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Labour Force Statistics, 2020

In the Household Labour Force Survey as of January 2021, simultaneously with the European Union (EU) countries; new regulations have been made in order to comply with the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) Resolutions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the relevant EU regulations. The results on the previously mentioned regulations were shared with the public for the first time with the January 2021 press release and the annual results of 2020 in this press release were calculated taking into account the previous definitions and concepts.

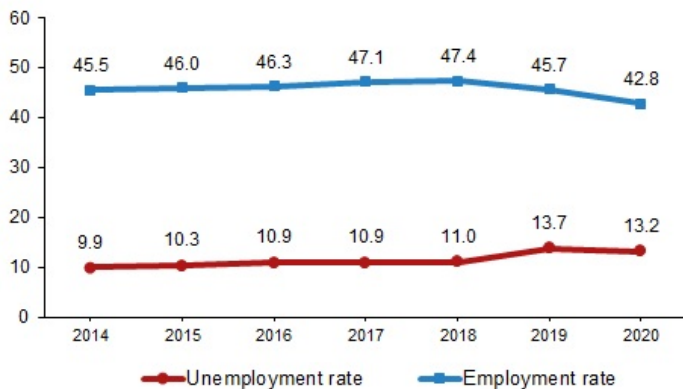
Unemployment rate realized as 13.2%

Number of unemployed persons aged 15 years old and over has realized as 4 million 61 thousand persons with 408 thousand persons decrease in 2020 compared to the previous year. Unemployment rate realized as 13.2% with 0.5 percentage point decrease. Non-agricultural unemployment rate was estimated as 15.3% with 0.7 percentage point decrease.

Employment rate realized as 42.8%

Number of employed persons aged 15 years old and over realized as 26 million 812 thousand persons with 1 million 268 thousand persons decrease and employment rate occurred as 42.8% with 2.9 percentage point decrease in 2020.

Unemployment and employment rate (%), 2014-2020



Unemployed and employed (Thousand), 2014-2020



Labour force participation rate realized as 49.3%

Labour force realized as 30 million 873 thousand persons with 1 million 676 thousand persons decrease and labour force participation rate realized as 49.3% with 3.7 percentage point decrease in 2020.

Main labour force indicators, 15+ age, (Thousand), 2019, 2020

	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Population	61 469	62 579	1 110	30 372	30 956	584	31 097	31 623	526
Labour force	32 549	30 873	-1 676	21 863	21 105	-758	10 686	9 768	-918
Employment	28 080	26 812	-1 268	19 156	18 506	-650	8 924	8 306	-618
Agriculture	5 097	4 716	-381	2 856	2 825	-31	2 241	1 891	-350
Industry	5 561	5 497	-64	4 212	4 173	-39	1 349	1 325	-24
Construction	1 550	1 538	-12	1 482	1 469	-13	67	69	2
Services	15 872	15 060	-812	10 605	10 040	-565	5 268	5 021	-247
Unemployment	4 469	4 061	-408	2 707	2 599	-108	1 762	1 462	-300
Not in the labour force	28 920	31 706	2 786	8 509	9 851	1 342	20 411	21 855	1 444
Labour force participation rate (%)	53.0	49.3	-3.7	72.0	68.2	-3.8	34.4	30.9	-3.5
Employment rate (%)	45.7	42.8	-2.9	63.1	59.8	-3.3	28.7	26.3	-2.4
Unemployment rate (%)	13.7	13.2	-0.5	12.4	12.3	-0.1	16.5	15.0	-1.5
Non-agricultural unemployment rate (%)	16.0	15.3	-0.7	13.9	13.9	0.0	20.7	18.4	-2.3

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

For the 15-64 age group, unemployment rate realized as 13.4%, employment rate realized as 47.5%

Unemployment rate for the 15-64 age group realized as 13.4% with 0.6 percentage point decrease and non-agricultural

unemployment rate was realized as 15.4% with 0.7 percentage point decrease. Employment rate in this age group occurred as 47.5% with 2.8 percentage point decrease and labour force participation rate realized as 54.9% with 3.6 percentage point decrease.

