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## A. INTRODUCTION

Considering the need for generation of high frequency labour force indicators with enhanced coverage the sampling methodology<sup>1</sup> of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025. The revamped PLFS design is envisaged to address the following objectives

- to estimate the key employment and unemployment indicators (*viz.* Labour Force Participation Rate, Worker Population Ratio and Unemployment Rate) on a monthly basis for rural and urban areas in the Current Weekly Status (CWS<sup>2</sup>) at all India level
- to extend the coverage of the Quarterly results of PLFS to rural areas and thereby producing quarterly estimates covering both rural and urban parts of India in the Current Weekly Status (CWS)
- to estimate important employment and unemployment indicators in both usual status<sup>3</sup> (ps+ss) and CWS in both rural and urban areas annually.

Changes  
in PLFS  
from 2025

## B. MONTHLY BULLETIN OF PLFS



The Monthly estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate, Worker Population Ratio and Unemployment Rate at all-India level following Current Weekly Status (CWS) disaggregated by gender, sector and broad age-group is planned to be released in the form of Monthly Bulletins of PLFS.

The present monthly Bulletin for the month of April, 2025 is the first in the series.

<sup>1</sup> Details of changes in the PLFS Sampling methodology is highlighted in the document *PLFS: Changes in 2025*, available at the website of the Ministry (<https://mospi.gov.in>).

<sup>2</sup> The activity status of a person is determined on the basis of the activities pursued by the person during the specified reference period. The activity status determined on the basis of a reference period of last 7 days preceding the date of survey is known as the current weekly status (CWS) of the person.

<sup>3</sup> The activity status determined on the basis of the reference period of last 365 days preceding the date of survey is known as the usual activity status of the person. Activity status in the usual status (ps+ss) are obtained by considering the usual principal status (ps) and the subsidiary status (ss) together.

## C. Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)

### LFPR IN CWS



Labour force refers to the part of the population which supplies or offers to supply labour for pursuing economic activities for the production of goods and services and therefore, includes both 'employed' and 'unemployed' persons.

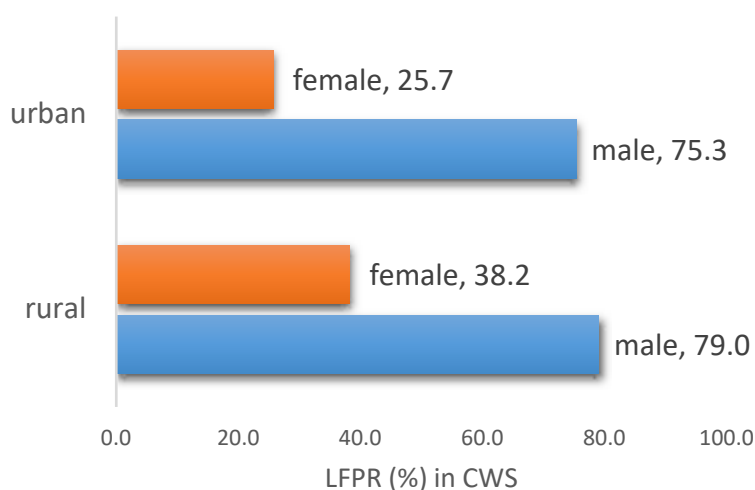


Labour force according to current weekly status (CWS) is the number of persons either employed or unemployed on an average in a week of 7 days preceding the date of survey



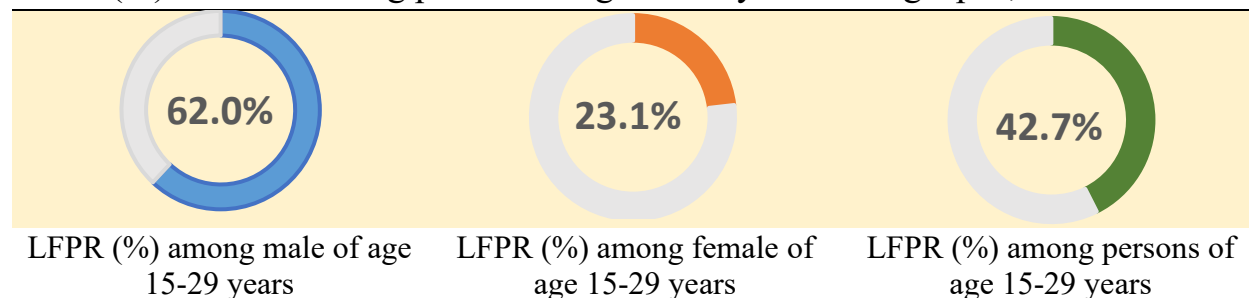
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 55.6% in April 2025.
- LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 58.0% and in urban areas was 50.7%

