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**Labour Force Statistics, September 2020**

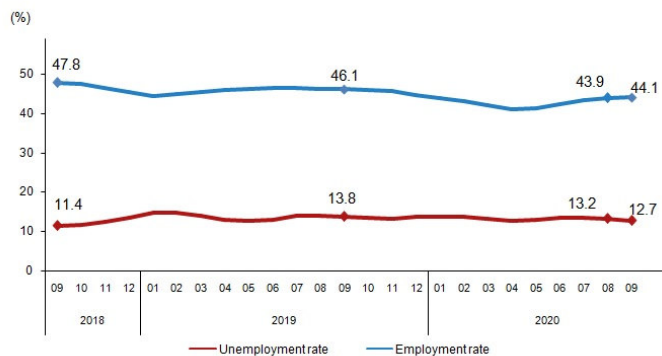
### Unemployment rate realized as 12.7%

The number of unemployed persons aged 15 years old and over decreased by 550 thousand to 4 million 16 thousand persons in the period of September 2020 in Turkey compared with the same period of the previous year. The unemployment rate occurred as 12.7% with 1.1 percentage point decrease. Non-agricultural unemployment rate occurred as 14.9% with 1.5 percentage point decrease.

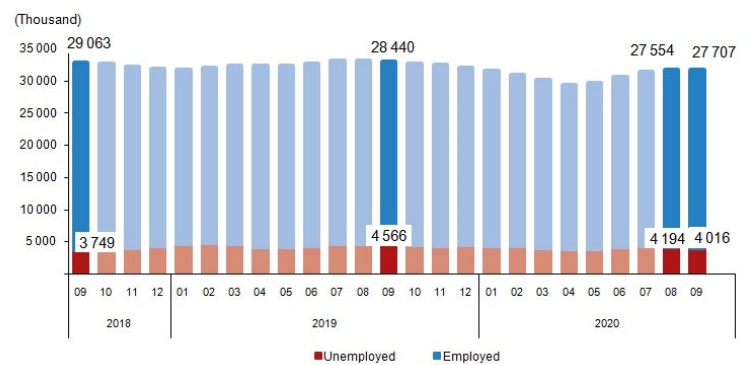
### Employment rate realized as 44.1%

The number of employed persons decreased by 733 thousand to 27 million 707 thousand persons in the period of September 2020 compared with the same period of the previous year. The employment rate occurred as 44.1% with 2.0 percentage point decrease.

Unemployment and employment rate, September 2018-September 2020



Unemployed and employed, September 2018-September 2020



In this period, the number of agricultural employment decreased by 350 thousand persons, industry decreased by 29 thousand persons and services decreased by 520 thousand persons while construction increased by 166 thousand persons. According to the distribution of employment by sector; 18.5% was employed in agriculture, 19.9% was employed in industry, 6.3% was employed in construction and 55.3% was employed in services.

### Labour force participation rate realized as 50.5%

The number of persons in the labour force realized 31 million 724 thousand persons with 1 million 282 thousand persons decrease in the period of September 2020 compared with the same period of the previous year. Labour force participation rate was 50.5% with 3.0 percentage point decrease.

Non-seasonally adjusted main labour force indicators, 15 + age, (Thousand), September 2019, September 2020

	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Population	61 675	62 834	1 159	30 472	31 098	626	31 203	31 736	533
Labour force	33 006	31 724	-1 282	22 124	21 607	-517	10 882	10 117	-765
Employment	28 440	27 707	-733	19 446	19 176	-270	8 995	8 531	-464
Agriculture	5 482	5 132	-350	3 008	2 996	-12	2 475	2 136	-339
Industry	5 546	5 517	-29	4 244	4 190	-54	1 301	1 327	26
Construction	1 573	1 739	166	1 510	1 672	162	64	67	3
Services	15 839	15 319	-520	10 684	10 318	-366	5 155	5 001	-154
Unemployment	4 566	4 016	-550	2 679	2 431	-248	1 887	1 585	-302
Not in the labour force	28 668	31 110	2 442	8 347	9 491	1 144	20 321	21 620	1 299
Labour force participation rate (%)	53.5	50.5	-3.0	72.6	69.5	-3.1	34.9	31.9	-3.0
Employment rate (%)	46.1	44.1	-2.0	63.8	61.7	-2.1	28.8	26.9	-1.9
Unemployment rate (%)	13.8	12.7	-1.1	12.1	11.3	-0.8	17.3	15.7	-1.6
Non-agricultural unemployment rate (%)	16.4	14.9	-1.5	13.8	12.8	-1.0	22.3	19.8	-2.5

