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The Labour Force in July 2014

The main findings of the July 2014 Labour Force Survey, conducted by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) are presented below. The reference week for this survey was **June 22-28, 2014**. The 2011 Population Census distribution was used to derive all the estimates for this survey.

- In July 2014, the number of persons in the **Labour Force** was 1,304,000, a decrease of 5,400 (0.4%) from the 1,309,400 recorded in July 2013. The male labour force decreased from 715,600 persons in July 2013 to 711,100 persons in July 2014. The female labour force showed a marginal decrease of 900(0.2%) persons moving from 593,800 in July 2013 to 592,900 in July 2014.
- The **Employed Labour Force** for July 2014 was 1,124,600 persons, which were 16,700 (1.5%) more than the 1,107,900 recorded in July 2013. For males, it increased by 8,600 (1.4%) to 640,600 and for females it increased by 8,100 (1.7%) to 484,000.
- The **Employment Rate** for July 2014 was 86.2 per cent, which was a 1.6 percentage point increase compared with 84.6% in July 2013. The Employment Rate increased for both males and females over the period. For males, it increased by 1.8 percentage points, moving from 88.3% to 90.1%, and for females it increased by 1.5 percentage points, moving from 80.1% to 81.6%.
- The number of persons who were classified as **Outside the Labour Force** in July 2014 was 778, 300. This represents an increase of 10,400 (1.4%) when compared to 767,900 in July 2013. In the same period, the number of males **Outside the Labour Force** increased by 6,800 (2.2%) moving from 303,900 to 310,700 and females increased by 3,600 (0.8%) moving from 464,000 to 467,600.
- There were significant increases in employment in the **Occupation** group '**Professionals, Senior Officials and Technicians**' which increased by 14,000 persons (5.9%), moving from 239,400 in July 2013 to 253,400 in July 2014. Increases in employment were also observed in the group, '**Elementary Occupations**', which increased from 142,100 persons in July 2013 to 147,900 persons (4.1%) in July 2014. The group '**Craft and Related Trades Workers**' had the largest decline for the period, moving from 141,800 in July 2013 to 136,300 in July 2014 resulting in a decline of 5,500 (3.9%) persons.
- The largest increase in the number of employed persons by Industry occurred in the groups '**Hotels & Restaurants Services**' and '**Education**'. The number of persons employed in the group '**Hotels & Restaurants Services**' increased by 7,800 (10.4%) persons while the group '**Education**' increased by 5,000 (7.4%) persons. The group '**Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities**' had the largest decline for the period, moving from 69,900 in July 2013 to 64,400 in July 2014 resulting in a decline of 5,500 (7.9%) persons.
- The number of **Unemployed** persons decreased by 22,200 (11.0%) moving from 201,600 persons in July 2013 to 179,400 persons in July 2014. The number of unemployed males decreased by 13,100 (15.7%) and females by 9,100 (7.7%) for the same period.
- The **Unemployment Rate** for July 2014 was 13.8 per cent, which was a 1.6 percentage point decrease compared to 15.4% in July 2013. In the same period the unemployment rate for males and females declined moving from 11.7% to 9.9% and 19.9% to 18.4% respectively.
- **Unemployment rates among youths aged 14-24 years** was 34.1% for July 2014. This was a decrease of 4.2 percentage points when compared with 38.3% in July 2013. Over the period, the **unemployment**

rates among youths decreased for both males and females. For males, it decreased by 2.4 percentage points, moving from 29.5% to 27.1% , and for females it decreased by 6.7 percentage points, moving from 50.3% to 43.6%.

The July 2014 Labour Force, outlines additional information and is available at our distribution Office, 7 Cecelio Avenue Kingston 10. Data is also available on the STATIN's website at www.statinja.gov.jm