

Selected labour force indicators
Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES 2016)

	Total	Women	Men	Children (15-17 years)	Adults (18-64 years)	Elderly (65+ years)	Age NS
Population (15+ years)	263,311	139,956	123,354	17,463	223,120	18,515	4,213
Labour force	151,706	59,047	92,659	1,970	144,276	2,880	2,580
Employment	142,422	55,721	86,701	1,635	135,552	2,742	2,494
Labour underutilized	47,689	28,875	18,815	2,239	43,719	1,284	448
-Time related underemployment	14,270	8,027	6,243	157	13,880	233	
-Unemployment	9,284	3,326	5,958	335	8,725	138	86
-Potential labour force	24,135	17,522	6,613	1,747	21,114	912	362
Labour force participation rate	57.6%	42.2%	75.1%	11.3%	64.7%	15.6%	61.2%
Employment-to-population ratio	54.1%	39.8%	70.3%	9.4%	60.8%	14.8%	59.2%
LU1: Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.6%	6.4%	17.0%	6.0%	4.8%	3.4%
LU4: Labour underutilization	27.1%	37.7%	19.0%	60.2%	26.4%	33.8%	15.2%
Education level of employed population	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
-Primary education and below	32%	29%	35%	10%	31%	92%	35%
-Secondary & higher secondary education	57%	59%	56%	89%	58%	4%	64%
-Tertiary education	8%	11%	7%	0%	9%	3%	0%
- Level not stated	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Top 5 occupation							
- Deep-sea Fishery Workers	9,581	270	9,311	123	8,978	221	259
- Cleaners and Helpers in offices, Hotels and Other Establishments	7,085	3,423	3,662	29	6,971	50	35
- General office clerks	5,759	3,112	2,648	-	5,619	-	140
- Handcraft workers, basketry and related materials	4,587	4,277	311	18	4,100	433	36
- Shopkeepers	3,854	2,250	1,604	339	3,294	182	38
Branch of economic activity	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
-Agriculture	9%	3%	13%	8%	9%	26%	15%
-Industry	18%	20%	17%	11%	19%	30%	20%
-Manufacturing	11%	18%	6%	8%	11%	29%	13%
-Service	70%	75%	67%	81%	73%	44%	64%
-Public administration	15%	13%	16%	5%	15%	3%	15%
-Trade	13%	13%	13%	43%	12%	23%	9%
Status in employment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
-Employees	71%	67%	74%	72%	72%	26%	72%
-Employers	4%	2%	6%	0%	4%	13%	1%
-Own account workers	17%	26%	11%	18%	16%	45%	14%
-Contributing family workers	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	11%	5%
-Group workers	5%	1%	7%	4%	4%	5%	8%
Informal employment	35%	40%	31%	66%	33%	72%	53%
Employment in informal sector	52%	52%	52%	88%	50%	89%	68%
Average hours usually worked per day at main job	8 hrs	7 hrs	9 hrs	7 hrs	8 hrs	7 hrs	9 hrs
Average hours usually worked per day at household work	5 hrs	6 hrs	3 hrs	2 hrs	5 hrs	4 hrs	4 hrs
Average monthly earnings- main job	10,229 MVR	7,510 MVR	11,977 MVR	4,875 MVR	10,366 MVR	6,356 MVR	10,089 MVR
Low earners at main job for employees	26%	24%	28%	58%	26%	44%	27%
Gender pay gap- for employees (only Maldivian)	26%						
Own-use producers	183,124	117,690	65,434	8,965	164,400	7,522	2,236
-Unemployed	5,811	2,934	2,877	184	5,478	117	33
-Potential labour force	19,067	15,953	3,114	1,033	17,255	527	253
NEET (18-35 population)	29%	39%	17%				

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-Time related underemployment	14,270	3,921	10,349
-Unemployment	9,284	5,378	3,906
-Potential labour force	24,135	7,937	16,197
Labour force participation rate	57.6%	60.7%	55.1%
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