Figures in table may not add up to totals due to rounding.

### The rate of unregistered employment realized as 32.2%

The ratio of persons working without any social security relating to the main job occurred 32.2% with 3.8 percentage point decrease in the period of September 2020 compared with the same period of the previous year. The rate of unregistered employment realized as 20.3% with 3.3 percentage point decrease in the non-agricultural sector compared to the same period

of the previous year.

## For 15-64 age group, unemployment rate realized as 12.9% and employment rate realized as 49.0%

For the 15-64 age group, the unemployment rate occurred as 12.9% with 1.2 percentage point decrease and non-agricultural unemployment rate occurred as 15.0% with 1.5 percentage point decrease compared to the same period of the previous year. In this age group, employment rate occurred as 49.0% with 1.8 percentage point decrease and labour force participation rate occurred as 56.2% with 2.9 percentage point decrease.

### Non-seasonally adjusted main labour force indicators, 15-64 age group, (%), September 2019, September 2020

	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Labour force participation rate	59.1	56.2	-2.9	78.9	76.1	-2.8	39.3	36.2	-3.1
Employment rate	50.8	49.0	-1.8	69.1	67.4	-1.7	32.3	30.4	-1.9
Unemployment rate	14.1	12.9	-1.2	12.4	11.4	-1.0	17.7	16.0	-1.7
Non-agricultural unemployment rate	16.5	15.0	-1.5	13.8	12.8	-1.0	22.5	19.9	-2.6

## Youth unemployment rate realized as 24.3%, employment rate realized as 31.6%

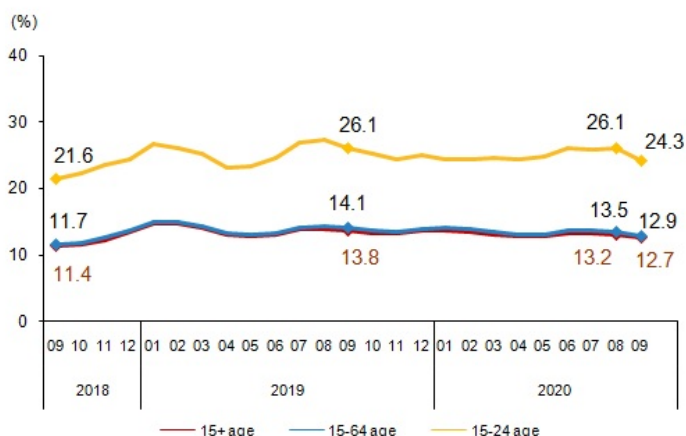
The youth unemployment rate between aged 15-24 years realized as 24.3% with 1.8 percentage point decrease and the youth employment rate realized as 31.6% with 2.4 percentage point decrease compared with the same period of the previous year. In the same period, labour force participation rate realized as 41.8% with 4.2 percentage point decrease. The rate of neither in employment nor in education realized as 29.1% with 0.5 percentage point increase compared with the same period of the previous year.

