



## **PRESS RELEASE** **Unemployment Statistics**

### **For the Quarter April to June 2017<sup>i</sup>**

Based on data produced by the Barbados Statistical Service, statistics derived from the Continuous Household Labour Force Survey indicated that the rate of unemployment for the second quarter (April to June) of 2017 stood at 11.4 percent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points from the rate of 10.1 percent recorded for the same period in 2016. The unemployment rate among males stood at 11.3 percent and 11.5 percent among females.

In the review period, the number of persons employed totalled 128,800; of whom 64,300 were males and 64,500 were females. The total number of unemployed persons stood at 16,600; some 8,200 males and 8,400 females. In total, the number of persons in the labour force stood at 145,400. The number of persons not actively looking for work, hence excluded from the labour force, was 75,300 persons. The Labour Force participation rate stood at 65.9 percent, with participation among males at 68.8 percent and 63.2 percent among females.

In the second quarter of 2017, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector generated jobs for the largest number of persons, employing 21,700 persons, while the Accommodation & Food Services sector employed 14,600 persons. The Construction, Mining & Quarrying sector generated employment for 12,300 persons and the Manufacturing sector generated employment for 9,500 persons. Employment in the Public Administration & Defence sector reached 9,100 persons, while the Other Groups<sup>1</sup> and the Education sector both reached 7,900 persons. The Administrative & Support Service sector and the Human Health & Social Work sector employed 7,500 persons and 7,300 persons respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Other Groups includes the following industries: Information and Communications, Activities of Extraterritorial Organisations & Bodies, Real Estate & Arts, Entertainment and Recreation.

The Transportation & Storage sector employed 6,700 persons, while the Finance & Insurance sector and the Activities of Households as Employers sector generated employment for 6,100 persons and 4,300 persons respectively. Employment in the Other Services sector stood at 4,100 persons, while employment in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector stood at 3,800 persons. During the review period, employment levels in the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing sector stood at 3,300 persons. The Electric, Gas, Steam, Water & Air Conditioning Supply sector generated jobs for 2,800 persons, while 100 persons were employed in a Not Stated sector during the second quarter of 2017.

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **Unemployment Statistics**

### **For the Quarter January to March 2017<sup>1</sup>**

Based on data produced by the Barbados Statistical Service, statistics derived from the Continuous Household Labour Force Survey indicated that the rate of unemployment for the first quarter (January to March) of 2017 stood at 9.4 percent, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the rate of 9.3 percent recorded for the same period in 2016. The unemployment rate among males stood at 9.3 percent and 9.6 percent among females.

In the review period, the number of persons employed totalled 131,000; of whom 66,800 were males and 64,200 were females. The total number of unemployed persons stood at 13,700; some 6,800 males and 6,800 females. In total, the number of persons in the labour force stood at 144,700. The number of persons not actively looking for work, hence excluded from the labour force, was 76,300 persons. The Labour Force participation rate stood at 65.5 percent, with participation among males at 69.8 percent and 61.6 percent among females.

In the first quarter of 2017, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector generated jobs for the largest number of persons, employing 19,400 persons, while the Accommodation & Food Services sector employed 15,500 persons. The Construction, Mining & Quarrying sector generated employment for 13,900 persons and the Public Administration & Defence sector generated employment for 9,900 persons. Employment in the Other Groups<sup>1</sup> sector reached 9,000 persons, while the Manufacturing sector reached 8,400 persons. The Administrative & Support Service sector and the Education sector employed 8,000 persons and 7,700 persons respectively.

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The Transportation & Storage sector employed 6,900 persons, while the Human Health & Social Work sector and the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector generated employment for 6,500 persons and 5,200 persons respectively. Employment in the Activities of Households as Employers sector stood at 5,100 persons, while employment in the Finance & Insurance sector stood at 4,400 persons. During the review period, employment levels in the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing sector stood at 4,100 persons. The Other Services sector generated jobs for 3,700 persons, while 3,400 persons were employed in Electric, Gas, Steam, Water & Air Conditioning Supply sector during the second quarter of 2017.

