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Labour Force Survey Data, February 2020

Seasonally Adjusted Data

In February 2020 (compared with January 2020): ([For monthly data 2/2020](#))

- Unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over from the labour force – 3.4% (3.6% in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 15 and over – 62.9% (63.0% in the previous month).
- Employment rate (the percentage of employed persons out of the total population) among persons aged 15 and over – 60.7% (same as in the previous month).
- Unemployment rate among persons aged 25-64 from the labour force - 3.1% (3.0% in the previous month).
- Participation rate in the labour force among persons aged 25-64 - 80.0% (80.2% in the previous month).
- Employment rate among persons aged 25-64 - 77.5% (77.8% in the previous month).
- The share of employed persons usually working full time out of total employed persons - 78.7% (78.6% 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 beginning of 2020, an average of 18,200 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 more than one

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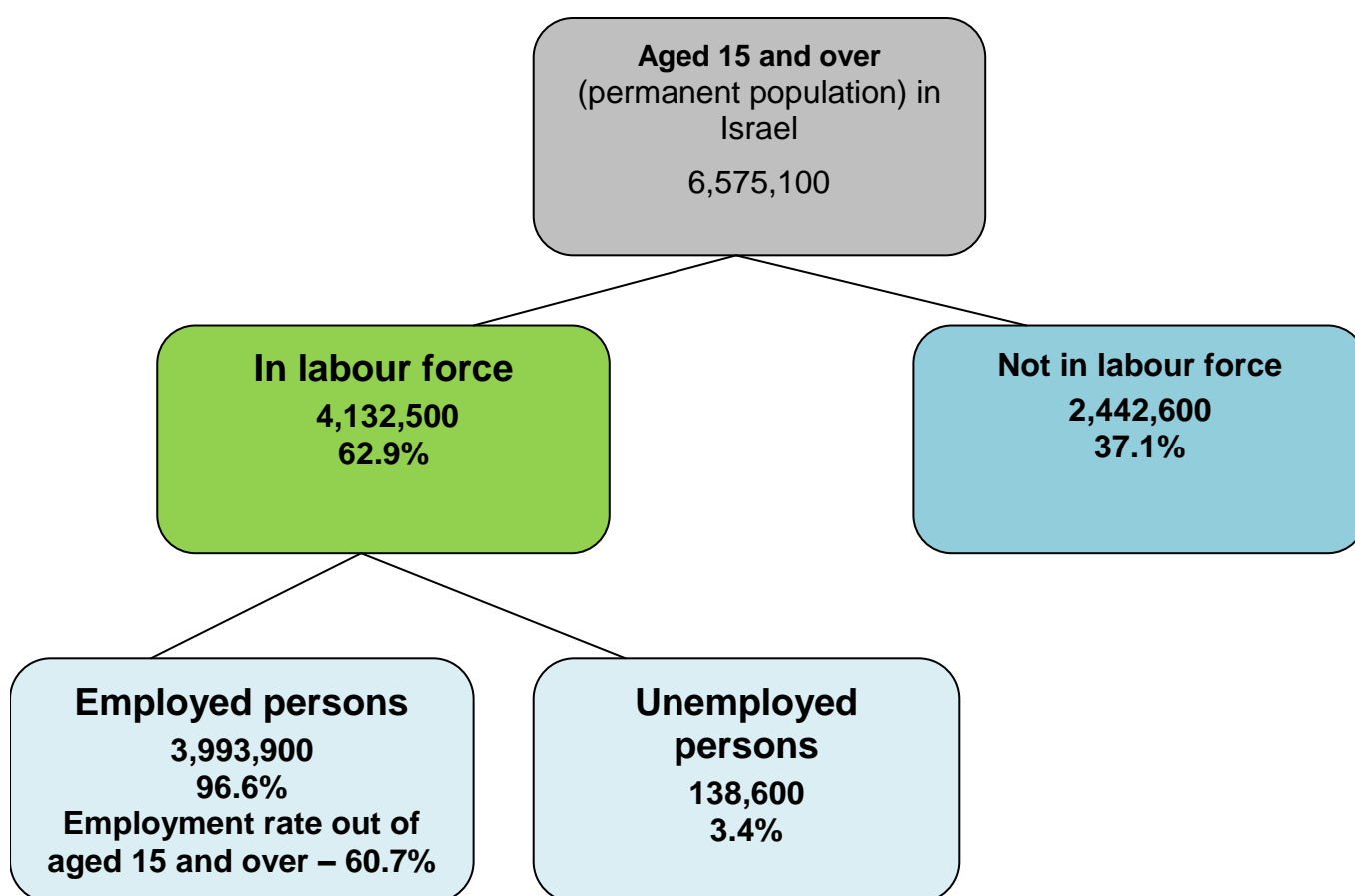
year. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, the extent of unemployment, etc.

