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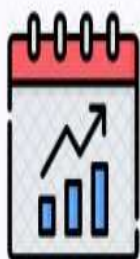
A. INTRODUCTION

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 parts 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 (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) 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 Bulletins for the month April to August 2025 have already been released.

The present Monthly Bulletin for the month of September 2025 is the sixth 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.

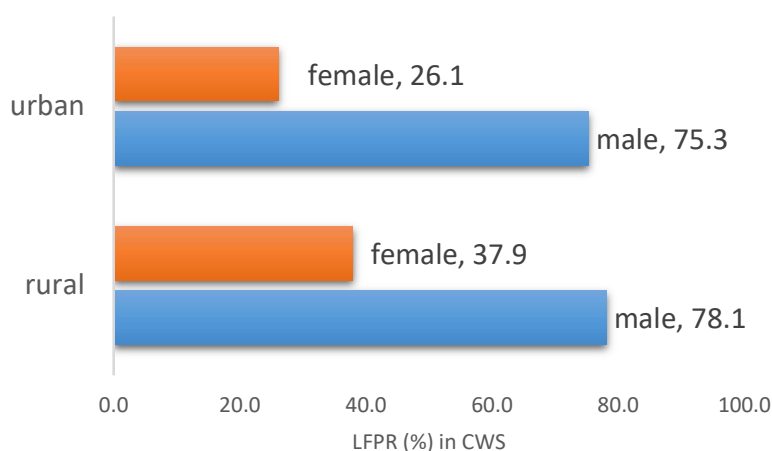


Labour force according to Current Weekly Status (CWS) is the number of persons either employed or unemployed on an average in a week of 7 days preceding the date of survey.



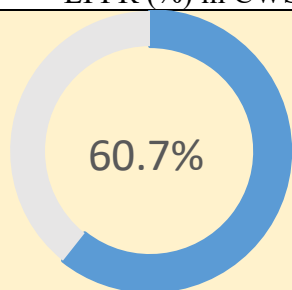
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 55.3% in September 2025.
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 57.4% and was 50.9% in urban areas.

LFPR (%) in CWS during September 2025 for male and female of age 15 years and above

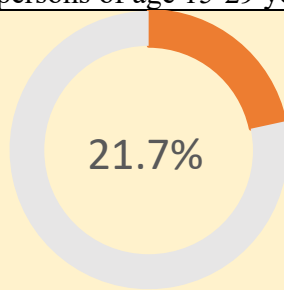


- LFPR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 78.1% during September 2025
- For rural female of the same age group LFPR (%) during September 2025 was found to be 37.9%
- In urban areas LFPR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during September 2025 was 26.1% compared to 75.3% observed for male of the same age group

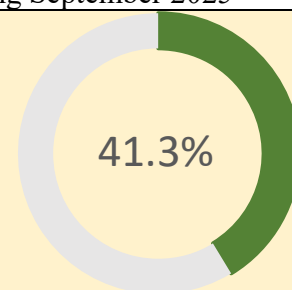
LFPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during September 2025



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



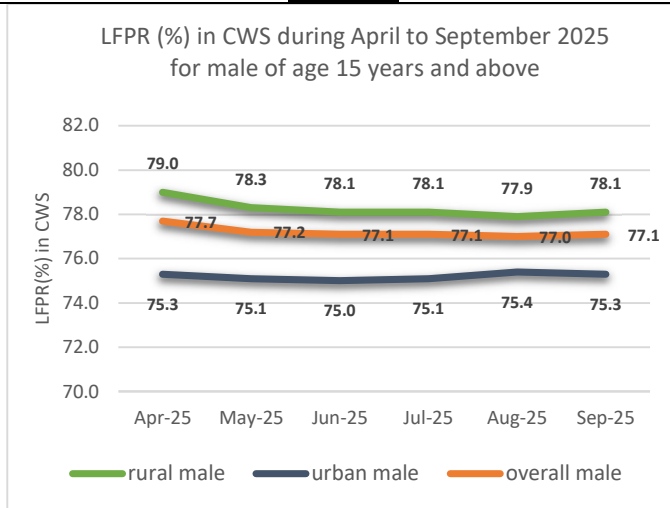
LFPR (%) among female of age 15-29 years



