

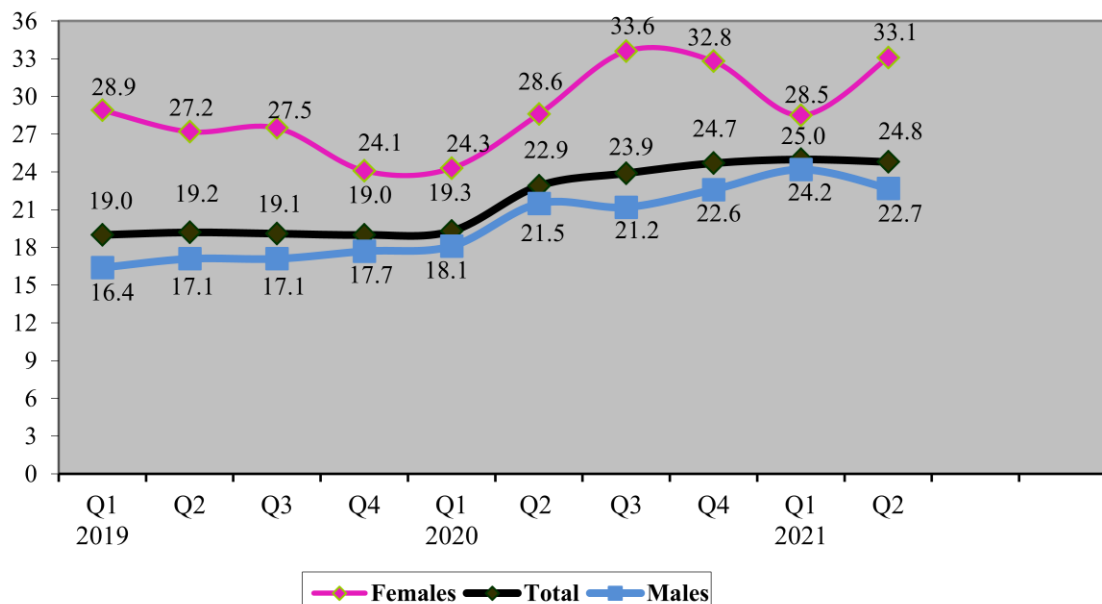
24.8% Unemployment Rate during the Second Quarter of 2021

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the Unemployment Rate for the Second quarter of 2021; the following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached (24.8%) during the second quarter of 2021; representing a decrease by 0.2 percentage points from the first quarter of the same year, and with an increase by 1.9 percentage points from the second quarter of 2020.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached (22.7%) during the second quarter of 2021 against (33.1%) for females. It becomes clear that the Unemployment Rate has increased for males by 1.2 percentage points and for females by 4.5 percentage points compared with the second quarter of 2020.
- ❖ By comparing the unemployment rate for the second quarter with the first quarter of 2021, it is clear that the unemployment rate for males decreased by 1.5 percentage points, and increased for females by 4.6 percentage points.

Figure1: Total Unemployment Rates by Sex and Quarters for 2019- 2021



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 31.1% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 56.7 % of the total Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 43.3% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ Male Unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was 31.2% against 83.4% for females which is varied according to educational level and sex.
- ❖ The unemployment rate among youth in the age group 15-24 is 48.5% of the total (43.6% for males compared to 71.6% for females).
- ❖ The highest Rate of Unemployment was recorded in Balqa at 28.2%, and the lowest rate was recorded in Karak at 15.7%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 25.3%.
- ❖ The results show that about 58.4% of the employed males and 59.2% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About 50% of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 8.3% of the secondary level and 41.5% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 86.0% of the employed are paid employees (83.7% for males against 95.9% for females).

