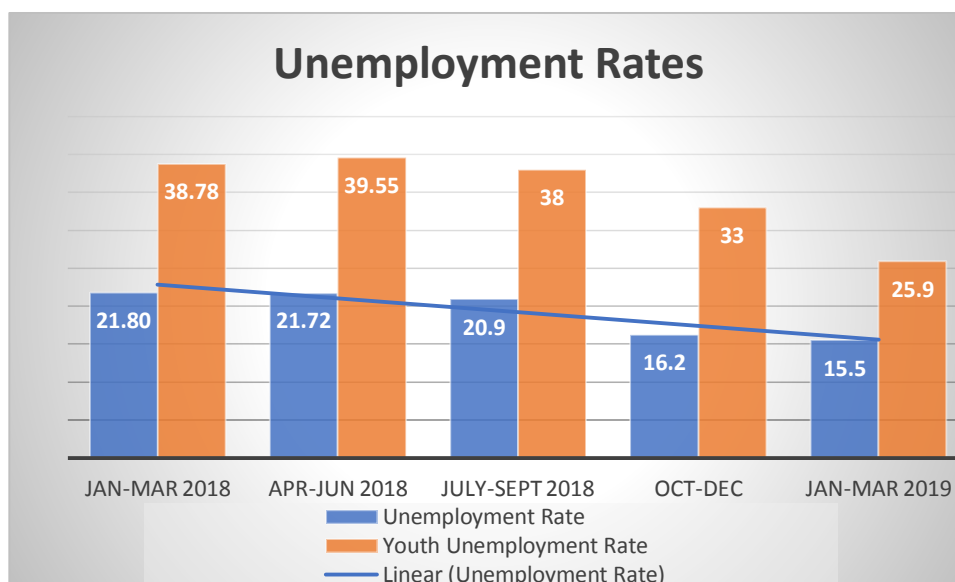


St. Lucia
Labour Force Survey
1st Quarter 2019
Statistical Report



The Unemployment rate in the first Quarter of 2019 was 15.5%. This represented a reduction of 4.32% when compared to the 16.2% for the fourth quarter of 2018. Similarly, Youth Unemployment also experienced a reduction for the period under review (i.e. fourth quarter 2018 compared with first quarter 2019), of -21.51%.

Source: St. Lucia LFS

| | | 2018-2019 Quarters | | |
|-------------------------|------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| St. Lucia Unemployment | Last | Previous | Heighest | Lowest |
| Unemployment Rate | 15.5 | 16.2 | 20.9 | 15.5 |
| Youth Unemployment Rate | 25.9 | 33 | 39.55 | 25.9 |

Source: St. Lucia LFS

| 4th Quarter 2018 -YOUTH ESTIMATES BY AGE AND SEX | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|-------|
| GROUP | Sex Of Person | | Total |
| | Male | Female | Count |
| | Count | Count | |
| EST Population | 18749 | 17399 | 36148 |
| Labour Force | 13398 | 10833 | 24231 |
| Employment | 9160 | 7064 | 16224 |
| Unemployment | 4238 | 3769 | 8006 |
| Unemployment Rate | 31.6 | 34.8 | 33.0 |

| 1st Quarter 2019 -YOUTH ESTIMATES BY AGE AND SEX | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|-------|
| GROUP | Sex Of Person | | Total |
| | Male | Female | Count |
| | Count | Count | |
| EST Population | 16976 | 19735 | 36711 |
| Labour Force | 11440 | 14460 | 25900 |
| Employment | 8811 | 10382 | 19193 |
| Unemployment | 2629 | 4079 | 6708 |
| Unemployment Rate | 23.0 | 28.2 | 25.9 |

