

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

IN TURKEY



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As of August 2019, the number of people employed was recorded as **28.529 million**.



Compared to the same month of 2018, around **191 thousand** people joined the labor force in August 2019.



The employment rate declined by **2.0** percentage points, from **48.3** percent to **46.3** annually.



The unemployment rate increased by **2.9** points, from **11.1** percent in August 2018 to **14.0** percent in August 2019.



Youth unemployment rate (15-24 age) increased by **6.6** points, from **20.8** percent to **27.4** percent annually.



As of August 2019, Turkey had generated over **7.1 million** new jobs in a 10-year period.



MAIN LABOR FORCE STATISTICS	August 2009	August 2018	August 2019
Number of People in Labor Force ¹ (in million)	24.498	32.989	33.180
Labor Force Participation Rate ² (%)	47.2%	54.3%	53.9%
Number of Employed People (in million)	21.410	29.318	28.529
Employment Rate	41.2%	48.3%	46.3%
Number of Unemployed People (in million)	3.087	3.670	4.650
Unemployment Rate ³	12.6%	11.1%	14.0%
Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24 age)	21.4%	20.8%	27.4%

¹ Labor Force is the number of people who are employed plus the unemployed who are looking for work. The labor force does not include the jobless who are not looking for work.

² The labor force participation rate is the number of people who are available to work as a percentage of the total population.

³ Unemployment rate measures the jobless who are in the labor force.