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2.2 World Development Indicators: Labor force structure

	Labor force participation rate				Labor force (ages 15 and older)			Labor force growth (%)
	Male		Female		Total	Female		
	% ages 15 and older		% ages 15 and older			% of labor force		
	2000	2012	2000	2012	2000	2012	2012	
Afghanistan	81	80	13	16	5.0	7.5	16.3	3.4
Albania	73	65	51	45	1.4	1.4	41.1	-0.4
Algeria	75	72	12	15	9.1	12.2	17.0	2.4
American Samoa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Andorra	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Angola	75	77	68	63	5.2	7.6	46.0	3.2
Antigua and Barbuda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Argentina	74	75	43	47	15.4	18.9	40.3	1.7
Armenia	73	73	58	52	1.5	1.5	41.1	0.1
Aruba	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Australia	72	72	55	59	9.6	12.0	45.5	1.9
Austria	69	68	48	55	3.9	4.4	46.3	1.0
Azerbaijan	72	69	57	63	3.6	4.7	49.0	2.4
Bahamas, The	75	79	66	69	0.1	0.2	48.3	3.1
Bahrain	86	87	35	39	0.3	0.7	19.5	7.9
Bangladesh	86	84	54	57	59.0	76.0	40.1	2.0
Barbados	76	77	64	66	0.1	0.2	46.6	1.1
Belarus	65	63	53	50	4.8	4.5	48.8	-0.5
Belgium	61	59	44	47	4.4	4.9	45.4	1.1
Belize	84	82	40	49	0.1	0.1	37.7	3.9
Benin	81	78	64	68	2.7	4.2	47.0	3.5
Bermuda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bhutan	79	77	53	66	0.2	0.4	41.5	4.0
Bolivia	82	81	60	64	3.6	4.9	44.8	2.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	58	57	33	34	1.4	1.5	38.9	0.4
Botswana	80	82	70	72	0.8	1.0	46.7	1.7
Brazil	82	81	55	60	83.8	104.7	43.7	1.8
Brunei Darussalam	80	76	56	53	0.2	0.2	40.8	1.8
Bulgaria	56	59	44	48	3.4	3.4	46.6	-0.2
Burkina Faso	90	90	77	77	5.1	7.5	47.4	3.1
Burundi	84	82	85	83	2.9	4.5	51.4	3.9
Cabo Verde	84	84	46	51	0.2	0.2	38.4	2.7
Cambodia	81	87	76	79	5.7	8.4	50.1	3.1
Cameroon	77	77	61	64	6.0	8.7	45.6	3.1
Canada	72	71	59	62	16.2	19.3	47.1	1.3
Cayman Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central African Republic	86	85	71	73	1.6	2.1	47.2	2.3
Chad	80	79	64	64	3.0	4.6	44.9	3.4
Channel Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chile	75	75	36	49	6.1	8.5	40.5	3.1
China	83	78	71	64	724.3	787.6	43.6	0.6
Hong Kong SAR, China	73	68	49	52	3.3	3.7	47.1	0.7
Macao SAR, China	76	78	56	66	0.2	0.3	48.4	4.3
Colombia	82	80	49	56	17.3	23.1	42.7	2.0
Comoros	79	80	31	35	0.2	0.2	30.4	2.9
Congo, Dem. Rep.	74	73	71	71	18.2	25.9	49.9	3.0
Congo, Rep.	72	73	65	68	1.2	1.8	48.6	3.0
Costa Rica	82	79	37	46	1.6	2.3	36.4	2.6
Cote d'Ivoire	82	82	49	52	6.2	7.8	37.6	1.9
Croatia	63	59	45	45	2.0	1.9	45.7	-0.4
Cuba	70	70	38	43	4.7	5.3	38.2	1.2
Curacao	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cyprus	72	71	50	56	0.4	0.6	43.1	2.1
Czech Republic	70	68	52	50	5.2	5.3	43.6	0.3
Denmark	72	68	60	59	2.9	2.9	47.4	0.1
Djibouti	66	67	31	36	0.2	0.3	34.9	2.9
Dominica	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dominican Republic	80	79	46	51	3.6	4.6	39.7	2.1
Ecuador	84	83	50	54	5.5	7.4	40.1	2.0
Egypt, Arab Rep.	73	75	19	24	19.7	27.2	24.2	3.0
El Salvador	79	79	45	48	2.2	2.7	41.6	1.9
Equatorial Guinea	93	92	80	81	0.3	0.4	44.8	3.4
Eritrea	91	90	75	80	1.7	3.0	48.1	4.2
Estonia	67	69	52	56	0.7	0.7	49.4	0.6



