

# Media Release

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## Labour Force Survey Data, January of 2019

### Seasonally Adjusted Data<sup>1</sup>

**In January 2019 (compared with December 2018):** ([For monthly data 1/2019](#))

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 4.3% (same as in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 64.0% (64.1% in the previous month).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 61.3% (61.4% in the previous month).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force - 3.7% (same as in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 - 80.3% (80.5% in the previous month).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 - 77.3% (77.5% in the previous month).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons - 78.6% (78.7% in the previous month).

### [Definitions and Explanations](#)

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 from the

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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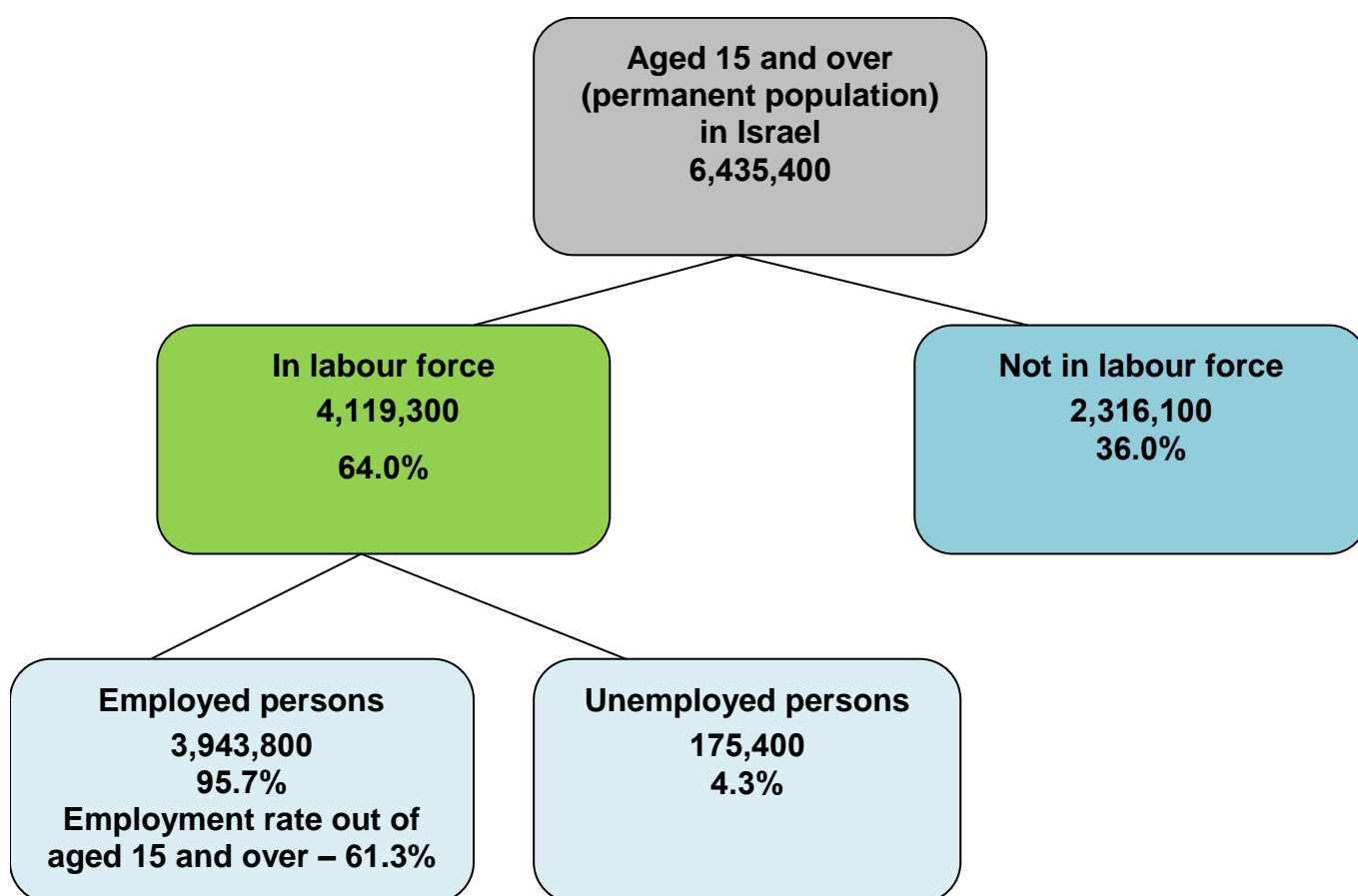
beginning of 2018, an average of 19,700 persons aged 15 and over a month have been interviewed on an ongoing basis. The survey population includes the permanent population of Israel, as well as tourists and temporary residents living in Israel continuously for more than one year. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, the extent of unemployment, etc.

