

Uzbekistan

Metadata

Unemployment

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0. 0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

On August 11, 2021, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” was adopted, which was developed on the basis of the Generic Law on Official Statistics for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

Also, in accordance with the Regulations on the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 24, 2025 No. RP-75 “On measures to organize the activities of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the National Statistics Committee is responsible for compliance with the basic principles of official statistics and identity of statistical methodology consistent with international recommendations; organizing the collection of statistical data, statistical observations of households, conducting censuses, one-time counts, sample surveys and other statistical observations; providing users of all levels with official statistical data in the prescribed manner; maintaining statistical registers and classification systems for their use for statistical purposes.

At the same time, in accordance with Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, statistical authorities have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting,

processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;

- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order №O-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within the framework of this system.

Management of statistical processes, including the preparation and dissemination of statistical data, is carried out in accordance with national procedures developed on the basis of international quality management models (GSIM, GSBPM, GAMS0).

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

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According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

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According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other

organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

The National Statistics Committee's employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the National Statistics Committee is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting

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According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

Statistical indicators on unemployment are compiled by the staff of the Labour and Gender Statistics division of the National Statistics Committee.

Four staff members work in this direction at the central office.

On average, two staff members work in the demography, labour and gender statistics division of each territorial statistical department.

Since unemployment statistics are compiled directly on the basis of data produced by the Ministry of Employment and Poverty Reduction, which organizes and conducts the labour force survey, the human resources of the National Statistics Committee in this area are mainly assigned to the following tasks:

receiving data;

statistical validation;

analysis;

quality control;

data dissemination;

maintenance of metadata.

Staff skills are upgraded through the relevant training system of the National Statistics Committee, international organizations and other professional development programs.

Modern information technologies, statistical software and electronic databases are used in processing unemployment statistics.

1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

When selecting the employees and appointing them to senior positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Improvement of the qualification of the department's employees is ensured through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Employees of the department give lectures at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research. The placement of scientific articles of the department's employees in the mass media has been organized.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

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According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and improper use of statistics

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The National Statistics Committee may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the National Statistics Committee (<https://stat.uz>). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at www.lex.uz. Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the National Statistics Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by the National Statistics Committee prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that the information published for the public in print statistical publications, information bulletins and in mass media is produced by the National Statistics Committee.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The National Statistics Committee notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The National Statistics Committee posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what

changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

1.3. Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Rules of Conduct for the National Statistics Committee's employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of the National Statistics Committee is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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Concepts and definitions for unemployment statistics are based on the international labour statistics standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in force, as well as on the legal acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan in force.

In compiling unemployment statistics, the ILO Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization, adopted by the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians in 2013, and the relevant amendments and updates adopted by the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians in 2023, are taken into account.

At the national level, unemployment statistics are based on the following legal acts in force:

the Labour Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. LRU-798 of October 28, 2022 “On approval of the Labour Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan”;

the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. ZRU-642 of October 20, 2020 “On employment of the population”;

the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. RP-75 of February 24, 2025 “On measures to organize the activities of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan”;

other legal and methodological documents in force in the field of unemployment, employment, the labour market and official statistics.

Unemployment is an economic and statistical concept describing the situation of persons who are not employed in the labour market, are seeking work and are available to start work.

In accordance with the international statistical standards of the ILO, the main criteria for recording a person as unemployed are that the person is not employed, has taken active steps to seek work and is available to start work.

Overall unemployment statistics are not limited to persons registered with the labour authorities. Persons who meet the statistical criteria are taken into account in measuring unemployment,

whether or not they are registered with the labour authorities.

2.2 Scope

2.2.1 Scope

2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

The geographic coverage of the data includes the Republic of Karakalpakstan, 12 regions and the city of Tashkent.

Population coverage is the permanent population of the established age, whose labour market status is determined through the labour force survey conducted in households.

Thematic coverage comprises the employed population, the unemployed population and the population outside the labour force, as well as other key labour market indicators.

The number of unemployed is determined on the basis of the ILO statistical criteria for measuring unemployment, regardless of registration with the labour authorities.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

Within unemployment statistics, persons who do not meet the unemployment criteria established by the ILO are not included among the unemployed.

In particular:

employed persons;

persons who are not seeking work and are not available to start work;

persons engaged in study only and not seeking work;

persons who are not available to start work when work is available;

persons who do not meet the established job search criteria.

Depending on their labour market status, some of these persons may be recorded as being outside the labour force or as part of the potential labour force.

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

Cases where the survey results do not provide sufficient information to determine the labour market status of a respondent are handled in accordance with the established statistical processing procedure.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

Unemployment statistics may be classified by region, sex, age group, level of education, urban and rural population and, where necessary, by other socio-demographic characteristics.

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

The number of unemployed is estimated on the basis of the results of the labour force survey conducted in households and is aggregated for the country and the regions using the relevant statistical methods.

2.4.2 Recording basis

In measuring unemployment, the labour market status of a person is determined on the basis of the international statistical standards of the ILO in force.

The unemployed are persons of the established age who are not employed, have taken active steps to seek work during the specified recent period and are currently available to start work.

Registration with the labour authorities is not a mandatory condition for a person to be counted as unemployed.