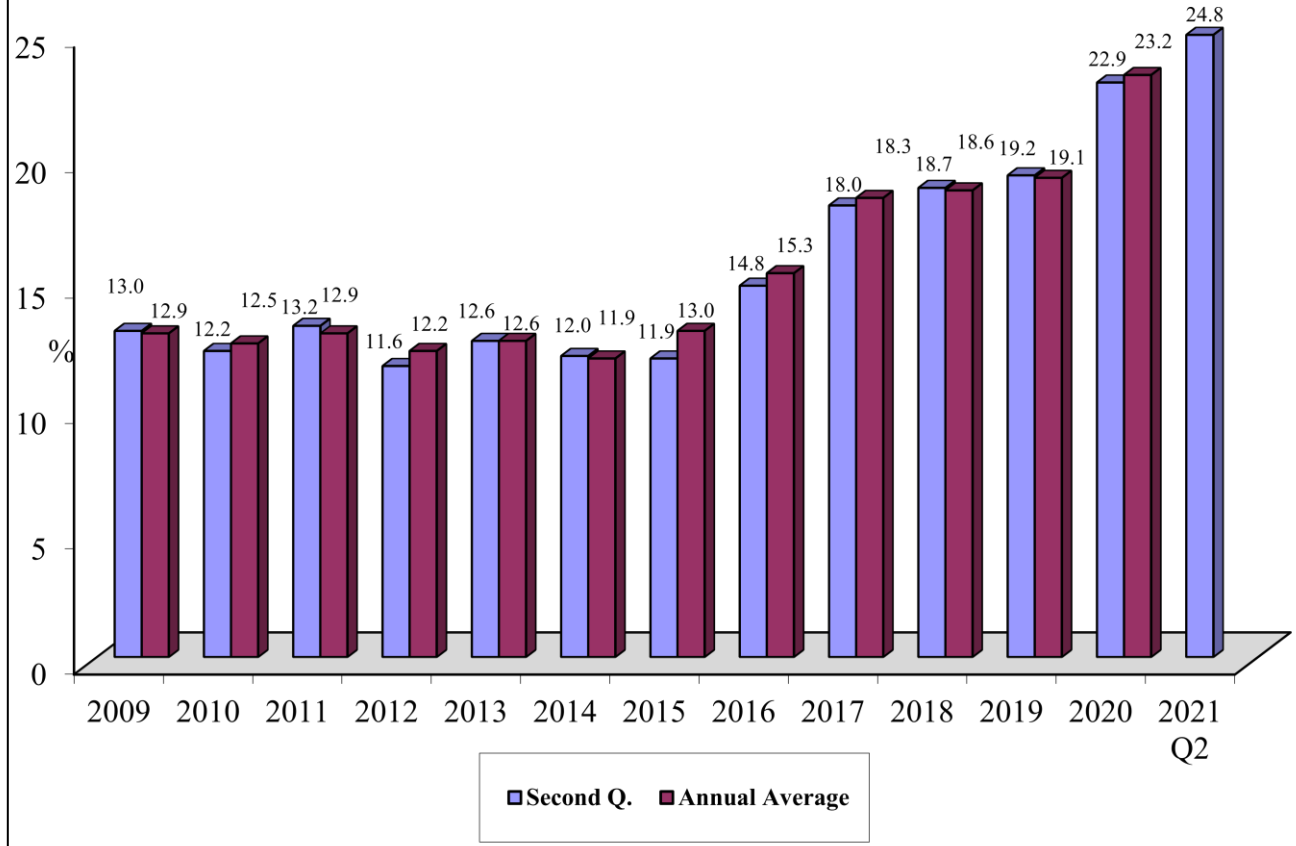
The Labor Force: (Employed & Unemployed):

- ❖ 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 9.5% for females. The results indicate also that 73.8% of the total labor force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 26.6% for males.

- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 33.7% (53.4% for males against 13.9% for females) for the second quarter of 2021 compared with 34.1% (53.8% for males and 14.1% for females) for the second quarter of 2020.
- ❖ It should be noted that the labor force survey with its methodology included a sample size of about 16 thousand families distributed over all governorates of the Kingdom, representing urban, rural and governorates. The labor force survey is carried out in the middle of each quarter of the year and provides data that reflects the reality of the entire quarter (April, May, June), and the individual is asked whether he searched for work during the four weeks preceding the interview day, according to the international recommendations adopted in Jordan.

Figure 2: Annual Unemployed Rate for the second quarter of 2009- 2021



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