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DATA ON JOB SEEKERS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons in the labour force as on 31st September, 2025, State-wise list;
- (b) the number of persons unemployed, willing to work and active job seekers enrolled with employment exchange as on 31st September 2025, State-wise list; and
- (c) the latest data on unemployment rate in each State, as on 31st September, 2025,?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (b): The National Statistics Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conducts the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) to estimate key employment-unemployment indicators, including the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR). As per the definitions, the LFPR is the share of the population that is either employed or unemployed, that is, persons who were working or, despite not having work, actively sought work or expressed willingness to work. The WPR is the share of employed persons in the total population. From the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin July-September, 2025, the estimates of LFPR and WPR, according to Current Weekly Status (CWS), for selected States for persons of age 15 years and above are given in Annexure 1 and Annexure 2 respectively.

Further, the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in]. As on 20.11.2025, more than 6.02 Crore jobseekers and more than 54.27 lakh employers are registered on NCS portal since inception.

(c): From the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin July–September, 2025, the estimates of the Unemployment Rate (UR), in CWS, for persons of age 15 years and above for selected States are given in Annexure 3.

Table (1): Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (in per cent) according to current weekly status for selected States
age group: 15 years and above

| State | rural | | | urban | | | rural + urban | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | male | female | person | male | female | person | male | female | person |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (12) | (13) | (14) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 77.8 | 43.5 | 59.8 | 76.9 | 31.7 | 52.9 | 77.5 | 39.3 | 57.4 |
| Assam | 79.6 | 43.8 | 61.5 | 77.1 | 29.1 | 52.7 | 79.3 | 41.9 | 60.4 |
| Bihar | 75.1 | 21.6 | 46.6 | 68.7 | 12.5 | 41.9 | 74.3 | 20.6 | 46.1 |
| Chhattisgarh | 82.0 | 43.5 | 62.9 | 78.2 | 29.2 | 53.3 | 81.3 | 40.4 | 60.9 |
| Delhi | 63.3 | 6.6 | 37.7 | 71.0 | 12.1 | 43.2 | 70.8 | 11.9 | 43.1 |
| Gujarat | 84.8 | 46.6 | 66.0 | 80.4 | 25.2 | 53.9 | 82.9 | 37.7 | 60.9 |
| Haryana | 72.0 | 22.1 | 47.9 | 75.6 | 19.2 | 49.4 | 73.6 | 20.9 | 48.5 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 80.4 | 64.2 | 71.8 | 73.5 | 40.9 | 57.2 | 79.3 | 60.9 | 69.6 |
| Jharkhand | 75.3 | 34.6 | 53.8 | 71.1 | 15.4 | 43.8 | 74.3 | 30.5 | 51.6 |
| Karnataka | 79.9 | 41.7 | 60.3 | 76.6 | 29.5 | 53.1 | 78.5 | 36.6 | 57.3 |
| Kerala | 74.1 | 34.2 | 52.4 | 71.4 | 30.8 | 49.8 | 72.8 | 32.5 | 51.1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 83.0 | 43.2 | 63.3 | 75.6 | 22.3 | 49.4 | 80.9 | 37.4 | 59.4 |
| Maharashtra | 79.1 | 44.7 | 62.2 | 74.0 | 27.2 | 51.0 | 76.7 | 36.3 | 56.9 |
| Odisha | 80.1 | 45.5 | 61.7 | 75.1 | 27.4 | 51.1 | 79.2 | 42.3 | 59.8 |
| Punjab | 76.7 | 29.4 | 53.1 | 79.5 | 23.0 | 52.7 | 77.9 | 26.7 | 52.9 |
| Rajasthan | 75.2 | 56.1 | 65.3 | 72.9 | 28.4 | 51.3 | 74.5 | 48.3 | 61.2 |
| Tamil Nadu | 79.0 | 49.3 | 63.1 | 76.0 | 36.3 | 55.8 | 77.5 | 43.0 | 59.5 |
| Telangana | 74.7 | 50.8 | 62.3 | 76.1 | 31.7 | 53.3 | 75.3 | 43.1 | 58.6 |
| Uttarakhand | 72.3 | 34.5 | 52.4 | 72.8 | 24.6 | 49.2 | 72.4 | 31.6 | 51.4 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 76.1 | 22.6 | 48.1 | 75.5 | 13.3 | 44.6 | 75.9 | 20.5 | 47.3 |
| West Bengal | 82.6 | 37.0 | 58.8 | 77.7 | 27.4 | 52.3 | 81.1 | 34.0 | 56.8 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 75.3 | 48.6 | 62.4 | 71.6 | 36.1 | 55.1 | 74.6 | 46.2 | 61.0 |
| all-India | 78.2 | 37.5 | 57.2 | 75.3 | 25.8 | 50.7 | 77.2 | 33.7 | 55.1 |