Main labour force indicators, 15-64 age group, (%), 2019, 2020

	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Labour force participation rate	58.5	54.9	-3.6	78.2	74.6	-3.6	38.7	35.0	-3.7
Employment rate	50.3	47.5	-2.8	68.3	65.2	-3.1	32.2	29.7	-2.5
Unemployment rate	14.0	13.4	-0.6	12.7	12.6	-0.1	16.8	15.3	-1.5
Non-agricultural unemployment rate	16.1	15.4	-0.7	14.0	14.0	0.0	20.8	18.5	-2.3

Youth unemployment rate realized as 25.3%, youth employment rate realized as 29.2%

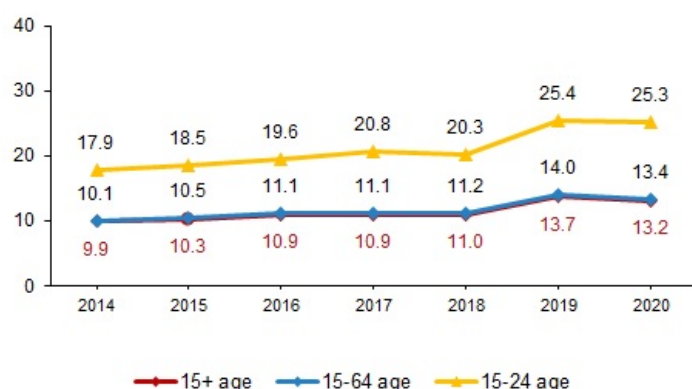
Unemployment rate for the 15-24 age group realized as 25.3% with 0.1 percentage point decrease, employment rate in this age group occurred as 29.2% with 3.9 percentage point decrease. Labour force participation rate realized as 39.1% with 5.3 percentage point decrease. The rate of neither in employment nor in education realized as 28.3% with 2.3 percentage point increase.

Main labour force indicators, 15-24 age group, (%), 2019, 2020

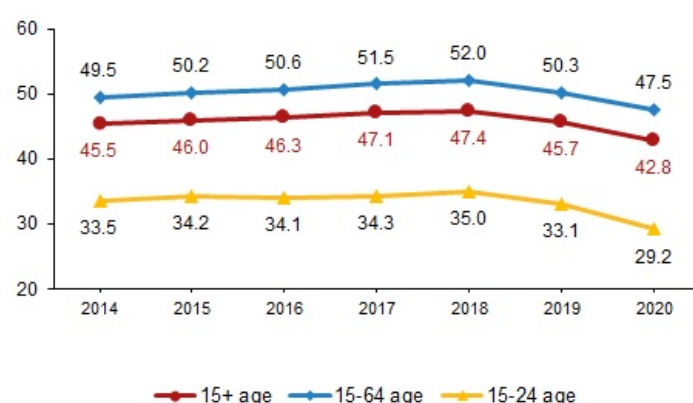
	Total			Male			Female		
	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference	2019	2020	Difference
Labour force participation rate	44.4	39.1	-5.3	55.9	50.1	-5.8	32.6	27.5	-5.1
Employment rate	33.1	29.2	-3.9	43.4	38.8	-4.6	22.6	19.2	-3.4
Unemployment rate	25.4	25.3	-0.1	22.5	22.6	0.1	30.6	30.3	-0.3
The rate of neither in employment nor in education ⁽¹⁾	26.0	28.3	2.3	18.3	21.2	2.9	34.0	35.7	1.7

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

Unemployment rate (%), 2014-2020



Employment rate (%), 2014-2020



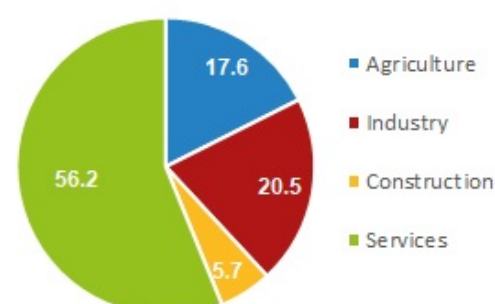
56.2% of total employment was in services

In 2020, 17.6% of total employment was employed in agriculture, 20.5% was employed in industry, 5.7% was employed in construction and 56.2% was employed in services. While the share of employed in industry realized as 0.7 percentage point increase and the share of construction realized as 0.2 percentage point increase while the share of agriculture realized with 0.6 percentage point decrease and services realized with 0.3 percentage point decrease compared with the previous year.