## January 2019 (compared with December 2018) - Seasonally Adjusted Data

### Persons aged 15 and over

#### Labour Force Characteristics

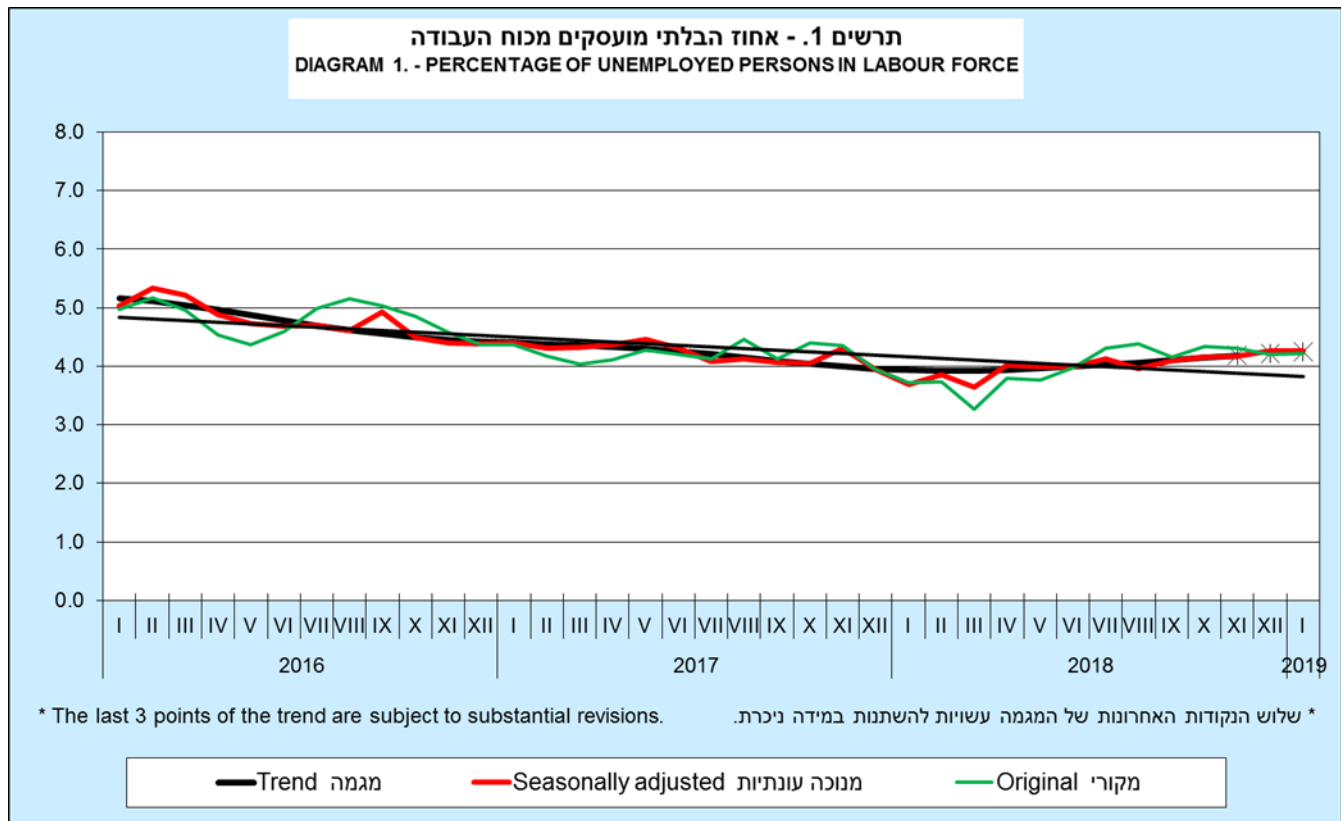
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In January 2019, **the number of persons in the labour force** aged 15 and over was 4.119 million. Among them, 3.944 million were **employed** and approximately 175,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.060 million were **males** (2.054 million in the previous month) and 1.884 million were **females** (compared with 1.888 million in the previous month).

The **participation rate** among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** declined to 64.0% (64.1% in the previous month). Among **males**, that rate reached 68.3% (same as in the previous month), whereas among **females** it declined to 59.9% (60.1% in the previous month).

The **unemployment rate** among persons aged 15 and over **from the labour force** reached 4.3% in this month (same as in the previous month, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of **males** reached 4.2% (same as in the previous month), and that of **females** reached 4.3% (same as in the previous month).



The **employment rate** (calculated as the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over declined to 61.3% in January 2019 (61.4% in the previous month). The employment rate among **males** reached 65.4% (same as in the previous month), whereas among **females** that rate declined to 57.3% (57.5% in the previous month).

The number of **employed persons** in January 2019 reached 3.944 million, almost the same as in the previous month. The number of employed persons who **usually work full time** (35 hours and over per week) increased by 0.1% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 2,000 employed persons), and the number of employed persons who **usually work part time** (less than 35 hours per week) increased by 0.8% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 7,000 employed persons). The percentage of those who **usually work full time** of all employed persons declined to 78.6% (78.7% in the previous month). Among **males**

it declined to 87.2% (87.5% in the previous month), and among **females** it declined to 69.1% (69.2% in the previous month).

The number of employed persons who **worked full time** (35 hours and over) **in the determinant week** increased by 1.5%, compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 41,000 employed persons), whereas the number of employed persons who **worked part time** (less than 35 hours) **in the determinant week** decreased by 1.6% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 16,000 employed persons). The number of employed persons **temporarily absent from work in the determinant week** decreased by 6.8% compared with December 2018 (a decrease of approximately 19,000 employed persons).

### **Persons aged 25-64**

Among persons aged 25-64 **the participation rate in the labour force** declined to 80.3% in January 2019 (80.5% in the previous month). Among **males** that rate rose to 84.9% (84.8% in the previous month), whereas among **females** that rate declined to 76.0% (76.3% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the unemployment rate from the labour force** reached 3.7% in this month (same as in the previous month). Among **males** the unemployment rate reached 3.7% (same as in the previous month), whereas among **females** that rate rose to 3.8% (3.7% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the employment rate** rose to 77.3% (77.5% in the previous month). Among **males** the employment rate rose to 81.8% (81.6% in the previous month), whereas among **females** that rate declined to 73.1% (73.5% in the previous month).

\* Additional figures on this subject published in the "[Labour Force Survey - Quarterly data](https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/Pages/default.aspx)" on the Central Bureau of Statistics Website: <https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/Pages/default.aspx>