

Bureau of Statistics
Selected Labour Force Indicators

Table 1: Unemployment rates (%)

Year	Source	Male	Female	Total
1970	Population and Housing Census	14.5	19.0	15.4
1980	Population and Housing Census	15.1	22.1	16.8
1986	Guyana Retrospective Demographic Survey	8.4	23.7	12.9
1992	Household Income and Expenditure Survey	8.4	18.1	11.7
2002	Population and Housing Census	10.2	15.1	11.7
2006	Household Budget Survey	9.2	14.0	10.7

Table 2: Labour Force Participation Rates (%)

Year	Source (Survey or Census)	Male	Female	Total
1970	Population and Housing Census	80.4	19.0	49.2
1980	Population and Housing Census	83.6	25.0	53.8
1986	Household Income and Expenditure Survey	83.4	33.5	57.8
1991	Population and Housing Census	81.2	39.3	59.5
2002	Population and Housing Census	78.0	34.0	56.0
2006	Household Budget Survey	81.0	35.0	57.0

Source: Bureau of Statistics - Guyana (Censuses and Surveys)

Notes

Labour Force Participation Rate: Number of persons in the working age group reported in a census or survey classified as economically active relative to the total size of the working age population (15 years or older).

The unemployment rate is only calculated at the time of a Census (which is executed dicennially) or when a Labour Force or an alternative appropriate survey (such as the Guyana Retrospective or HIES, both listed above, which include a module for Economic Activity) is executed.