Sectoral distribution of employment (%), 2014-2020

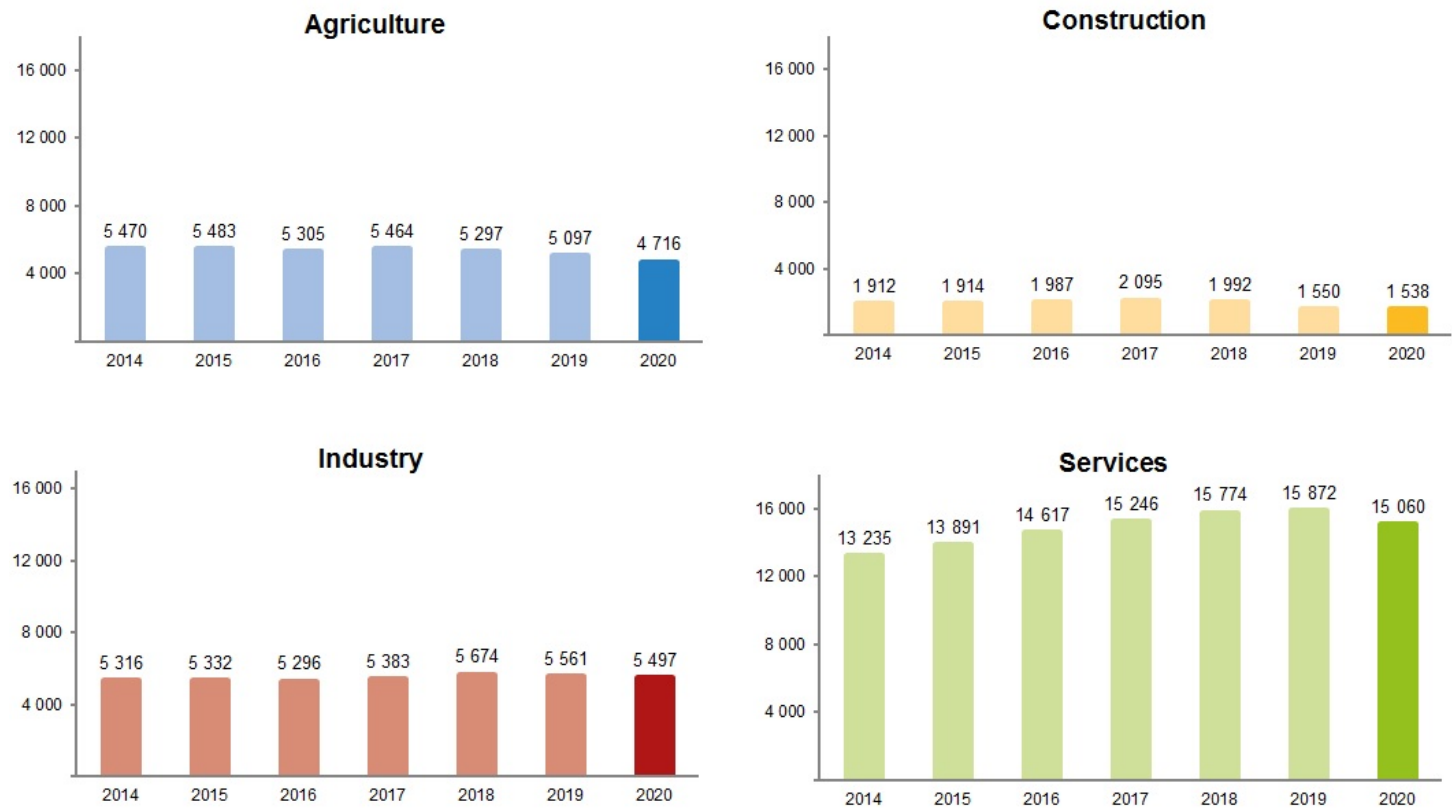
	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Construction	Services
2014	100.0	21.1	20.5	7.4	51.0
2015	100.0	20.6	20.0	7.2	52.2
2016	100.0	19.5	19.5	7.3	53.7
2017	100.0	19.4	19.1	7.4	54.1
2018	100.0	18.4	19.7	6.9	54.9
2019	100.0	18.2	19.8	5.5	56.5
2020	100.0	17.6	20.5	5.7	56.2

