



# Statistical Institute of Jamaica

## Press Brief

### Labour Force January 2014

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The main findings of the January 2014 Labour Force Survey, conducted by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) are presented below. The reference week for this survey was **December 15-21, 2013**. The 2011 Population Census distribution was used to derive all the estimates for this survey.

- In January 2014, the number of persons in the **Labour Force** was 1,305,500, an increase of 7,900 (0.6%) higher than the 1,297,600 recorded in January 2013. The male labour force increased by 8,000 (1.1%) from 708,700 in January 2013 to 716,700 in January 2014, and the female labour force was relatively unchanged with 588,900 persons in January 2013 and 588,800 persons in January 2014.
- There were 1,130,500 **employed persons** in January 2014, which was 20,500 more than the 1,110,000 recorded in January 2013. For males, it increased by 10,500 (1.7%) to 644,000 and for females it increased by 10,000 (2.1%) to 486,500.
- The **Employment Rate** of 86.6 per cent in January 2014 was an increase of 1.1 percentage point compared with 85.5% in January 2013. The Employment Rate increased for both males and females over the period. For males, it increased by 0.5 percentage point, moving from 89.4% to 89.9%, and for females it increased by 1.7 percentage points, moving from 80.9% to 82.6%.
- In January 2014, 775,000 persons were classified as being **Outside the Labour Force**. This represents a decrease of 2,300 (0.3%) when compared to 777,300 in January 2013. In the same period, the number of males **Outside the Labour Force** declined by 5,200 (1.7%) moving from 309,400 to 304,200 and females increased by 2,900 (0.6%) moving from 467,900 to 470,800.
- In the **Employed Labour Force**, the **Occupation** group '**Clerks**' increased by 9,400 persons (10.2%), from 92,100 in January 2013 to 101,500 in January 2014. Significant increases in employment were also observed in the group, '**Skilled agricultural and Fishery Workers**', which increased from 194,400 persons in January 2013 to 202,600 persons (4.2%) in January 2014. The group '**Service Workers and Shop and Market Sales Workers**' had the largest decline for the period, moving from 233,900 to 228,800 in January 2014 resulting in a decline of 5,100 (2.2%) persons.
- The largest increase in the number of employed persons by Industry occurred in the groups '**Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities**' and '**Wholesale & Retail, Repair of Motor Vehicle & Equipment**'. The number of persons employed in the group '**Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities**' increased by 8,600 (13.8%) persons while the group '**Wholesale & Retail, Repair of Motor Vehicle & Equipment**' increased by 6,700 (3.0%) persons.

- The number of **Unemployed** persons decreased by 12,400 (6.6%) moving from 187,500 persons in January 2013 to 175,100 persons in January 2014. The number of unemployed males decreased by 2,500 (3.3%) and females by 9,900 (8.8%) for the same period.
- The **Unemployment Rate** for January 2014 was 13.4% compared to 14.5% in January 2013. In the same period the unemployment rate for males and females declined moving from 10.6% to 10.1% and 19.1% to 17.4% respectively.
- **Unemployment rates among youths aged 14-24 years** was 33.3% for January 2014. This was a decrease of 3.2 percentage points when compared with 36.5% in January 2013. The male unemployment rate for youths was 27.6% compared to 41.1% for females.

The January 2014 Labour Force outlines additional information and is available at our distribution Office, 7 Cecelio Avenue Kingston 10. Data is also available on the STATIN website at [www.statinja.gov.jm](http://www.statinja.gov.jm)