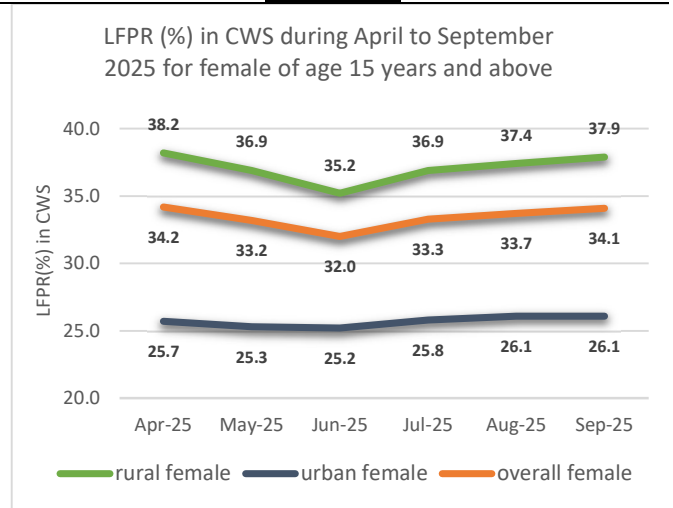
LFPR (%) among persons of age 15-29 years

LFPR (%) in CWS during April to September 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above sector wise (i.e. for rural, urban and combined) separately for male, female and person are presented below.

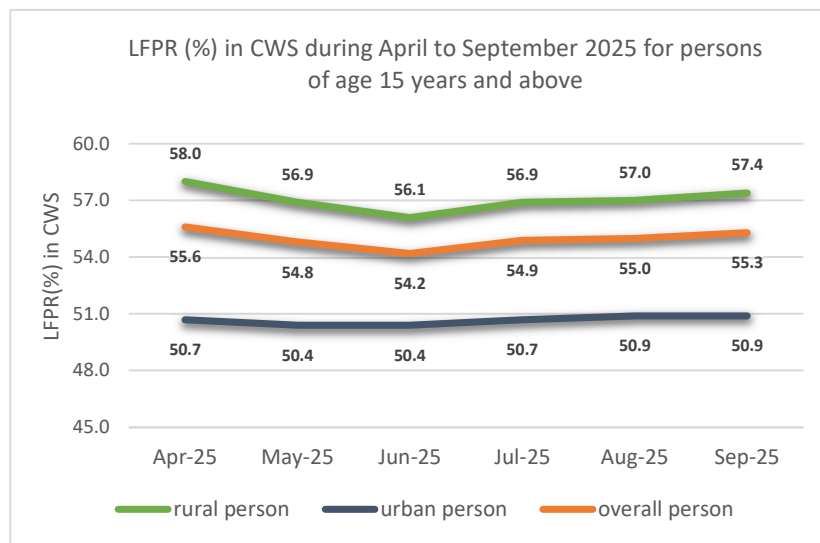
for male



for female



for person



In Statement 1, estimates of LFPR (%) in CWS for April to September 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 |
| | August 2025 | 61.0 | 21.3 | 40.8 |
| | September 2025 | 61.1 | 21.7 | 41.1 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 77.9 | 37.4 | 57.0 |
| | September 2025 | 78.1 | 37.9 | 57.4 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 56.2 | 28.0 | 42.0 |
| September 2025 | 56.5 | 28.5 | 42.3 | |
| 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 |
| | August 2025 | 59.9 | 21.5 | 41.7 |
| | September 2025 | 59.8 | 21.7 | 41.8 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 75.4 | 26.1 | 50.9 |
| | September 2025 | 75.3 | 26.1 | 50.9 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 59.2 | 21.0 | 40.4 |
| September 2025 | 59.3 | 20.9 | 40.5 | |
| 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 |
| | August 2025 | 60.7 | 21.4 | 41.1 |
| | September 2025 | 60.7 | 21.7 | 41.3 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 77.0 | 33.7 | 55.0 |
| | September 2025 | 77.1 | 34.1 | 55.3 |
| | 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 |
| | August 2025 | 57.2 | 25.9 | 41.5 |
| September 2025 | 57.4 | 26.2 | 41.8 | |

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.