February 2020 (compared with January 2020) - Seasonally Adjusted Data

Persons aged 15 and over

Labour Force Characteristics

February 2020

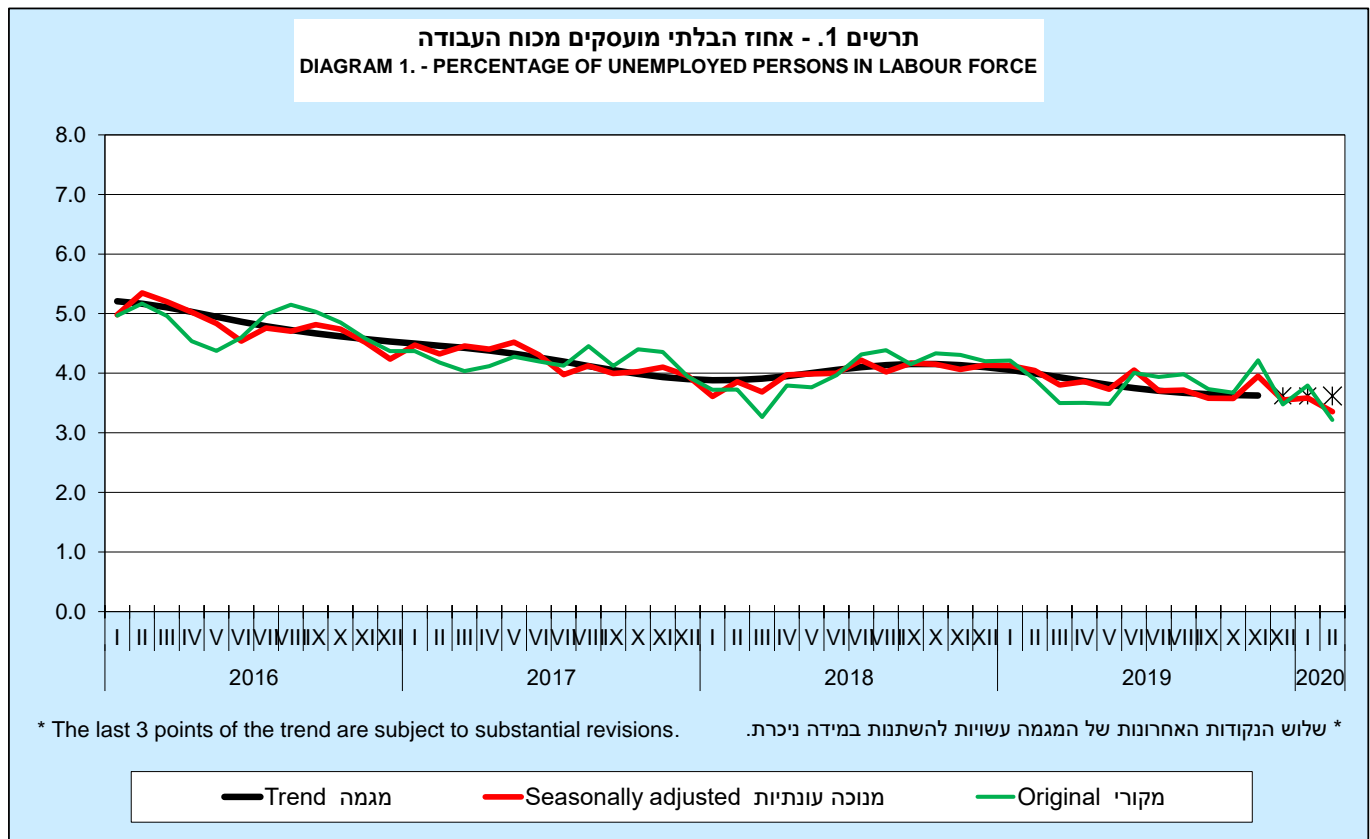


In February 2020, **the number of persons in the labour force** aged 15 and over was 4.133 million. Among them, 3.994 million were **employed** and approximately 139,000 were **unemployed**. Among the employed persons, 2.074 million were **men** (2.076 million in the previous month) and 1.920 million were **women** (1.912 million in the previous month).

The participation rate among persons aged 15 and over **in the labour force** declined to 62.9% (63.0% in the previous month). Among **men**, that rate declined to 66.3% (66.8% in the previous month), whereas among **women** it rose to 59.5% (59.3% in the previous month).

The unemployment rate among persons aged 15 and over **from the labour force** declined to 3.4% (3.6% in the previous month, see diagram 1). The unemployment rate of **men** declined to

3.0% (3.4% in the previous month), and that of **women** declined to 3.7% (3.8% 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 reached 60.7% in February 2020 (same as in the previous month). The employment rate among **men** declined to 64.3% (64.5% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate rose to 57.3% (57.1% in the previous month).

The number of **employed persons** in February 2020 reached 3.994 million, an increase of 0.2% compared with the previous month. The number of employed persons who **usually work full time** (35 hours and over per week) increased by 0.3% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 8,000 employed persons), whereas the number of employed persons who **usually work part time** (less than 35 hours per week) decreased by 0.4% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 3,000 employed persons). The percentage of those who **usually work full time** of all employed persons rose to 78.7% (78.6% in the previous month). Among **men** it rose to 87.0% (86.8% in the previous month), whereas among **women** it reached 69.8% (same as in the previous month).

The number of employed persons who **worked full time** (35 hours and over) **in the determinant week** increased by 0.5%, compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 12,000 employed persons), whereas the number of employed persons who **worked part time** (less than 35 hours) **in the determinant week** decreased by 1.5% compared with the previous month (a decrease of approximately 15,000 employed persons). The number of employed persons **temporarily absent from work in the determinant week** increased by 0.7% compared with the previous month (an addition of approximately 2,000 employed persons).

Persons aged 25-64

Among persons aged 25-64 **the participation rate in the labour force** declined to 80.0% in February 2020 (80.2% in the previous month). Among **men** that rate declined to 83.7% (84.4% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate rose to 76.4% (76.2% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the unemployment rate from the labour force** rose to 3.1% in this month (3.0% in the previous month). Among **men** the unemployment rate reached 2.9% (same as in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate rose to 3.4% (3.2% in the previous month).

Among persons aged 25-64 **the employment rate** declined to 77.5% (77.8% in the previous month). Among **men** the employment rate declined to 81.3% (81.9% in the previous month), whereas among **women** that rate rose to 73.9% (73.8% 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>