

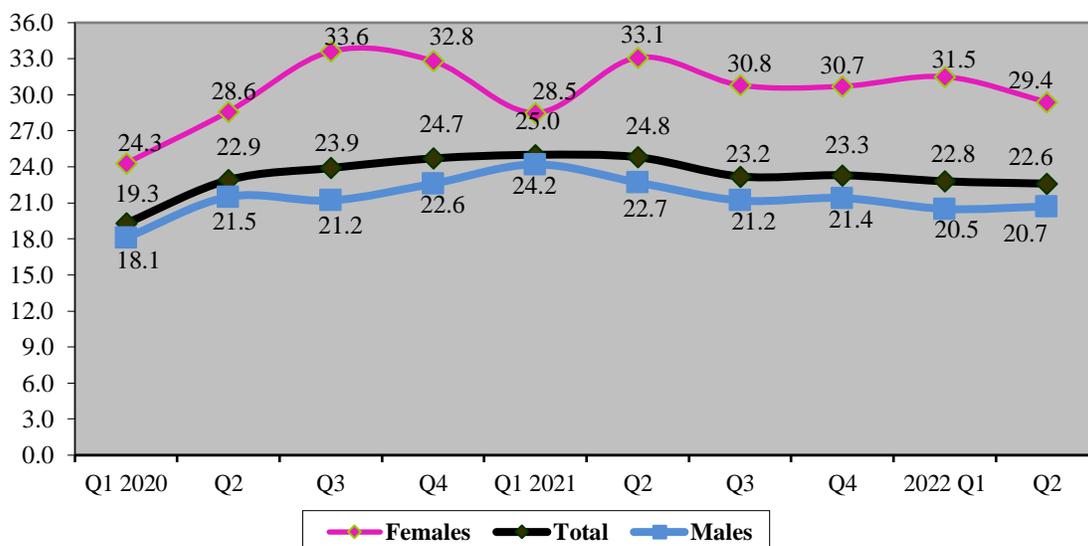
## 22.6% Unemployment Rate during the Second Quarter of 2022

The Department of Statistics issued its quarterly report on the unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2022; the following are the main results of this survey:

### Unemployment:

- ❖ The results show that the Unemployment Rate has reached (22.6%) during the second quarter of 2022 with a decrease of 2.2 percentage point from the second quarter of the 2021 and a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the first quarter of 2022.
- ❖ The Unemployment Rate for males has reached (20.7%) during the second quarter of 2022 against (29.4%) for females. It becomes clear that the unemployment rate for males has decreased by 2.0 percentage points and has decreased for females by 3.7 percentage points compared to the second quarter of 2021.
- ❖ By comparing the Unemployment rate for the second quarter with the first quarter of 2022, it is clear that the unemployment rate for males has increased by 0.2 percentage points and has decreased for females by 2.1 percentage points.

**Figure 1: Total Unemployment Rates by Sex and Quarters for 2020-2022**



### **The Unemployed:**

- ❖ The Survey results show that the Unemployment Rate is high among the university degree holders (Unemployed individuals who hold bachelor degree and higher divided by labor force for the same educational level) by 26.2% compared with the other educational levels.
- ❖ The results also show that 53.5% of the total Unemployed are secondary certificate holders and higher, and that 46.2% have less than secondary school qualifications.
- ❖ The percentage of the unemployed varied according to the educational level and gender, as the percentage of males holding a bachelor's degree or higher was 25.5%, compared to 78.9% for females.
- ❖ The rate of Unemployment among youth in the age group 15-24 years has reached 46.1% of the total (42.2% for males against 63.3% for females).
- ❖ As for the Governorates, the highest rate of Unemployment was recorded in Tafilah at 27.0%, and the lowest rate was recorded in Amman at 20.5%.

### **The Employed:**

- ❖ The Employed rate among the age group (15 and above) is 26.0%.
- ❖ The results show that about 58.8% of the employed males and 60.4% of the employed females are concentrated in the age group 20-39 years.
- ❖ About 49.5% of the employed have less than secondary qualifications, 9.1% of the secondary level and 40.9% are higher than secondary level.
- ❖ The results also show that about 85.5% of the employed are paid employees (83.1% for males against 95.1% 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 59.0% of the total male labor force has less than secondary educational qualifications compared to 11.0% for females. The results indicate also that 71.8% of the total labor

force among females has bachelor level or higher, compared with 24.7% for males.

- ❖ The Refined Economic Participation Rate (the labor force attributed to the population 15 years and over) is 33.5% (53.2% for males against 14.2% for females) for the second quarter of 2022 compared with 33.7% (53.4% for males and 13.9% for females) for the second quarter of 2021.
- ❖ It should be noted that the labor force survey includes a sample size of about 16560 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 (April, May, June), 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 Second Quarters of the years 2010-2022**

