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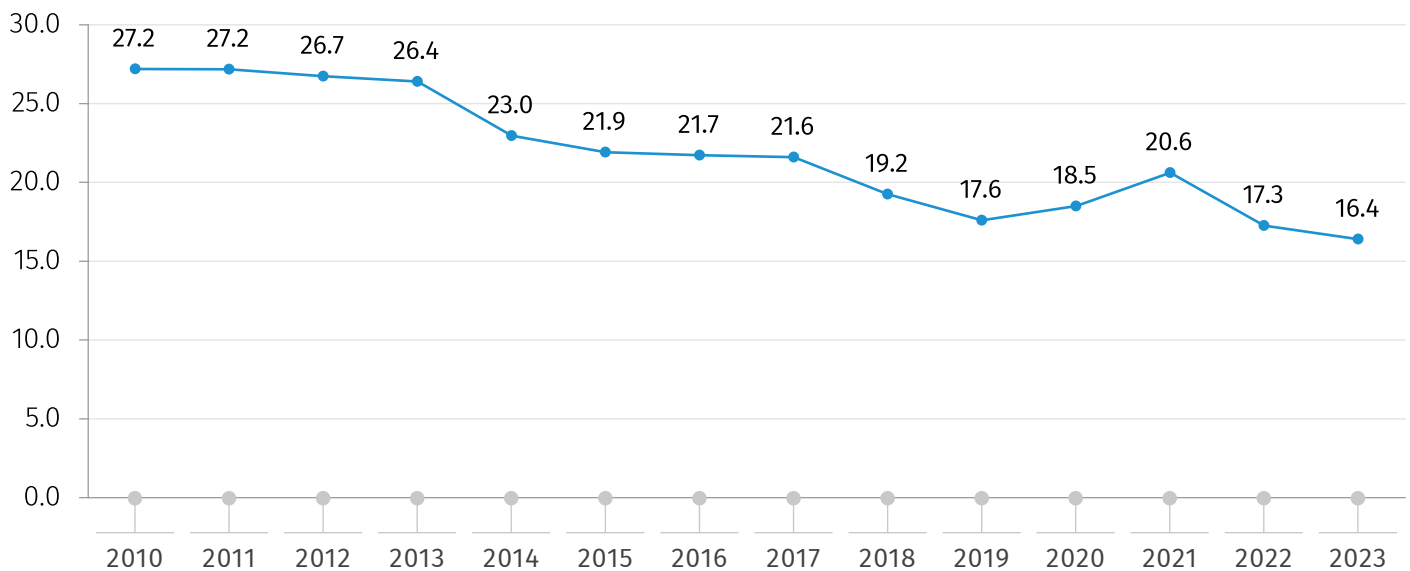
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In 2023 the unemployment rate in Georgia decreased by 0.9 percentage points compared to 2022 and amounted to 16.4 percent.

