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MONTHLY PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF LABOUR FORCE



- In July 2023, the number of employed persons recorded a continuous upward trend, with a growth of 0.2 per cent (+27.2 thousand persons) month-on-month, resulting in a total of 16.34 million persons (June 2023: 16.31 million persons). During the month, the employment-to-population ratio which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment, rose by 0.1 per cent to 67.7 per cent (June 2023: 67.6%).
- Looking at the distribution of employed persons across economic sectors, the Services sector continued to record increases in the number of employed persons, particularly in Food & beverage services; Wholesale & retail trade; and Education activities. Likewise, the number of employed persons in the Construction and Mining & quarrying sectors also remained on a positive trend, while the Manufacturing and Agriculture sectors registered marginal declines during the month.
- The employees' category constituted the largest composition of the total employed persons, making up 75.4 per cent. In July 2023, this category registered a rise of 0.1 per cent (+14.4 thousand persons) to 12.31 million persons as compared to the previous month (June 2023: 12.30 million persons). Similarly, the number of own-account workers were also on increasing trend, with an addition of 10.4 thousand persons (+0.4%) to 2.96 million persons (June 2023: 2.95 million persons).
- In July 2023, the number of unemployed persons continued to decline, falling by 0.4 per cent (-2.5 thousand persons) to record 579.2 thousand persons (June 2023: 581.7 thousand persons). The unemployment rate in July 2023 remained at 3.4 per cent as in the previous month.
- The number of labour force continued an upward trend in July 2023, with a month-on-month rise of 0.1 per cent or equivalent to 24.8 thousand persons to 16.91 million persons (June 2023: 16.89 million persons). During the month, a higher labour force participation rate (LFPR) was recorded at 70.1 per cent (June 2023: 70.0%).
- In July 2023, the number of persons outside the labour force posted a marginal decline of 0.01 per cent (-0.7 thousand persons) to 7.23 million persons (June 2023: 7.23 million persons). Housework/ family responsibilities were the major composition of the outside labour force (43.6%), followed by the schooling/ training category (39.8%).

The full publication of the Labour Force Report, July 2023 can be downloaded through eStatistik Portal.

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