LFPR (%) in CWS 2025 for male and female of age 15 years and above during April 2025



- LFPR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 79.0% during April, 2025
- For rural female of the same age group LFPR (%) during April, 2025 was found to be 38.2%
- In urban areas LFPR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during April, 2025 was 25.7% compared to 75.3% observed for male of the same age group in urban areas

LFPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during April, 2025



In Statement 1, estimates of LFPR (%) in CWS for April, 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories

<b>Statement 1: Labour Force Participation Rate (in per cent) in CWS</b>				
sector	age group	male	female	person
rural	15-29 years	63.5	23.8	43.4
	15 years and above	79.0	38.2	58.0
	all ages	57.5	28.8	42.9
urban	15-29 years	59.1	21.5	41.2
	15 years and above	75.3	25.7	50.7
	all ages	58.5	20.5	39.9
rural + urban	15-29 years	62.0	23.1	42.7
	15 years and above	77.7	34.2	55.6
	all ages	57.8	26.2	42.0

## D. Worker Population Ratio (WPR)

### WPR IN CWS



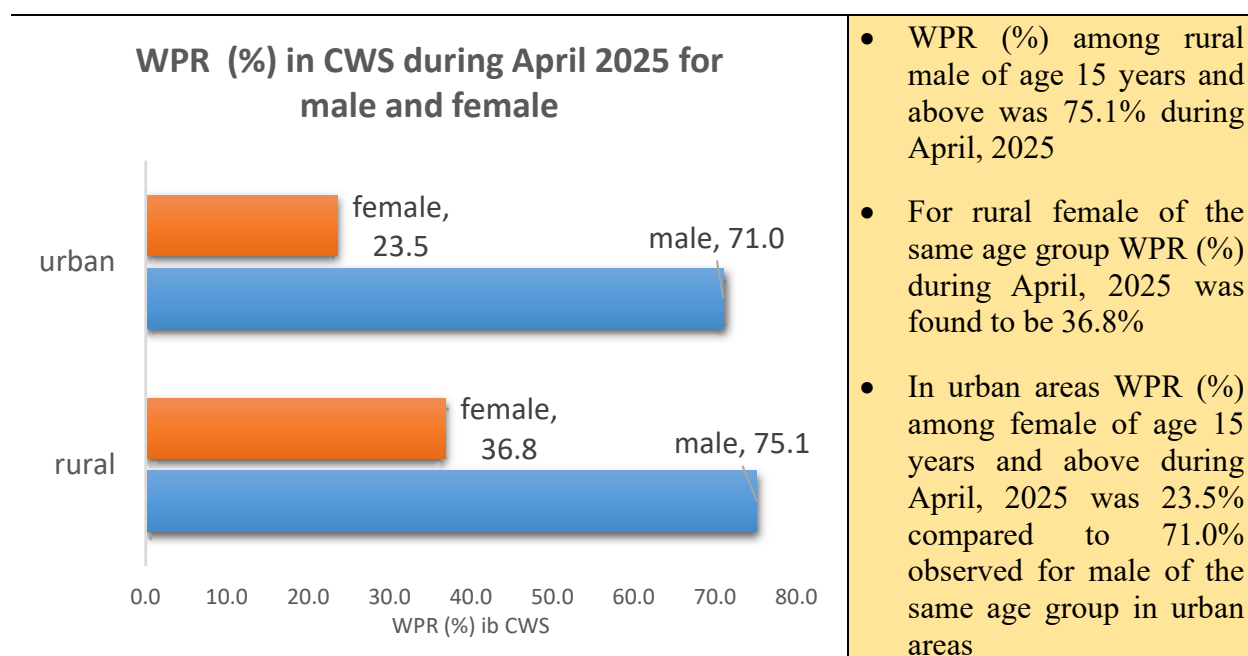
The workforce measured in CWS gives the average picture of the workforce in a short period of one week during the survey period.



The estimate of workforce in the CWS provides the number of persons who worked for at least 1 hour on any day during the 7 days preceding the date of survey.



- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 52.8% in April 2025.
- WPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 55.4% and in urban areas was 47.4%.

