

# LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

IN TURKEY



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As of June 2019, the number of people employed was recorded as **28.512 million**.



Compared to the same month of 2018, around **140 thousand** people joined the labor force in June 2019.



The employment rate declined by **2.0** percentage points, from **48.4** percent to **46.4** annually.



The unemployment rate increased by **2.8** points, from **10.2** percent in June 2018 to **13.0** percent in June 2019.



Youth unemployment rate (15-24 age) increased by **5.4** points, from **19.4** percent to **24.8** percent annually.



As of June 2019, Turkey had generated around **7.3 million** new jobs in a 10-year period.



MAIN LABOR FORCE STATISTICS	June 2009	June 2018	June 2019
Number of People in Labor Force <sup>1</sup> (in million)	24.171	32.629	<b>32.766</b>
Labor Force Participation Rate <sup>2</sup> (%)	46.7%	53.8%	<b>53.3%</b>
Number of Employed People (in million)	21.226	29.314	<b>28.512</b>
Employment Rate	41.0%	48.4%	<b>46.4%</b>
Number of Unemployed People (in million)	2.945	3.315	<b>4.253</b>
Unemployment Rate <sup>3</sup>	12.2%	10.2%	<b>13.0%</b>
Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24 age)	21.7%	19.4%	<b>24.8%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> Unemployment rate measures the jobless who are in the labor force.