

Jamaica

Identification

Title of the survey: Labour Force Survey 2009

Organisation responsible: Statistical Institute of Jamaica

Date: 10/10/2011

Periodicity and coverage

Periodicity of data collection: Quarterly

In the months of: January, April, July and October

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Age coverage: The labour related questions of the survey relate to the population of 14 years old and over

Topics covered:

Demographic characteristics: age, sex, educational attainment, relationship to household head

Main labour related characteristics: employment, unemployment, underemployment, hours of work, wages, employment in informal sector, training received, usual activity, absence from work

Other labour related characteristics: industry, occupation, status in employment, institutional sector (public/private), type of workplace, duration of employment, existence of more than one job, characteristics of the second job(s), duration of unemployment, previous working experience, characteristics of the last job, methods of looking for work, reasons for not being in the labour force

Other characteristics: other sources of income (e.g. income from property)

Concepts and definitions

Current employment

Definition of employment: Employment refers to all persons aged 14 years and over who worked (whether for their own account or as employees) for at least one hour during the reference week or did not work during the reference week but had a job from which they were temporarily absent.

Reference period for employment: The latest full calendar week preceding the interview (moving)

Current unemployment

Definition of unemployment: Unemployment refers to persons who are “looking for work” and persons “wanting” work and “available” for work. The latter category includes persons who were, during the reference week, actually engaged in home or other duties classified as economic activity, but were willing and able to accept work.

Unemployment refers to people who during the reference period: Are without work, available to work and actively seeking work

Reference period for seeking work: No specific reference period

Reference period for availability for work: No specific reference period

Underemployment

Underemployment refers to employed persons who:
- worked less than 32 hours a week in all jobs

Information collected on the number of hours of work wanted/ available for: No

Hours of work

The survey measures: hours actually worked and usual hours

Separate information is collected for overtime hours: no

Separate information is collected for absence hours: no

Separate information is collected for working time arrangements: no

Time unit used in the measure of hours of work: exact hours

Income from paid employment

The components of income for which separate statistics are available are: no components are collected

Income from paid employment covered: GROSS income

Reference period: the respondent chooses

Income from paid employment refers to: main and secondary job(s) combined

Information on income from paid employment is requested in: exact amounts

Actual/usual income: usual income for a specific reference period

Income due/received: income received in a specific reference period

Income from self-employment

Employment in the informal sector

Informal employment

Usual activity

Treatment of special groups

Classifications

Sample design

Data collection

Estimation and adjustment

Documentation and dissemination

Publication(s) and website where the survey results can be found: www.statinja.gov.jm

Publication(s) and website where methodological information on the survey can be found: www.statinja.gov.jm