

BELIZE **LABOUR FORCE SURVEY**

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INTRODUCTION

The Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) conducts two labour force surveys each year; one in April and the other in September. This report highlights some of the results obtained from the September round of the survey and compares them, where possible, the results of the April round. In this way the size, composition and dynamics of the labour force in Belize can be understood and used for identifying problem areas in the labour force, for decision making and in socio-economic planning.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS

Table 1 below summarizes some important labour force indicators for September, 2012 and compares them with corresponding values obtained from the April, 2012 survey.

Table 1: Labour Force Indicators, Belize, 2012

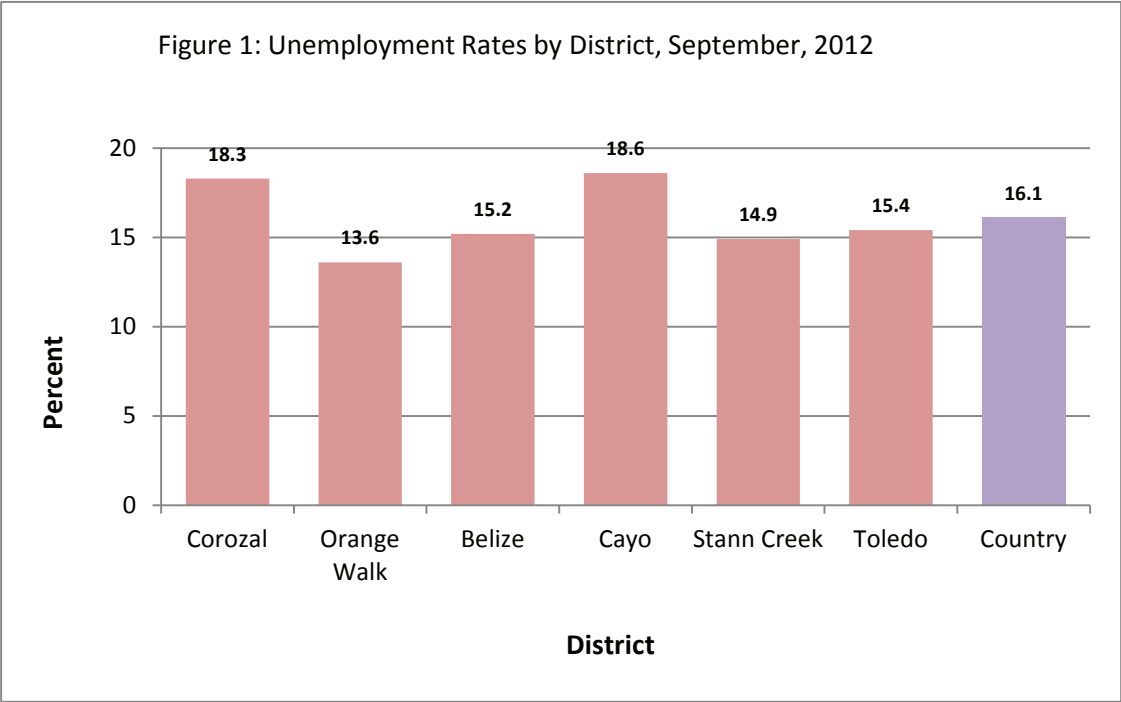
		April	September
I.	Mid-Month Population of Belize	338,936	342,636
	• Working age (14 + years)	226,348	228,343
	• Not in labour force	78,255	77,332
	• In labour force	148,093	151,011
	• Employed	126,722	126,624
	• Unemployed	21,371	24,387
II.	Unemployment Rate		
	• Country	14.4%	16.1%
	• Cayo District (highest)	18.2%	18.6%
	• Orange Walk (lowest)	12.6%	13.6%
	• Urban	14.9%	15.2%
	• Rural	14.0%	17.1%
	• Males	9.1%	11.9%
	• Female	22.3%	22.4%
	• Maya (highest)	18.6%	19.3%
	• Garifuna (lowest)	13.6%	14.2%
III.	Labour Force Composition		
	• Belize District	31.5%	33.3%
	• Males	59.6%	59.4%
	• Females	40.4%	40.6%
	• Urban	48.3%	48.2%
	• Rural	51.7%	51.8%
	• Mestizo	52.1%	51.1%
IV.	Unemployed Population Composition		
	• Belize District (highest)	30.2%	31.3%
	• Toledo District (lowest)	6.8%	6.9%
	• Male	37.7%	43.7%
	• Female	62.3%	56.3%
	• Rural	50.2%	54.7%
	• Mestizo (highest)	49.0%	48.5%
	• Maya (lowest)	12.9%	9.4%
	• Youth (14 to 24 years)	43.0%	47.4%