The chart below presents the unemployment rate by 2010-2023 years.
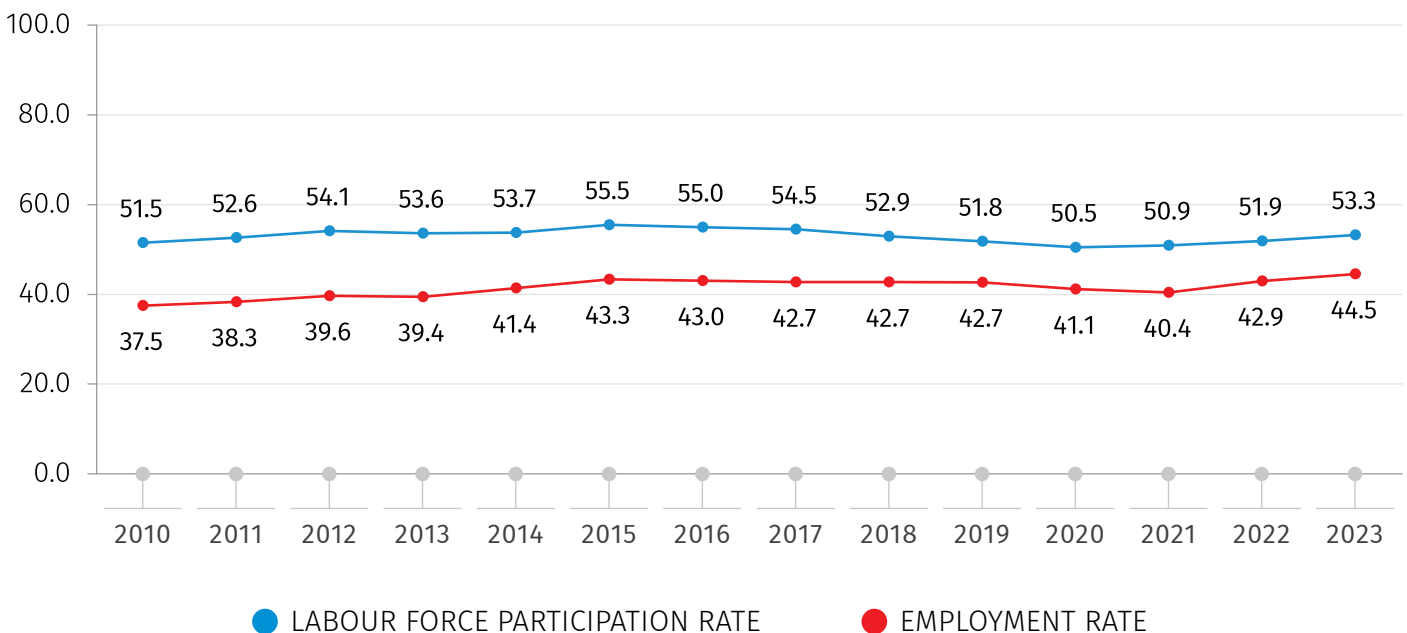
CHART №1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN GEORGIA

(%)

In 2023 labour force participation rate (share of the labour force in the total population aged 15 and older) increased by 1.4 percentage points compared to the previous year and became 53.3 percent, while the employment rate increased by 1.6 percentage points and amounted to 44.5 percent. The Labour force participation rate in urban settlements increased by 1.1 percentage points, while in rural settlements - by 1.6 percentage points compared to the previous year. The employment rate in urban settlements as well as in rural areas increased by 1.3 and 1.9 percentage points and equaled 45.4 and 43.4 percent, respectively.

The chart below presents the labour force participation rate and the employment rate by 2010-2023 years.

CHART №2

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE AND EMPLOYMENT RATE

(%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	51.5	52.6	54.1	53.6	53.7	55.5	55.0	54.5	52.9	51.8	50.5	50.9	51.9	53.3
EMPLOYMENT RATE	37.5	38.3	39.6	39.4	41.4	43.3	43.0	42.7	42.7	42.7	41.1	40.4	42.9	44.5

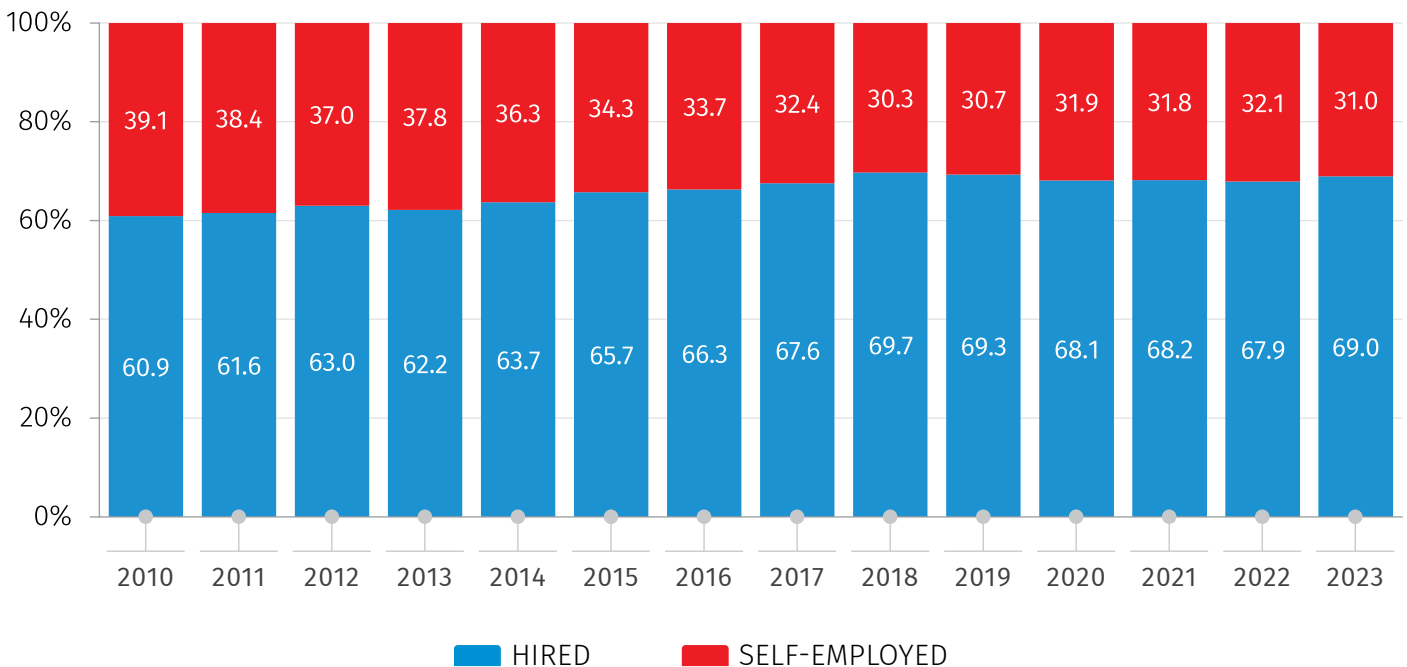● LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE   ● EMPLOYMENT RATE