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	2000	2012	2000	2012	2000	2012	2012	
Ethiopia	90	89	73	78	28.8	43.6	47.0	3.4
Faeroe Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji	76	72	39	38	0.3	0.3	33.6	1.0
Finland	67	64	57	56	2.6	2.7	47.8	0.3
France	63	62	48	51	27.3	30.1	47.4	0.8
French Polynesia	69	64	48	47	0.1	0.1	41.2	1.7
Gabon	66	65	55	56	0.4	0.6	46.1	2.8
Gambia, The	84	83	71	72	0.5	0.8	47.8	3.2
Georgia	74	75	55	56	2.2	2.4	47.0	0.8
Germany	68	66	49	54	40.3	41.8	45.9	0.3
Ghana	77	71	73	67	8.2	10.8	50.0	2.4
Greece	65	63	40	44	4.9	5.0	42.4	0.3
Greenland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grenada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Guam	74	70	56	56	0.1	0.1	44.1	0.8
Guatemala	86	88	42	49	4.0	6.0	38.2	3.7
Guinea	78	78	63	66	3.5	4.7	45.7	2.8
Guinea-Bissau	79	79	63	68	0.5	0.7	47.0	2.7
Guyana	81	81	39	42	0.3	0.3	34.8	0.6
Haiti	69	71	57	61	3.2	4.3	47.5	2.4
Honduras	88	83	44	43	2.4	3.2	34.4	3.0
Hungary	58	60	41	45	4.2	4.4	45.9	0.5
Iceland	82	77	72	71	0.2	0.2	47.6	1.1
India	83	81	34	29	405.2	484.3	25.3	1.2
Indonesia	85	84	50	51	97.6	118.4	37.9	1.6
Iran, Islamic Rep.	74	73	14	16	19.0	26.1	18.3	2.1
Iraq	70	70	13	15	5.6	8.2	17.4	3.1
Ireland	71	68	47	53	1.8	2.2	44.5	1.6
Isle of Man	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Israel	61	70	48	58	2.5	3.7	46.7	3.6
Italy	61	59	35	39	23.3	25.1	41.7	0.5
Jamaica	78	71	59	56	1.2	1.2	45.5	0.4
Japan	76	70	49	48	67.6	65.3	42.2	-0.3
Jordan	69	66	13	15	1.2	1.7	18.1	3.0
Kazakhstan	76	78	65	68	7.5	9.0	49.5	1.6
Kenya	73	72	63	62	11.9	16.7	46.6	2.9
Kiribati	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Korea, Dem. Rep.	88	84	75	72	13.7	15.1	47.9	0.8
Korea, Rep.	73	72	49	50	22.7	25.8	41.6	1.0
Kosovo	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kuwait	82	83	44	43	1.0	1.7	23.8	4.7
Kyrgyz Republic	74	79	56	56	2.1	2.6	42.7	2.1
Lao PDR	81	79	79	76	2.4	3.3	50.1	2.7
Latvia	65	67	49	55	1.1	1.0	50.0	-0.8
Lebanon	71	71	19	23	1.0	1.6	23.6	3.7
Lesotho	80	73	68	59	0.8	0.9	45.9	0.7
Liberia	62	65	58	58	1.0	1.5	47.5	3.3
Libya	74	76	27	30	1.8	2.3	28.3	1.9
Liechtenstein	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lithuania	66	66	55	56	1.7	1.5	50.5	-0.6
Luxembourg	66	65	41	51	0.2	0.3	44.5	2.6
Macedonia, FYR	66	67	41	43	0.9	1.0	39.1	1.0
Madagascar	90	91	84	87	7.4	11.3	49.4	3.6
Malawi	81	81	77	85	4.9	7.2	51.3	3.3
Malaysia	81	75	45	44	9.8	12.7	38.6	2.1
Maldives	71	77	38	56	0.1	0.2	42.1	4.7
Mali	66	81	37	51	2.8	5.2	38.5	5.5
Malta	72	67	30	38	0.2	0.2	36.6	1.4
Marshall Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mauritania	78	79	23	29	0.8	1.2	26.6	3.6
Mauritius	80	74	41	44	0.5	0.6	37.8	1.1
Mexico	82	80	39	45	40.8	52.8	38.5	2.3
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moldova	64	43	56	37	1.7	1.2	49.3	-3.1
Monaco	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mongolia	66	69	56	56	0.9	1.3	45.7	2.4
Montenegro	60	57	43	43	0.2	0.3	44.0	0.1