Sectoral distribution of employment (%), 2020



In 2020, 4 million 716 thousand persons were employed in agriculture, 5 million 497 thousand persons were employed in industry, 1 million 538 thousand persons were employed in construction and 15 million 60 thousand persons were employed in services. Compared with the previous year, the number of employed in agriculture decreased 381 thousand persons, industry decreased 64 thousand persons, construction decreased 12 thousand persons and services decreased 812 thousand persons.

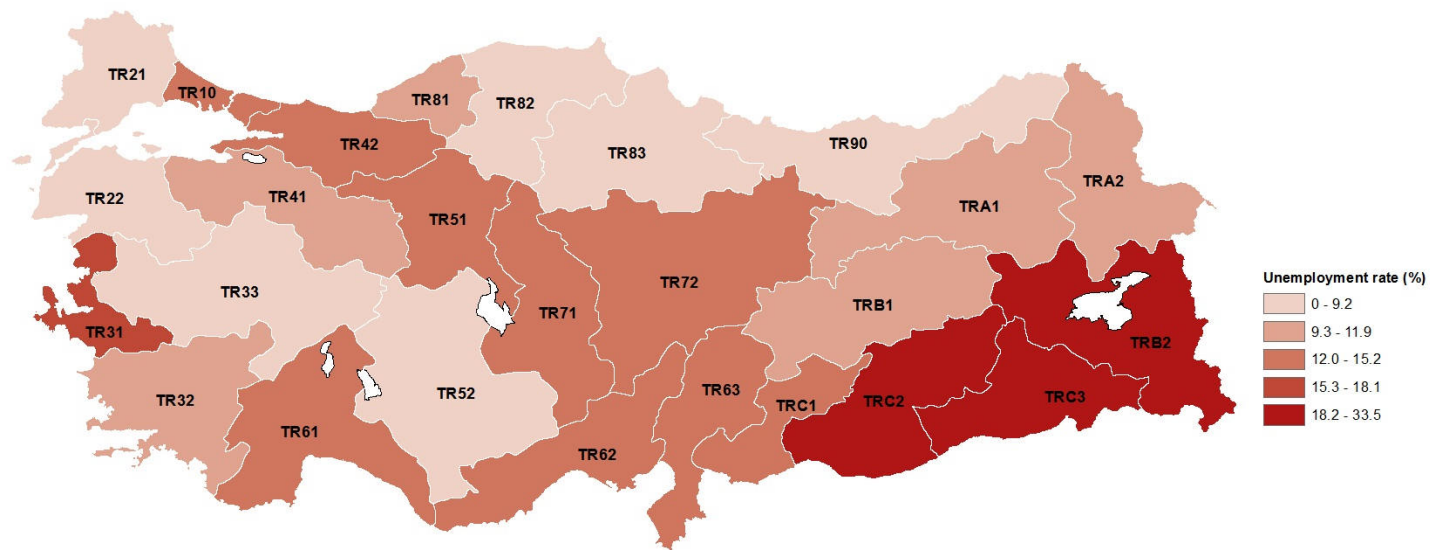
Sectoral employment (Thousand), 2014-2020