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

In accordance with the international statistical standards of the ILO, the unemployment rate is calculated as the ratio of the number of unemployed to the labour force:

Unemployment rate = (Number of unemployed / Labour force) × 100.

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

The main data for compiling unemployment statistics are collected through labour force surveys conducted in households.

The survey collects information on respondents' employment, job search, availability to start work and other aspects of their labour market status.

3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

Source data are compiled in accordance with the international statistical definitions, scope, classifications and reference periods established for measuring unemployment.

Unemployment is measured using the criteria of not being employed in the reference week, actively seeking work during the last 4 weeks including the survey week, and being available to start work during the reference week or the following 2 weeks.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The data collection program ensures that data are received in a timely manner.

Data are aggregated for the republic as a whole and by region at the end of each quarter in accordance with the established procedure.

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

The survey results are aggregated using established statistical methods and, where necessary, estimation methods specific to sample surveys are applied.

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

The unemployment rate is determined by calculating the ratio of the number of unemployed to the labour force.

Statistical methods of sample surveys, including weighting and extrapolation, are used in aggregating the survey results.

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

Processing of source data, logical and arithmetic control, coding, weighting and aggregation are carried out on the basis of established statistical procedures.

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

The results of the current period are compared with the data of previous quarters and of the corresponding earlier periods.

3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

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3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

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3.5 Revision studies

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

The need to revise unemployment statistics is determined by errors identified in the data compilation process, methodological changes or the receipt of additional information.

4. Practical suitability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Unemployment data are compiled with quarterly and annual periodicity.

4.1.2 Timeliness

Unemployment statistics are compiled and released within the established deadlines in accordance with the approved statistical program and the data release calendar.

4.2 Comparability

4.2.1 Internal comparability

Unemployment statistics are compiled on the basis of a single methodological approach. The indicators are comparable with one another by region, sex, age group and other relevant breakdowns.

4.2.2 Time comparability

Time series of unemployment data are compiled, making it possible to analyse the dynamics of the indicators across periods.

Where methodological changes occur, the comparability and continuity of the time series are assessed separately.

Dynamic data series are available; the number of unemployed has been compiled since 1992.

4.2.3 Comparability between sectors or areas

Unemployment indicators are not compiled by type of economic activity.`

4.3 Data revision

4.3.1 Data revision schedule

The need for and the timing of revisions of unemployment data are determined in accordance with the methodology for compiling statistical data and the procedure established in official statistical practice.

4.3.2 Designation of preliminary and / or revised data as such

Preliminary and revised statistical data are designated as such in the relevant publications in accordance with the established procedure.

4.3.3 Dissemination of the results of the study and analysis of data revisions

Where revisions result in changes to statistical indicators, the relevant information is communicated to users in accordance with the established procedure.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Unemployment statistics are released in the form of tables and graphs for the republic and the regions and, on the basis of available data, by sex, age group, urban and rural population and other socio-demographic characteristics.

5.1.2 Means and form of data dissemination

5.1.2.1 In print form - New issues

Unemployment data are presented in the relevant statistical compendia and new issues.

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

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5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

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5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

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5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

Upon users' requests, available statistical data are provided in accordance with the established procedure.

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

Unemployment statistics are disseminated through statistical publications in electronic form, databases and official information resources.

5.1.3. Advance release calendar

Unemployment statistics are released in accordance with the release calendar for official statistics.

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

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5.1.5 Dissemination on request

Upon users' requests, available statistical data that meet confidentiality requirements are provided in accordance with the established procedure.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

Unemployment statistics are compiled on the basis of the international standards of the International Labour Organization in force. The main source of data collection is the labour force survey conducted in households.

Unemployment is measured using the criteria of employment, job search and availability to start work.

Information on methodological documents, concepts, scope, classifications, calculation methods and data sources is made available to users in accordance with the established procedure.

5.3. Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

Users' enquiries concerning unemployment statistics are considered in accordance with the established procedure and, where necessary, explanations are provided on statistical indicators, methodology and data sources.

9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Work is under way to align unemployment statistics with the international standards of the ILO in force, to improve labour force surveys and to modernize the statistical criteria for measuring unemployment.

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

Measures are being taken to improve the quality of labour force surveys, to enhance data collection and processing, and to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of unemployment statistics.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

In order to identify aggregate and hidden forms of unemployment, the indicators of employment, unemployment and labour underutilization are being revised in accordance with the resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS). The database of the tax authorities and the Unified National Labour System are being integrated on the basis of the National Classification of Occupations. This will make it possible to monitor accurately the occupational composition of the unemployed population and the actual duration of unemployment.

9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

International expertise: technical assistance is requested to engage a group of international consultants in order to improve the methods for estimating overall unemployment and to update the household survey methodology in line with ILO recommendations.

Capacity building: short-term grants are being sought to train territorial specialists conducting statistical surveys in the new international criteria and concepts of unemployment.

9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term

Digital software: financial support is required for the automated compilation of income tax records and labour indicators on the basis of the Classification of Occupations, and for the creation of an information system that analyses the profile of the unemployed.

Monitoring infrastructure: investment is directed towards the full rollout of a digital monitoring platform that accurately calculates the actual unemployment rate by territory (districts and mahallas) in line with the updated ICLS standards.

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