In 2023, the share of hired employees was 69.0 percent among employed persons, which is 1.1 percentage points higher than the previous year.

The chart below presents the distribution of employed by status in employment by 2010-2023 years.

CHART №3

DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYED BY STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT

(%)

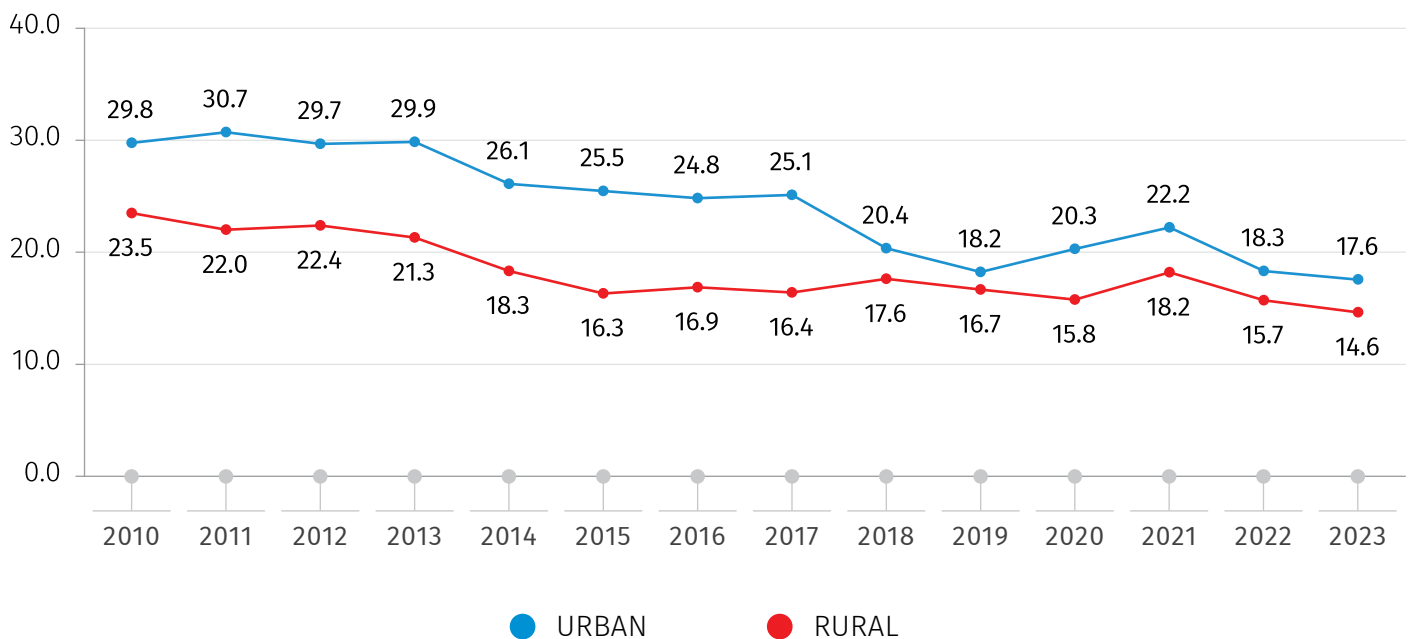| Year	HIRED	SELF-EMPLOYED
2010	60.9	39.1
2011	61.6	38.4
2012	63.0	37.0
2013	62.2	37.8
2014	63.7	36.3
2015	65.7	34.3
2016	66.3	33.7
2017	67.6	32.4
2018	69.7	30.3
2019	69.3	30.7
2020	68.1	31.9
2021	68.2	31.8
2022	67.9	32.1
2023	69.0	31.0