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

I. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

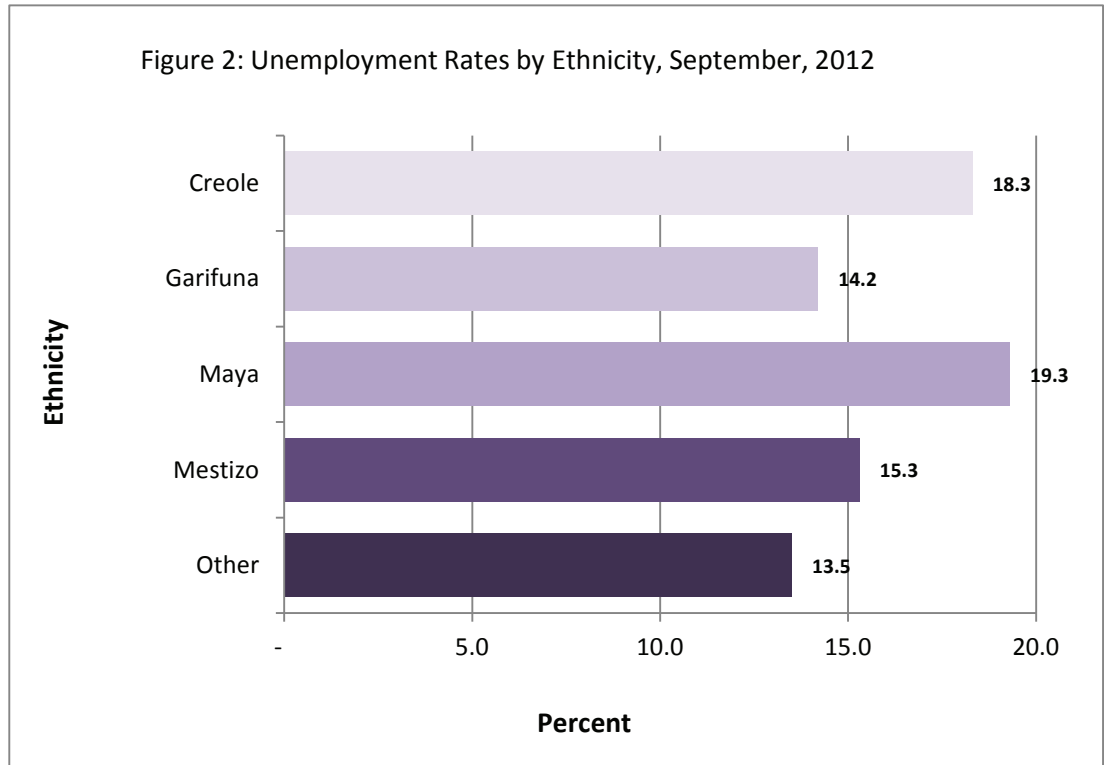
1. Country

In September 2012, the unemployment rate in the country of Belize was estimated to be 16.1 percent, up from 14.4 percent in April, 2012. Unemployment rate is the percentage of the labour force that is unemployed. Cayo remains the district with the highest unemployment rate in Belize at 18.6 percent and Orange Walk is now the district with the lowest unemployment rate (13.6 percent) (Figure 1). In general, unemployment rates increased between April and September, 2012 for all districts except for the Stann Creek District. The largest increase was observed in the Corozal District.



2. *Ethnicity*

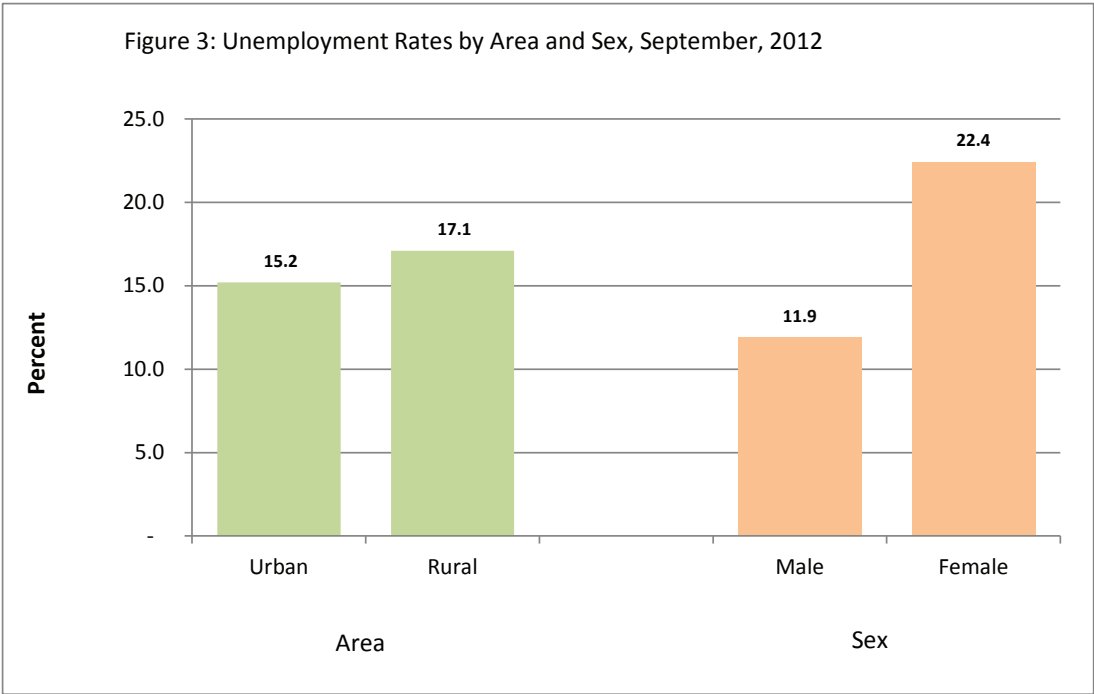
In September, the Creoles posted an unemployment rate of 18.3 percent which is slightly lower than the rates of the Maya (19.3 percent). The Garifuna had the lowest unemployment rate (14.2 percent) among the four major ethnic groups displayed in Figure 2. Mestizo, with an unemployment rate of 15.3 percent, accounted for 48.5 percent of the unemployed population.



3. *Area and Sex*

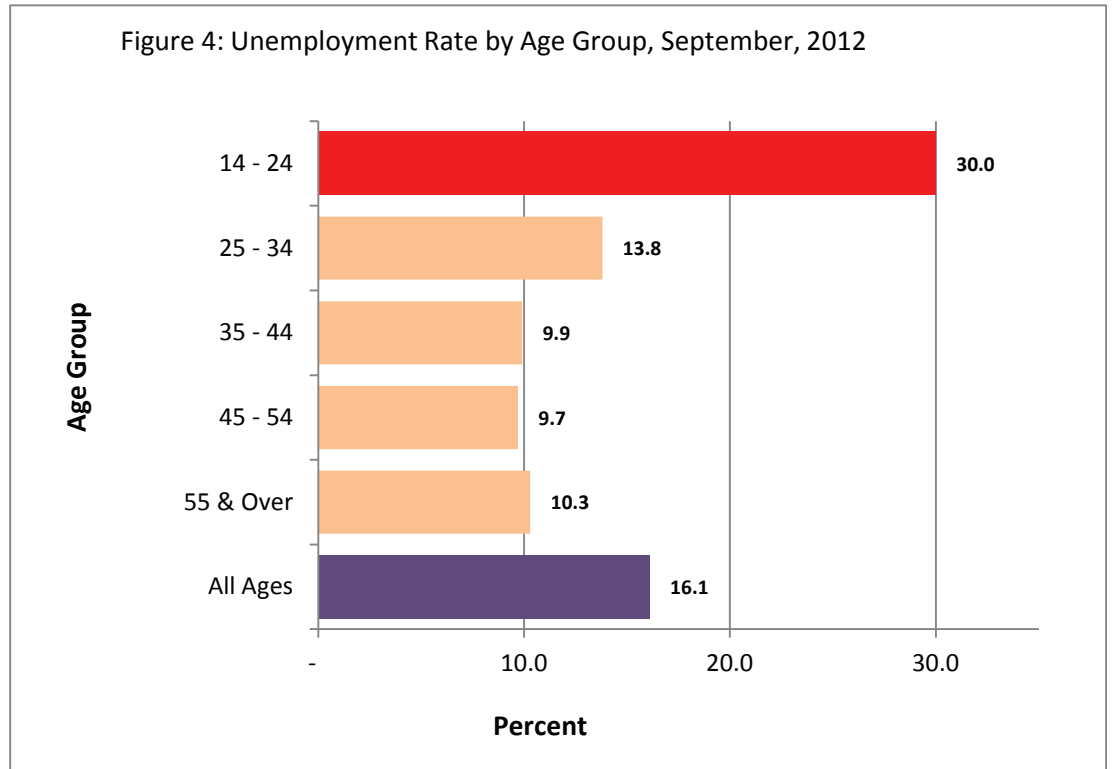
The unemployment rates for urban and rural areas (urban 15.2 percent and rural 17.1 percent) have increased since April 2012, with the rural areas showing the most pronounced increase (April’s rural unemployment rate was 14.0 percent).

