be less than one hour during the seven days preceding the day of the interview. The concept of Employed has been narrowed according to the new methodology of the labor force survey by excluding unpaid workers from the definition of the Employed ,as they were considered in the previous methodology (2016 and before) as Employed.

Unemployed: Is the individual aged 15+, who is able to work, not engaged in any work, available for work and seeking for a job?

The unemployed individual must fulfill the following conditions :

a. He should not be engaged in any work (currently unemployed): His /Her Working hours should not be less than one hour during the seven days preceding the day of the interview, and is not temporarily absent from work.

b. Available for work: He/she should be ready to be hired immediately during the week preceding the interview or during the fifteen days following it.

C. Job Seeker: / He/she has taken specific steps to search for apart –time or permanent job in a certain close period during the four weeks preceding the day of the interview.

Economically inactive (**population outside the labor force**): Individuals aged 15+ who are not working and not seeking for a job, such as students, housekeepers , sick individuals, elderly, retired people and those with fixed income.

Economically active (population within the labor force): Individuals aged 15+ who are employed or unemployed.

4-1 Classifications (basis of details in the tables)

Published tables are based on publishing the data according to the field collection, processing and dissemination of data.

2- Sample survey

This survey is carried out on a sample of families with a size of (16,560) families distributed over all governorates of the Kingdom. The sample was designed using a two-stage stratified cluster sampling method, so that the results are representative at the level of the Kingdom, urban, rural, regions and governorates.

3- Time

3-1 reference period (during which the data is collected)

The survey will be conducted throughout the whole months of the year 1-12 on four quarterly rounds

3-2 date of dissemination

First round 31/05/2020

Second round 30/08/2020

Third round 29/11/2020

Fourth round 28/02/2021

3-3 commitment to date of dissemination

Publication is carried out immediately upon the completion of office preparation for each round.

3-4periodicity

Quarterly (every three months)

3-5 availability of time series (mention available time series of this survey)

There is a time series of annual surveys from 2000 – 2020.

4- Accuracy

4-1 overall accuracy (very high if all items in checklist are implemented, high if two thirds are implemented, medium if less than half the items are implemented)

Very high

4-2 sources of inaccuracy

Non sampling error

4-3 available accuracy measures

Descriptive accuracy measures

5- Comparability

5-1 comparability over time (ability to compare data with previously published data)

The data is comparable with previously published data, due to using the same methodology and application of international standards.

5-2comparability with other statistics (ability to compare data with figures in other surveys, and with other countries)

The data is comparable with other statistics, which use the same international standards and classifications

relative to employment and unemployment.

6- Data accessibility
6-1 publication formats (how can the user access the data, e.g. DOS website, paper copies, etc..)
The data is published in electronic format on DOS website(http://www.dos.gov.jo/).