

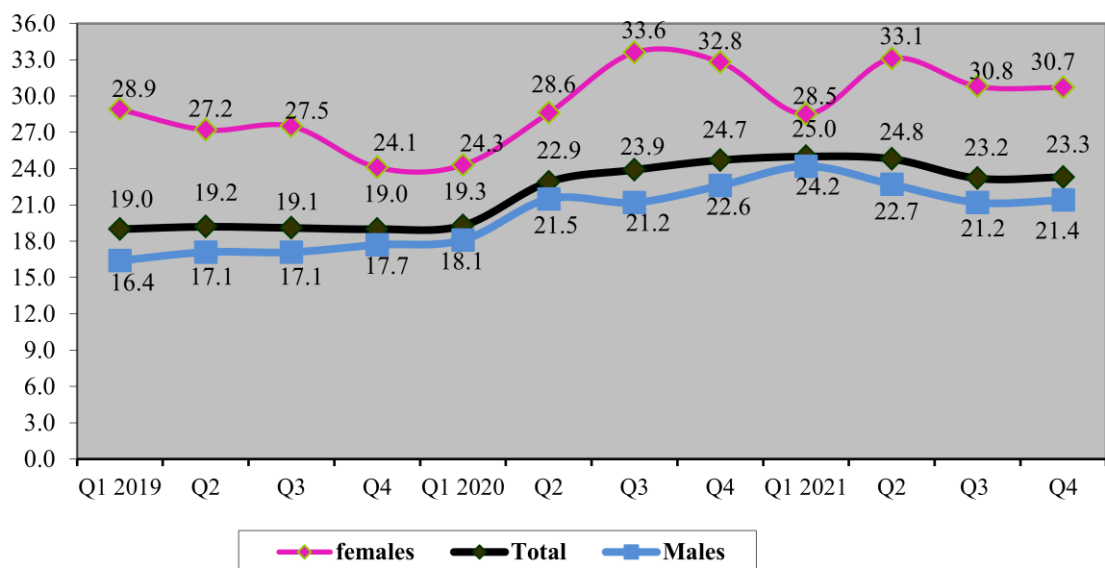
23.3% Unemployment Rate during the Fourth Quarter of 2021

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the unemployment rate for the fourth quarter of 2021; the following are the main results of this survey:

Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached (23.3%) during the fourth quarter of 2021 with an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the third quarter of the same year and a decrease by 1.4 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2020.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached (21.4%) during the fourth quarter of 2021 against (30.7%) for females. It becomes clear that the unemployment rate for males has decreased by 1.2 percentage points and has decreased for females by 2.1 percentage points compared to the fourth quarter of 2020.
- ❖ By comparing the Unemployment rate for the fourth quarter with the third quarter of 2021, it is clear that the unemployment rate for males has increased by 0.2 percentage points and has decreased for females by 0.1 percentage points.

Figure 1: 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 27.2% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 52.4% of the total Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 47.0% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ Male Unemployed percentage of bachelor holders and higher was 26.0% against 79.2% for females which is varied according to educational level and sex.
- ❖ The highest rate of Unemployment was recorded in the age group 15-24 years by 52.1% for the total (47.9% for males against 70.2% for females).
- ❖ As for the Governorates, the highest rate of Unemployment was recorded in Maan at 28.1%, and the lowest rate was recorded in Ajlun at 18.5%.

The Employed:

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 25.7%.
- ❖ The results show that about 58.4% of the employed males and 58.3% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About 49.5% of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 8.9% of the secondary level and 41.6% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 86.2% of the employed are paid employees (83.8% for males against 96.9% 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 58.2% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 10.8% for females. The results indicate also that 71.5% of the total labor

force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 25.0% for males.

- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 33.5% (53.6% for males against 13.6% for females) for the fourth quarter of 2021 compared with 33.4% (52.8% for males and 13.7% for females) for the fourth quarter of 2020.
- ❖ It should be noted that the labor force survey includes a sample size of about 16 thousand families distributed over all governorates of the Kingdom, and is representative of 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 (October, November, December), and the individual is asked whether he searched for work during the four weeks preceding the day of the interview, according to the international recommendations adopted in Jordan.

Figure 2: Annual Unemployment Rate for the Fourth Quarters of the years 2010-2021