There is a marked difference in unemployment rates between males (11.9 percent) and females (22.4 percent) (Figure 3); males are up by 2.8 percentage points from the April 2012 result. The September results reflect patterns seen in previous studies where the unemployment rate for females was more than twice that for males. For comparison, in September 2009 the male and female unemployment rates were 7.8 percent and 19.9 percent respectively.



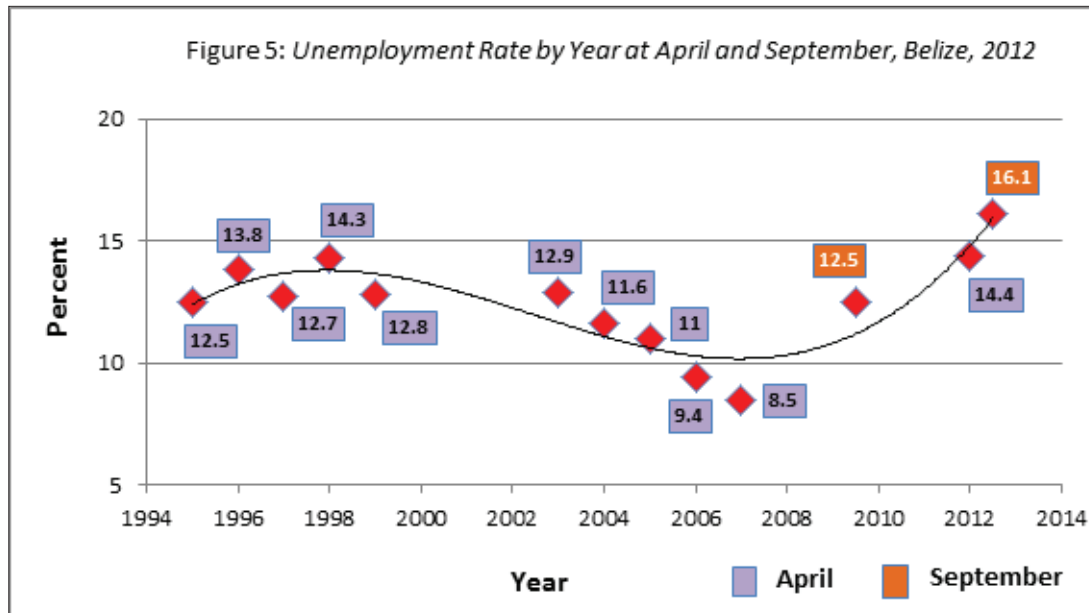
4. Age

Youth, 14 to 24 years old, are the most critically affected by unemployment. Their unemployment rate (30.0 percent) is more than two times the next highest rate (13.8 percent for 25 – 34 years age group) (Figure 4). The population 45 to 54 years old, as in April, reflects the lowest unemployment rate (9.7 percent) possibly due to the general unwillingness of persons to switch jobs given that they are so close to retirement.



5. *Unemployment Rate Trends*

Unemployment rate was in decline until about 2008 or 2009 when the trend became positive with the rate estimated at 12.5 percent in September, 2009 and 14.4 percent in April, 2012 (Figure 5). The current rate of 16.1 percent is seasonally high but it still reflects an increasing trend in unemployment rates.



II. LABOUR FORCE

1. Country

The proportion of persons in the labour force has increased very slightly from 65.7 percent in April to 66.1 percent in September (Figure 6). Currently about 151,011 persons of working age (14 years or older) in Belize are in the labour force, that is, they either had a job or would have been available if one was offered to them. These labour force participation rates are calculated as the proportion of persons in the labour force with respect to the number of persons 14 years or older. The Stann Creek District has the highest proportion of working-age persons in the labour force (70.1 percent) while the Toledo District has the lowest at 56.5 percent (Figure 6). The Orange Walk, Cayo and Toledo districts had labour force participation rates below the national average.

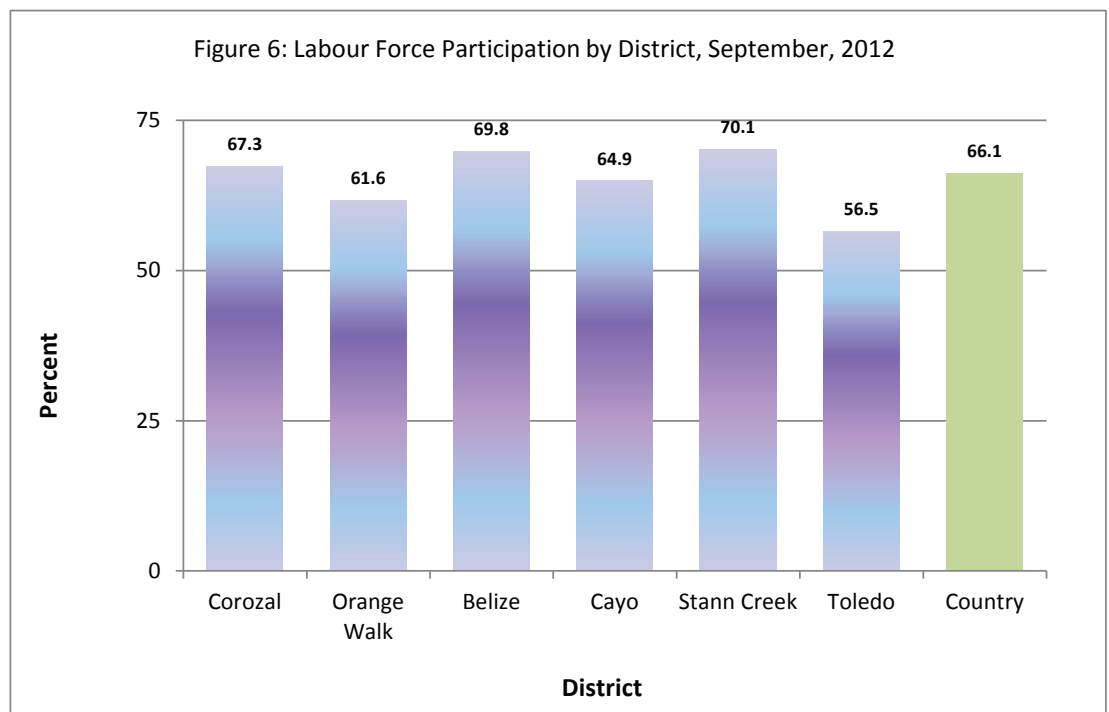
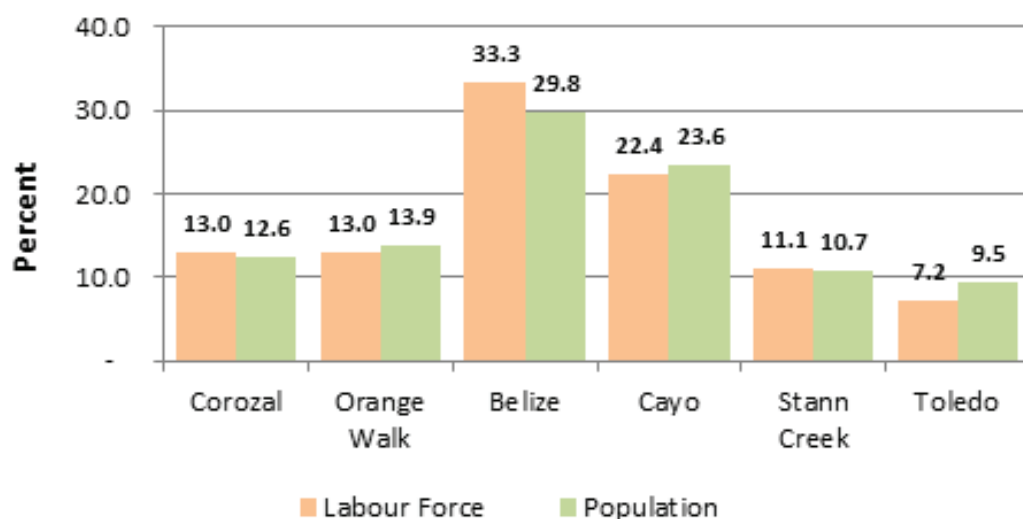


