



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2014

PRELIMINARY REPORT

***JPKE-ILO PROJECT: "REVISION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LABOUR MARKET SOURCES:
TOWARDS SETTING UP A LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM
IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM"***

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Background

The Department of Economic Planning and Development (JPKE), Prime Minister's Office, in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conducted the Labour Force Survey (LFS) 2014 for Brunei Darussalam starting from 29 September to 26 October 2014. The survey covered about 5,000 selected households throughout the country.

The main objective of LFS 2014 was to collect the latest information on the size, structure, distribution and characteristics of the labour force, employment, unemployment and other economic characteristics of the population.

This report presents the preliminary results of the survey.

Key figures

Economic activity	Total	Male	Female
Working age population (15 years & over)	310,400	159,700	150,700
Labour force	203,600	115,700	87,900
Employment	189,500	108,500	81,000
Unemployment	14,100	7,200	6,900
Labour force participation rate (%)	65.6	72.4	58.3
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.2	7.8
Youth unemployment rate (%), aged 15-24 years	25.3	23.5	27.8
Average monthly wages (BND)*	1,940	1,950	1,930

Note: Preliminary estimates; aged 15+, except youth (aged 15-24).

(*) USD 1,410 (Male: 1,410 and Female: 1,400).

Key findings

- In 2014, the working age population (aged 15 years & over) was 310.4 thousand, of which slightly more than one-half (51.4 per cent) were male.
- The labour force participation rate was 65.6 per cent, however the rate for male was considerably higher than that for female (by 14.1 per cent difference).
- Out of the total labour force of 203.6 thousand, temporary residents (non-local) accounted for one-quarter.
- Employment totalled 189.5 thousand, with female accounting for only 42.7 per cent, and the vast majority of employment was local workers (Brunei citizens and permanent resident) of 72.5 per cent.



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- 91.6 per cent of all workers were wage employees, and merely 4.6 per cent were either own-account or contributing family workers.
- Employment was heavily concentrated in the services sector, particularly in public administration 27.3 per cent, followed by wholesale and retail trade 11.8 per cent and education 10.3 per cent. Agriculture, forestry and fishery accounted for less than 1.0 per cent of total employment.
- Employed population by occupation shows that service and sales workers accounted for the highest share of 19.5 per cent, followed by workers in professional occupation at 17.0 per cent, and technicians and associate professionals 16.2 per cent.
- The average monthly wages from work was BND 1,940 and slightly lower for female compared to male.
- The overall unemployment rate was 6.9 per cent, which male rate 6.2 per cent and female 7.8 per cent.
- In comparison, the youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24 years old) was significantly higher (25.3 per cent), and the rate was higher for young female 27.8 per cent compared to young male (23.5 per cent).

Table 1: Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Number			Distribution (%)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Working age population (15 years & over)	310,400	159,700	150,700	100.0	51.4	48.6
Local	249,700	124,300	125,400	80.4	40.0	40.4
Non-local	60,700	35,400	25,300	19.6	22.2	16.8
Labour force	203,600	115,700	87,900	100.0	56.8	43.2
Local	150,900	82,000	68,900	74.1	40.3	33.8
Non-local	52,700	33,700	19,000	25.9	29.1	21.6
Employment	189,500	108,500	81,000	100.0	57.3	42.7
Local	137,300	75,000	62,300	72.5	39.6	32.9
Non-local	52,200	33,500	18,700	27.5	30.9	23.1
Unemployment	14,100	7,200	6,900	100.0	51.1	48.9
Local	13,600	7,000	6,600	96.5	49.6	46.8
Non-local	500	200	300	3.5	2.8	4.3
Outside labour force	106,800	44,000	62,800	100.0	41.2	58.8
Local	98,800	42,300	56,500	92.5	39.6	52.9
Non-local	8,000	1,700	6,300	7.5	3.9	10.0
Average monthly wages (BND)*	1,940	1,950	1,930	-	-	-
Local	2,090	1,940	2,270	-	-	-
Non-local	1,570	1,980	870	-	-	-

Note: Preliminary estimates; aged 15+, except youth (aged 15-24).