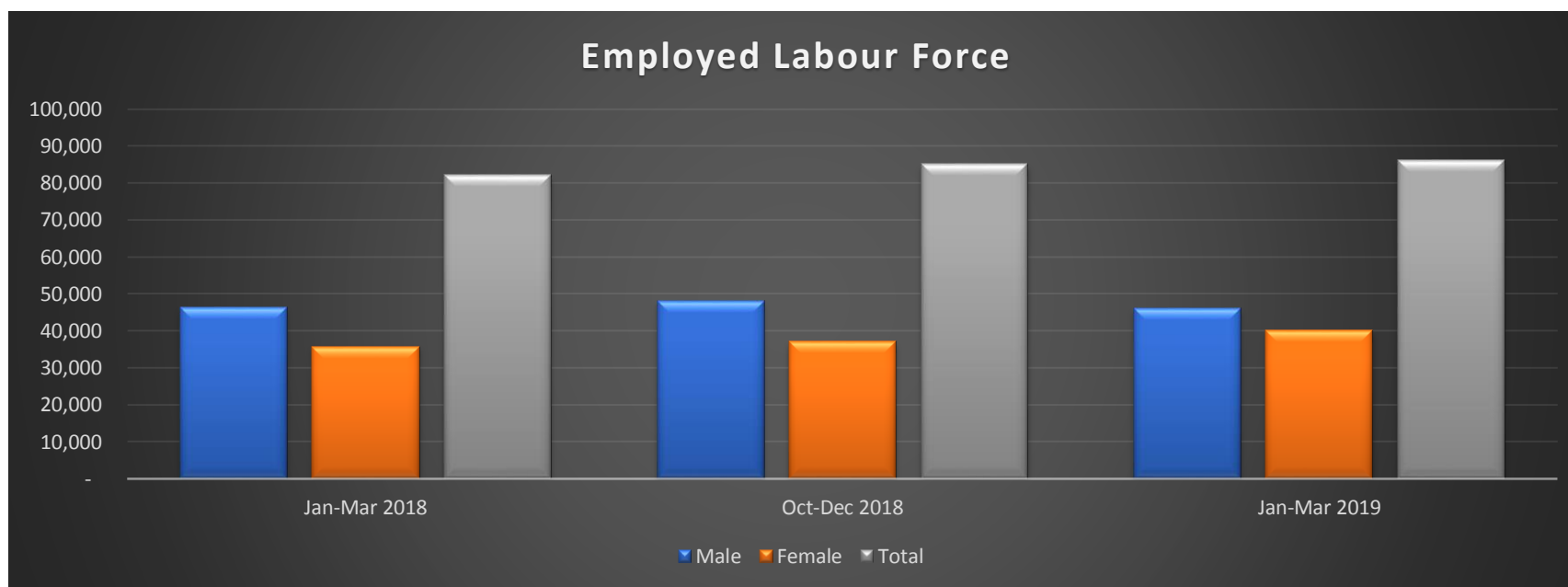
| YOUTH STATISTICS - CHANGES: 4th Qtr 2018 - 1st Qtr 2019 | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| GROUP | Sex Of Person | | Total |
| | Male | Female | Count % |
| | Count % | Count % | |
| EST Population | -9.5 | 13.4 | 1.6 |
| Labour Force | -14.6 | 33.5 | 6.9 |
| Employment | -3.8 | 47.0 | 18.3 |
| Unemployment | -38.0 | 8.2 | -16.2 |
| Unemployment Rate | -27.3 | -18.9 | -21.6 |