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**For the Quarter July to September 2017<sup>i</sup>**

Based on data produced by the Barbados Statistical Service, statistics derived from the Continuous Household Labour Force Survey indicated that the rate of unemployment for the third quarter (July to September) of 2017 stood at 10.8 percent, an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the rate of 10.2 percent recorded for the same period in 2016. The unemployment rate among males stood at 9.7 percent and 11.8 percent among females.

In the review period, the number of persons employed totalled 126,600; of whom 65,400 were males and 61,200 were females. The total number of unemployed persons stood at 15,300; some 7,100 males and 8,200 females. In total, the number of persons in the labour force stood at 141,900. The number of persons not actively looking for work, hence excluded from the labour force, was 78,200 persons. The Labour Force participation rate stood at 64.3 percent, with participation among males at 68.9 percent and 60.2 percent among females.

In the third quarter of 2017, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector generated jobs for the largest number of persons, employing 20,300 persons, while the Construction, Mining & Quarrying sector employed 14,100 persons. The Accommodation & Food Services sector generated employment for 13,900 persons and the Public Administration & Defence sector generated employment for 9,000 persons. Employment in the Manufacturing sector reached 8,700 persons, while the Transportation & Storage and the Education sector reached 7,500 persons and 7,100 persons respectively. The Human Health & Social Work sector and the Administrative & Support Service sector employed 6,900 persons and 6,800 persons respectively.

The Other Groups<sup>1</sup> sector employed 6,600 persons, while the Finance & Insurance sector and the Activities of Households as Employers sector generated employment for 5,900 persons and 5,100 persons respectively. Employment in the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing sector stood at 4,400 persons, while employment in the Other Services sector stood at 4,000 persons. During the review period, employment levels in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector stood at 3,700 persons. The Electric, Gas, Steam, Water & Air Conditioning Supply sector employed 2,600 persons during the third quarter of 2017.

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **Unemployment Statistics**

### **For the Quarter October to December 2017<sup>1</sup>**

Based on data produced by the Barbados Statistical Service, statistics derived from the Continuous Household Labour Force Survey indicated that the rate of unemployment for the fourth quarter (October to December) of 2017 stood at 8.2 percent, a decline of 0.8 percentage points from the rate of 9.0 percent recorded for the same period in 2016. The unemployment rate among males stood at 8.9 percent and 7.5 percent among females.

In the review period, the number of persons employed totalled 133,200; of whom 68,400 were males and 64,800 were females. The total number of unemployed persons stood at 12,000; some 6,700 males and 5,300 females. In total, the number of persons in the labour force stood at 145,200. The number of persons not actively looking for work, hence excluded from the labour force, was 75,100 persons. The Labour Force participation rate stood at 65.9 percent, with participation among males at 71.4 percent and 60.9 percent among females.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sector generated jobs for the largest number of persons, employing 19,600 persons, while the Accommodation & Food Services sector employed 15,700 persons. The Construction, Mining & Quarrying sector generated employment for 13,000 persons and the Public Administration & Defence sector generated employment for 10,300 persons. Employment in the Manufacturing sector reached 8,800 persons, while the Other Groups<sup>1</sup> sector and the Education sector reached 8,700 persons and 7,700 persons respectively. The Administrative & Support Service sector and the Other Services sector employed 7,300 persons and 7,000 persons respectively.

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The Transportation & Storage sector employed 6,700 persons, while the Finance & Insurance sector and the Human Health & Social Work sector generated employment for 6,000 persons and 5,800 persons respectively. Employment in the Activities of Households as Employers sector stood at 4,800 persons, while employment in the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing sector stood at 4,400 persons. During the review period, employment levels in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector stood at 4,000 persons. The Electric, Gas, Steam, Water & Air Conditioning Supply sector employed 3,000 persons, while 600 persons were employed in a Not Stated sector during the fourth quarter of 2017.

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