### Non-seasonally adjusted main labour force indicators, 15-24 age group, (%), September 2019, September 2020

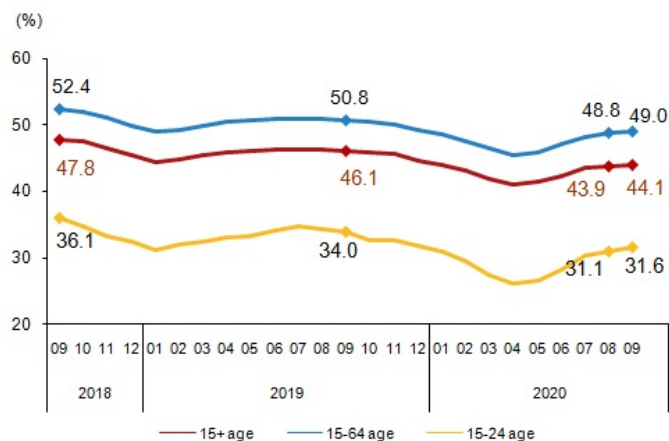
	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Labour force participation rate	46.0	41.8	-4.2	57.9	53.4	-4.5	33.8	29.6	-4.2
Employment rate	34.0	31.6	-2.4	45.0	42.4	-2.6	22.7	20.3	-2.4
Unemployment rate	26.1	24.3	-1.8	22.3	20.6	-1.7	32.9	31.4	-1.5
The rate of neither in employment nor in education <sup>(1)</sup>	28.6	29.1	0.5	20.5	21.6	1.1	37.0	36.8	-0.2

(1) The rate of young people neither in employment nor in education (formal and informal) in total youth population.

### Unemployment rate, September 2018-September 2020



### Employment rate, September 2018-September 2020

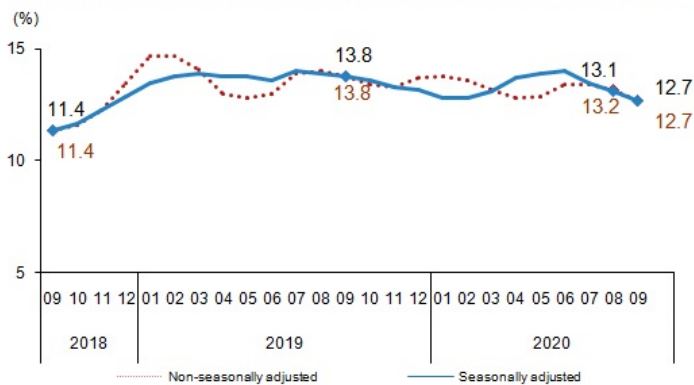


## Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate realized as 12.7%, employment rate realized as 43.3%

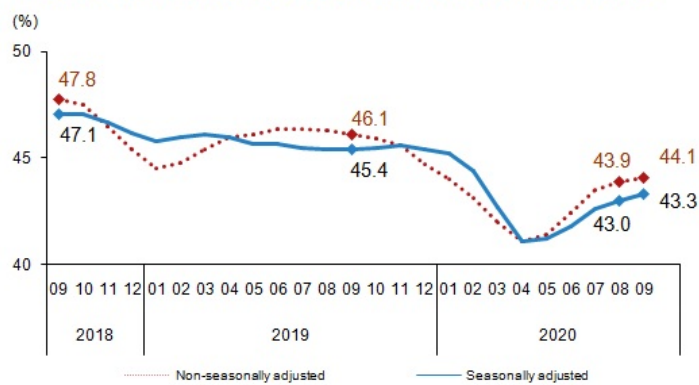
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate realized as 12.7% with 0.4 percentage point decrease. The number of unemployed persons decreased by 125 thousand to 3 million 944 thousand persons.

Seasonally adjusted employment rate realized as 43.3% with 0.3 percentage point increase. The number of employed persons estimated as 27 million 200 thousand persons with 226 thousand persons increase compared with the same period of the previous year.

