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A. INTRODUCTION

Considering the need for generation of high frequency labour force indicators with enhanced coverage the sampling methodology of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025. The revamped PLFS design is envisaged to address the following objectives

Changes in PLFS from 2025

- to estimate the key employment and unemployment indicators (*viz.* Labour Force Participation Rate, Worker Population Ratio and Unemployment Rate) on a monthly basis for rural and urban areas in the Current Weekly Status (CWS¹) at all India level
- to extend the coverage of the Quarterly results of PLFS to rural areas and thereby producing quarterly estimates covering both rural and urban areas of India in the Current Weekly Status (CWS)
- to estimate important employment and unemployment indicators in both usual status² (ps+ss) and CWS for rural and urban areas annually.

B. MONTHLY BULLETIN OF PLFS



The Monthly estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate, Worker Population Ratio and Unemployment Rate at all-India level following Current Weekly Status (CWS) disaggregated by gender, sector and broad age-group is released in the form of Monthly Bulletins of PLFS.

The monthly Bulletin for the month April 2025, May 2025 and June 2025 have already been released.

The present monthly Bulletin for the month of July, 2025 is the fourth in the series of monthly Bulletins.

¹ The activity status of a person is determined on the basis of the activities pursued by the person during the specified reference period. The activity status determined on the basis of a reference period of last 7 days preceding the date of survey is known as the current weekly status (CWS) of the person.

² The activity status determined on the basis of the reference period of last 365 days preceding the date of survey is known as the usual activity status of a person. Activity status in the usual status (ps+ss) is obtained by considering the usual principal status (ps) and the subsidiary status (ss) together.

C. Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)

LFPR IN CWS



Labour force refers to the part of the population which supplies or offers to supply labour for pursuing economic activities for the production of goods and services and therefore, includes both 'employed' and 'unemployed' persons.

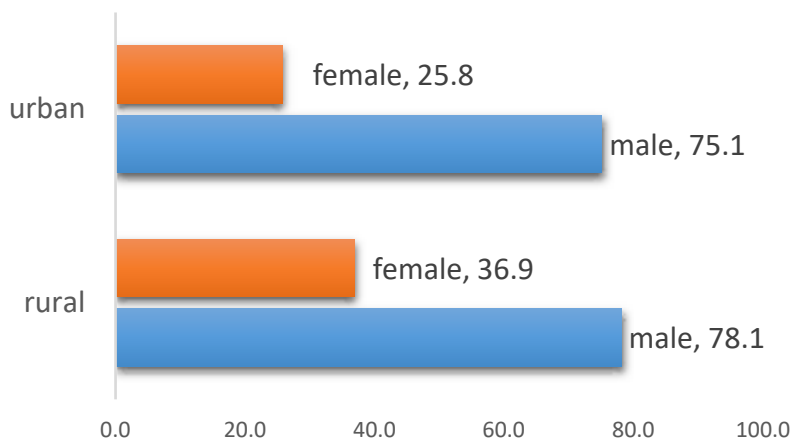


Labour force according to current weekly status (CWS) is the number of persons either employed or unemployed on an average in a week of 7 days preceding the date of survey



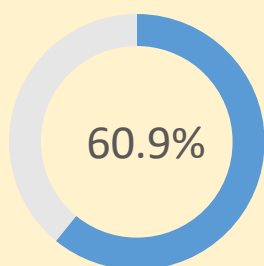
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 54.9% in July 2025.
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 56.9% and was 50.7% in urban areas

LFPR (%) in CWS during July 2025 for male and female

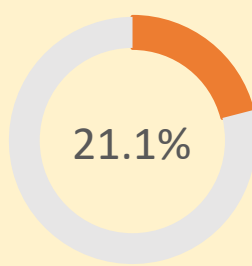


- LFPR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 78.1% during July, 2025
- For rural female of the same age group LFPR (%) during July, 2025 was found to be 36.9%
- In urban areas LFPR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during July, 2025 was 25.8% compared to 75.1% observed for male of the same age group

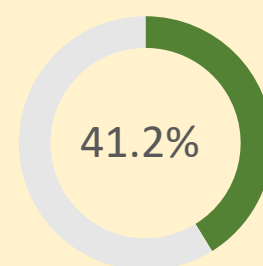
LFPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during July, 2025



