

Improving Labour Market Dynamics: Understanding Unemployment and Workforce Inactivity

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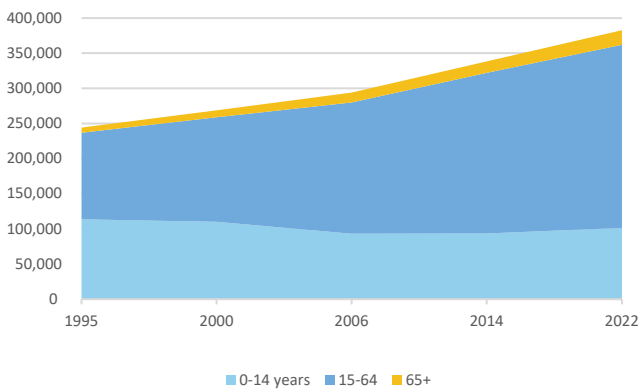
Resident population

Maldivians

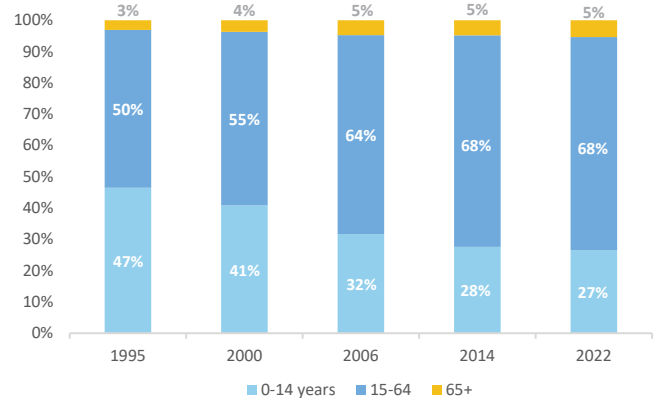


Currently, Maldives has a demographic window of opportunity with high number (**281,131**) and share of people (**73%**) in the working-ages (15 years and above).

MALDIVIAN POPULATION BY BROAD AGE-GROUPS



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Resident population



60.9%
Employed

3.3%
Unemployed

6.7%
Potential labour
force

29.1%
Others outside
labour force

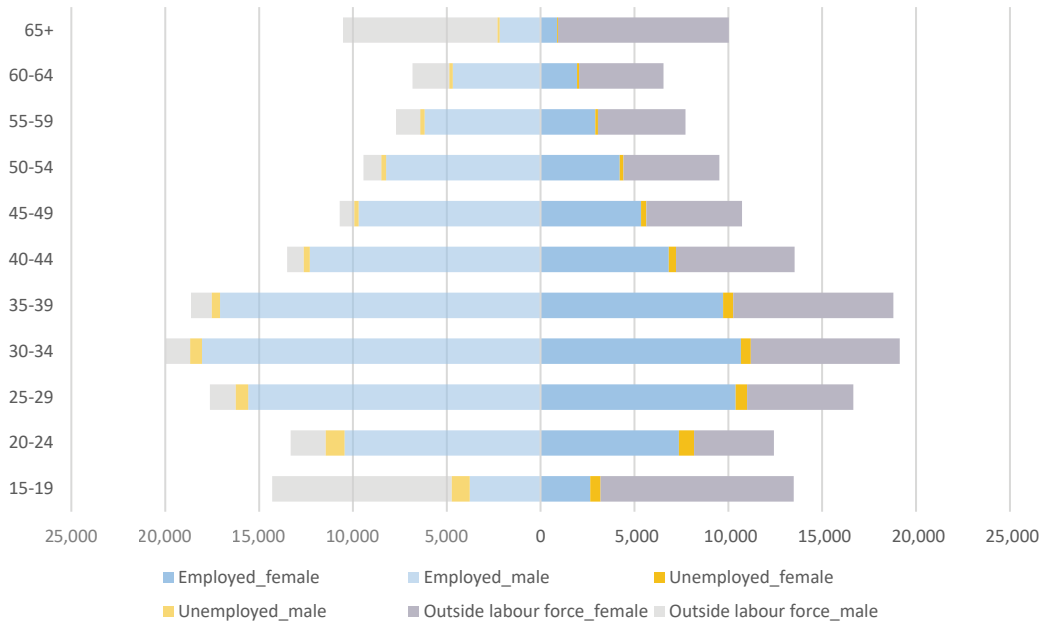
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Labour force status by age and sex

Resident Maldivian population, 2014 and 2022

**More women
outside labour
force and less in
employment**



Unemployment

9,244

Number of unemployed Maldivians

4,184  **5,060** 

3,319

Number of
unemployment
Youth (15-24)



1 in 3
unemployed
person is a
youth (15-24)