## Unemployment rate, September 2018-September 2020



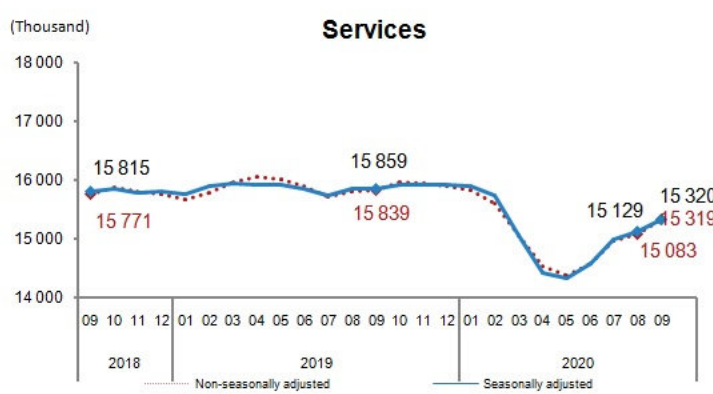
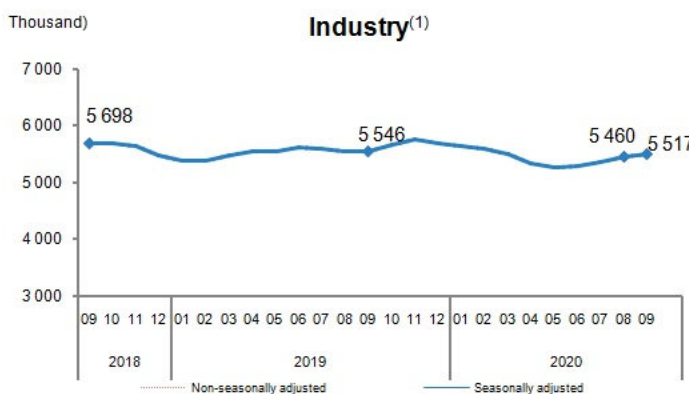
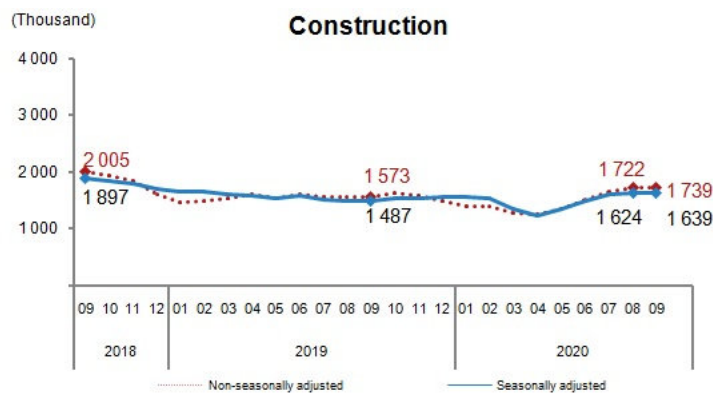
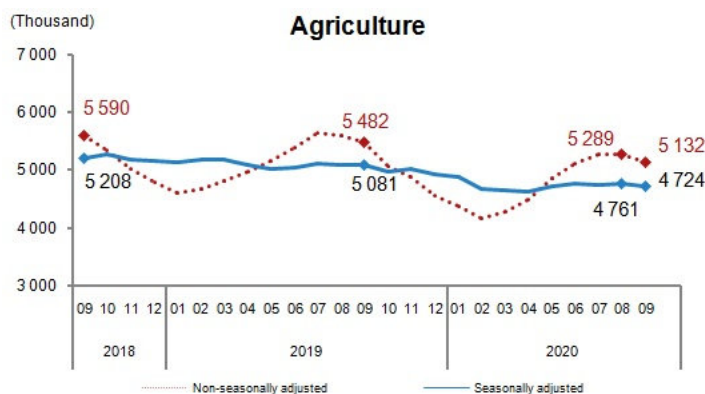
## Employment rate, September 2018-September 2020



Seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate was 49.6% with 0.1 percentage point increase. The number of labour force estimated as 31 million 144 thousand persons with 101 thousand persons increase.