LFPR (%) among male of age 15-29 years



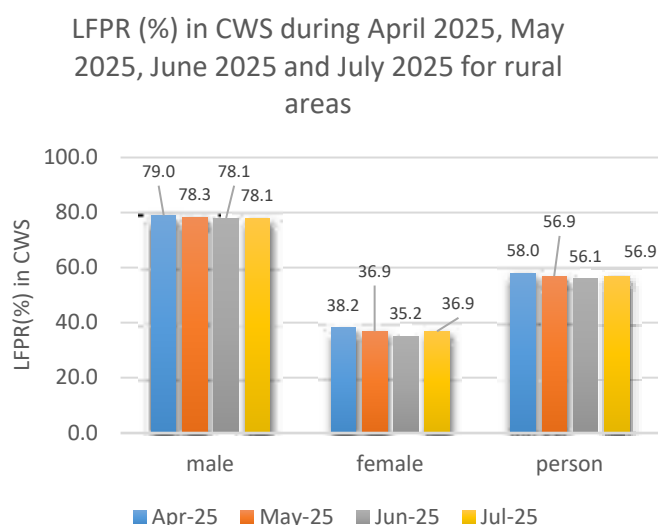
LFPR (%) among female of age 15-29 years



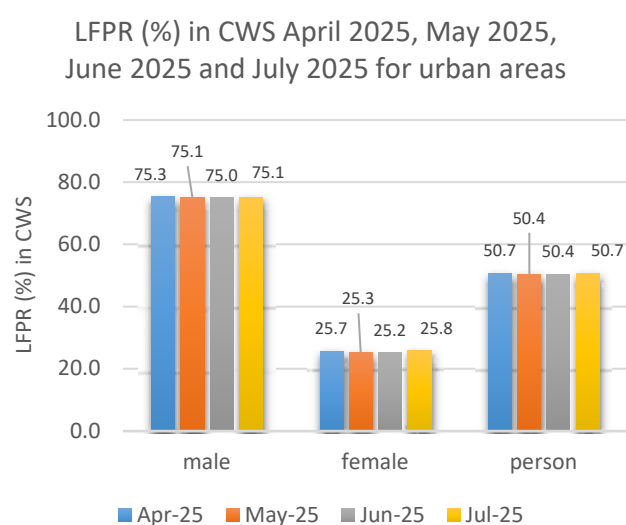
LFPR (%) among persons of age 15-29 years

LFPR (%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above separately for rural and urban areas and rural and urban areas combined are presented below.

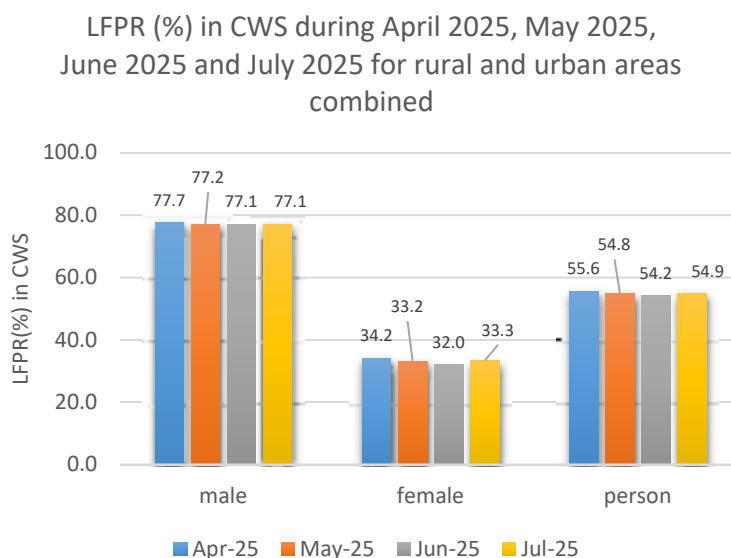
for rural areas



for urban areas



for rural and urban areas combined



In Statement 1, estimates of LFPR (%) in CWS for April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories.

