



## **Press Release**

# **Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics**

### **On the occasion of the International Labor Day**

**29.474 million Individual size of the work force**

CAPMAS issued today 30/4 /2018 Press release on the International Labor Day which will be held on 1<sup>th</sup> May of every year and endorsed by the International Labor Organization

The most important indicators according to Labor Force Survey 2017 results are as follows:

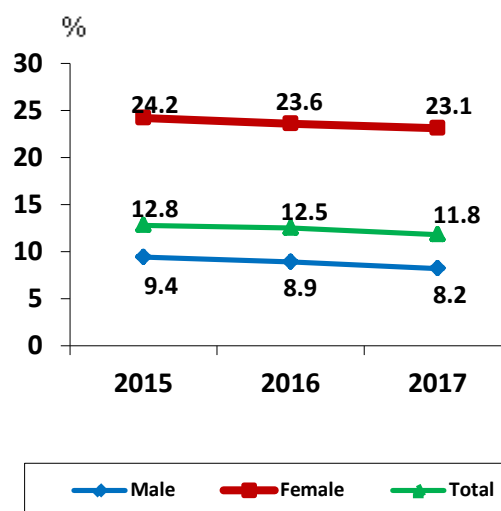
- Labor force volume reached 29.474 million persons in 2017, compared to 28.934 million in 2016, an increase of 540 thousand people by 1.9%.
- Labor force volume of males reached 22.473 million in 2017, compared to 21.934 million in 2016, an increase of 539 thousand by 2.5%.
- Labor force volume of females reached 7.001 million in 2017 ,compared to 7.0 million in 2016, an increase of one thousand by 0.01%.

**45% participation rate in economic activity**

Participation in labor force considered as the main indicator for labor market activity. Besides its efficiency in creating job opportunities. Labor Force Survey results have indicated that labor force participation rate is 45% of the total population (15 years and above) in 2017 ,compared to 46.6% in 2016.

### 3.468 million Unemployed persons

Labor force is divided into two groups, employed and unemployed persons. Proportion of employed persons is 88.2% of total labor force. Number of unemployed persons reached 3.468 million with unemployed rate of 11.8 % of the total labor force. The unemployment rate among females reached 23.1% versus 8.2% for males in 2017.



### 26.006 million Employed persons

- Total number of employed persons in Egypt is about 26.006million,(20.620 million males by 79.3% compared to 5.386 million females by 20.7% )of total workers.
- Percentage of employees wage is 68.1%, while percentage of self-employed workers is 12.8% of total employed persons.

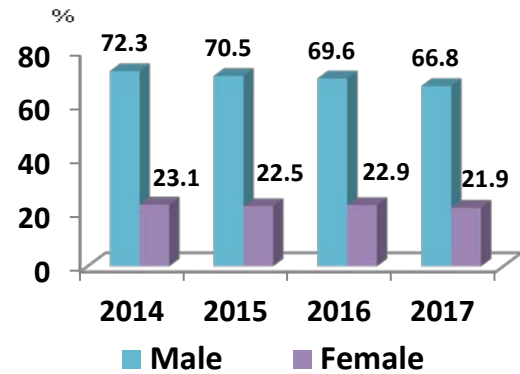
### Unemployment among young graduates for the age group (15-29 years)

Unemployment rate for young people in the age group (15-29 years) of ( intermediate qualifications & above) and (university qualifications & above) is 31.8% of total labor force in the same age group. Corresponding rates are:

- 24.9% for males of (intermediate qualifications & above) and (university qualifications & above).
- 47.2% for females of (intermediate qualifications & above) and (university qualifications and above).

## Women and labor market

Results showed that contribution of women in economic activity is still low, reaching 21.9% versus 66.8% for males, due to economic reasons related to inability of Egyptian labor market to absorb female labor force supply, in addition to other reasons, including low wages and involvement of women in informal market.