Figure 7 provides the distribution of the labour force across all six districts. The percent labour force in each district is compared with the percent population of that district. There is a good match between the two percentages. In the Belize District there is a small (3.5 percent) difference, but in general the labour force distribution seems to match the population distribution.

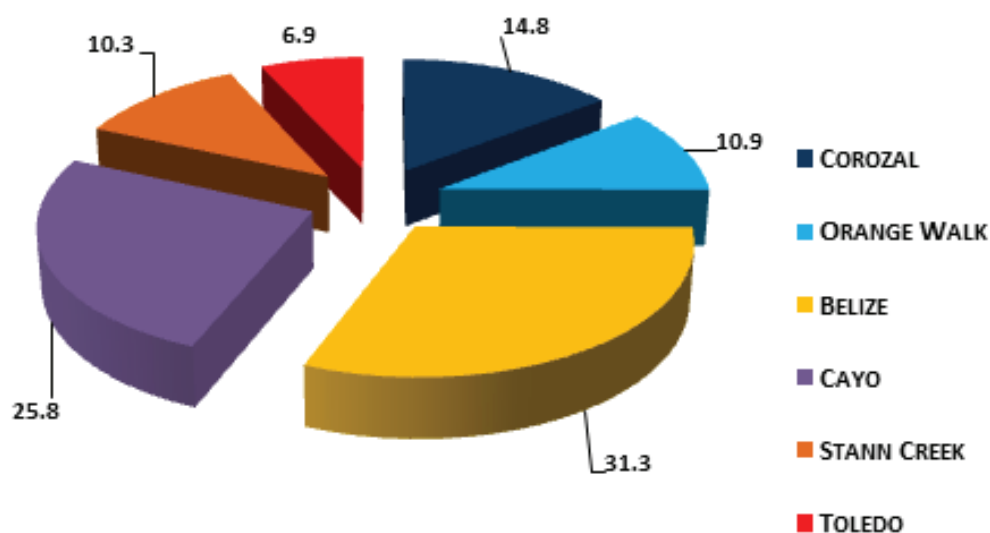
Figure 7: Labour Force and Population by District, September, 2012



III. UNEMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

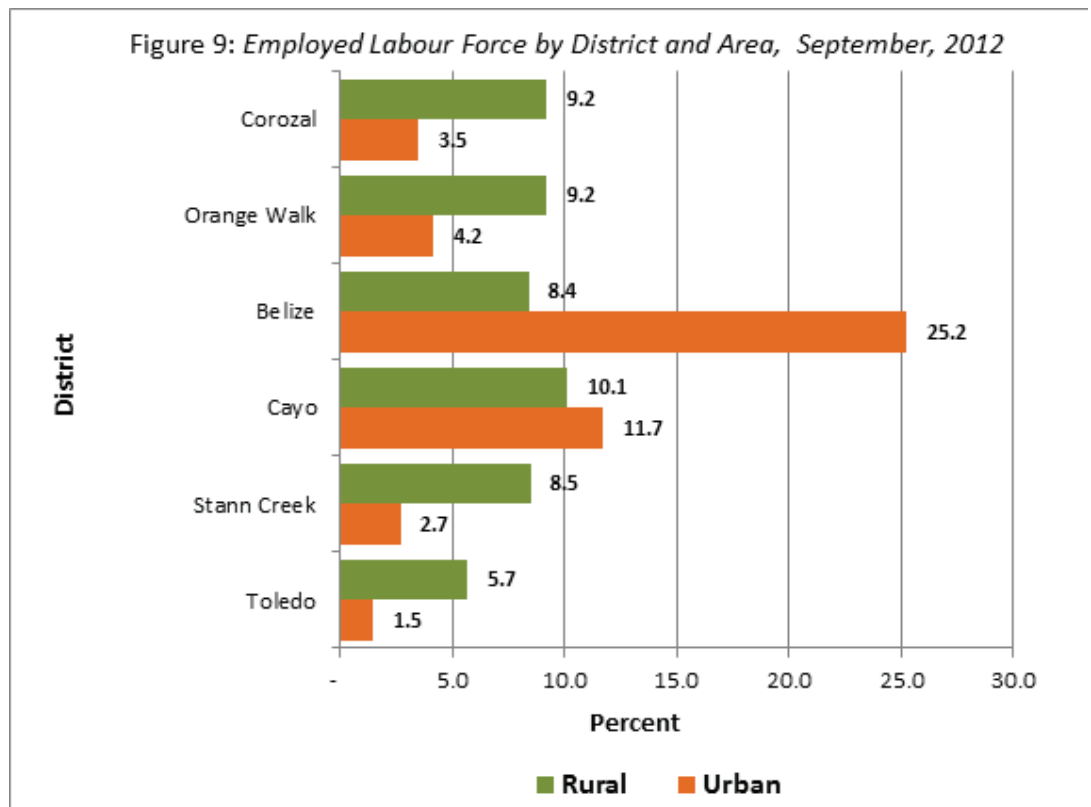
There are about 24,387 unemployed persons at September in Belize. Of these the majority live in the Belize District (31.3 percent) while the next largest group of unemployed persons live in the Cayo District (25.8 percent). The Toledo District has the least number of unemployed persons (6.9 percent) (Figure 8).