In 2023, the unemployment rate in urban settlements decreased by 0.8 percentage points compared to the previous year and in rural settlements - by 1.1 percentage points.

The chart below presents the unemployment rate in urban-rural areas by 2010-2023 years.

CHART №4

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY URBAN-RURAL
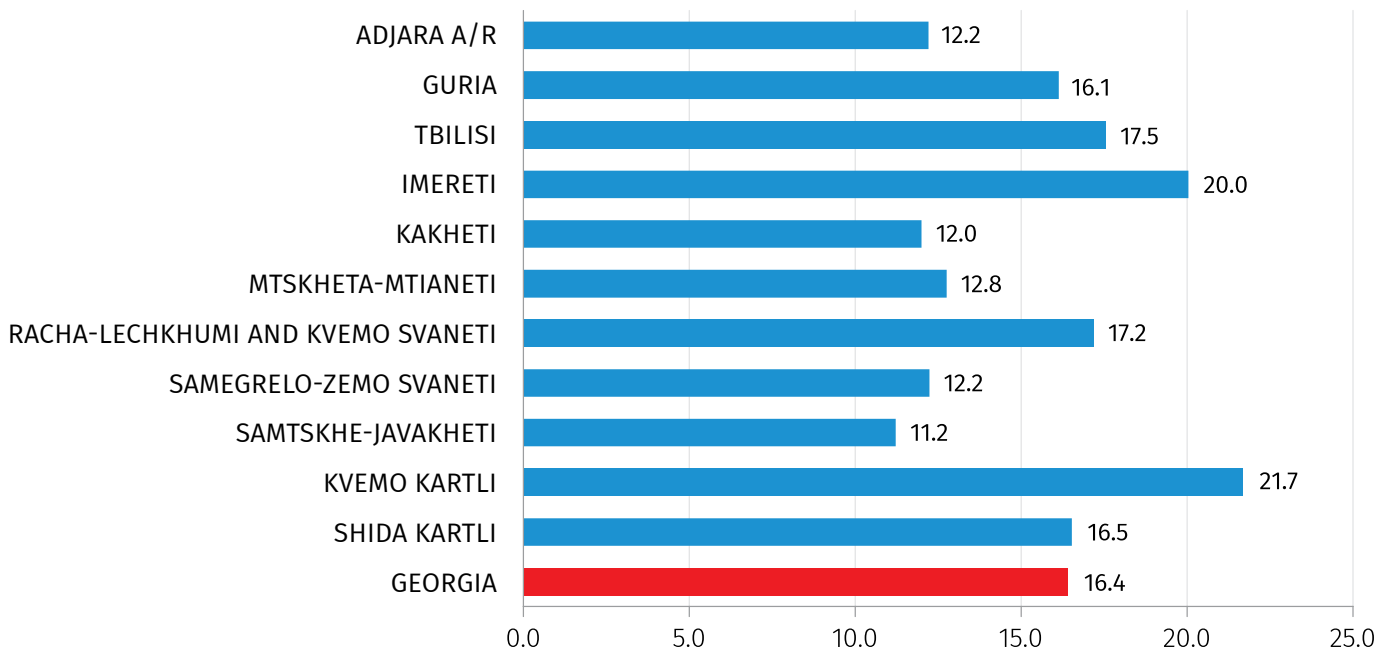
(%)

URBAN   RURAL

In 2023, compared to the previous year, the most significant decline in the unemployment rate was observed in Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo-Svaneti, Adjara and Tbilisi regions by 7.7, 6.2 and 2.0 percentage points, respectively.