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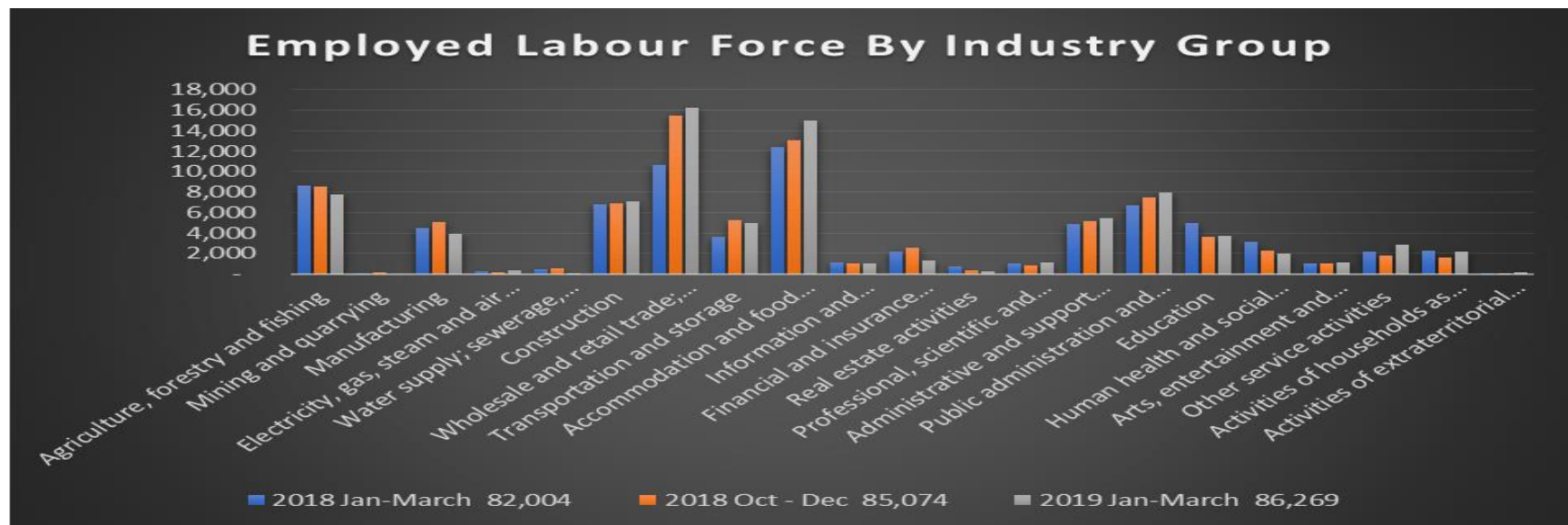
The Labour Survey results revealed that the youth¹ population continues its increasing trend from 36,148 for the 4th quarter of 2018 to 36,711 for the 1st quarter of 2019, representing an increase of 1.6%. Correspondingly, the youth labour force grew by 6.9%, while youth employment grew by 18.3%. Notably, the results revealed a decline in the population, labour force and employment of male youths, of -9.5%, -14.6% & -3.8% respectively, in contrast to the increases experienced by female youth.

¹ For the purpose of this survey, the term “youth” covers persons aged 15 to 29 years

The employed Labour force recorded an increase of 1.4% for the reporting period, with female employment experiencing growth of 8.58% from the previous 4th quarter 2018 period to the first quarter 2019. At the same time, male employment decreased by 4.1% for the period under review. The largest increases in employment were in the areas of activity related to 'Wholesale & Retail Trade', 'Accommodation & Food Service Activities' and 'Public administration and defence, compulsory social security'. Wholesale & Retail Trade together with the Accommodation & Food Service Activity accounted for the lion's share of the increases, respectively registering increases of 4.9% and 14.7% from the fourth (4th) quarter of 2018 to the first (1st) quarter of 2019.