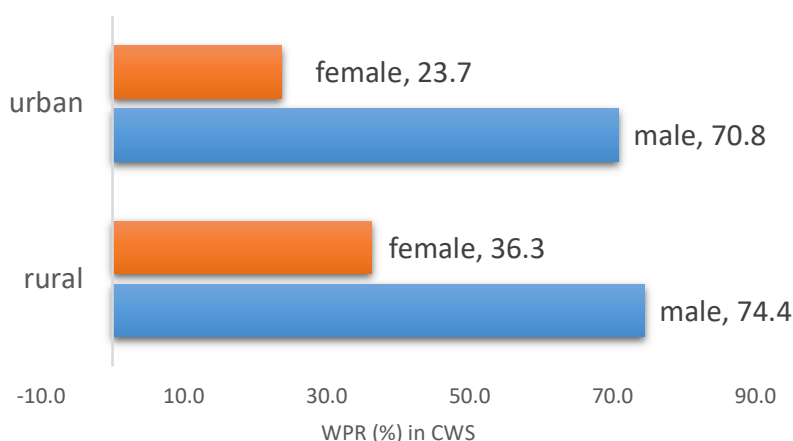


The estimate of workforce in the CWS provides the number of persons who worked for at least 1 hour on any day during the 7 days preceding the date of survey.



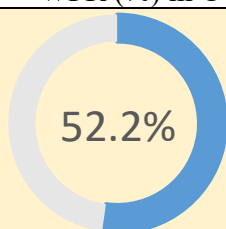
- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 52.4% in September 2025.
- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 54.8% and was 47.4% in urban areas.

WPR (%) in CWS during September 2025 for male and female of age 15 years and above

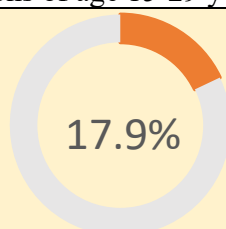


- WPR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 74.4% during September 2025
- For rural female of the same age group WPR (%) during September 2025 was found to be 36.3%
- In urban areas WPR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during September 2025 was 23.7% compared to 70.8% observed for male of the same age group

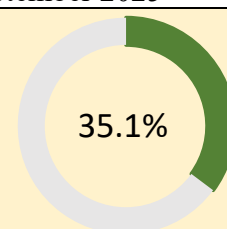
WPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during September 2025



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



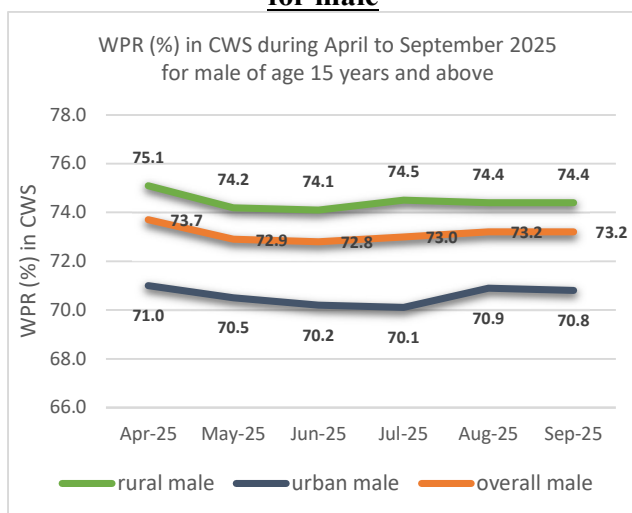
WPR (%) among female of age 15-29 years



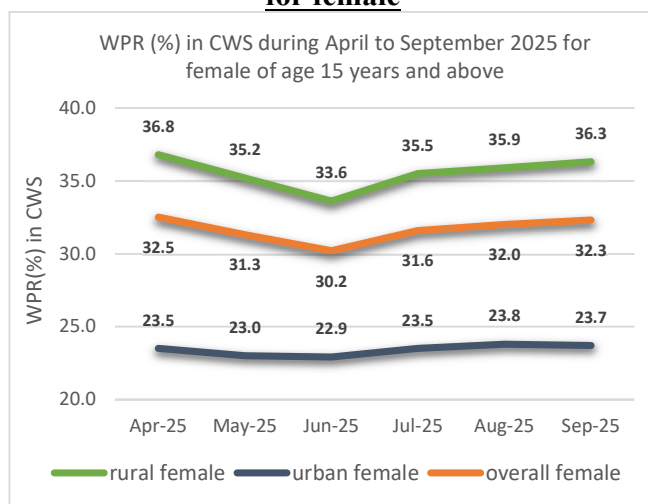
WPR (%) among persons of age 15-29 years

WPR (%) in CWS during April to September 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above sector wise (i.e. for rural, urban and combined) separately for male, female and person are presented below.