100,757

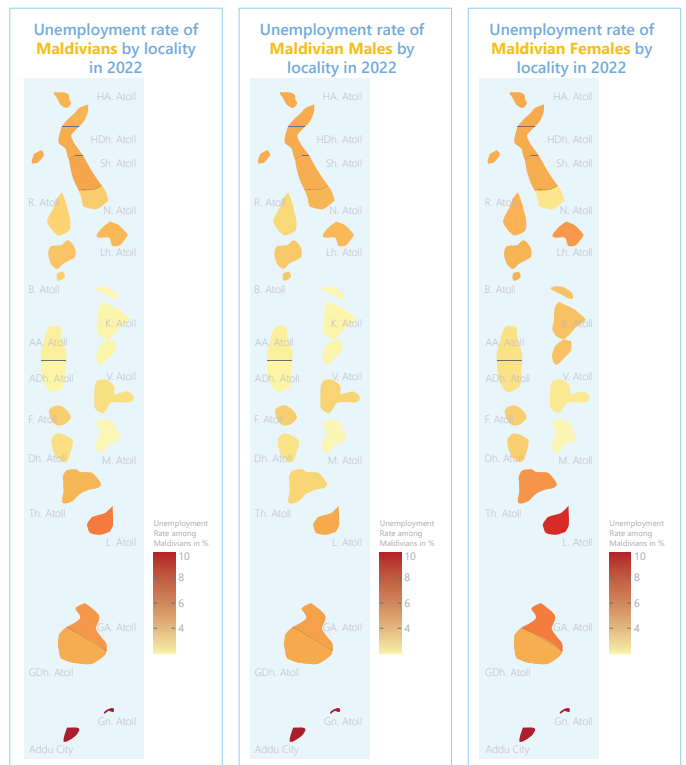
Number of
Maldivians outside
labour force



1 in 3 persons
outside labour
force is a
female

Unemployment rate 2022

by Atoll and sex

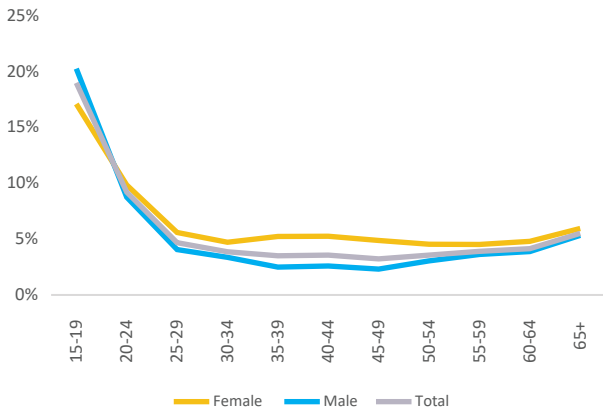


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Unemployment

By age groups



Teens have worse employment outcomes than young adults

Total unemployment rate

6.2% 4.5%



1 in 3 unemployed person is a youth (15-24)

Youth have higher rate of unemployment than total population

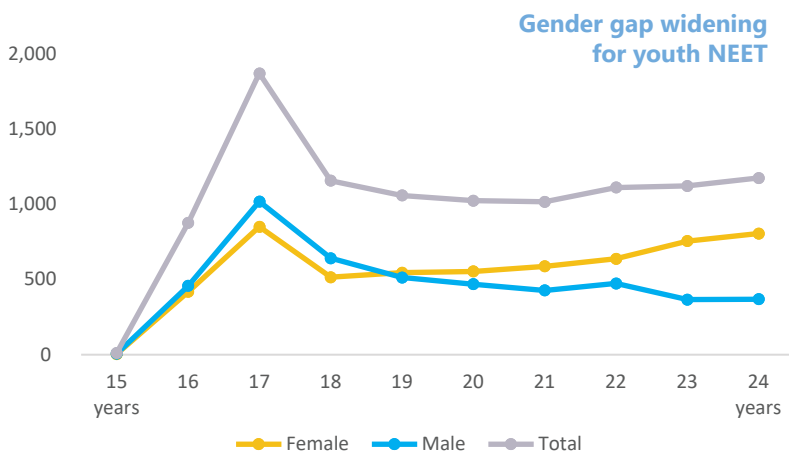
12.0%

Youth unemployment Rate (15-24)

11.9% 12.1%

Youth (15-24) unemployment rate is 3 times that of adult (25+) unemployment
Youth (18-35) Unemployment rate: **6.1%**

Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)



Gender gap widening for youth NEET

19%

NEET Rate: (15-24 Years)



1 in 5 Youth are not in education, employment or training

There are **10,414** Youth NEET

17% 4,744 **22%** 5,672

23%

NEET Rate: (18-35 Years)



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There are **117,076** Youth NEET

12% **34%**