Source: PLFS Quarterly Bulletin July-Sep 2025

Table (2): Worker Population Ratio (WPR) (in per cent) according to current weekly status for selected States

| State | rural | | | urban | | | rural + urban | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | male | female | person | male | female | person | male | female | person |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (12) | (13) | (14) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 72.1 | 38.9 | 54.8 | 71.5 | 28.7 | 48.8 | 71.9 | 35.3 | 52.7 |
| Assam | 75.3 | 42.1 | 58.5 | 72.8 | 25.9 | 49.0 | 75.0 | 40.0 | 57.2 |
| Bihar | 71.6 | 20.9 | 44.6 | 62.7 | 10.7 | 37.9 | 70.5 | 19.8 | 43.8 |
| Chhattisgarh | 77.4 | 41.9 | 59.8 | 71.6 | 26.7 | 48.7 | 76.2 | 38.7 | 57.5 |
| Delhi | 59.6 | 6.6 | 35.6 | 66.5 | 11.1 | 40.4 | 66.2 | 11.0 | 40.2 |
| Gujarat | 83.1 | 46.2 | 64.9 | 78.1 | 24.2 | 52.2 | 81.0 | 37.1 | 59.6 |
| Haryana | 67.5 | 20.6 | 44.8 | 71.5 | 17.7 | 46.5 | 69.3 | 19.4 | 45.5 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 75.4 | 59.2 | 66.8 | 65.4 | 31.6 | 48.5 | 73.9 | 55.3 | 64.1 |
| Jharkhand | 72.3 | 34.2 | 52.2 | 64.5 | 13.5 | 39.5 | 70.5 | 29.8 | 49.4 |
| Karnataka | 77.9 | 40.7 | 58.8 | 74.3 | 28.3 | 51.4 | 76.3 | 35.5 | 55.6 |
| Kerala | 68.4 | 31.0 | 48.1 | 66.6 | 27.9 | 45.9 | 67.5 | 29.5 | 47.1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 80.4 | 42.2 | 61.5 | 71.2 | 20.2 | 46.2 | 77.8 | 36.1 | 57.2 |
| Maharashtra | 76.2 | 43.2 | 60.0 | 69.2 | 24.7 | 47.3 | 72.9 | 34.4 | 54.0 |
| Odisha | 76.3 | 44.3 | 59.3 | 69.0 | 25.2 | 46.9 | 74.9 | 41.0 | 57.1 |
| Punjab | 71.8 | 26.9 | 49.4 | 75.6 | 20.9 | 49.6 | 73.4 | 24.4 | 49.5 |
| Rajasthan | 70.3 | 54.0 | 61.9 | 65.2 | 22.0 | 44.3 | 68.8 | 45.0 | 56.7 |
| Tamil Nadu | 75.6 | 46.3 | 60.0 | 71.5 | 33.5 | 52.2 | 73.5 | 40.1 | 56.1 |
| Telangana | 71.1 | 49.1 | 59.7 | 70.5 | 28.5 | 49.0 | 70.9 | 40.8 | 55.3 |
| Uttarakhand | 64.9 | 32.2 | 47.7 | 67.0 | 21.8 | 44.9 | 65.6 | 29.1 | 46.8 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 71.8 | 21.8 | 45.6 | 69.6 | 11.6 | 40.8 | 71.2 | 19.5 | 44.5 |
| West Bengal | 79.7 | 35.7 | 56.8 | 74.6 | 26.1 | 50.1 | 78.1 | 32.8 | 54.7 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 72.1 | 45.4 | 59.3 | 67.1 | 28.6 | 49.3 | 71.1 | 42.2 | 57.3 |
| all-India | 74.6 | 36.0 | 54.7 | 70.7 | 23.5 | 47.2 | 73.2 | 32.0 | 52.2 |

Source: PLFS Quarterly Bulletin July-Sep 2025

Table (3): Unemployment Rate (UR) (in per cent) according to current weekly status for selected States

| State | age group: 15 years and above | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | rural | | | urban | | | rural + urban | | |
| | male | female | person | male | female | person | male | female | person |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (12) | (13) | (14) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 7.3 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 10.1 | 8.2 |
| Assam | 5.5 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Bihar | 4.6 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 8.8 | 14.7 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| Chhattisgarh | 5.7 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 5.6 |
| Delhi | 5.9 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 6.6 |
| Gujarat | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Haryana | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 6.2 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 6.2 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 11.1 | 22.7 | 15.2 | 6.9 | 9.2 | 7.9 |
| Jharkhand | 3.9 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 9.3 | 12.5 | 9.9 | 5.1 | 2.4 | 4.3 |
| Karnataka | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Kerala | 7.6 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 9.4 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 8.0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Maharashtra | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 6.6 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Odisha | 4.8 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 4.5 |
| Punjab | 6.4 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 9.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 8.7 | 6.5 |
| Rajasthan | 6.5 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 10.6 | 22.4 | 13.7 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 7.4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 4.4 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 5.7 |
| Telangana | 4.8 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| Uttarakhand | 10.2 | 6.7 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 11.4 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 8.9 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 5.7 | 3.4 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 12.2 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 |
| West Bengal | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 4.2 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 20.8 | 10.6 | 4.6 | 8.7 | 6.1 |
| all-India | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 |

Source: PLFS Quarterly Bulletin July-Sep 2025