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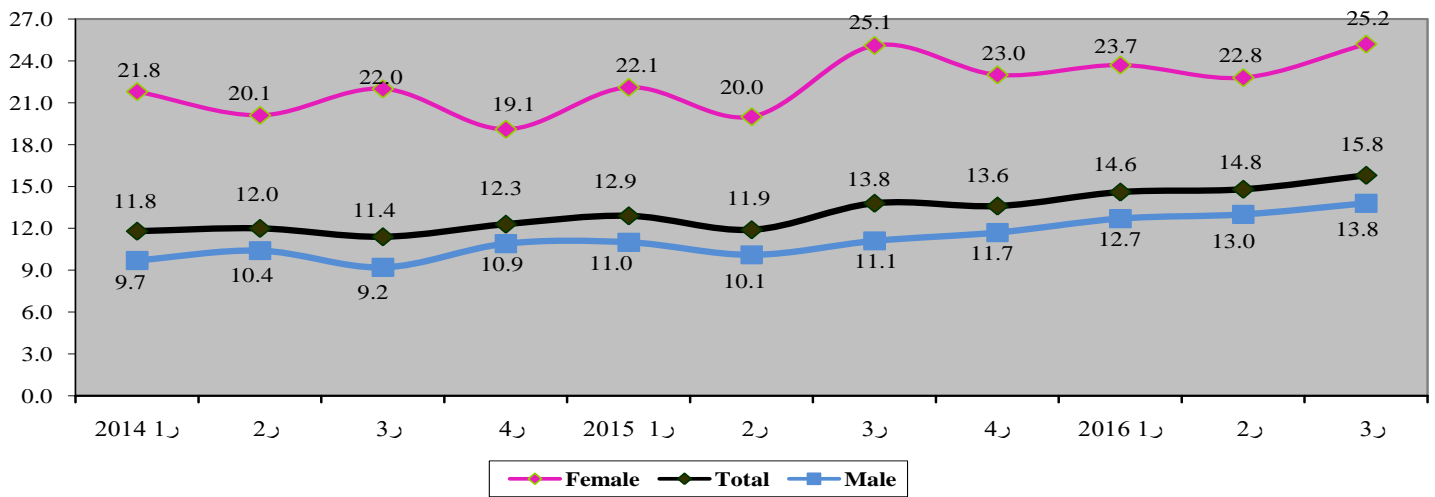
15.8% The Unemployment Rate during the third Quarter of 2016

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate during the third quarter of 2016. The following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached 15.8% during the third quarter of 2016; the Unemployment Rate for males has reached 13.8% while it was 25.2 % for females for the same quarter.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate has increased in this round by 2.0 percent points compared with the third quarter of 2015.
- ❖ Taking gender into consideration, it becomes clear that the Unemployment Rate has increased for males by 2.7 percentage points and females by 0.1 percentage points for the third quarter of 2016 compared with the same period of 2015.

Fig 1: Total Unemployment Rates by Sex and Quarters for 2014 – 3rd Q, 2016



The Unemployed:

- ❖ The Survey results show that the Unemployment Rate is high among the university degree holders (Bachelor degree and higher divided by labor force for the same educational level) by 22.4% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 55.8% of the Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 44.2% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ Male Unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was 26.5% against 79.4% 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 41.1% and 35.5% respectively.
- ❖ The highest Rate of Unemployment was recorded in Aqaba at 19.8% and the lowest rate was recorded in Zarqa Governorate at 11.4%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 30.5%.
- ❖ The results show that about 58.1% of the employed males and 68.5% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About half of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 11.5% of the secondary level and 37.0% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ 5.9% of the employed males are engaged in elementary occupations, while the percentage of factories and machines workers and sales and service workers constitute about 16.1% and 18.0% for each respectively.
- ❖ 62.4% of the employed females are professionals and 12.5% are technicians and associate professionals.
- ❖ 25.6% 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 15.3%.
- ❖ 28.1% of the employed males were employed in the sector of public administration and defense, and 17.4% in the wholesale and retail trade sector. It is noticed that 40.8% of the female workers are in the education sector and 16.0% in the health sector and social work.
- ❖ The results also show that about 86.7% of the employed are paid employees (84.6% for males against 97.2% 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 58.8% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 11.8% for females. The results indicate also that 66.0% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 21.5% for males.
- ❖ The Crude Economic Activity Rate (i.e. labor force attributed to the total population) reached 24.5%.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 36.3% for the whole Kingdom (58.8% for males against 13.4% for females) for the third quarter of 2016 compared with 37.6% for the whole Kingdom (60.5% for males and 14.5 % for females) for the third quarter of 2015.

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 (July, Aug, and Sep). The individual is asked whether he/she has searched for a job during the last four weeks before the interview according to the international recommendations applied in Jordan.

Annual Un-Employment Rate for the years (2006-2016) and the 3rd Quarter of 2016