Statement 1: Labour Force Participation Rate (in per cent) in CWS

sector	survey month	male	female	person
rural	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	63.5	23.8	43.4
	May 2025	63.1	22.9	42.7
	June 2025	62.0	20.5	41.1
	July 2025	61.7	21.1	41.2
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	79.0	38.2	58.0
	May 2025	78.3	36.9	56.9
	June 2025	78.1	35.2	56.1
	July 2025	78.1	36.9	56.9
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	57.5	28.8	42.9
	May 2025	57.0	27.8	42.2
	June 2025	56.9	26.5	41.5
	July 2025	56.7	27.7	42.0
urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	59.1	21.5	41.2
	May 2025	58.6	21.3	40.8
	June 2025	58.9	20.6	40.8
	July 2025	59.1	21.2	41.2
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	75.3	25.7	50.7
	May 2025	75.1	25.3	50.4
	June 2025	75.0	25.2	50.4
	July 2025	75.1	25.8	50.7
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	58.5	20.5	39.9
	May 2025	58.5	20.2	39.7
	June 2025	58.6	20.2	39.8
	July 2025	58.7	20.7	40.1
rural + urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	62.0	23.1	42.7
	May 2025	61.6	22.4	42.1
	June 2025	61.0	20.6	41.0
	July 2025	60.9	21.1	41.2
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	77.7	34.2	55.6
	May 2025	77.2	33.2	54.8
	June 2025	77.1	32.0	54.2
	July 2025	77.1	33.3	54.9
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	57.8	26.2	42.0
	May 2025	57.5	25.5	41.4
	June 2025	57.4	24.5	41.0
	July 2025	57.4	25.5	41.4

D.Worker Population Ratio (WPR)

WPR IN CWS



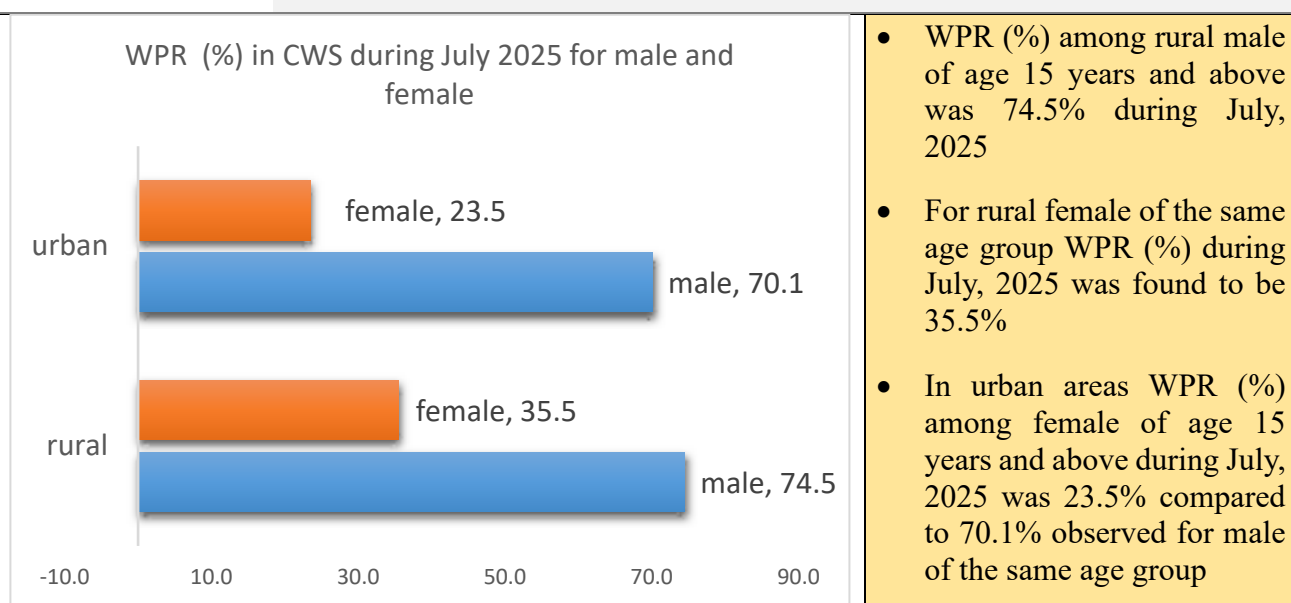
The workforce measured in CWS gives the average picture of the workforce in a short period of one week during the survey period.



