

Key Findings of Labour Force Survey 2010

(Million)

Labour force characteristics	Labour force survey (15+ Population)		
	2002-03	2005-06	2010
1. Economically active population/Labour Force (Million) (15+)			
Bangladesh			
Total	46.3	49.5	56.7
Male	36.0	37.3	39.5
Female	10.3	12.1	17.2
Urban			
Total	11.3	11.7	13.3
Male	8.6	8.9	9.3
Female	2.7	2.8	4.0
Rural			
Total	35.0	37.8	43.4
Male	27.4	28.5	30.2
Female	7.6	9.3	13.2
2. Employed population (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	44.3	47.4	54.1
Male	34.5	36.1	37.9
Female	9.8	11.3	16.2
Urban			
Total	10.7	11.3	12.4
Male	8.2	8.6	8.8
Female	2.5	2.7	3.6
Rural			
Total	33.6	36.1	41.7
Male	26.3	27.5	29.1
Female	7.3	8.6	12.6
3. Unemployed population (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	2.0	2.1	2.6
Male	1.5	1.2	1.6
Female	0.5	0.9	1.0
Urban			
Total	0.6	0.5	0.9
Male	0.4	0.3	0.5
Female	0.2	0.2	0.4
Rural			
Total	1.4	1.6	1.7
Male	1.1	0.9	1.1
Female	0.3	0.7	0.6

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4. Not in labour force (Million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	34.5	35.1	38.9
Male	5.2	5.7	8.4
Female	29.3	29.4	30.5
Urban			
Total	8.6	9.3	9.9
Male	1.5	1.8	2.3
Female	7.1	7.5	7.6
Rural			
Total	25.9	25.8	29.0
Male	3.7	3.9	6.1
Female	22.2	21.9	22.9
5. Unemployment rate (%)			
Total	4.3	4.3	4.5
Male	4.2	3.4	4.1
Female	4.9	7.0	5.8
6. Labour force participation rate (%) (refined activity rate)			
Bangladesh			
Total	57.3	58.5	59.3
Male	87.4	86.8	82.5
Female	26.1	29.2	36.0
Urban			
Total	56.8	55.7	57.3
Male	85.1	83.2	80.2
Female	27.4	27.4	34.5
Rural			
Total	57.5	59.4	60.0
Male	88.1	88.0	83.3
Female	25.6	29.8	36.4
7. Crude activity rate (%)			
Bangladesh			
Total	34.7	36.0	38.1
Male	52.7	53.3	52.5
Female	15.9	18.0	23.3
Urban			
Total	36.2	36.3	39.0
Male	53.8	54.2	54.2
Female	17.6	17.9	23.6
Rural			
Total	34.3	35.9	37.8
Male	52.3	53.0	52.0
Female	15.4	18.1	23.3

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8. Dependency ratio			
Bangladesh			
Demographic (DDR)	77.7	73.5	72.5
Economic (EDR)	74.5	71.0	68.7
Urban			
Demographic (DDR)	67.0	60.6	59.4
Economic (EDR)	76.1	79.7	74.5
Rural			
Demographic (DDR)	81.3	77.9	78.0
Economic (EDR)	74.0	68.3	67.0
9. Employed by broad economic sector (%)			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	51.7	48.1	47.3
Non-agriculture	48.3	51.9	52.7
10. Unpaid family worker (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	8.1	10.3	11.8
Male	3.4	3.5	2.7
Female	4.7	6.8	9.1
Urban			
Total	1.6	1.1	2.1
Male	0.6	0.5	0.3
Female	1.0	0.6	1.8
Rural			
Total	6.5	9.2	9.7
Male	2.8	3.0	2.3
Female	3.7	6.2	7.4
11. Youth Labour Force (aged 15-29) (Million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	19.0	17.8	20.9
Male	13.5	13.2	13.1
Female	5.5	4.6	7.8
Urban			
Total	4.4	4.2	5.1
Male	3.1	3.0	3.1
Female	1.3	1.2	2.0
Rural			
Total	14.6	13.6	15.8
Male	10.4	10.2	10.0
Female	4.2	3.4	5.8

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12. Youth Labour Force (aged 15-24) (Million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	12.4	10.8	13.2
Male	8.6	8.4	8.2
Female	3.8	2.4	5.0
Urban			
Total	2.8	2.3	3.2
Male	1.9	1.7	1.9
Female	0.9	0.6	1.3
Rural			
Total	9.6	8.5	9.9
Male	6.7	6.7	6.3
Female	2.9	1.8	3.6
13. Female labour force (million)			
Bangladesh	10.3	12.1	17.2
Urban	2.7	2.8	4.0
Rural	7.6	9.3	13.2
14. Female labour force participation rate (%)			
Bangladesh	26.1	29.2	36.0
Urban	27.4	27.4	34.5
Rural	25.6	29.8	36.4
15. Employment by sector (million)			
Formal sector			
Total	9.2	10.2	6.8
Male	7.3	8.6	5.5
Female	2.0	1.6	1.3
Informal sector			
Total	35.1	37.2	47.3
Male	27.2	27.5	32.4
Female	7.9	9.7	14.9
16. 1. Employment by major occupation (Million)			
Total	44.3	47.4	54.1
Professional, technical	1.7	2.2	2.4
Administrative, managerial	0.1	0.2	0.7
Clerical workers	1.5	1.0	1.0
Sales workers	6.5	6.7	8.2
Service workers	2.0	2.8	3.0
Agriculture, forestry & fisheries	22.8	23.0	25.7
Production & transport labourers & others	9.7	11.5	13.5

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17. Employment by major industry (million)				
	Total	44.3	47.4	54.1
	Agriculture, forestry & fisheries	22.9	22.8	25.7
	Mining and quarrying	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Manufacturing	4.3	5.2	6.7
	Electricity, Gas and water	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Construction	1.5	1.5	2.6
	Trade, hotel and restaurant	6.7	7.8	8.4
	Transport, storage & communication	3.0	4.0	4.0
	Finance & business services and real estate	0.3	0.8	1.0
	Health, education, public administration & defense	2.5	2.6	2.3
	Community and personal services	2.7	2.6	3.4
18. Status in employment (million)				
	Total	44.3	47.4	54.1
	Self-employed/own accountant workers	19.8	19.9	22.0
	Employer	0.2	0.1	0.1
	Employee	6.1	6.6	9.4
	Unpaid family helpers	8.1	10.3	11.8
	Day labourers	8.9	8.6	10.6
	Household aid	1.2	1.9	1.4

* Components may not add to totals as some employed persons are engaged in more than one occupation. This is also true for industry and employment status.