

**REPORT ON
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS)
2002-2003**

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Key Statistics of Labour Force Survey 2002-2003

Labour force characteristics	Labour force survey (15+population)		
	1995-96	1999-2000	2002-2003
1. Economically active population/Labour force (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	36.1	40.7	46.3
Male	30.7	32.2	36.0
Female	5.4	8.5	10.3
Urban			
Total	8.3	9.2	11.3
Male	6.8	7.1	8.6
Female	1.6	2.1	2.7
Rural			
Total	27.7	31.5	35.0
Male	23.9	25.1	27.4
Female	3.8	6.4	7.6
2. Employed population (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	34.8	39.0	44.3
Male	29.8	31.1	34.5
Female	5.0	7.9	9.8
Urban			
Total	7.9	8.7	10.7
Male	6.4	6.7	8.2
Female	1.5	2.0	2.5
Rural			
Total	26.9	30.3	33.6
Male	23.4	24.4	26.3
Female	3.5	5.9	7.3
3. Unemployed population (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	1.3	1.8	2.0
Male	0.9	1.1	1.5
Female	0.4	0.7	0.5
Urban			
Total	0.4	0.6	0.6
Male	0.3	0.4	0.4
Female	0.1	0.2	0.2
Rural			
Total	0.9	1.2	1.4
Male	0.6	0.7	1.1
Female	0.3	0.5	0.3
4. Not in labour force (million)			
Bangladesh			
Total	33.3	33.5	34.5
Male	4.6	6.2	5.2
Female	28.7	27.3	29.3

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Urban				
	Total	na	7.3	8.6
	Male	na	1.4	1.5
	Female	na	5.9	7.1
Rural				
	Total	na	26.2	25.9
	Male	na	4.8	3.7
	Female	na	21.4	22.2
5.	Unemployment rate (%)			
	Total	3.5	4.3	4.3
	Male	2.8	3.4	4.2
	Female	7.8	7.8	4.9
6.	Under employment rate (%)			
Bangladesh				
	Total	na	16.6	37.6
	Male	na	7.4	na
	Female	na	52.8	na
Urban				
	Total	na	12.2	31.2
	Male	na	4.7	na
	Female	na	38.2	na
Rural				
	Total	na	17.8	39.6
	Male	na	8.1	na
	Female	na	57.7	na
7.	Labour force participation rate (%)			
Bangladesh				
	Total	52.0	54.9	57.3
	Male	87.0	84.0	87.4
	Female	15.8	23.9	26.1
Urban				
	Total	51.7	55.8	56.8
	Male	82.0	83.7	85.1
	Female	20.0	26.5	27.4
Rural				
	Total	52.1	54.6	57.5
	Male	88.6	84.0	88.1
	Female	14.5	23.1	25.6
8.	Crude activity rate (%)			
	Total	29.6	31.9	34.7
	Male	49.4	48.3	52.7
	Female	9.1	14.1	15.9
9.	Refined activity rate (%)			
	Total	54.0	54.9	57.3
	Male	87.0	84.0	87.4
	Female	15.8	23.9	26.1

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10. Dependency ratio			
Demographic (DDR)	na	81.3	45.1
Economic (EDR)	na	82.3	74.5
11. Employment by broad economic sector (%)			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	48.9	51.3	51.7
Non-agriculture	51.1	48.7	48.3
12. Unpaid family worker (million)			
Total	4.2	4.7	8.1
Male	3.3	2.0	3.4
Female	0.4	2.7	4.7
As % of total employed persons			
Total	12.1	12.0	18.4
Male	11.1	6.4	9.9
Female	18.0	34.2	48.0
13. Youth labour force (15-29) (million)			
Both sex	19.2	14.5	19.0
Male	14.2	10.4	13.5
Female	5.0	4.1	5.5
As % of total labour force			
Both sex	46.0	35.6	41.0
Male	41.6	32.3	37.5
Female	65.8	48.0	53.3
14. Female labour force (in million)			
Bangladesh	5.4	8.6	10.3
Urban	1.6	2.2	2.7
Rural	3.8	6.4	7.6
15. Female labour force participation rate (%)			
Bangladesh	18.1	23.9	26.1
Urban	20.5	26.5	27.4
Rural	17.4	23.1	25.6
16. Employment by major occupation (million)			
Total	34.8	39.0	44.3
Professional, technical	1.6	1.6	1.7
Administrative, managerial	0.2	0.2	0.1
Clerical workers	1.2	1.2	1.5
Sales workers	5.7	5.8	6.5
Service workers	1.4	2.2	2.0
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	17.0	19.9	22.8
Production & transport labourers & others	7.8	8.1	9.7

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17. Employment by major industry (million)			
Total	34.8	39.0	44.3
Agriculture, forestry, fisheries	17.0	19.8	22.9
Mining and queering	-	0.2	0.1
Manufacturing	3.5	3.7	4.3
Electricity, gas and water	0.1	0.1	0.1
Construction	1.0	1.1	1.5
Trade, hotel and restaurant	6.0	6.1	6.7
Transport, storage and communication	2.2	2.5	3.0
Finance and business services	0.2	0.4	0.3
Public administration & defence	0.3	-	2.5
Community and personal services	4.8	5.1	2.7
18. Status in employment			
Total	34.8	39.0	44.3
Self-employed/own accountant workers	15.8	18.2	19.8
Employer	0.1	0.1	0.2
Employee	5.8	6.5	6.1
Unpaid family helper	4.2	4.7	8.1
Day labourers	8.8	9.5	8.9
Others	-	-	1.2

Note: na denotes not available and - denotes nil.