

# LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

IN TURKEY



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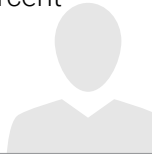
As of May 2019, the number of people employed was recorded as **28.269 million**.



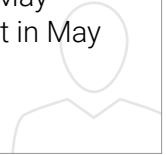
Compared to the same month of 2018, around **150 thousand** people joined the labor force in May 2019.



The employment rate declined by **2.0** percentage points, from **48.1** percent to **46.1** annually.



The unemployment rate increased by **3.1** points, from **9.7** percent in May 2018 to **12.8** percent in May 2019.



Youth unemployment rate (15-24 age) increased by **5.5** points, from **17.8** percent to **23.3** percent annually.



As of May 2019, Turkey had generated around **7.5 million** new jobs in a 10-year period.



MAIN LABOR FORCE STATISTICS	May 2009	May 2018	May 2019
Number of People in Labor Force <sup>1</sup> (in million)	23.790	32.274	<b>32.426</b>
Labor Force Participation Rate <sup>2</sup> (%)	46.0%	53.3%	<b>52.9%</b>
Number of Employed People (in million)	20.761	29.138	<b>28.269</b>
Employment Rate	40.2%	48.1%	<b>46.1%</b>
Number of Unemployed People (in million)	3.029	3.136	<b>4.157</b>
Unemployment Rate <sup>3</sup>	12.7%	9.7%	<b>12.8%</b>
Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24 age)	22.9%	17.8%	<b>23.3%</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.