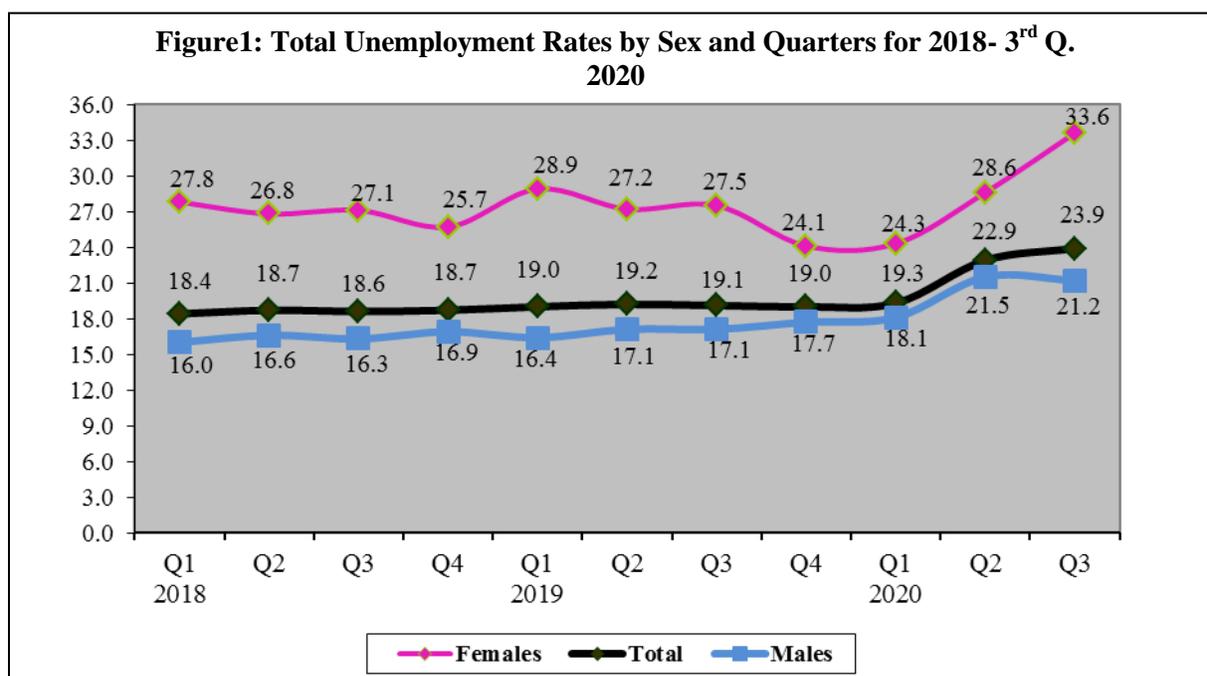


23.9% Unemployment Rate during the third Quarter of 2020

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate for the third quarter of 2020; the following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached (23.9%) during the third quarter of 2020; representing an increase by 4.8 percentage points of the third quarter 2019.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached (21.2%) during the third quarter of 2020 against (33.6%) for females. It becomes clear that the Unemployment Rate has increased for males by 4.1 percentage points and for females by 6.1 percentage points compared with third quarter 2019.



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 27.7% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 53.1% of the total Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 46.9% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ Male Unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was 25.2% against 77.0% 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 53.1% and 45.0% respectively.
- ❖ The highest Rate of Unemployment was recorded in Tafilah at 28.5% and the lowest rate was recorded in Karak at 18.4%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 26.2%.
- ❖ The results show that about 57.9% of the employed males and 63.0% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About 49.4 of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 8.6% of the secondary level and 42.0% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 85.6% of the employed are paid employees (83.1% for males against 96.5% 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 59.2% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to

10.5% for females. The results indicate also that 71.9% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 25.1% for males.

- ❖ The Crude Economic Activity Rate (i.e. labor force attributed to the total population) reached 23.8%.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 34.4% (53.5% for males against 14.9% for females) for the third quarter of 2020 compared with 33.6% (53.3% for males and 13.2 % for females) for the third quarter of 2019.
- ❖ It should be noted that the new methodology of 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 (July, August, and September). 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.

Figure 2: Annual Unemployed Rate for the Third quarters of 2008- 2020