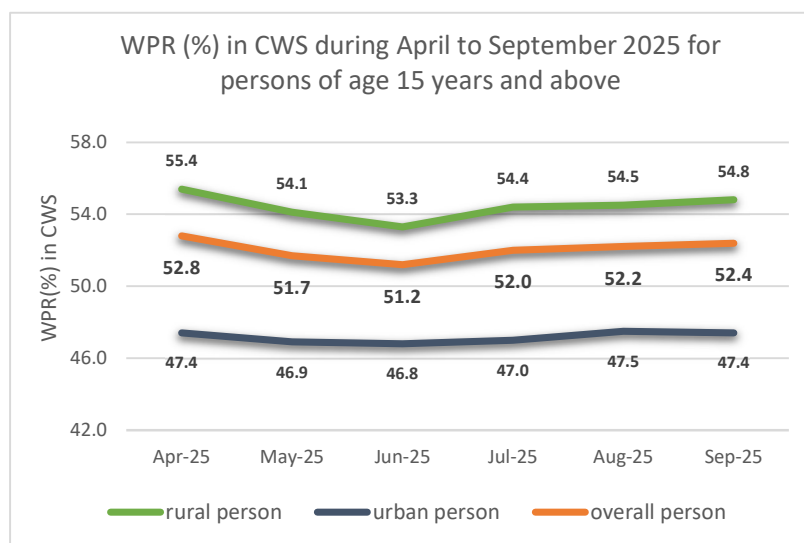
for male



for female



for persons



In Statement 2, estimates of WPR in CWS for April to September 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 53.4 | 18.3 | 35.5 | |
| | September 2025 | 53.1 | 18.7 | 35.6 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 74.4 | 35.9 | 54.5 | |
| | September 2025 | 74.4 | 36.3 | 54.8 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 53.7 | 26.9 | 40.1 | |
| | September 2025 | 53.9 | 27.2 | 40.4 | |
| | 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 |
| | | August 2025 | 50.6 | 16.0 | 34.2 |
| September 2025 | | 50.3 | 16.0 | 34.1 | |
| 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 | |
| August 2025 | | 70.9 | 23.8 | 47.5 | |
| September 2025 | | 70.8 | 23.7 | 47.4 | |
| 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 | |
| August 2025 | | 55.7 | 19.1 | 37.7 | |
| September 2025 | | 55.7 | 19.0 | 37.7 | |
| 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 |
| | | August 2025 | 52.5 | 17.6 | 35.1 |
| | September 2025 | 52.2 | 17.9 | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 73.2 | 32.0 | 52.2 | |
| | September 2025 | 73.2 | 32.3 | 52.4 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 54.3 | 24.5 | 39.4 | |
| | September 2025 | 54.5 | 24.7 | 39.6 | |

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.

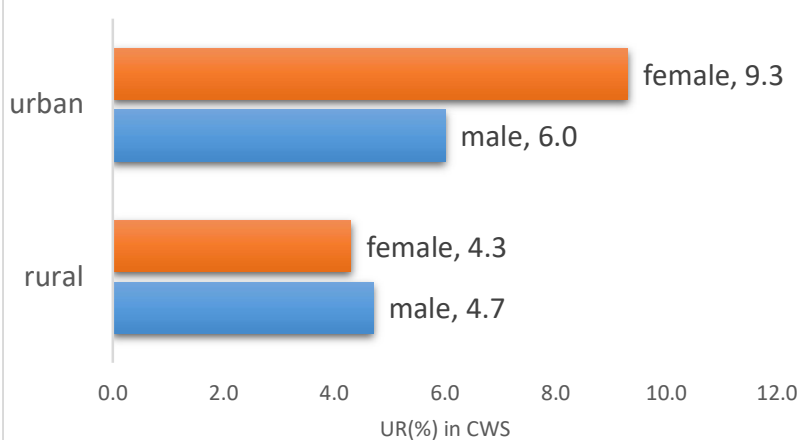


A person was considered as unemployed in a week if he/she did not work even for 1 hour on any day during the reference week but sought or was available for work at least for 1 hour on any day during the reference week



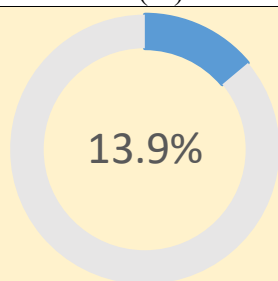
- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 5.2% in September 2025.
- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 4.6% and was 6.8% in urban areas.