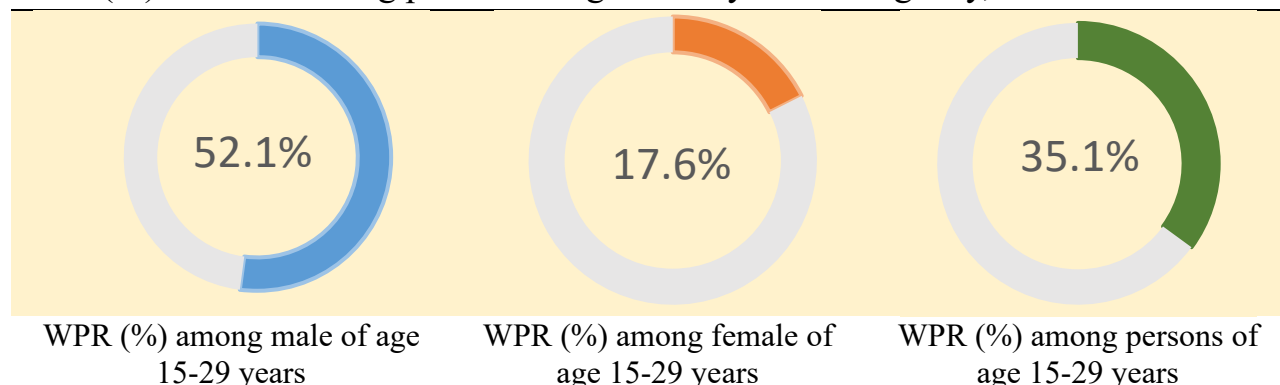
The estimate of workforce in the CWS provides the number of persons who worked for at least 1 hour on any day during the 7 days preceding the date of survey.



- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 52.0% in July 2025.
- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 54.4% and was 47.0% in urban areas.



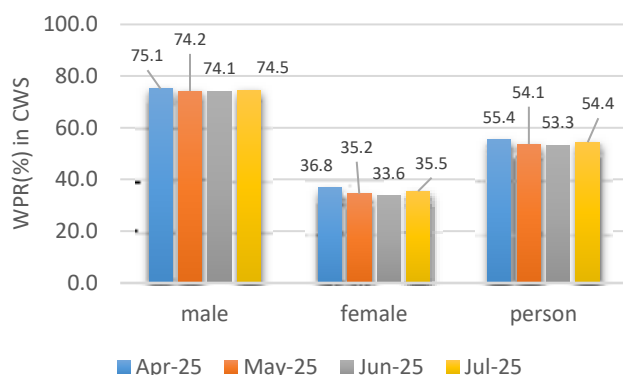
WPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during July, 2025



WPR (%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above separately for rural and urban areas and rural and urban areas combined are presented below

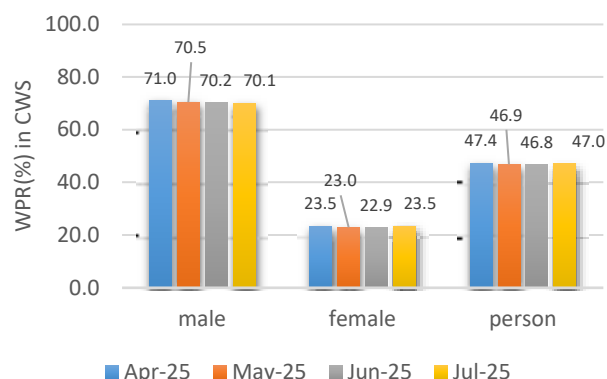
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WPR (%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for rural areas



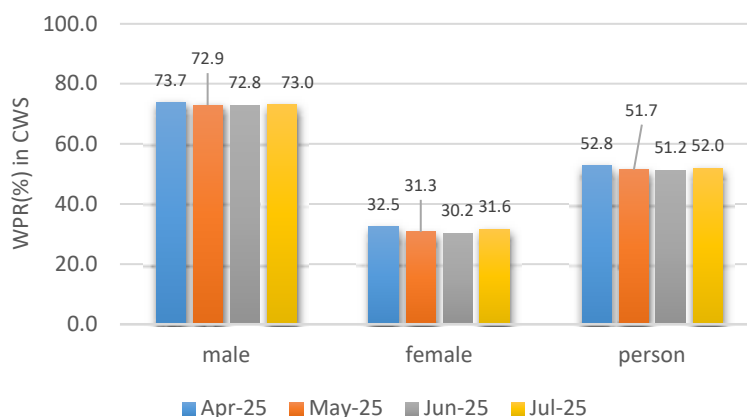
for urban areas

WPR (%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for urban areas



for rural and urban areas combined

WPR (%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for rural and urban areas combined



In Statement 2, estimates of WPR in CWS for April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories.

