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Labour Force Survey Data, February 2015

Seasonally Adjusted Data

It should be noted that the data in the seasonally adjusted series are partially based on past data from the quarterly labour force survey, so these series may change in the future after they are fully replaced by series based on the monthly labour force survey.

In February 2015: (to tables)

- Unemployment rate of persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 5.3% (compared with 5.6% in January 2015).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 64.0% (compared with 64.1% in January 2015).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 60.6% (the same as in January 2015).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force – 4.8% (the same as in January 2015).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 – 79.6% (compared with 79.7% in January 2015).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 – 75.8% (compared with 75.9% in January 2015).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons – 77.9% (the same as in January 2015).

The Labour Force Survey is the main source of information regarding the labour force in Israel, and is conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics on an ongoing basis.

Starting in the beginning of 2015, an average of 21,200 persons aged 15 and over a month have been interviewed on an ongoing basis. The survey population includes the permanent population of Israel, as well as tourists and temporary residents living in Israel continuously for one year or more. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, the extent of unemployment, etc.
February 2015 - Seasonally Adjusted Data

In February 2015, the number of persons in the labour force aged 15 and over was 3.810 million. Of these, 3.607 million were employed and approximately 203,000 were unemployed. Among the employed persons, 1.908 million were males (compared with 1.900 million in January 2015) and 1.699 million were females (compared with 1.701 million in January 2015).

The participation rate among persons aged 15 and over in the labour force in this month declined to 64.0% (compared with 64.1% in January 2015). Among males aged 15 and over, that rate declined to 69.2% (compared with 69.3% in January 2015), and among females aged 15 and over it declined to 59.0% (compared with 59.2% in January 2015).

The unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force declined to 5.3% this month (compared with 5.6% in January 2015). The unemployment rate of males aged 15 and over declined to 5.3% (compare with 5.7% in January 2015), and that of females aged 15 and over declined to 5.3% (compared with 5.5% in January 2015).

Among persons aged 25-64 the participation rate in the labour force declined to 79.6% in February 2015 (compared with 79.7% in January 2015). Among males aged 25-64 the rate rose to 84.9% (compared with 84.6% in January 2015), whereas among females aged 25-64 the rate declined to 74.4% (compared with 75.0% in January 2015).

Among persons aged 25-64 the unemployment rate from the labour force reached 4.8% in this month (the same as in January 2015). Among males aged 25-64 the unemployment rate declined to 4.8% (compared with 4.9% in January 2015), whereas among females aged 25-64 the rate reached 4.7% (the same as in January 2015).

The number of employed persons in February 2015 reached 3.607 million, an increase of 0.1% compared with January 2015. The number of employed persons who usually work full time (35 hours and over per week) increased by 0.4% compared with January 2015 (an addition of approximately 10,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who usually work part time (less than 35 hours per week) increased by 0.4% compared with January 2015 (an addition of approximately 3,000 employed persons). The share of those who usually work full time of all employed persons reached 77.9% (the same as in January 2015). Among males that share declined to 86.4% (compared with 86.7% in January 2015), whereas among females it rose to 68.3% (compared with 68.2% in January 2015).

The number of employed persons who worked full time (35 hours and over) in the determinant week increased by 1.5%, compared with January 2015 (an addition of approximately 34,000 employed persons), whereas the number of employed persons who worked part time (less than 35 hours) in the determinant week decreased by 0.6% compared with January 2015(a decrease of approximately 6,000 employed persons). The number of employed persons temporarily absent from work in the...
determinant week decreased by 10.0% compared with January 2015 (a decrease of approximately 30,000 employed persons).

The employment rate (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the entire population) among persons aged 15 and over reached 60.6% in February 2015 (the same as in January 2015). The employment rate among males aged 15 and over rose to 65.5% (compared with 65.3% in January 2015), whereas among females aged 15 and over the rate declined to 55.8% (compared with 56.0% in January 2015). Among persons aged 25-64 the employment rate declined to 75.8% (compared with 75.9% in January 2015). Among males aged 25-64 the employment rate rose to 80.8% (compared with 80.4% in January 2015), whereas among females aged 25-64 the rate declined to 70.9% (compared with 71.5% in January 2015).


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