Figure 8: Distribution of Unemployed Persons by District, September, 2012



IV. EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

Employed persons (126,624 persons) constitute 83.9 percent of the September labour force population. About thirty four percent of the employed live in the Belize District (33.6 percent) and the least number of employed persons live in the Toledo district (9,214 persons or 7.2 percent). About a quarter of the employed persons (25.2 percent) reside in urban Belize District and it is clear that employed persons in the Belize District are virtually all urban dwellers; only 8.4 percent of the employed persons live in rural Belize District (Figure 9). Nevertheless, the majority of employed persons reside in rural areas (48.8 percent urban and 51.2 percent rural) and Belize and Cayo are the only districts with more urban than rural employed labour force.

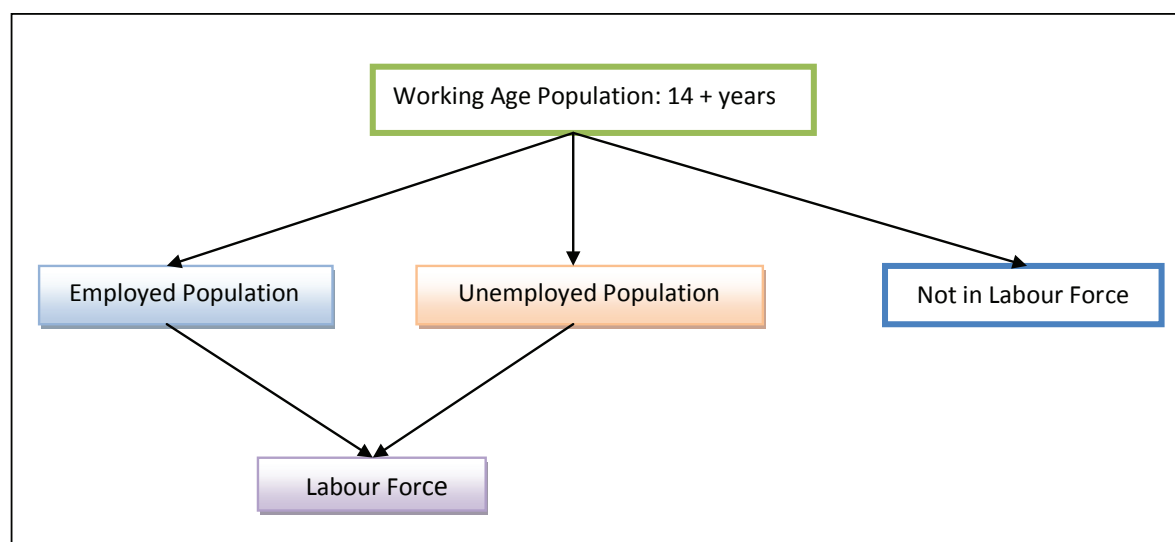


V. LABOUR FORCE DEFINITIONS

Standard labour force definitions and concepts are as follows. Relationships between the definitions are presented in Figure 10.

- *Working age population:* Persons 14 years or older
- *Not in the Labour Force:* Members of the working-age population who do not have jobs and who do not want jobs.
- *Employed Population:* Persons in the working age population with jobs.
- *Unemployed Population:* People who do not have jobs but who want to work and are available.
- *Labour Force:* Those persons who are either employed or unemployed

Figure 10: Relationships among Labour Force definitions, Belize, 2012



- $$\text{Unemployment Rate} = 100 \times \frac{(\text{Unemployed Population})}{(\text{Employed Population} + \text{Unemployed Population})}$$
- $$\text{Labour Force Participation Rate} = 100 \times \frac{\text{Labour Force Population}}{\text{Working Age Population}}$$

ANNEX 1: TABLES

Table 2: Unemployment Rates by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Area	Urban	11.0%	20.2%	15.2%	15.7%	14.7%	13.1%	20.0%	12.1%	13.5%
	Rural	12.6%	25.0%	17.1%	19.3%	13.0%	20.9%	16.9%	15.8%	15.9%
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Relationship to head of household	Head	6.6%	15.0%	8.6%	9.4%	7.7%	8.3%	9.4%	10.4%	5.0%
	Spouse/Partner	8.3%	20.3%	18.4%	18.9%	11.7%	16.1%	22.2%	20.4%	25.6%
	Child	23.1%	30.7%	26.1%	26.8%	21.0%	26.9%	30.7%	19.2%	26.0%
	Grandchild	22.4%	22.9%	22.6%	0.0%	16.1%	22.8%	16.1%	41.9%	-
	Other	12.8%	31.0%	20.3%	26.3%	20.5%	18.5%	20.8%	14.8%	28.7%
	DK/NS	14.6%	11.3%	13.1%	-	0.0%	20.7%	18.2%	-	-
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Sex	Male	11.9%	-	11.9%	13.5%	10.7%	12.0%	12.2%	12.9%	8.5%
	Female	-	22.4%	22.4%	25.6%	19.1%	19.1%	27.8%	17.8%	30.6%
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Ethnicity	Creole	16.7%	20.2%	18.3%	28.5%	21.7%	18.5%	16.9%	16.2%	8.4%
	Maya	11.9%	35.0%	19.3%	5.9%	12.1%	26.1%	23.7%	25.6%	18.1%
	Mestizo	9.9%	23.5%	15.3%	16.4%	14.5%	9.9%	20.6%	13.0%	10.6%
	Other	10.8%	17.7%	13.5%	32.3%	4.4%	15.6%	5.3%	14.7%	9.8%
	DK/NS	7.3%	13.6%	10.2%	-	-	10.0%	10.5%	-	-
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Place of birth	Belize	13.2%	23.1%	17.2%	19.3%	14.8%	16.7%	19.8%	14.3%	17.1%
	Abroad	5.6%	19.0%	10.8%	9.3%	4.5%	7.2%	15.8%	13.0%	4.1%
	DK/NS	29.3%	24.1%	26.8%	-	-	15.9%	9.2%	100.0%	-
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Age group	14 - 24	23.9%	38.4%	30.0%	30.5%	24.5%	32.1%	33.5%	20.6%	33.4%
	25 - 34	6.5%	23.5%	13.8%	17.2%	14.0%	11.6%	15.5%	15.2%	11.3%
	35 - 44	7.6%	13.0%	9.9%	9.7%	7.1%	9.8%	13.1%	11.0%	3.3%
	45 - 54	9.7%	9.8%	9.7%	12.2%	6.3%	10.5%	11.4%	8.3%	4.0%
	55 and over	9.3%	12.5%	10.3%	15.3%	9.9%	6.0%	10.7%	15.3%	7.4%
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%
Highest level of education completed	None	8.4%	26.1%	14.4%	15.1%	11.2%	14.5%	17.3%	17.0%	7.2%
	Primary	12.6%	28.4%	18.5%	19.8%	13.1%	18.7%	21.4%	19.9%	18.1%
	Secondary	12.4%	20.5%	16.0%	17.5%	14.9%	16.7%	17.2%	7.8%	21.6%
	Tertiary	13.5%	11.8%	12.6%	23.4%	15.7%	8.2%	18.4%	7.2%	11.7%
	Other	17.0%	10.0%	13.7%	0.0%	34.7%	13.8%	7.1%	37.0%	0.0%
	DK/NS	6.3%	8.5%	6.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.6%	0.0%	52.7%
	Total	11.9%	22.4%	16.1%	18.3%	13.6%	15.2%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%