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	2000	2012	2000	2012	2000	2012		
Morocco	79	76	29	26	10.1	11.8	26.9	1.6
Mozambique	83	83	88	86	8.8	11.6	53.0	2.3
Myanmar	80	82	73	75	25.7	31.0	49.8	1.5
Namibia	65	63	49	54	0.6	0.8	48.7	2.0
Nepal	90	87	82	80	11.9	14.8	50.8	1.8
Netherlands	73	71	53	59	8.2	9.0	46.1	0.6
New Caledonia	71	67	48	46	0.1	0.1	40.0	1.8
New Zealand	73	74	57	62	1.9	2.4	47.1	1.7
Nicaragua	83	80	38	47	1.8	2.5	38.2	2.7
Niger	89	90	38	40	3.6	5.6	31.1	3.6
Nigeria	67	64	45	48	38.9	52.6	42.5	2.6
Northern Mariana Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	72	70	60	62	2.4	2.7	47.2	1.1
Oman	78	82	23	29	0.8	1.6	15.5	7.0
Pakistan	84	83	16	24	42.9	63.8	22.0	3.4
Palau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Panama	82	82	45	49	1.3	1.8	37.2	2.5
Papua New Guinea	74	74	71	71	2.3	3.2	48.3	2.6
Paraguay	87	85	51	55	2.3	3.2	39.3	2.6
Peru	83	84	58	68	12.0	16.2	44.9	2.4
Philippines	82	80	49	51	31.1	41.3	39.5	2.1
Poland	64	65	49	49	17.4	18.5	45.2	0.7
Portugal	70	67	53	55	5.3	5.5	47.2	0.1
Puerto Rico	60	52	35	34	1.4	1.2	42.5	-1.1
Qatar	92	96	38	51	0.3	1.5	11.6	14.9
Romania	72	65	59	49	11.8	9.6	44.6	-0.8
Russian Federation	68	71	54	57	72.6	77.1	49.2	0.6
Rwanda	85	86	86	87	3.8	5.6	52.4	3.0
Samoa	74	58	33	23	0.1	0.0	27.5	-1.3
San Marino	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sao Tome and Principe	73	78	39	45	0.0	0.1	38.0	3.7
Saudi Arabia	74	76	16	18	6.0	10.4	14.2	4.3
Senegal	88	88	64	66	4.1	5.9	45.0	3.1
Serbia	65	61	45	44	3.3	3.2	43.7	-0.5
Seychelles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sierra Leone	62	69	66	66	1.5	2.3	49.4	3.5
Singapore	78	78	53	59	2.1	3.0	44.2	3.5
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Slovak Republic	68	69	53	51	2.6	2.7	44.4	0.4
Slovenia	64	64	51	52	1.0	1.0	45.8	0.5
Solomon Islands	79	79	53	53	0.2	0.2	40.2	2.6
Somalia	77	76	36	37	2.2	3.0	33.7	2.6
South Africa	65	60	50	44	16.8	19.1	44.6	0.8
South Sudan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spain	66	67	41	53	18.2	23.6	45.1	2.2
Sri Lanka	77	76	37	35	7.9	8.4	32.9	0.6
St. Kitts and Nevis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Lucia	76	76	62	63	0.1	0.1	46.5	2.0
St. Martin (French part)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	80	78	50	56	0.0	0.1	41.1	1.0
Sudan	75	76	29	31	8.1	11.6	29.3	3.0
Suriname	66	69	36	40	0.2	0.2	37.3	1.9
Swaziland	72	71	43	44	0.3	0.4	39.4	2.4
Sweden	68	68	58	60	4.6	5.1	47.4	1.0
Switzerland	78	75	58	61	4.0	4.6	45.9	1.3
Syrian Arab Republic	81	73	20	13	4.9	6.3	15.1	2.2
Tajikistan	75	77	58	59	2.3	3.5	43.6	3.3
Tanzania	91	90	87	88	16.7	23.5	49.7	2.9
Thailand	81	81	65	64	34.4	39.4	45.8	1.0
Timor-Leste	74	51	38	25	0.2	0.2	32.0	-0.1
Togo	82	81	76	81	2.1	3.1	51.1	3.1
Tonga	73	75	49	54	0.0	0.0	42.6	1.0
Trinidad and Tobago	76	76	47	53	0.6	0.7	42.0	1.3
Tunisia	72	71	24	25	3.2	3.9	26.9	1.7
Turkey	73	71	26	29	21.4	27.1	30.7	2.0



