



Labour Force Survey 3rd Quarter 2020 Statistical Snapshot



Saint Lucia Central Statistical Office



Cautionary Note for 3rd Quarter 2020 LFS

Information contained in this report is the result of a Household Saint Lucia Labour Force Survey, conducted during the 3d quarter of 2020, from July to September 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. Thus, the results predominantly reflect developments in the labour market in July to September. 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 (3rd 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.



MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS

Table 1 below provides a statistical snapshot of the main labour market indicators during the period July to September 2020 (3rd Qtr.).

Table 1: Labour Market Main Indicators, 3rd Qtr. 2020

Labour Force Indicators	3rd QTR. July-September 2020
Estimated Household Population	168952
Population 15 years and over	140255
Labour Force	98016
of which - Male	46817
of which- Female	51198
Employed Labour Force	74432
of which -Male	36610
of which -Female	37821
Persons who want work	
(I) The Unemployed	23584
of which - Male	10207
of which- Female	13377
(ii) Non-Seekers	5020
Unemployment Rate %	24.1%
of which - Male	21.8%
of which- Female	26.1%
Youth Unemployment Rate %	39.4%
Relaxed Unemployment Rate %	29.2%
Non-Job Seeking Rate %	5.1%
Population under 15 years (%)	17.0%
Labour Force as a Percentage of Total Population	58.0%
Labour Force as a Percentage of Population 15 years and over OR Labour Force Participation Rate	69.9%

Source: Central Statistical Office

.. Not available for a specific reference period

Labour Force Participation Rate = Labour Force X 100 / Population 15 years and over

Unemployment Rate = Unemployed X 100 / Labour Force

Relaxed Unemployment Rate - This includes all persons whether seeking or not seeking work who want work and are available for work, whether or not they are discouraged

Standard Unemployment Rate - This includes only persons seeking work, wanting and available for work