Source: Labour Force Survey, September 2012; Statistical Institute of Belize

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Table 3: Unemployed Population by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Area	Urban	4,405	6,639	11,044	827	915	4,820	3,700	477	306
	Rural	6,263	7,080	13,343	2,783	1,754	2,815	2,594	2,023	1,373
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Relationship to head of household	Head	3,442	2,460	5,903	736	654	1,939	1,405	895	274
	Spouse/Partner	363	4,683	5,046	673	331	1,621	1,385	641	395
	Child	5,619	4,827	10,446	1,747	1,348	3,005	2,820	652	873
	Grandchild	269	146	416	-	36	194	75	110	-
	Other	926	1,570	2,495	454	300	828	575	201	137
	DK/NS	48	33	82	-	-	48	33	-	-
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Sex	Male	10,668	-	10,668	1,614	1,396	3,309	2,428	1,282	640
	Female	-	13,719	13,719	1,996	1,273	4,326	3,867	1,218	1,039
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Place of birth	Belize	9,538	11,566	21,104	3,425	2,564	6,968	4,880	1,645	1,621
	Abroad	939	2,008	2,947	185	105	560	1,378	661	57
	DK/NS	191	145	336	-	-	107	36	194	-
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Age group	14 - 24	5,374	6,186	11,561	1,636	1,221	3,648	2,963	943	1,151
	25 - 34	1,607	4,335	5,942	882	755	1,791	1,449	747	318
	35 - 44	1,448	1,866	3,314	391	324	1,163	985	383	67
	45 - 54	1,303	768	2,072	339	174	792	536	175	55
	55 and over	935	564	1,498	362	195	241	362	251	87
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Highest level of education completed	None	1,331	2,152	3,483	717	276	503	1,371	378	236
	Primary	4,991	6,729	11,719	1,909	1,527	3,138	2,724	1,537	884
	Secondary	2,583	3,322	5,905	365	385	3,029	1,308	332	487
	Tertiary	1,548	1,408	2,956	619	441	915	785	156	40
	Other	148	78	225	-	40	50	39	97	-
	DK/NS	68	31	99	-	-	-	67	-	32
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Occupation of interest	Clerical/Service/ Sales workers	2,483	8,699	11,182	1,868	894	3,428	3,063	1,144	785
	Elementary	1,763	2,432	4,195	414	715	902	1,188	608	368
	Skilled Agric/Craft/ Plant & Machinery	3,813	353	4,166	606	699	1,468	657	533	202
	Other	1,823	1,701	3,525	587	289	1,476	886	214	73
	DK/NS	786	534	1,319	136	72	361	501	-	251
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Industry of interest	Primary	765	146	911	189	281	48	133	227	32
	Secondary	2,285	466	2,750	484	305	1,120	480	307	53
	Services	6,355	11,705	18,061	2,689	2,049	6,088	3,916	1,917	1,402
	DK/NS	1,263	1,402	2,665	248	34	378	1,765	48	192
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679

Table 3: Unemployed Population by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012 Cont.

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Period unemployed	0 - 6 Months	3,586	2,857	6,443	1,637	753	1,509	1,467	813	264
	7 - 12 Months	2,571	2,805	5,376	440	798	1,545	1,196	1,249	148
	12 Months and over	3,809	6,487	10,296	1,264	415	4,581	2,534	399	1,103
	DK/NS	702	1,570	2,271	269	703	-	1,097	38	164
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Ever worked	Have worked	8,638	9,747	18,385	2,669	1,967	5,895	4,946	2,224	683
	Have not worked	2,030	3,972	6,002	941	702	1,740	1,349	275	996
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
Reason for stop working	Lost or completed job / business failed	5,826	3,246	9,072	1,335	1,257	3,328	1,938	852	361
	Resigned	1,275	3,694	4,969	829	273	1,537	1,370	699	261
	Other	1,333	2,471	3,804	415	185	1,030	1,439	674	61
	DK/NS	203	337	540	91	251	-	198	-	-
	Total	8,638	9,747	18,385	2,669	1,967	5,895	4,946	2,224	683
Previous job category	Own business	1,256	583	1,839	356	117	720	390	198	57
	Government	1,011	851	1,862	152	200	982	381	97	49
	Private	6,176	8,149	14,325	2,071	1,580	4,075	4,094	1,929	576
	DK/NS	194	165	360	90	70	118	81	-	-
	Total	8,638	9,747	18,385	2,669	1,967	5,895	4,946	2,224	683
Previous occupation	Clerical/Service/ Sales workers	1,869	6,217	8,086	1,275	556	2,849	2,221	800	385
	Elementary	2,395	2,219	4,615	792	705	1,135	1,107	780	96
	Skilled Agric/Craft/ Plant & Machinery	3,054	256	3,310	412	489	967	740	533	169
	Other	518	607	1,125	66	74	447	485	53	-
	DK/NS	802	448	1,250	125	144	497	393	58	34
	Total	7,318	8,692	16,010	2,479	1,750	4,951	4,068	2,113	649
Previous employment industry	Primary	906	715	1,621	293	456	84	202	523	63
	Secondary	2,033	547	2,580	415	304	844	592	343	82
	Services	5,431	8,284	13,716	1,893	1,135	4,832	3,959	1,359	538
	DK/NS	268	200	468	68	72	135	192	-	-
	Total	8,370	9,547	17,917	2,601	1,895	5,760	4,754	2,224	683
Source of financial support	Self	2,323	888	3,211	307	526	1,032	574	513	258
	Parent/spouse/child	7,308	11,257	18,566	2,935	2,006	5,499	4,965	1,801	1,360
	Other	962	1,574	2,536	368	100	1,066	755	186	61
	DK/NS	74	-	74	-	36	38	-	-	-
	Total	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679