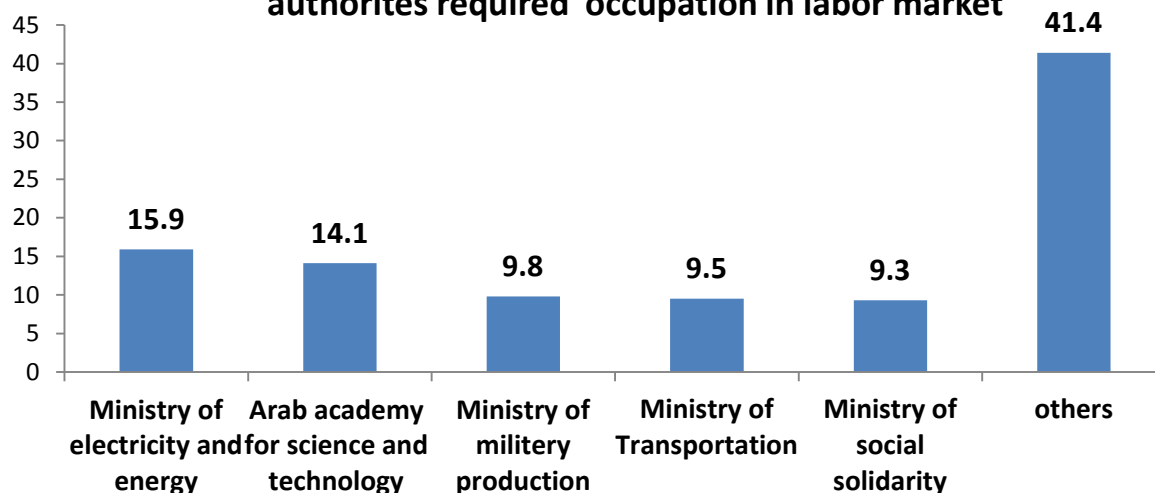
## Working hours

Average number of weekly working hours for wage workers is 45 hours.

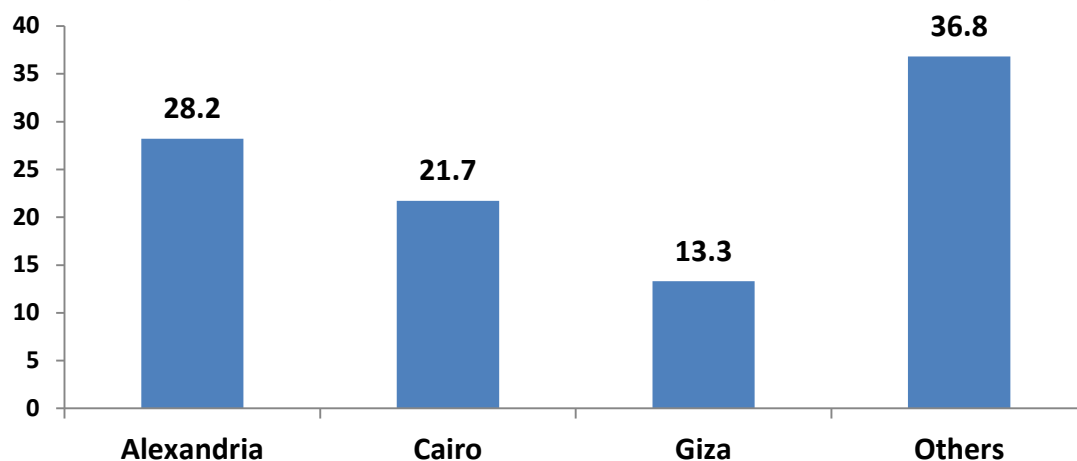
- Average number of weekly working hours among males is 45.8 hours, compared to 41.6 hours for females.
- The highest average number of weekly working hours among workers in accommodation and food services activities (51.1 hours) followed by workers in international organizations and bodies activity , an average of 50.4 hours. Then working in wholesale and retail trade at an average of 50.2 hours.
- Average number of weekly working hours among workers in investment sector reached 49.3 hours, followed by the private sector, an average of 46.1 hours . Then working in public sector, an average of 45.3 hours.

Total (120.505) trainees were trained in labor market required occupations (776) training centers in 27 governorates.

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authorites required occupation in labor market**



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