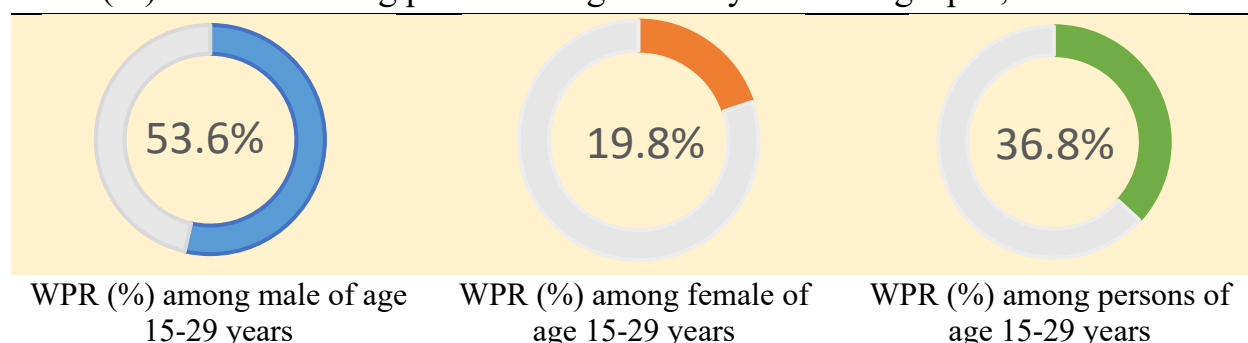


In Statement 2, estimates of WPR in CWS for April, 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories

**Statement 2: Worker Population Ratio (in per cent) in CWS**

sector	age group	male	female	person
rural	15-29 years	55.3	21.2	38.0
	15 years and above	75.1	36.8	55.4
	all ages	54.7	27.7	41.0
urban	15-29 years	50.2	16.4	34.1
	15 years and above	71.0	23.5	47.4
	all ages	55.1	18.7	37.3
rural + urban	15-29 years	53.6	19.8	36.8
	15 years and above	73.7	32.5	52.8
	all ages	54.8	24.9	39.8

WPR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during April, 2025





## E. Unemployment Rate (UR)

UR  
IN  
CWS



The estimates of unemployed in CWS give an average picture of unemployment in a short period of 7 days during the survey period.

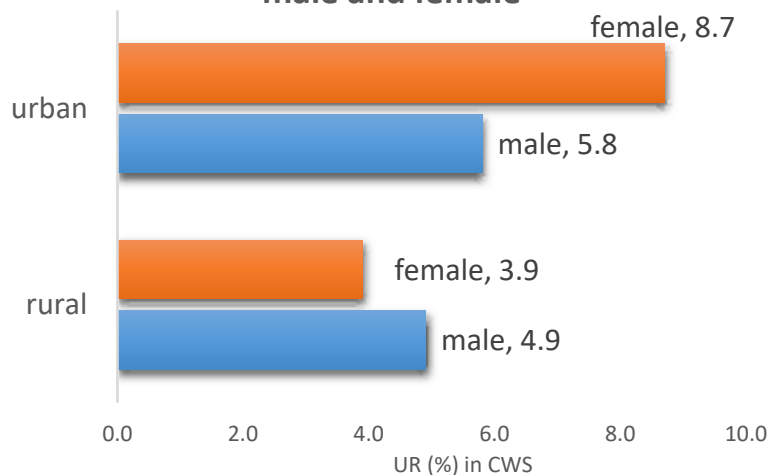


A person was considered as unemployed in a week if he/she did not work even for 1 hour on any day during the reference week but sought or was available for work at least for 1 hour on any day during the reference week



- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in the country stood at 5.1% in April 2025.
- UR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas was 4.5% and in urban areas was 6.5%

UR (%) in CWS during April 2025 for male and female



- UR (%) among rural male of age 15 years and above was 4.9% during April, 2025
- For rural female of the same age group UR (%) during April, 2025 was found to be 3.9%
- In urban areas UR (%) among female of age 15 years and above during April, 2025 was 8.7% compared to 5.8% observed for male of the same age group in urban areas

In Statement 3, estimates of UR in CWS for April, 2025 are presented for different gender, sector and broad age-group categories.

