

EMPLOYMENT

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Government Employees ^{1/}														
Both Sexes	33,997	32,797	24,138	24,085	21,845	19,125	17,657	24,207	24,883	24,696	24,501	22,082	23,647	25,652
Male	20,909	19,417	11,507	11,456	10,464	9,728	8,603	11,219	11,547	11,191	10,881	8,907	9,122	9,573
Female	13,088	13,380	12,631	12,629	11,381	9,397	9,054	12,988	13,336	13,505	13,620	13,175	14,525	16,079
Percent change over previous year	-0.1	-3.5	-26.4	-0.2	-9.3	-12.5	-7.7	37.1	2.8	-0.8	-0.8	-9.9	7.1	8.5
Expatriate Employment ^{2/}	53,901	70,075	80,839	70,259	73,840	79,777	na	na	na	na	na	na	114,981	157,560
Employment Approvals Issued ^{3/}	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	57,424	45,584	58,527	83,136	76,342	na	na
Employment (Resident Maldivian population)	Census 2006													Census 2014
15+ Population	188,889								244,956					
Employed Population	100,602								145,757					
Unemployed Population (ILO defintion)/Seeking and available	5,825								8,005					
Unemployment Rate (ILO definition) (%)	5.5								5.2					

1/ With the formation of civil service in 2008, government employees figures includes civil servants only

2/ Due to change in the border control system used to generate the immigration data with new system established in November 2012, there is a discontinuity in consistent records.

3/ Employment Approval (EA) is a written statement by immigration, giving permission for foreigners to work in Maldives. Resident permit/work visa is issued based on this EA for those who apply for work visa.

Source: Statistical Pocketbook of Maldives, 2019