



Maldives Population and Housing Census

2022

Unemployment and Potential Labour Force Summary

MALDIVES BUREAU OF STATISTICS
Ministry of National Planning, Housing & Infrastructure

Youth (18-35 years) not in education, employment or training (NEET): Resident Maldivians

Approximately one in every four (23%) young Maldivians aged 18-35, totaling 26,892 youths, fall into the category of not being in education, employment, or training (NEET).

The NEET rate among young women is nearly three times as high as that among young men, with 12% for men and 34% for women.

The proportion of women outside the labor force is significantly higher compared to men. Conversely, the percentage of young men who are not in education and are employed is higher when compared to women.

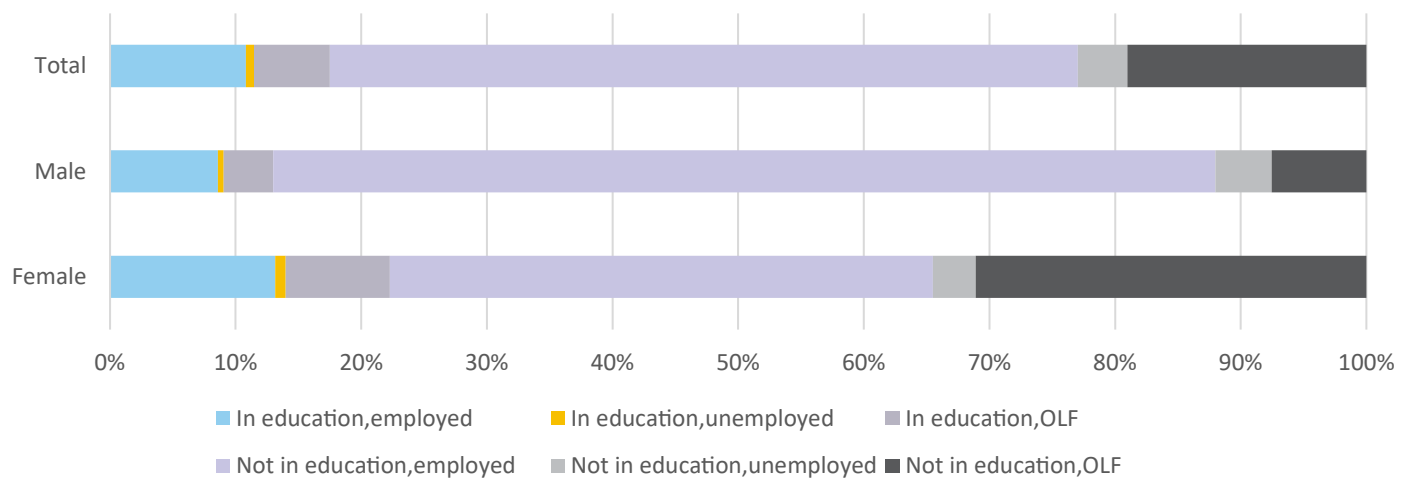
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Youth (18-35 years) population by education and labour force status, 2022



Available, potential job seekers by age and main reason for not seeking employment

Within the potential labor force (PLF), a total of 18,203 individuals indicated their availability for work but did not actively seek employment for various reasons, constituting 97% of the PLF.

The primary reason for not seeking employment among this group is the fulfillment of family and household responsibilities.

For young individuals aged 15-19 years, the primary reason is their involvement in studies and training, given that many are still pursuing secondary and higher secondary education during this age.

Among the elderly population aged 65 years and above, the primary reason is often retirement, receipt of pensions, or having another source of income. Notably, the government's social protection schemes, which provide a basic pension of MVR 5,000 per month to every citizen, contribute to this circumstance.

Among the top five reasons for not seeking employment, "weariness from job hunting" and the unavailability of job opportunities in the area are prevalent. People often become disheartened and cease their job search, particularly when suitable job opportunities are scarce in their locality.

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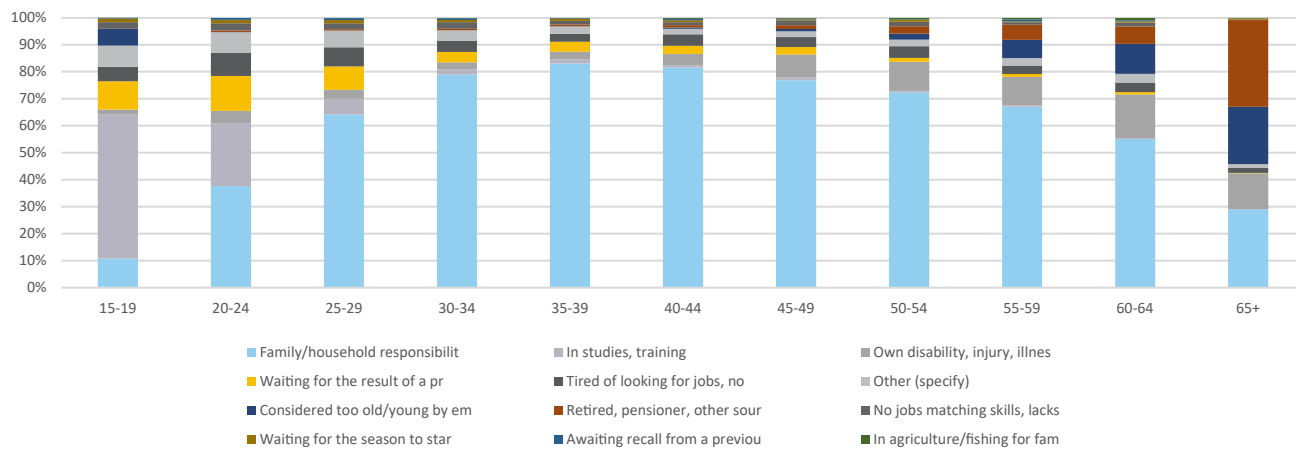
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Available potential labour force by main reason for not seeking employment, 2022





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