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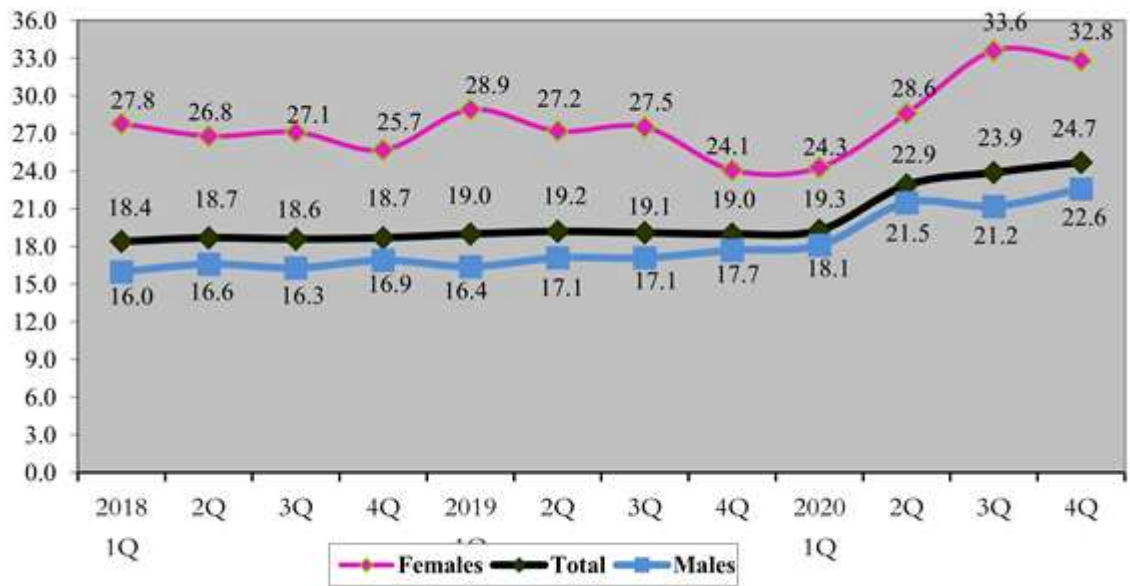
24.7% Unemployment Rate during the fourth Quarter of 2020

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

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached (24.7%) during the fourth quarter of 2020; representing an increase by 5.7 percentage points of the fourth quarter 2019.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached (22.6%) during the fourth quarter of 2020 against (32.8%) for females. It becomes clear that the Unemployment Rate has increased for males by 4.9 percentage points and for females by 8.7 percentage points compared with the fourth quarter of 2019.
- ❖ Comparing the unemployment rate for the fourth quarter with the third quarter of 2020 shows that the unemployment rate increased by 0.8 percentage points; males increased by 1.4 percentage points, while it decreased for females by 0.8 percentage points.

Figure 1: Total unemployment rates by gender and quarters for the years 2018 - 2020



The Unemployed:

- ❖ The Survey results show that the Unemployment Rate was high among the university degree holders (Bachelor degree and higher divided by labor force for the same educational level) as it reached 27.8% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 51.1% of the Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 48.9% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ The percentage of the unemployed varied according to educational level and gender. The percentage of unemployed males holding a bachelor's degree or higher reached 24.5% compared to 75.8% for females.
- ❖ The highest rate of Unemployment was recorded in the age group 15-19 and 20-24 years by 62.1% and 47.9% respectively.
- ❖ The highest Rate of Unemployment was recorded in Tafilah at 26.2% and the lowest rate was recorded in Ajlun at 17.2%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 25.1%.
- ❖ The results show that about 59.3% of the employed males and 61.0% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ 48.7 of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 8.9% of the secondary level and 41.9% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 88.1% of the employed are paid employees (86.0% for males against 97.6% 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 58.4% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 9.9% for females. The results indicate also that 70.9% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 24.7% for males.
- ❖ The Crude Economic Activity Rate (i.e. labor force attributed to the total population) reached 23.0%.
- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 33.4% (52.8% for males against 13.7% for females) for the fourth quarter of 2020 compared with 34.1% (54.3% for males and 13.5 % for females) for the fourth quarter of 2019.
- ❖ It should be noted that the Labor Force Survey, with its new methodology, included a sample of approximately 16 thousand families spread across all governorates of the Kingdom, representing urban, rural and provincial areas. The Labor Force Survey is carried out in the middle of each quarter of the year and provides data reflecting the reality of the full quarter. The individual is asked if he looked for a job during the four weeks before the interview day, in accordance with the international recommendations adopted in Jordan.

Figure 2: Annual unemployment rate of the fourth quarter 2008- 2020