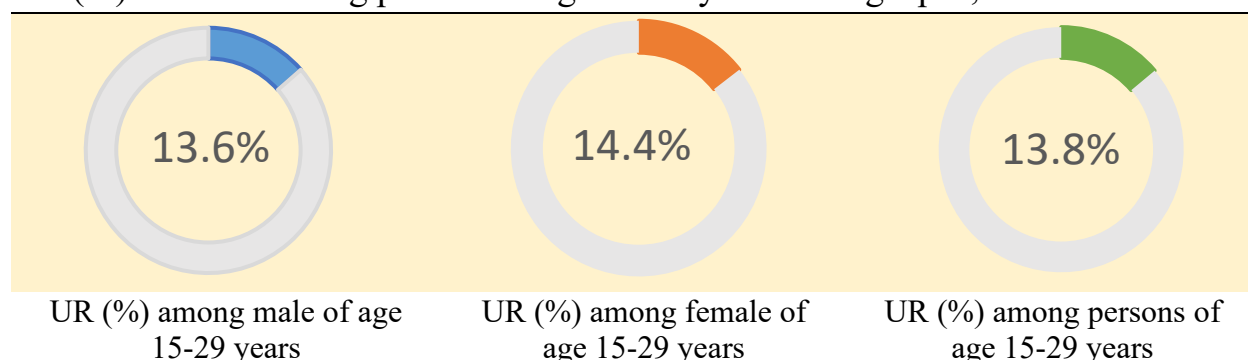
**Statement 3: Unemployment Rate (in per cent) in CWS**

sector	age group	male	female	person
rural	15-29 years	13.0	10.7	12.3
	15 years and above	4.9	3.9	4.5
	all ages	4.9	3.8	4.5

### Statement 3: Unemployment Rate (in per cent) in CWS

sector	age group	male	female	person
urban	15-29 years	15.0	23.7	17.2
	15 years and above	5.8	8.7	6.5
	all ages	5.8	8.7	6.5
rural + urban	15-29 years	13.6	14.4	13.8
	15 years and above	5.2	5.0	5.1
	all ages	5.2	5.0	5.1

UR (%) in CWS among persons of age 15-29 years during April, 2025



## F. Sample Size

In revamped PLFS design adopted from January 2025, a rotational panel sampling design is used and in this rotational panel scheme each selected household is visited four times in four consecutive months –in the beginning with first visit schedule in the first month and other three with the revisit schedule in the following three months for both rural and urban areas.

In the statement given below, the sample size in terms of FSUs (census 2011 villages /Urban Frame Survey blocks/ subunits), households and persons are given, separately for rural areas, urban areas and rural and urban areas combined. It may be noted that, besides the first visit sample (25 per cent of total sample size), samples in respect to three revisits (75 per cent of total sample size) were also surveyed during the month of April, 2025.

Statement 4: The sample size for monthly estimates of April, 2025

Sector	Surveyed FSUs	Surveyed Households	Person surveyed
rural	4,140	49,323	2,17,483
urban	3,371	40,111	1,63,355
rural + urban	7,511	89,434	3,80,838



## G. Reliability of the estimates



Reliability of the estimates of key labour market indicators is measured here by the Relative Standard Error (RSE) of the estimates.

In Statement 5, the RSE (%) of the estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) in CWS for April, 2025 is presented for persons of age 15 years and above.

**Statement 5: RSE (%) of LFPR, WPR and UR estimates in CWS for persons aged 15 years and above**

Indicator	sector	male	female	person
LFPR	rural	0.02	0.07	0.03
	urban	0.04	0.12	0.04
	rural + urban	0.02	0.06	0.03
WPR	rural	0.03	0.08	0.03
	urban	0.04	0.12	0.04
	rural + urban	0.02	0.07	0.03
UR	rural	0.22	0.29	0.19
	urban	0.30	0.44	0.26
	rural + urban	0.18	0.26	0.16

## H. Comparability of monthly estimates with previously released estimates of PLFS

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The sample design of the Periodic Labour Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025. As part of revamping of the sample design monthly rotational panel scheme has been implemented for both rural and urban areas wherein each selected household is visited four times in four consecutive months – one with first visit schedule and other three with the revisit schedule in the following three months. The aspects related to the multistage stratified design followed in PLFS like the choice of First stage Units (FSU) to be surveyed, the primary geographical unit (i.e. basic stratum) from which FSUs are selected, stratification rules applied to FSUs and sampling selection method for selecting FSUs have been changed. The number of households to be surveyed within a selected FSU has been increased from 8 to 12 households.



In addition, some changes have also been incorporated in the structure of the Schedule of inquiry. The details of the revamped PLFS sample design and changes made in the Schedule of inquiry have been provided in the PLFS release titled *PLFS: Changes in 2025*. Users of PLFS results need to consider the changes implemented in PLFS from January 2025 while comparing PLFS results with estimates released through PLFS publications up to December, 2024. The results of the PLFS post January 2025 thus need to be understood and used in the context with which the sample selection methodology of PLFS has been designed.



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