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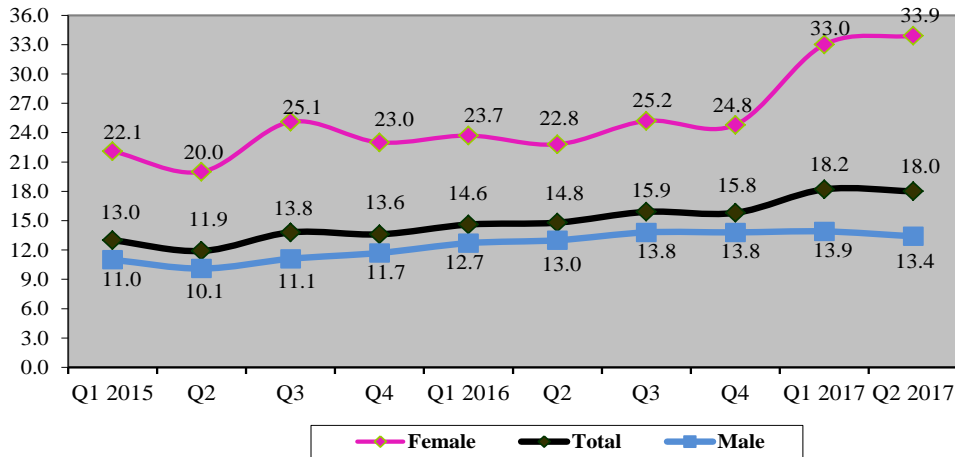
## 18.0 Unemployment Rate during the second Quarter of 2017

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate during the Second quarter of 2017 : The following are the main results of this survey:

### **Unemployment:**

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached 18.0% during the second quarter of 2017; the Unemployment Rate for males has reached 13.4% while it was 33.9 % for females for the same quarter.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate has decreased in this round by 0.2 percent points compared with the first quarter of 2017 .
- ❖ Taking gender into consideration, it becomes clear that the Unemployment Rate has decreased for males by 0.5 percentage points and increased for females by 0.9 percentage points during the second quarter of 2017 compared with the first quarter of 2017.

**Fig 1: Total Unemployment Rates by Sex and Quarters for 2015 – 2nd Q 2017**



### **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 24.6% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 59.2% of the Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 40.8% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ Male Unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was 27.9% against 65.4% for females which is varied according to educational level and sex.
- ❖ The highest rate of Unemployment was recorded in the age group 20-24 and 25-29 years by 38.7% and 26.1% respectively.

- ❖ The highest Rate of Unemployment was recorded in Tafelieh at 26.3% and the lowest rate was recorded in Aqaba at 13.1%.

### **The Employed:**

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 31.8%.
- ❖ The results show that about 57.9% of the employed males and 66.1% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About half of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 10.0% of the secondary level and 39.2% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 84.0% of the employed are paid employees (80.7% for males against 94.7% 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 58.6% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 16.0% for females. The results indicate also that 61.0% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 23.6% for males.
- ❖ The Crude Economic Activity Rate (i.e. labor force attributed to the total population) reached 25.8%.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 38.8% for the whole Kingdom (59.4% for males against 17.7% for females) for the second quarter of 2017 compared with 40.5% for the whole Kingdom (63.0% for males and 18.3 % for females) for the first quarter of 2017.

It should be noted that the Survey included a total sample size of about 16 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 (Apr. May. June). 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 (2005-2017) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017