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Table 2 : Employed Population

Employed Population	Total	Sex		Residential status	
		Male	Female	Local	Non-local
Persons	189,500	108,500	81,000	137,300	52,200
Industry Group (%distribution)					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8
Mining and Quarrying	5.6	7.3	3.2	6.5	3.2
Manufacturing	3.8	3.5	4.2	2.5	7.3
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply & Other Industrial Activities	1.9	2.5	1.0	2.2	1.1
Construction	7.4	11.0	2.6	3.1	18.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	11.8	12.4	10.9	9.4	17.9
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	5.5	6.3	4.5	4.0	9.5
Transportation and Storage	2.4	3.3	1.2	2.8	1.4
Information and Communication	2.7	2.9	2.5	3.2	1.5
Financial and Insurance Activities	2.4	1.8	3.1	3.3	0.1
Real Estate Activities	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Professional, Technical, Administrative & Support Services	6.0	7.2	4.3	6.3	5.0
Public Administration	27.3	30.0	23.6	36.3	4.3
Education	10.3	5.4	16.9	13.0	3.6
Human Health and Social Work Activities	3.7	2.0	6.0	4.4	1.9
Other Service Activities	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.9
Activities of Households as Employers of Domestic Personnel	5.9	0.8	12.6	0.0	20.7
Occupation Group (%distribution)					
Legislators, Managers and Senior Officials	7.6	8.8	6.0	8.0	6.5
Professionals	17.0	13.4	21.9	20.2	8.7
Technicians and Associate Professionals	16.2	18.4	13.2	18.3	10.6
Clerical Support Workers	11.4	6.2	18.3	14.9	2.1
Service and Sales Workers	19.5	22.5	15.4	20.2	17.7
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers	1.4	1.8	0.7	1.5	0.9
Craft and Related Trades Workers	9.2	13.0	4.0	4.9	20.5
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	3.9	6.6	0.3	3.6	4.7
Elementary Occupations	14.0	9.3	20.2	8.5	28.4

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Chart 1: Distribution of employed population by occupation group