Statement 2: Worker Population Ratio (in per cent) in CWS

sector	survey month	male	female	person
rural	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	55.3	21.2	38.0
	May 2025	54.3	19.9	36.8
	June 2025	53.5	17.7	35.5
	July 2025	53.7	18.3	35.8
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	75.1	36.8	55.4
	May 2025	74.2	35.2	54.1
	June 2025	74.1	33.6	53.3
	July 2025	74.5	35.5	54.4
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	54.7	27.7	41.0
	May 2025	53.9	26.5	40.0
	June 2025	54.0	25.3	39.5
	July 2025	54.1	26.6	40.2
urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	50.2	16.4	34.1
	May 2025	49.4	16.1	33.5
	June 2025	49.1	15.3	33.1
	July 2025	49.0	15.9	33.4
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	71.0	23.5	47.4
	May 2025	70.5	23.0	46.9
	June 2025	70.2	22.9	46.8
	July 2025	70.1	23.5	47.0
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	55.1	18.7	37.3
	May 2025	54.9	18.3	36.9
	June 2025	54.8	18.3	37.0
	July 2025	54.8	18.9	37.2
rural + urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	53.6	19.8	36.8
	May 2025	52.6	18.8	35.8
	June 2025	52.0	17.0	34.7
	July 2025	52.1	17.6	35.1
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	73.7	32.5	52.8
	May 2025	72.9	31.3	51.7
	June 2025	72.8	30.2	51.2
	July 2025	73.0	31.6	52.0
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	54.8	24.9	39.8
	May 2025	54.2	24.0	39.0
	June 2025	54.2	23.2	38.7
	July 2025	54.3	24.2	39.2

E. Unemployment Rate (UR)

UR IN CWS



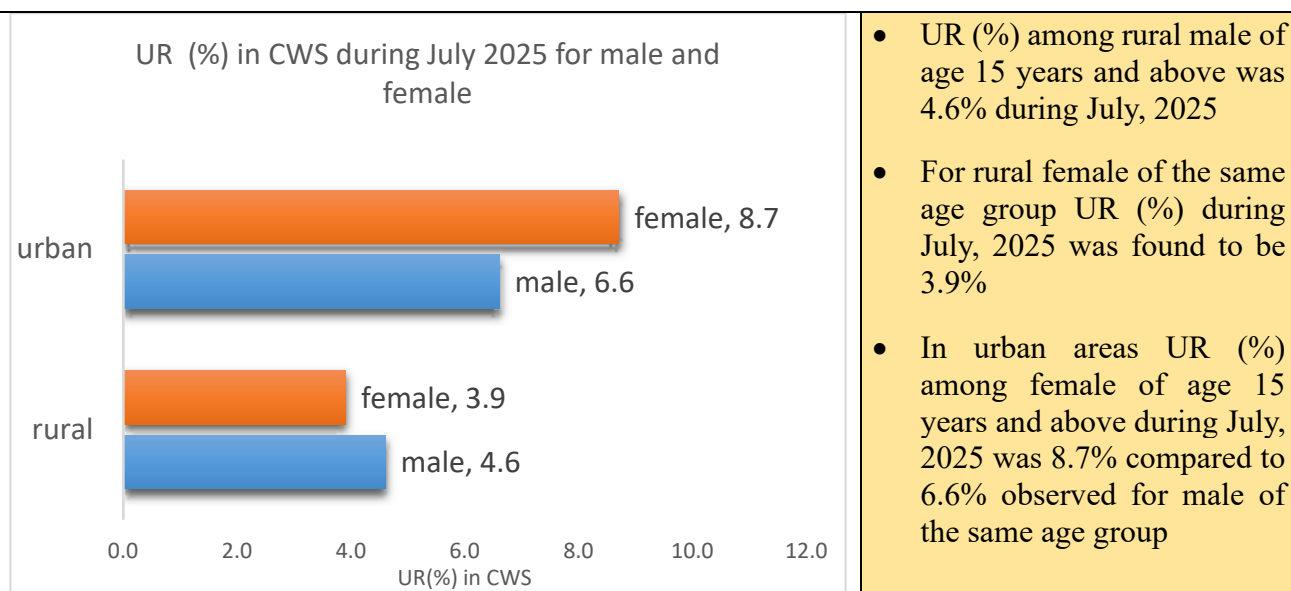
The estimates of unemployed in CWS give an average picture of unemployment in a short period of 7 days during the survey period.