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Table 4: Percent Employed Population by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Area	Urban	28.1	20.7	48.8	3.5	4.2	25.2	11.7	2.7	1.5
	Rural	34.4	16.8	51.2	9.2	9.2	8.4	10.1	8.5	5.7
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Relationship to head of household	Head	38.6	11.0	49.6	5.6	6.2	16.9	10.7	6.1	4.1
	Spouse/Partner	3.2	14.5	17.7	2.3	2.0	6.7	3.8	2.0	0.9
	Child	14.8	8.6	23.4	3.8	4.0	6.5	5.0	2.2	2.0
	Grandchild	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	-
	Other	5.0	2.8	7.7	1.0	0.9	2.9	1.7	0.9	0.3
	DK/NS	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	0.2	0.1	0.1	-	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Sex	Male	62.5	-	62.5	8.1	9.2	19.1	13.8	6.8	5.4
	Female	-	37.5	37.5	4.6	4.2	14.5	7.9	4.4	1.9
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Ethnicity	Creole	14.6	11.4	26.0	0.9	0.8	16.1	4.7	3.1	0.4
	Maya	5.6	2.0	7.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.4	4.7
	Mestizo	33.1	18.5	51.6	10.5	10.4	12.0	13.3	4.1	1.4
	Other	8.8	5.3	14.1	0.8	2.0	4.7	2.1	3.7	0.8
	DK/NS	0.4	0.3	0.7	-	-	0.4	0.2	-	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Place of birth	Belize	49.7	30.4	80.1	11.3	11.7	27.5	15.6	7.8	6.2
	Abroad	12.4	6.8	19.2	1.4	1.7	5.7	5.8	3.5	1.1
	DK/NS	0.4	0.4	0.7	-	-	0.4	0.3	-	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Highest level of education completed	None	11.5	4.8	16.3	3.2	1.7	2.3	5.2	1.5	2.4
	Primary	27.4	13.4	40.8	6.1	8.0	10.8	7.9	4.9	3.2
	Secondary	14.4	10.2	24.5	1.4	1.7	11.9	5.0	3.1	1.4
	Tertiary	7.8	8.3	16.2	1.6	1.9	8.1	2.7	1.6	0.2
	Other	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
	DK/NS	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Have more than one job or business	More than one job	3.5	1.3	4.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.4
	One job	58.9	36.2	95.1	12.0	12.5	32.7	20.6	10.5	6.9
	DK/NS	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Category of Main Job	Own business	19.0	9.1	28.1	5.0	4.1	7.4	6.5	2.4	2.7
	Government	6.9	6.4	13.4	0.8	1.1	6.3	3.5	1.0	0.6
	Private	34.1	20.7	54.8	6.5	7.3	19.4	11.0	7.4	3.3
	Unpaid family worker	2.2	1.3	3.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7
	DK/NS	0.2	0.1	0.3	-	0.1	0.0	0.2	-	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Category of Other Job	Own business	2.3	0.6	2.9	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.2
	Government	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-	0.0
	Private	1.0	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
	Unpaid family worker	0.1	-	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
	Total	3.5	1.3	4.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.4
Main occupation	Clerical/Service/Sales workers	14.5	20.6	35.1	4.1	4.1	14.0	7.8	3.7	1.3
	Elementary	14.1	5.0	19.1	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.8	3.0	2.1
	Skilled Agric/Craft/Plant & Machinery	22.5	2.6	25.2	3.5	4.5	6.0	6.0	2.1	3.1
	Other	6.4	6.7	13.1	0.9	1.4	6.1	2.6	1.6	0.4
	DK/NS	4.9	2.6	7.6	0.9	0.6	3.3	1.5	0.9	0.3
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3

Table 4: Percent Employed Population by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012 Cont.

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Main employment industry	Primary	14.6	1.7	16.3	3.0	2.9	1.3	2.5	3.2	3.3
	Secondary	10.9	2.3	13.2	2.0	2.2	4.1	3.7	0.6	0.6
	Services	35.8	32.9	68.7	7.5	8.2	27.3	15.1	7.4	3.2
	DK/NS	1.1	0.6	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3
Other occupation	Clerical/Service/Sales workers	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1
	Elementary	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Skilled Agric/Craft/Plant & Machinery	1.9	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
	Other	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
	Total	3.5	1.3	4.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.4
Other employment industry	Primary	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
	Secondary	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	-	0.0
	Services	1.8	1.2	2.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2
	Total	3.5	1.3	4.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.4
Reason for difference in work hours	Illness/vacation/personal	6.7	4.4	11.1	1.4	0.8	3.4	3.5	0.7	1.3
	Slow business/job just started or ended/ Suspension of work	5.4	1.7	7.1	2.1	0.4	2.3	1.1	0.7	0.4
	Other	3.4	1.4	4.8	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.4
	DK/NS	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Total	15.8	7.6	23.4	4.1	1.7	7.3	6.1	2.0	2.1
Main reason for working less than 35 hours	Illness/personal responsibilities	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
	Full-time < 35 hours/only job available/hours cut	6.7	6.0	12.7	2.5	1.7	3.4	2.5	1.4	1.1
	Other	1.2	1.0	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.0
	DK/NS	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
	Total	8.5	8.7	17.1	3.1	2.7	3.9	3.6	2.3	1.5
Available for additional work	Yes	2.6	2.3	5.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.1
	No	5.7	6.1	11.8	2.1	1.8	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.4
	DK/NS	0.1	0.2	0.3	-	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Total	8.5	8.7	17.1	3.1	2.7	3.9	3.6	2.3	1.5
Occupation of interest	Clerical/Service/Sales workers	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	-
	Elementary	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	-
	Skilled Agric/Craft/Plant & Machinery	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
	Other	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	-	0.1	0.0	0.1	-
	DK/NS	0.0	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	-	-
	Total	2.6	2.3	5.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.1
Industry of interest	Primary	0.3	-	0.3	0.0	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	0.0
	Secondary	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	-	-
	Services	1.5	2.1	3.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.0
	DK/NS	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	0.1	-	0.1	-	-
	Total	2.6	2.3	5.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.1
Source of financial support	Self	56.3	28.2	84.5	10.0	10.8	30.3	17.7	9.4	6.2
	Parent/spouse/child	5.7	8.8	14.4	2.6	2.6	3.2	3.5	1.6	1.0
	Other	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0
	DK/NS	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-
	Total	62.5	37.5	100.0	12.7	13.4	33.6	21.7	11.3	7.3

