



Saint. Lucia Labour Force Survey 1st Quarter, 2020 Main Labour Force Indicators

Labour Force Indicators	1st Qtr. 2020
Estimated Household Population	169,484
Population 15 years and over	139,075
Labour Force	97,233
of which - Male	52,912
of which- Female	44,321
Employed Labour Force	80,112
of which -Male	45,524
of which -Female	34,589
Persons who want work	
(i) The Unemployed	17,121
of which - Male	7,389
of which- Female	9,732
(ii) Non-Seekers	2,782
Unemployment Rate %	17.6%
of which - Male	14.0%
of which- Female	22.0%
Youth Unemployment Rate %	37.0%
Relaxed Unemployment Rate %	20.5%
Non-Job Seeking Rate %	2.9%
Population under 15 years (%)	17.9%
Labour Force as a Percentage of Total Population	57.4%
Labour Force as a Percentage of Population 15 years and over OR Labour Force Participation Rate	69.9%

Source: Central Statistical Office of Saint Lucia, Labour Force Survey, 1st Qtr. 2020

Cautionary Note for 1st Quarter 2020 LFS

Information contained in this report is the result of a Household Labour Force Survey, conducted during the first quarter of 2020, from January to March and is aimed at providing information

about the level of participation of household members in the labour force and the size of the labour force, aged 15 years and above, engaged in economic activities.

It must be noted that the Central Statistical Office (CSO) always strives to ensure that our procedures and processes for the implementation of the Labour Force Survey are in keeping with proven methodologies. Therefore, the results represent the collated responses of a sample of households interviewed during the period in question and not the opinion of the Central Statistical Office. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures.

The results for this period do not correspond to the regular survey which normally runs for a quarter and may have lost comparability with previous records in the statistical series. The current situation with COVID-19 has negatively impacted the collection of data for the quarter, particularly March. Thus, the results predominantly reflect developments in the labour market in January and February. There were higher levels of refusals, as well as, interviews which were not conducted and this has resulted in a sampling error which has increased from +/-2.5% to +/-3.6% for the period under review (1st Qtr.).

Despite the current setbacks, the CSO has made every attempt to provide you with accurate and reliable data based solely on what was obtained at that time and any use of the results needs to take into consideration the aforementioned limitations.