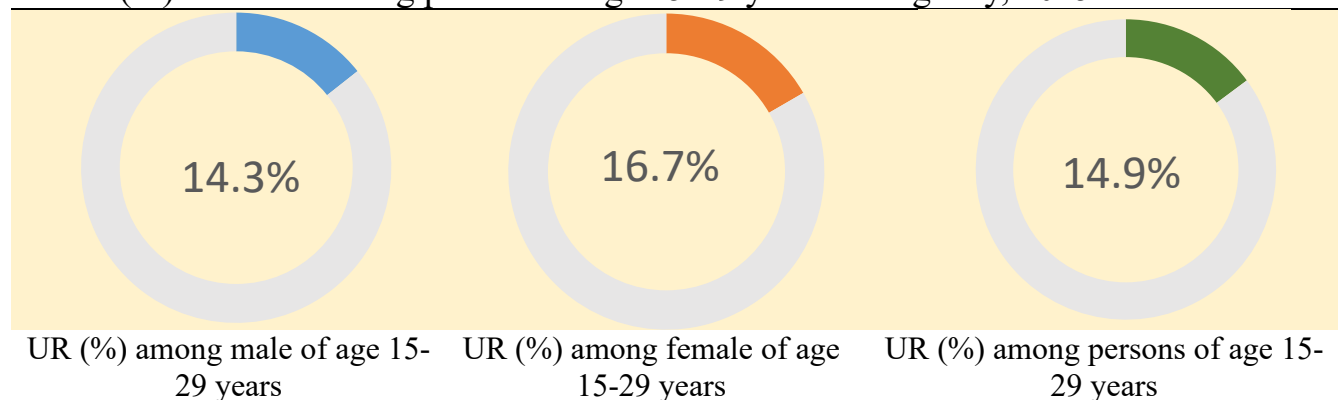
A person was considered as unemployed in a week if he/she did not work even for 1 hour on any day during the reference week but sought or was available for work at least for 1 hour on any day during the reference week



- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 5.2% in July 2025.
- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 4.4% and was 7.2% in urban areas

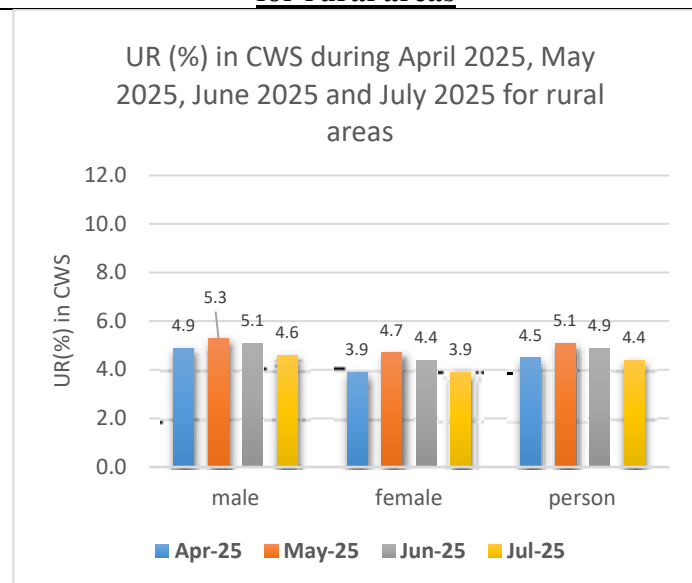


UR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during July, 2025

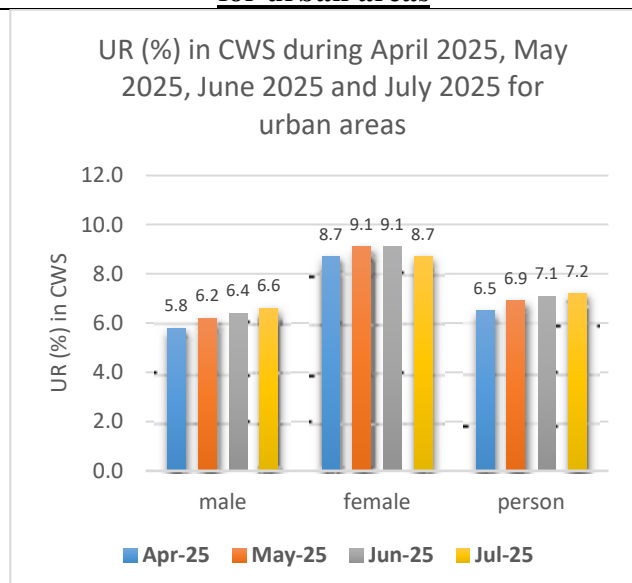


UR(%) in CWS during April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above separately for rural and urban areas and rural and urban areas combined are presented below.

