

What is the Youth Unemployment Rate in Ethiopia?

The unemployment rate for persons aged 15-29 years in urban areas of the country was 27.2 percent which was higher than that of the general unemployment rate (18.9 percent). Women youth unemployment rate in urban areas of Ethiopia was two times higher than their men counterparts in 2022, i.e. unemployment rate of women was 35 percent while that of men was 17.2 per cent.

Addis Ababa registered the highest youth unemployment rate of 30.0 percent and Benishangule–Gumuz had the lowest rate of 20.4 percent in the country.

Unemployment is one of the indicators that has been used to measure the extent of unutilized human resources in the economy in a given area or region in a certain period. It indicates the quantity and quality of the human labour a nation or a region would have, and should be used to promote its economic development, but not used. The unutilized human resources as a result of unemployment have its own social and economic implications. Therefore, the availability of reliable and timely statistical data on unemployment is vital to formulate

and design new strategies as well as to monitor the existing employment policies.



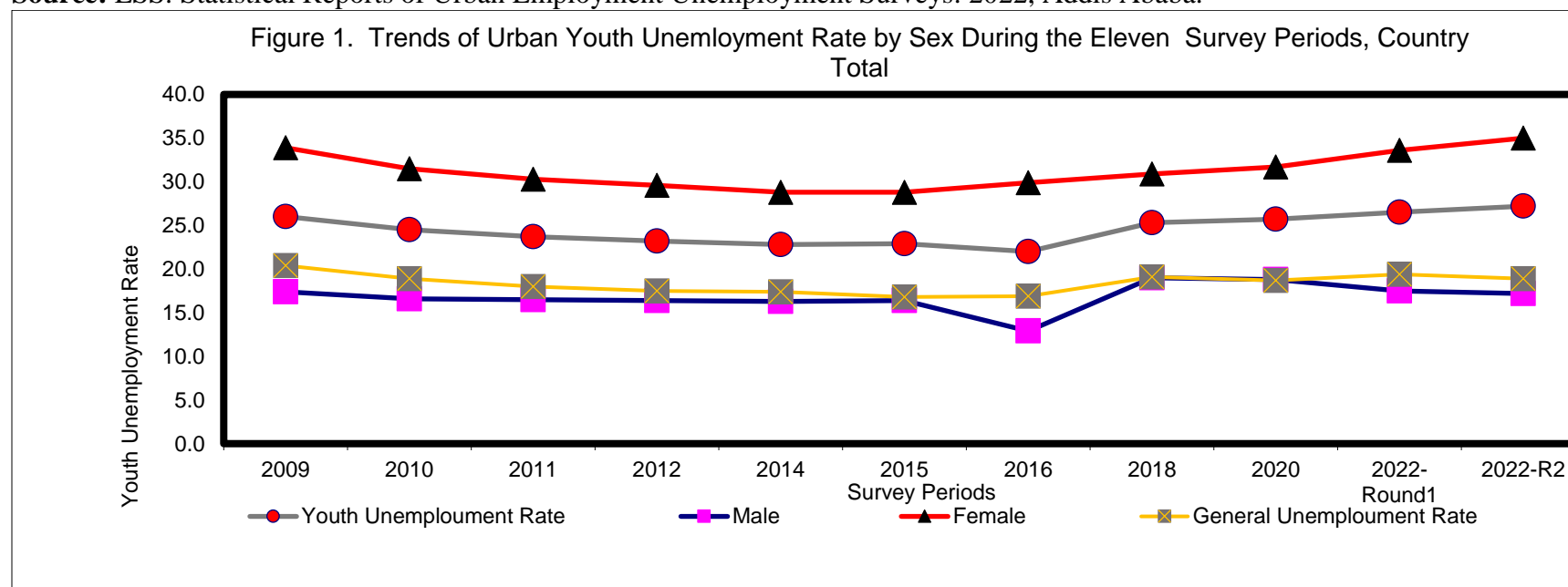
Source:

ESS: December, 2022. Statistical Report on the 2022 2nd Round urban Employment unemployment Survey, Addis Ababa.

Table 6.2 Youth Unemployed Persons and Youth Unemployment Rate (age 15-29 years) in Urban Areas of Regions by Sex, 2nd Round UEUS, 2022

Region and Sex	Economically Active Population			Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
COUNTRY TOTAL	4,168,061	1,836,211	2,331,850	1,132,316	315,967	816,349	27.2	17.2	35.0
AFAR REGION	74,632	35,506	39,126	18,893	5,129	13,764	25.3	14.4	35.2
AMHARA REGION	1,004,434	425,994	578,440	289,444	78,037	211,406	28.8	18.3	36.5
OROMIA REGION	1,306,485	602,670	703,815	354,617	95,263	259,354	27.1	15.8	36.8
SOMALI REGION	92,508	51,658	40,850	24,804	10,846	13,958	26.8	21.0	34.2
BENISHANGUL-GUMUZ REGION	68,187	31,182	37,005	13,903	3,710	10,193	20.4	11.9	27.5
S.N.N.P REGION	499,695	243,051	256,644	104,148	27,427	76,722	20.8	11.3	29.9
SIDAMA REGION	182,227	82,628	99,599	48,293	13,815	34,477	26.5	16.7	34.6
GAMBELLA REGION	32,269	13,543	18,726	8,302	2,017	6,285	25.7	14.9	33.6
HARARI REGION	30,273	14,480	15,793	7,994	2,707	5,287	26.4	18.7	33.5
ADDIS ABABA CITY ADMINI.	812,430	301,998	510,432	243,981	71,249	172,732	30.0	23.6	33.8
DIRE DAWA CITY ADMINI.	64,922	33,501	31,420	17,938	5,766	12,172	27.6	17.2	38.7

Source: ESS: Statistical Reports of Urban Employment Unemployment Surveys: 2022, Addis Ababa.



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ESS: Urban Employment unemployment Surveys: 2009-2022, Youth Unemployment Rate in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa.

Annex

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014	2015	2016	2018	2020	2022- Round1	2022-R2
Youth Unemployment Rate	26.0	24.5	23.7	23.2	22.8	22.9	22.0	25.3	25.7	26.5	27.2
Male	17.4	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.3	16.4	12.9	19.0	18.8	17.5	17.2
Female	33.9	31.5	30.3	29.6	28.8	28.8	29.9	30.9	31.7	33.6	35.0
General Unemployment Rate	20.4	18.9	18.0	17.5	17.4	16.8	16.9	19.1	18.7	19.4	18.9

Source:

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