Source: Labour Force Survey, September 2012; Statistical Institute of Belize

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Table 5: Total Labour Force by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Area	Urban	26.5	21.8	48.2	3.5	4.1	24.3	12.2	2.6	1.5
	Rural	33.0	18.8	51.8	9.6	8.9	8.9	10.1	8.5	5.7
	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
Relationship to head of household		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Head	34.6	10.9	45.5	5.2	5.6	15.5	9.9	5.7	3.6
	Spouse/Partner	2.9	15.3	18.2	2.4	1.9	6.7	4.1	2.1	1.0
	Child	16.1	10.4	26.5	4.3	4.2	7.4	6.1	2.2	2.2
	Grandchild	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2	-
	Other	4.8	3.4	8.1	1.1	1.0	3.0	1.8	0.9	0.3
	DK/NS	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	0.1	0.2	0.1	-	-
	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
Sex		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Male	59.4	-	59.4	7.9	8.6	18.2	13.2	6.6	5.0
	Female	-	40.6	40.6	5.2	4.4	15.0	9.2	4.5	2.2
	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
Ethnicity		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Creole	14.7	12.0	26.7	1.1	0.9	16.5	4.8	3.1	0.4
	Maya	5.3	2.5	7.9	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.4	4.8
	Mestizo	30.8	20.3	51.1	10.6	10.2	11.2	14.0	3.9	1.3
	Other	8.3	5.4	13.7	1.0	1.7	4.7	1.9	3.7	0.7
	DK/NS	0.3	0.3	0.6	-	-	0.4	0.2	-	-
Place of birth	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Belize	48.0	33.1	81.2	11.7	11.5	27.7	16.3	7.6	6.3
	Abroad	11.0	7.0	18.0	1.3	1.5	5.1	5.8	3.4	0.9
	DK/NS	0.4	0.4	0.8	-	-	0.4	0.3	0.1	-
Age group	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	14 - 24	14.9	10.7	25.5	3.6	3.3	7.5	5.8	3.0	2.3
	25 - 34	16.3	12.2	28.5	3.4	3.6	10.2	6.2	3.3	1.9
	35 - 44	12.7	9.5	22.2	2.7	3.0	7.8	5.0	2.3	1.4
	45 - 54	8.9	5.2	14.1	1.8	1.8	5.0	3.1	1.4	0.9
	55 and over	6.6	3.0	9.6	1.6	1.3	2.7	2.2	1.1	0.8
Highest level of education completed	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	None	10.5	5.5	16.0	3.1	1.6	2.3	5.2	1.5	2.2
	Primary	26.3	15.7	42.0	6.4	7.7	11.1	8.4	5.1	3.2
	Secondary	13.8	10.7	24.5	1.4	1.7	12.0	5.0	2.8	1.5
	Tertiary	7.6	7.9	15.5	1.8	1.9	7.4	2.8	1.4	0.2
	Other	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
	DK/NS	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0
	Total	59.4	40.6	100.0	13.0	13.0	33.3	22.4	11.1	7.2

Source: Labour Force Survey, September 2012; Statistical Institute of Belize

- Not Applicable / Not Estimable

Table 6: Total Population by Sex, District and Selected Characteristics, September, 2012

		Sex			District					
		Male	Female	Total	Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo
Area	Urban	75,329	79,146	154,475	10,919	13,701	72,663	41,773	9,821	5,598
	Rural	95,993	92,168	188,161	32,107	33,797	29,384	38,921	26,943	27,009
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Relationship to head of household	Head	58,565	23,693	82,258	9,346	10,104	28,388	17,724	10,145	6,551
	Spouse/Partner	4,936	44,554	49,489	6,580	6,832	15,207	11,346	4,905	4,619
	Child	81,996	78,223	160,219	20,602	23,158	42,312	38,941	16,568	18,638
	Grandchild	11,942	10,758	22,700	2,936	3,411	7,011	5,692	2,405	1,246
	Other	12,826	12,803	25,629	3,561	2,990	8,385	6,431	2,741	1,520
	DK/NS	1,058	1,283	2,341	-	1,004	744	560	-	32
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Sex	Male	171,322	-	171,322	21,491	23,938	50,257	40,278	19,032	16,326
	Female	-	171,314	171,314	21,535	23,560	51,790	40,416	17,732	16,281
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Place of birth	Belize	147,844	148,448	296,292	39,672	43,997	88,368	65,515	28,393	30,345
	Abroad	21,530	21,415	42,945	3,354	3,501	12,026	14,037	7,837	2,189
	DK/NS	1,948	1,452	3,399	-	-	1,652	1,142	534	72
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Age Group	Under 14	57,781	56,511	114,293	13,735	15,597	30,057	28,676	12,886	13,341
	14 - 24	38,123	38,811	76,934	9,665	10,803	21,876	18,785	8,408	7,397
	25 - 34	25,408	27,032	52,439	6,365	7,292	17,381	11,583	5,582	4,237
	35 - 44	19,893	20,517	40,410	5,178	5,686	13,482	9,020	4,004	3,040
	45 - 54	14,434	13,912	28,345	3,793	3,909	9,525	6,111	2,811	2,196
	55 and over	15,684	14,531	30,214	4,290	4,210	9,726	6,519	3,072	2,396
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Highest level of education completed	None	56,036	53,879	109,915	15,684	14,436	22,038	31,203	12,154	14,401
	Primary	56,182	56,454	112,636	15,411	20,416	31,062	22,975	12,487	10,285
	Secondary	25,103	25,963	51,067	3,605	4,209	23,987	10,575	5,719	2,972
	Tertiary	12,592	14,476	27,069	3,352	3,154	12,507	5,142	2,329	585
	Other	1,380	1,407	2,787	419	345	707	832	329	155
	DK/NS	20,028	19,135	39,163	4,555	4,938	11,747	9,967	3,746	4,210
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607
Status	Under 14	57,781	56,511	114,293	13,735	15,597	30,057	28,676	12,886	13,341
	Employed	79,095	47,529	126,624	16,096	16,997	42,584	27,488	14,246	9,214
	Unemployed	10,668	13,719	24,387	3,610	2,669	7,635	6,294	2,500	1,679
	PNLF	23,778	53,554	77,332	9,585	12,235	21,772	18,236	7,133	8,373
	Total	171,322	171,314	342,636	43,026	47,498	102,047	80,694	36,764	32,607

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