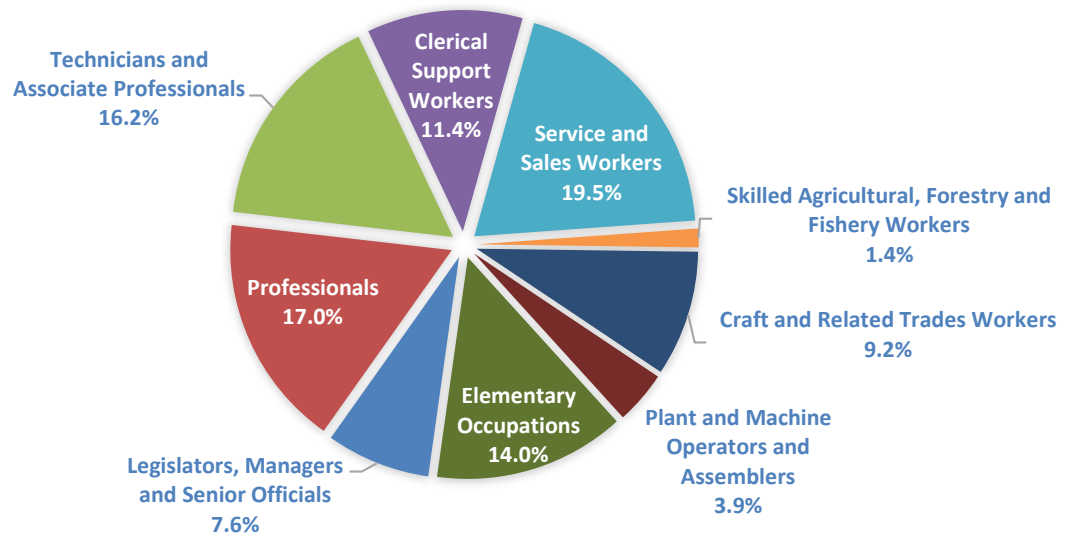
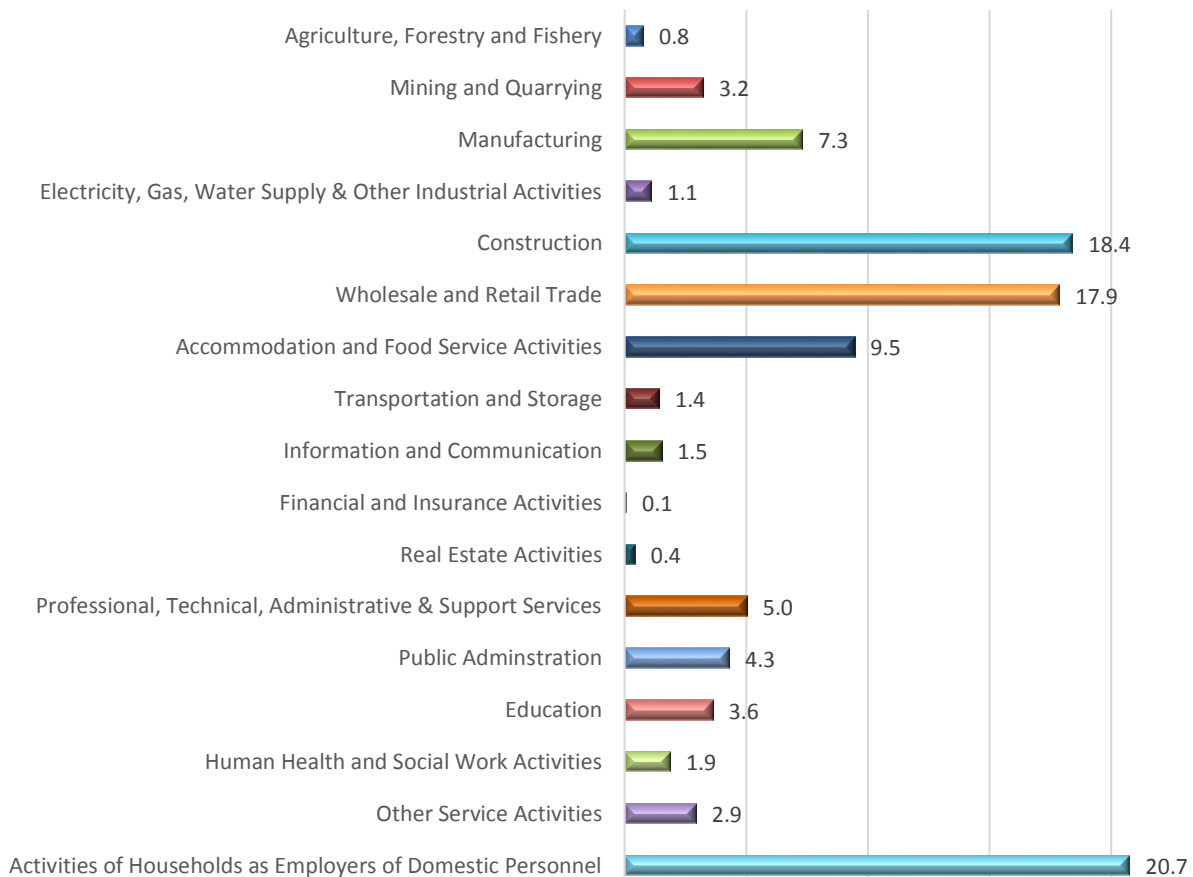


Chart 2: Distribution of employed population by industry group





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The LFS 2014 preliminary data is subject to further revisions after the data analysis has been fully completed. The final and more detailed data will be released in the Final Report of LFS 2014, which is based on the latest conceptual framework of statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization adopted at the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in October 2013.

Table 3: Labour underutilization

Labour underutilization	Total	Sex		Urban	Rural
		Male	Female		
Labour underutilization *					
Time-related underemployment	12,300	6,900	5,400	10,200	2,100
Unemployment	14,100	7,200	6,900	10,000	4,100
Potential labour force (marginal attachment) **	12,400	5,400	7,000	9,200	3,200
Composite rate of labour underutilization (%)	18.0	16.1	20.4	17.5	19.3
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	6.2	7.8	6.3	9.1
Youth labour underutilization, aged 15-24					
Time-related underemployment	1,280	630	650	1,140	140
Unemployment	6,800	3,700	3,100	4,500	2,300
Potential labour force (marginal attachment)	4,800	2,500	2,300	3,400	1,400
Composite rate of labour underutilization (%)	40.7	37.5	45	38.7	45.8
Unemployment rate (%)	25.3	23.5	27.8	22.5	33

Note: Preliminary estimates; aged 15+, except youth (aged 15-24).

* Total of time-related underemployment, unemployment, and potential labour force.

** Persons available for work but not searching for work (including discouraged jobseekers), and persons searching for work but not available to start work during the reference period (they are considered as having some marginal attachment to the labour force).