According to the seasonally adjusted number of employment by sectors, employment in agriculture decreased by 37 thousand persons while industry increased by 57 thousand persons, construction increased by 15 thousand persons and services increased by 191 thousand persons.

## Employment by sectors, September 2018 - September 2020



(1) No seasonal effect was observed in the industrial sector.



# General Profile of Labour Force, September 2020

Indicators	Number (Thousand)	(%)	Compared with the same period of the previous year	
			Difference (Thousand)	Change (%)
<b>Population (15+ age)</b>	<b>62 834</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Labour force	31 724	50.5	-1 282	-3.9
Employed	27 707	44.1	- 733	-2.6
Unemployed	4 016	6.4	- 550	-12.0
Not in labour force	31 110	49.5	2 442	8.5
<b>Sector</b>	<b>27 707</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>- 733</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Agriculture	5 132	18.5	- 350	-6.4
Industry	5 517	19.9	- 29	-0.5
Construction	1 739	6.3	166	10.6
Services	15 319	55.3	- 520	-3.3
<b>Employment status</b>	<b>27 707</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>- 733</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Regular or casual employee	19 209	69.3	- 137	-0.7
Employer	1 255	4.5	17	1.4
Self employed	4 447	16.1	- 249	-5.3
Unpaid family worker	2 797	10.1	- 363	-11.5
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>27 707</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>- 733</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Managers	1 554	5.6	- 21	-1.3
Professionals	3 258	11.8	175	5.7
Technicians and associate professionals	1 720	6.2	- 11	-0.6
Clerical support workers	1 868	6.7	- 53	-2.8
Service and sales workers	5 259	19.0	- 434	-7.6
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	3 786	13.7	- 353	-8.5
Craft and related trades workers	3 513	12.7	83	2.4
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	2 452	8.8	- 169	-6.4
Elementary occupations	4 298	15.5	50	1.2
<b>Duration of unemployment</b>	<b>4 016</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-550</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
1-2 months	1 277	31.8	- 571	-30.9
3-5 months	874	21.8	- 76	-8.0
6-8 months	574	14.3	175	43.9
9-11 months	199	5.0	- 14	-6.6
1 year and more	1 093	27.2	- 63	-5.4
<b>Status before seeking a job</b>	<b>4 016</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-550</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
Job was temporarily	1 356	33.8	- 364	-21.2
Dismissed	544	13.5	- 13	-2.3
Quit the job by own initiative	659	16.4	- 49	-6.9
Liquidated/Bankrup	198	4.9	- 18	-8.3
Was working as unpaid family worker	12	0.3	8	200.0
Retired	92	2.3	- 22	-19.3
Was in education or training	582	14.5	- 39	-6.3
Just completed his military service	84	2.1	- 36	-30.0
Busy with household chores	331	8.2	- 75	-18.5
Other	156	3.9	56	56.0
<b>Previous economic activity</b>	<b>4 016</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-550</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
Agriculture	170	4.2	- 49	-22.4
Industry	699	17.4	- 84	-10.7
Construction	448	11.2	- 126	-22.0
Services	2 239	55.8	- 204	-8.4
Those who quitted job before the last 8 years	149	3.7	- 29	-16.3
First time job seekers	311	7.7	-58	-15.7
<b>The reason for not in labour force</b>	<b>31 110</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2 442</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Not seeking a job but available to start	4 136	13.3	1 890	84.1
Discouraged	1 402	4.5	772	122.5
Other	2 734	8.8	1 118	69.2
Seasonal worker	77	0.2	12	18.5
Household chores	10 056	32.3	-1 348	-11.8
Education/Training	4 313	13.9	135	3.2
Retired	4 806	15.4	- 136	-2.8
Disabled, old or ill	4 954	15.9	1 033	26.3
Other	2 769	8.9	856	44.7

The next release on this subject will be on January 11, 2021.

## EXPLANATIONS

In the period of September 2020, results published in this press release includes 31<sup>st</sup>-44<sup>th</sup> weeks period including August, September and October 2020.



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