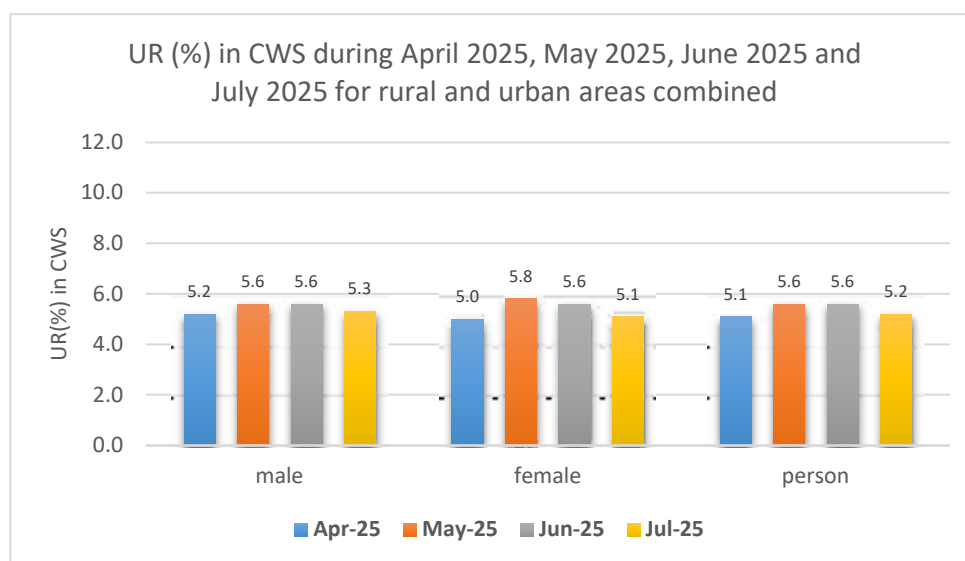
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for rural and urban areas combined



In Statement 3, estimates of UR in CWS for April 2025, May 2025, June 2025 and July 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories.

Statement 3: Unemployment Rate (in per cent) in CWS

sector	survey month	male	female	person
rural	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	13.0	10.7	12.3
	May 2025	14.0	13.0	13.7
	June 2025	13.8	13.7	13.8
	July 2025	13.0	13.0	13.0
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	4.9	3.9	4.5
	May 2025	5.3	4.7	5.1
	June 2025	5.1	4.4	4.9
	July 2025	4.6	3.9	4.4
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	4.9	3.8	4.5
	May 2025	5.3	4.7	5.1
	June 2025	5.1	4.4	4.9
	July 2025	4.6	3.9	4.4
urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	15.0	23.7	17.2
	May 2025	15.8	24.4	17.9
	June 2025	16.6	25.8	18.8
	July 2025	17.1	25.1	19
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	5.8	8.7	6.5
	May 2025	6.2	9.1	6.9
	June 2025	6.4	9.1	7.1
	July 2025	6.6	8.7	7.2
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	5.8	8.7	6.5
	May 2025	6.2	9.1	6.9
	June 2025	6.4	9.1	7.1
	July 2025	6.7	8.7	7.2
rural + urban	age group: 15-29 years			
	April 2025	13.6	14.4	13.8
	May 2025	14.5	16.3	15.0
	June 2025	14.7	17.4	15.3
	July 2025	14.3	16.7	14.9
	age group: 15 years and above			
	April 2025	5.2	5.0	5.1
	May 2025	5.6	5.8	5.6
	June 2025	5.6	5.6	5.6
	July 2025	5.3	5.1	5.2
	age group: all age			
	April 2025	5.2	5.0	5.1
	May 2025	5.6	5.7	5.6
	June 2025	5.6	5.6	5.6
	July 2025	5.3	5.1	5.2

F. Sample Size

In revamped PLFS design adopted from January 2025, a rotational panel sampling design is used and in this rotational panel scheme each selected household is visited four times in four consecutive months –in the beginning with first visit schedule in the first month and other three with the revisit schedule in the following three months for both rural and urban areas.

In the statement 4 given below, the sample size in terms of FSUs (census 2011 villages /Urban Frame Survey blocks/ subunits), households and persons are given, separately for rural areas, urban areas and rural and urban areas combined. It may be noted that out of the total sample surveyed during the month 25 percent samples are first visit samples and remaining 75 percent are revisit samples.