UR (%) in CWS during September 2025 for male and female of age 15 years and above

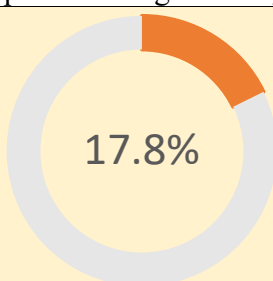


- UR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 4.7% during September 2025
- For rural female of the same age group UR (%) during September 2025 was found to be 4.3%
- In urban areas UR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during September 2025 was 9.3% compared to 6.0% observed for male of the same age group

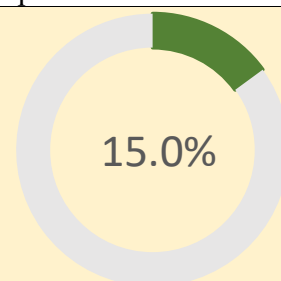
UR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during September 2025



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



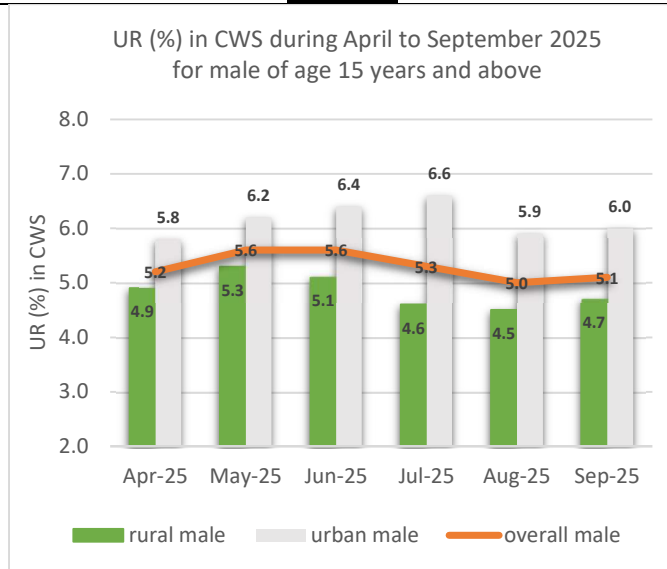
UR (%) among female of age 15-29 years



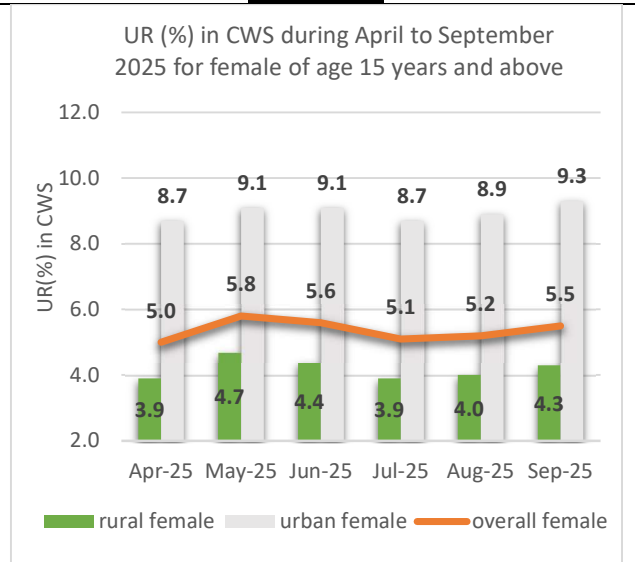
UR (%) among persons of age 15-29 years

UR (%) in CWS during April to September 2025 for persons of age 15 years and above sector wise (i.e. for rural, urban and combined) separately for male, female and person are presented below.