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Turkmenistan	74	77	48	47	1.7	2.3	39.2	2.2
Turks and Caicos Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuvalu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uganda	83	79	81	76	10.1	14.5	49.0	3.0
Ukraine	65	67	52	53	23.5	23.1	49.1	0.0
United Arab Emirates	92	91	34	47	1.7	6.2	15.5	12.1
United Kingdom	70	69	54	56	29.5	32.6	45.9	0.9
United States	74	69	59	57	147.1	158.7	46.3	0.6
Uruguay	76	77	52	56	1.6	1.7	44.4	0.8
Uzbekistan	72	75	47	48	9.2	13.0	39.6	2.9
Vanuatu	84	80	70	62	0.1	0.1	43.4	2.3
Venezuela, RB	82	79	49	51	10.6	13.9	39.3	1.6
Vietnam	83	82	73	73	41.3	52.9	48.4	2.0
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	77	73	53	54	0.1	0.1	45.9	0.0
West Bank and Gaza	65	66	11	15	0.6	1.0	18.3	4.6
Yemen, Rep.	71	72	22	25	4.2	6.9	26.0	4.1
Zambia	85	86	75	73	4.4	6.0	46.3	2.6
Zimbabwe	81	90	69	83	5.4	7.1	49.4	1.7
World	79	77	52	51	2,766.4	3,280.4	39.8	1.4
Low income	83	83	67	69	279.5	383.3	46.0	2.6
Middle income	81	78	50	47	1,904.5	2,254.3	37.3	1.3
Lower middle income	81	79	39	37	806.3	1,003.3	31.5	1.7
Upper middle income	81	77	60	56	1,098.1	1,251.0	42.0	1.0
Low & middle income	81	79	52	50	2,184.0	2,637.6	38.6	1.5
East Asia & Pacific	83	79	67	63	990.3	1,115.6	43.4	0.9
Europe & Central Asia	69	69	46	46	108.1	119.4	42.3	1.0
Latin America & Caribbean	81	80	49	54	217.9	279.9	41.6	2.0
Middle East & North Africa	74	73	18	20	80.7	109.6	21.4	2.5
South Asia	83	81	35	32	532.2	655.3	27.2	1.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	77	76	62	63	254.7	357.8	45.8	2.8
High income	71	69	51	53	582.4	642.8	44.6	0.9
Euro area	65	64	45	50	146.1	160.7	45.4	0.8

Most Recent Value (MRV) if data for the specified year or full period are not available; or growth rate is calculated for less than the full period.

About the Data

Labor force participation rate, male (% of male population ages 15+) (modeled ILO estimate)

Long definition

Labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active: all people who supply labor for the production of goods and services during a specified period.

Source

International Labour Organization, Key Indicators of the Labour Market database.

Labor force, total

Long definition

Total labor force comprises people ages 15 and older who meet the International Labour Organization definition of the economically active population: all people who supply labor for the production of goods and services during a specified period. It includes both the employed and the unemployed. While national practices vary in the treatment of such group as the armed forces and seasonal or part-time workers, in general the labor force includes the armed forces, the unemployed, and first-time job-seekers, but excludes homemakers and other unpaid caregivers and workers in the informal sector.

Source

International Labour Organization, using World Bank population estimates.

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