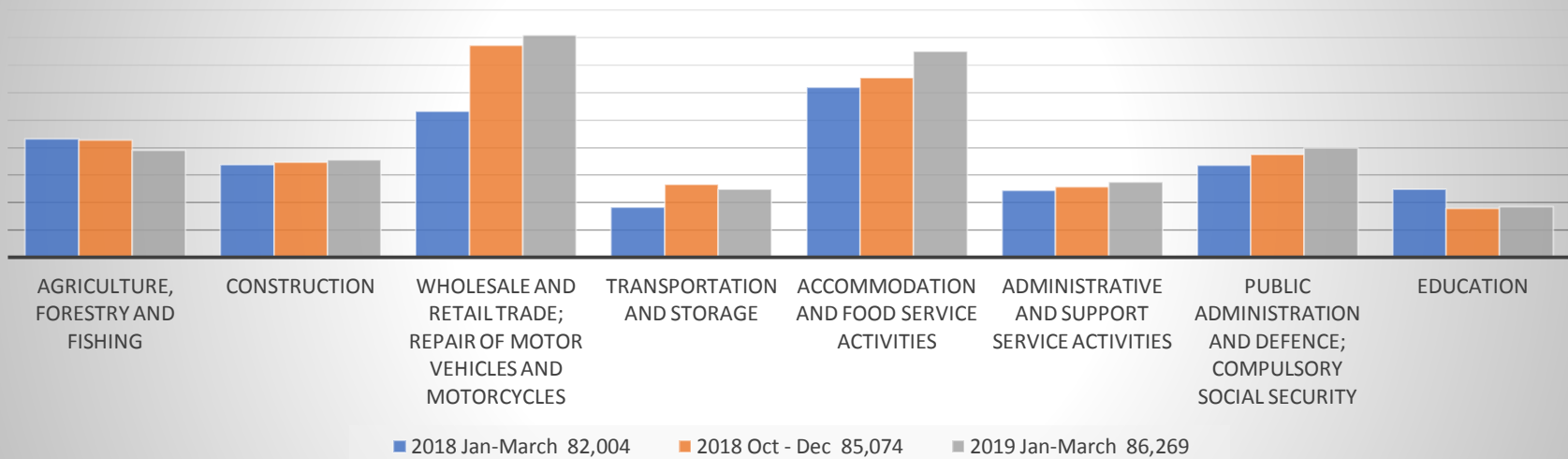


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Major Employment Industry 2018-2019



Labour Market Main Indicators for 1st – 4th Quarter 2018 to 1st Quarter 2019

| Main labour force indicators, quarterly, 2011 to 2019 | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | 2018 | | | | 2019 |
| LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | July-Sept | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar |
| | 172,440 | 173,434 | 172,479 | 171,410 | 170,395 |
| Population 15 years and over | 145,101 | 143,697 | 139,333 | 143,068 | 142,687 |
| Labour force | 104,872 | 101,969 | 99,609 | 101,573 | 102,081 |
| of which - male | 57,182 | 53,425 | 53,418 | 55,694 | 52,658 |
| of which - female | 47,690 | 48,544 | 46,191 | 45,880 | 49,423 |
| Employed labour force | 82,004 | 79,823 | 78,764 | 85,074 | 86,269 |
| of which - Male | 46,246 | 42,472 | 42,183 | 48,101 | 46,125 |
| of which - Female | 35,759 | 37,351 | 36,581 | 36,973 | 40,144 |
| Persons who want to work: (i) The Unemployed | 22,868 | 22,146 | 20,845 | 16,499 | 15,813 |
| of which - male | 10,936 | 10,953 | 11,235 | 7,592 | 6,533 |
| of which - female | 11,931 | 11,193 | 9,610 | 8,907 | 9,280 |
| (ii) Non-seekers | 3,576 | 2,695 | 4,214 | 2,450 | 4,018 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 21.80 | 21.72 | 20.9% | 16.2% | 15.5% |
| of which - male | 19.13 | 20.50 | 21.0% | 13.6% | 12.4% |
| of which - female | 25.02 | 23.06 | 20.8% | 19.4% | 18.8% |
| Youth unemployment rate % | 38.78 | 39.55 | 38.0% | 33.0% | 25.9% |
| Relaxed unemployment rate (%) | 25.21 | 24.36 | 25.2% | 18.7% | 19.4% |
| Non-job seeking rate (%) | 3.41 | 2.64 | 4.2% | 2.4% | 3.9% |
| Population under 15 years (%) | 15.85 | 17.15 | 19.2% | 16.5% | 16.3% |
| Labour Force as a Percentage of Total Population (%) | 60.82 | 58.79 | 57.8% | 59.3% | 59.9% |
| Labour force as a percentage of population 15 years and over OR labour force participation rate (%) | 72.28 | 70.96 | 71.5% | 71.0% | 71.5% |

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