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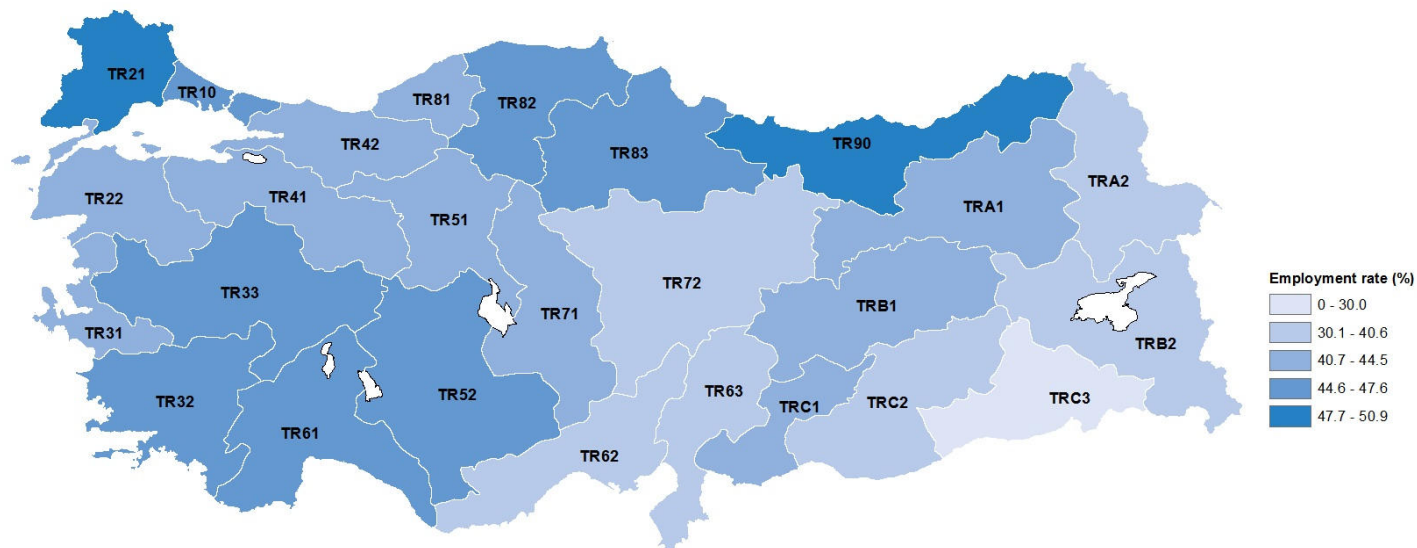
Unemployment rate (%), SR Level 2, 2020



TR21 (Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kırklareli) region had the highest employment rate

TR21 (Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kırklareli) region had the highest employment rate with 50.9%. TRC3 (Mardin, Batman, Şırnak, Siirt) region had the lowest employment rate with 26.0%.

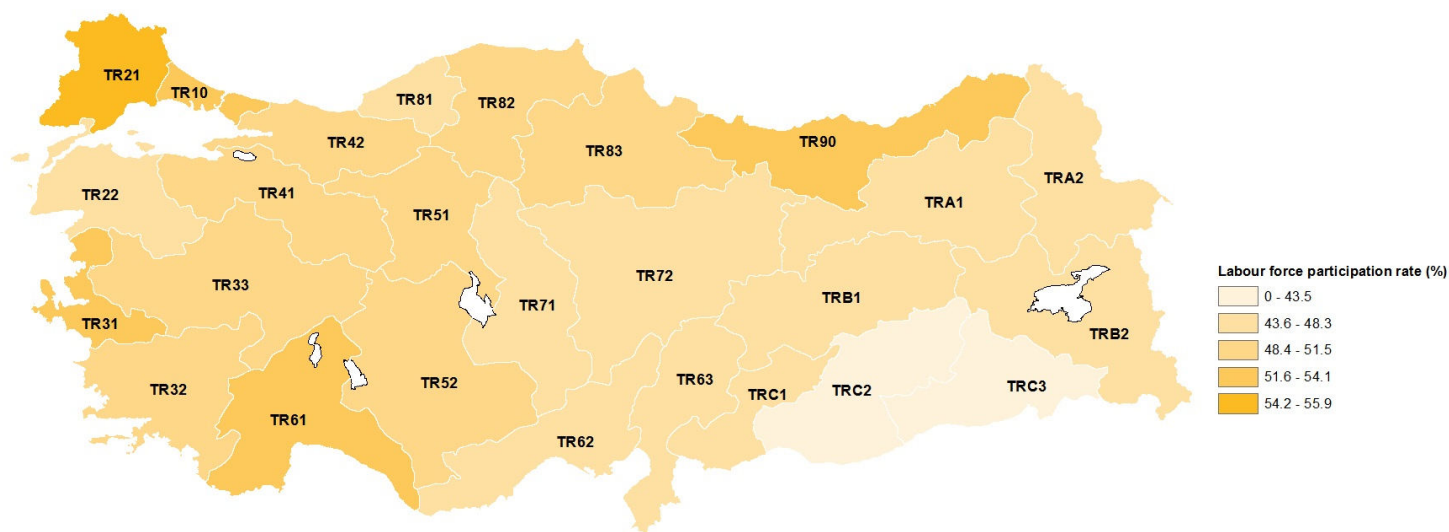
Employment rate (%), SR Level 2, 2020



TR21 (Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kırklareli) region had the highest labour force participation rate

