

CHAPTER 4. ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF DE JURE POPULATION

Information on the economic activity of the population refers to de jure population of 15-75 years of age for the preceding week (on 4-11 October, 2011) of the RA 2011 Population Census.

Methodological clarifications

4.1 Economically active population comprised all *employed and unemployed* population of the reference period (on 4-11 October, 2011) who provide the supply of labour force at labour market for the production of goods and services.

Employed persons comprised all those persons of 15-75 years of age who during the period of 4-11 October:

- had been wage-earners (employee) and nonwage-earners regardless the job was permanent, temporary or seasonal, one-off or casual (at least an hour),
- were temporarily absent from a job caused for various reasons,
- were engaged in household or agricultural farm while the production was intended for entire or partial sale or exclusively for own final use if the production had a significant share in the household consumption,
- performed non-paid labor input for contributing the organization belonging to household or relative (friend).

4.2. Employed persons were classified according to the following status in employment:

- **Employees** were considered those persons who worked based on signed contract with employer or by employer's job order or according to the written (oral) agreement and received in cash or/and in kind compensation: wages or equivalent other means. Directors, managers and other managerial positions occupied by individuals who received salaries and other equivalent resources, rather than income from operations, are considered employees, although they can and often perform the same functions as the employer.
- **Employers** were considered those persons who worked on their own account or with one or more partners, managed own business and had engaged one or more employees on a continuous basis.
- **Own-account workers in agriculture** were considered those persons who hold self-employment profitable job in agriculture, and had not engaged any employees or only **temporarily**.
- **Own-account workers in other activities** were considered those persons who hold self-employment profitable activity (non-agricultural) and had not engaged any employees or only **temporarily**.
- **Contributing family members** were considered those persons who worked in organization (farm) operated by a family member or relative (friend) to support and help and did not receive in cash or/and in kind compensation.
- **Members of producers'/consumers' cooperative** were considered those persons who were an active (working) member of a cooperative, has equal rights with other members to participate in the organization of production, sales of the product and distribution of income among cooperative's members.

- **Other status** (persons not classifiable by status) were considered those economically active persons who could not be included in any of the listed classification.

4.3 Unemployed persons comprised all those persons of 15-75 years of age who simultaneously met the following three conditions during the reference period:

- did not have a job or was not engaged in any income-generating activity;
- were actively seeking for a job by any means during last four weeks preceding the reference period;
- were available for work within the next two weeks if proper job would be offered.

Unemployed were considered also those persons who had indicated that did not look for a job as they had found a job and would start working in next two weeks, or they had applied for a job and were waiting for response.

First time job seekers were considered the ones who had never worked before and start seeking a job for the first time.

Economically inactive population were 15-75 years of age persons including all those who did not work during the reference period or were not engaged in any income generating occupation and did not search for a job during the Population Census reference period (that is they were not **unemployed**) caused by one of the following reasons:

- going to leave the country,
 - going to move to another RA residence,
 - engaged in household duties,
 - hopeless to find a job,
 - unaware where or how to look for a job,
 - offered job payment was not satisfactory,
 - lack of appropriate professional skills,
 - needless to work,
 - attending educational institution,
 - old age/health,
 - other,
- or looked for a job but were not ready to start working in the next two weeks.

Economic activity rate was calculated as a share of economically active population at age 15-75 years in the total number of population at the age of 15-75 years.

Unemployment rate was calculated as a share of unemployed population in the total number of economically active population.

Employment rate was calculated as a share of employed population in the total number of population at the age of 15-75 years.