

## **Objectives of Labor Force Survey And Some Concepts/ Definition**

**Objectives of Labor Force Survey:** The aim of this kind of survey is to know about the level of participation of household members in the labor force and about the size of labor force, aged 15 years or above, engaged in economic activities. It also aims to determine the occupation, work hours per day, salary and status of the workforce. It will also gather information about the unemployed people and why they are unemployed. In brief, this survey is being conducted to know about the employment, unemployment, part-time employment, main occupation, secondary activities, hours of work, reasons of unemployment, wages/salary etc. of the household members.

**01. Economic Activity:** Economic activity means the process or work by which any product or service is prepared for selling in the market or individual consumption. Namely economic activity is the work by which any product or service can be marketed, that is, it can be sold in the market. Some consumers' goods are non-marketable. These are also included in the economic activity. For instance, someone may produce vegetables, cultivate fish or raise cattle for his or her own consumption. Also included in the economic activity are doing jobs or businesses or agricultural activities. In essence, any activity that earns income can be termed as economic activity.

**02. Labor Force:** Someone who is able and willing to work and whose age is 15 years or above can be included in the labor force. He or she will be included in the labor force if s/he is engaged in some activities or unemployed.

**03. Employed:** If the respondents are engaged in profitable work for one or more hours in the reference period, they can be categorized as employed. It should be noted here that they may get wages for their work or be engaged in familial work such as overseeing own lands or businesses.

**04. Unemployed:** Eligible persons not getting work despite being willing to work.

**05. Underemployed:** Underemployed is the term used to describe a person who is working below his or her status such as low wage, low income, and production of low quality products or low level of production. An eligible person is underemployed if he or she is working less than full time. Full time is usually 8 hours per day. He or she is underemployed if he or she is engaged in a work requiring less than 8 hours. Also underemployed are the people who cannot utilize their full potential efforts, viz. producing less than the potential level. On the other hand, someone is underemployed if he or she gets less wage than they deserve. Someone is also underemployed if he or she does not properly utilize his or her skills (experience, education, training etc).

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**(Last week activities of household members aged 15 years or above):**

**Activity-1:** Were the household members aged 15 years or above engaged in household/economic activities for at least 1 hour or more in the previous week. Write the name according to line number of section 3 after receiving the answer and circle yes/no.

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**Activity-3:** If the answer to question no 2 is yes, ask the members of the household – Were you prepared to do any work/ did you find any work last week? Circle code 1 for yes answer according to line number of section number 3 and circle code 2 for no answer.

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**Activity-6:** Briefly write the main activities and status of the members of the household after asking about their fields of work or industrial sector.

**Activity-7:** Ask the members of the household about their last week's work hours (without transport, rest and overtime). Receive the answer and write it in English according to line number of section number 3.

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**Activity-10:** Ask the members of the household about the status of the main work they were engaged in last week. Write the correct code of work status in English from the codes given below.

**Activity-11:** Ask about the type of ownership of the institution/sector in which the members of the household worked and circle the correct code from the given codes according to line number of section number 3.

**Activity-12:** Ask the people within the members of the household who worked as a day laborer last week about their last week's income and write the amount in English according to line number of section number 3.

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