TR21 (Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kırklareli) region had the highest labour force participation rate with 55.9%. TRC2 (Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır) region had the lowest labour force participation rate with 38.4%.

Labour force participation rate (%), SR Level 2, 2020



General Profile of Labour Force, 2020

Indicators	Number (Thousand)	(%)	Compared with the the previous year	
			Difference (Thousand)	Change (%)
Population (15+ age)	62 579	100.0	1 110	1.8
Labour force	30 873	49.3	-1 676	-5.1
Employed	26 812	42.8	-1 268	-4.5
Unemployed	4 061	6.5	-408	-9.1
Not in labour force	31 706	50.7	2 786	9.6
Sector	26 812	100.0	-1 268	-4.5
Agriculture	4 716	17.6	-381	-7.5
Industry	5 497	20.5	-64	-1.2
Construction	1 538	5.7	-12	-0.8
Services	15 060	56.2	-812	-5.1
Employment status	26 812	100.0	-1 268	-4.5
Regular or casual employee	18 719	69.8	-497	-2.6
Employer	1 199	4.5	-54	-4.3
Self-employed	4 421	16.5	-288	-6.1
Unpaid family worker	2 473	9.2	-429	-14.8
Occupation	26 812	100.0	-1 268	-4.5
Managers	1 502	5.6	-2	-0.1
Professionals	3 297	12.3	140	4.4
Technicians and associate professionals	1 642	6.1	-76	-4.4
Clerical support workers	1 874	7.0	-75	-3.8
Service and sales workers	5 190	19.4	-483	-8.5
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	3 647	13.6	-329	-8.3
Craft and related trades workers	3 378	12.6	-141	-4.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	2 424	9.0	-167	-6.4
Elementary occupations	3 858	14.4	-135	-3.4
Duration of unemployment	4 061	100.0	-408	-9.1
1-2 months	1 300	32.0	-340	-20.7
3-5 months	978	24.1	-80	-7.6
6-8 months	553	13.6	34	6.6
9-11 months	211	5.2	8	3.9
1 year and more	1 019	25.1	-31	-3.0
Status before seeking a job	4 061	100.0	-408	-9.1
Job was temporarily	1 472	36.2	-240	-14.0
Dismissed	630	15.5	52	9.0
Quit the job by own initiative	607	14.9	-77	-11.3
Liquidated/Bankrup	224	5.5	8	3.7
Was working as unpaid family worker	12	0.3	4	50.0
Retired	99	2.4	-15	-13.2
Was in education or training	490	12.1	-67	-12.0
Just completed his military service	98	2.4	-6	-5.8
Busy with household chores	299	7.4	-118	-28.3
Other	129	3.2	50	63.3
Previous economic activity	4 061	100.0	-408	-9.1
Agriculture	219	5.4	-17	-7.2
Industry	691	17.0	-69	-9.1
Construction	567	14.0	-98	-14.7
Services	2 189	53.9	-123	-5.3
Those who quitted job before the last 8 years	147	3.6	-28	-16.0
First time job seekers	248	6.1	-73	-22.7
The reason for not in labour force	31 706	100.0	2 786	9.6
Not seeking a job but available to start	4 219	13.3	1 933	84.6
Discouraged	1 369	4.3	742	118.3
Other	2 850	9.0	1 191	71.8
Seasonal worker	107	0.3	4	3.9
Household chores	10 309	32.5	-1 050	-9.2
Education/Training	4 513	14.2	138	3.2
Retired	4 886	15.4	-73	-1.5
Disabled, old or ill	4 868	15.4	962	24.6
Other	2 803	8.8	871	45.1

The next release on this subject will be on April 12, 2021.



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