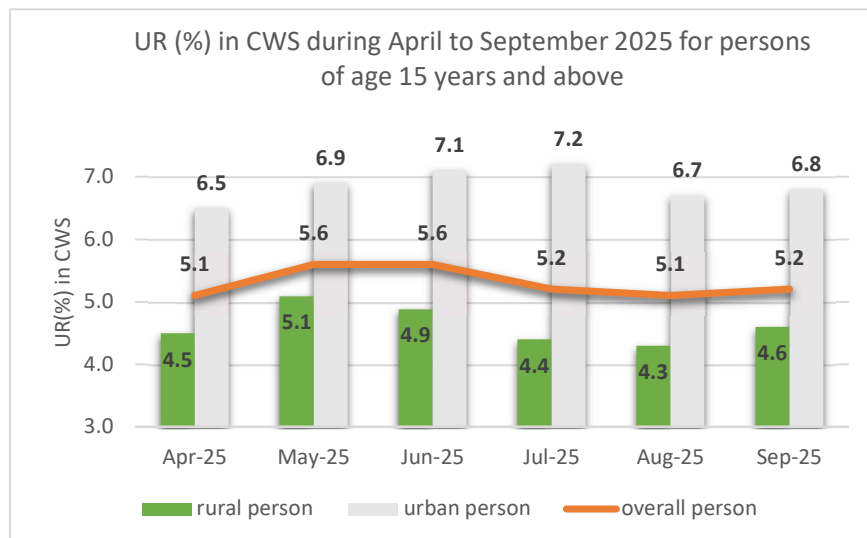
for male



for female



for persons



In Statement 3, estimates of UR in CWS for April to September 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 12.6 | 14.3 | 13.0 | |
| | September 2025 | 13.0 | 14.1 | 13.3 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.3 | |
| | September 2025 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.6 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.4 | |
| | September 2025 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.6 | |
| | 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 | 19.0 |
| | | August 2025 | 15.6 | 25.7 | 18.0 |
| September 2025 | | 16.0 | 26.4 | 18.5 | |
| 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 | |
| August 2025 | | 5.9 | 8.9 | 6.7 | |
| September 2025 | | 6.0 | 9.3 | 6.8 | |
| 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 | |
| August 2025 | | 5.9 | 9.0 | 6.7 | |
| September 2025 | | 6.0 | 9.3 | 6.8 | |
| 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 |
| | | August 2025 | 13.5 | 17.8 | 14.6 |
| | September 2025 | 13.9 | 17.8 | 15.0 | |
| | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | |
| | September 2025 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 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 | |
| | August 2025 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | |
| | September 2025 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | |

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 Statement 4 given below, the sample size in terms of FSUs (census 2011 villages /Urban Frame Survey blocks/ subunits), households and persons surveyed are given, separately for rural areas, urban areas and rural and urban areas combined. It may be noted that, besides the first visit sample (25 per cent of total sample size), samples in respect to three revisits (75 per cent of total sample size) were also surveyed during the months April to September 2025.

Statement 4: The First Stage Units (FSUs), households and persons surveyed during April to September 2025

| Sector | Surveyed FSUs | Surveyed Households | Surveyed Persons |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| August 2025 | | | |
| rural | 4,130 | 49,197 | 2,15,895 |
| urban | 3,369 | 40,085 | 1,60,944 |
| rural + urban | 7,499 | 89,282 | 3,76,839 |
| September 2025 | | | |
| rural | 4,128 | 49,164 | 2,15,051 |
| urban | 3,372 | 40,127 | 1,60,652 |
| rural + urban | 7,500 | 89,291 | 3,75,703 |

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 to September 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 to September 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 | 0.80 | 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 to September 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 |
| August 2025 | | | | |
| LFPR | rural | 0.34 | 0.89 | 0.42 |
| | urban | 0.42 | 1.24 | 0.44 |
| | rural + urban | 0.27 | 0.73 | 0.32 |
| WPR | rural | 0.37 | 0.92 | 0.43 |
| | urban | 0.47 | 1.33 | 0.48 |
| | rural + urban | 0.29 | 0.76 | 0.33 |
| UR | rural | 2.88 | 4.94 | 2.6 |
| | urban | 3.42 | 4.35 | 2.83 |
| | rural + urban | 2.21 | 3.4 | 1.93 |
| September 2025 | | | | |
| LFPR | rural | 0.34 | 0.90 | 0.42 |
| | urban | 0.42 | 1.25 | 0.45 |
| | rural + urban | 0.27 | 0.74 | 0.33 |
| WPR | rural | 0.37 | 0.93 | 0.45 |
| | urban | 0.46 | 1.35 | 0.48 |
| | rural + urban | 0.29 | 0.77 | 0.34 |
| UR | rural | 2.91 | 6.06 | 2.87 |
| | urban | 3.45 | 4.20 | 2.83 |
| | rural + urban | 2.23 | 3.95 | 2.07 |

G. 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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