Statement 4: The First Stage Units (FSUs), households and persons surveyed during April, May, June 2025 and July, 2025

Sector	Surveyed FSUs	Surveyed Households	Person surveyed
	sample surveyed during April 2025		
rural	4,140	49,323	2,17,483
urban	3,371	40,111	1,63,355
rural + urban	7,511	89,434	3,80,838
	sample surveyed during May 2025		
rural	4,137	49,267	2,16,542
urban	3,374	40,105	1,63,058
rural + urban	7,511	89,372	3,79,600
	sample surveyed during June 2025		
rural	4,144	49,335	2,17,251
urban	3,376	40,158	1,63,287
rural + urban	7,520	89,493	3,80,538
	sample surveyed during July 2025		
rural	4,144	49,355	2,16,832
urban	3,375	40,150	1,62,390
rural + urban	7,519	89,505	3,79,222

G. Reliability of the estimates



Reliability of the estimates of key labour market indicators is measured here by the Relative Standard Error (RSE) of the estimates.

In Statement 5, the RSE (%) of the estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) in CWS for April, May, June and July, 2025 are presented for persons of age 15 years and above.

Statement 5: RSE (%) of LFPR, WPR and UR estimates in CWS for persons aged 15 years and above for April, May, June and July 2025

Indicator	sector	male	female	person
April 2025				
LFPR	rural	0.31	0.93	0.40
	urban	0.40	1.25	0.45
	rural + urban	0.25	0.77	0.31
WPR	rural	0.35	0.97	0.44
	urban	0.45	1.34	0.49
	rural + urban	0.28	0.8	0.34
UR	rural	2.97	4.76	2.70
	urban	3.18	4.02	2.57
	rural + urban	2.22	3.25	1.95
May 2025				
LFPR	rural	0.31	0.96	0.40
	urban	0.41	1.24	0.45
	rural + urban	0.25	0.78	0.31
WPR	rural	0.35	1.01	0.43
	urban	0.47	1.33	0.49
	rural + urban	0.28	0.83	0.34
UR	rural	2.70	4.97	2.48
	urban	3.12	4.08	2.56
	rural + urban	2.06	3.43	1.83
June 2025				
LFPR	rural	0.32	0.97	0.41
	urban	0.43	1.26	0.44
	rural + urban	0.26	0.79	0.31
WPR	rural	0.36	1.01	0.43
	urban	0.48	1.36	0.48
	rural + urban	0.29	0.83	0.33
UR	rural	2.86	4.96	2.62
	urban	3.42	3.79	2.66
	rural + urban	2.20	3.30	1.91

Statement 5: RSE (%) of LFPR, WPR and UR estimates in CWS for persons aged 15 years and above for April, May, June and July 2025

Indicator	sector	male	female	person
July 2025				
LFPR	rural	0.33	0.92	0.42
	urban	0.43	1.24	0.45
	rural + urban	0.26	0.75	0.32
WPR	rural	0.35	0.95	0.44
	urban	0.49	1.33	0.49
	rural + urban	0.29	0.78	0.34
UR	rural	2.87	6.35	2.86
	urban	3.48	4.39	2.88
	rural + urban	2.22	4.1	2.06

H. Comparability of monthly estimates with previously released estimates of PLFS



The sample design of the Periodic Labour Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025. As part of revamping of the sample design monthly rotational panel scheme has been implemented for both rural and urban areas wherein each selected household is visited four times in four consecutive months – one with first visit schedule and other three with the revisit schedule in the following three months. The aspects related to the multistage stratified design followed in PLFS like the choice of First stage Units (FSU) to be surveyed, the primary geographical unit (i.e. basic stratum) from which FSUs are selected, stratification rules applied to FSUs and sampling selection method for selecting FSUs have been changed. The number of households to be surveyed within a selected FSU has been increased from 8 to 12 households.



In addition, some changes have also been incorporated in the structure of the Schedule of inquiry. The details of the revamped PLFS sample design and changes made in the Schedule of inquiry have been provided in the PLFS release titled ***PLFS: Changes in 2025***³. Users of PLFS results need to consider the changes implemented in PLFS from January 2025 while comparing PLFS results with estimates released through PLFS publications up to December, 2024. The results of the PLFS post January 2025 thus need to be understood and used in the context with which the sample selection methodology of PLFS has been designed.

³ https://www.mospi.gov.in/sites/default/files/publication_reports/PLFS_Changes-in-2025_rev.pdf

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