



Saint Lucia Labour Force Survey

1st Quarter 2021

Statistical Snapshot



Unemployment Rate Total 23.1%

Unemployment Rate Males 21.8%

Unemployment Rate Females 24.5%

Labour Force 99,350



Labourforce Participation Rate 69.6%

Employment Rate 76.9%

Underemployment 21.5%

Economically Inactive 30.1%



**Youth Unemployment
Male 38.6%**



**Youth Unemployment
Female 39.2%**

Youth Unemployment 38.9%



Unemployment rate highest for 20-24 years old (19.7%)

Employment by Industry

1 st: Wholesale and Retail Trade 18.6%

2 nd : Accommodation & Food Services 13.5%

3 rd : Construction 10.1%



Employment by Occupation

1 st: Service and sales workers 23,061

2 nd : Craft and related trade worker 9,465

3 rd : Elementary Occupations 9,173

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Cautionary Note for 1st Quarter 2021 LFS

Information contained in this report is the result of a Household Labour Force Survey, conducted during the first quarter of 2021, 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. Thus, the results predominantly reflect developments in the labour market in January to March. 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.