The chart below presents the unemployment rates in 2023 by region.

CHART №5

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY REGION

(%)

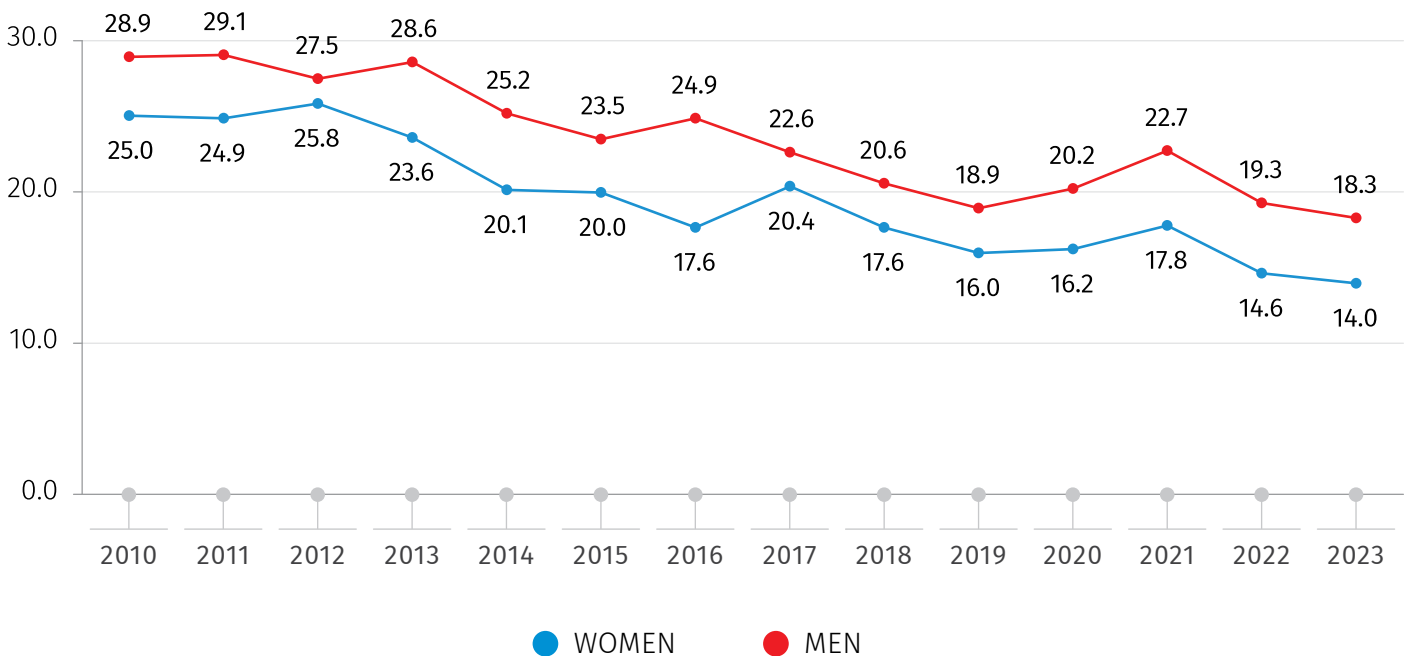| Region	Rate
ADJARA A/R	12.2
GURIA	16.1
TBILISI	17.5
IMERETI	20.0
KAKHETI	12.0
MTSKHETA-MTIANETI	12.8
RACHA-LECHKHUMI AND KVEMO SVANETI	17.2
SAMEGRELO-ZEMO SVANETI	12.2
SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI	11.2
KVEMO KARTLI	21.7
SHIDA KARTLI	16.5
GEORGIA	16.4

Traditionally, the unemployment rate is higher for men than for women. In 2023, compared to the previous year this indicator decreased for women by 0.7 percentage points and by 1.0 percentage points for men.

The chart below presents the unemployment rate by sex for 2010-2023 years.

CHART №6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY SEX

(%)

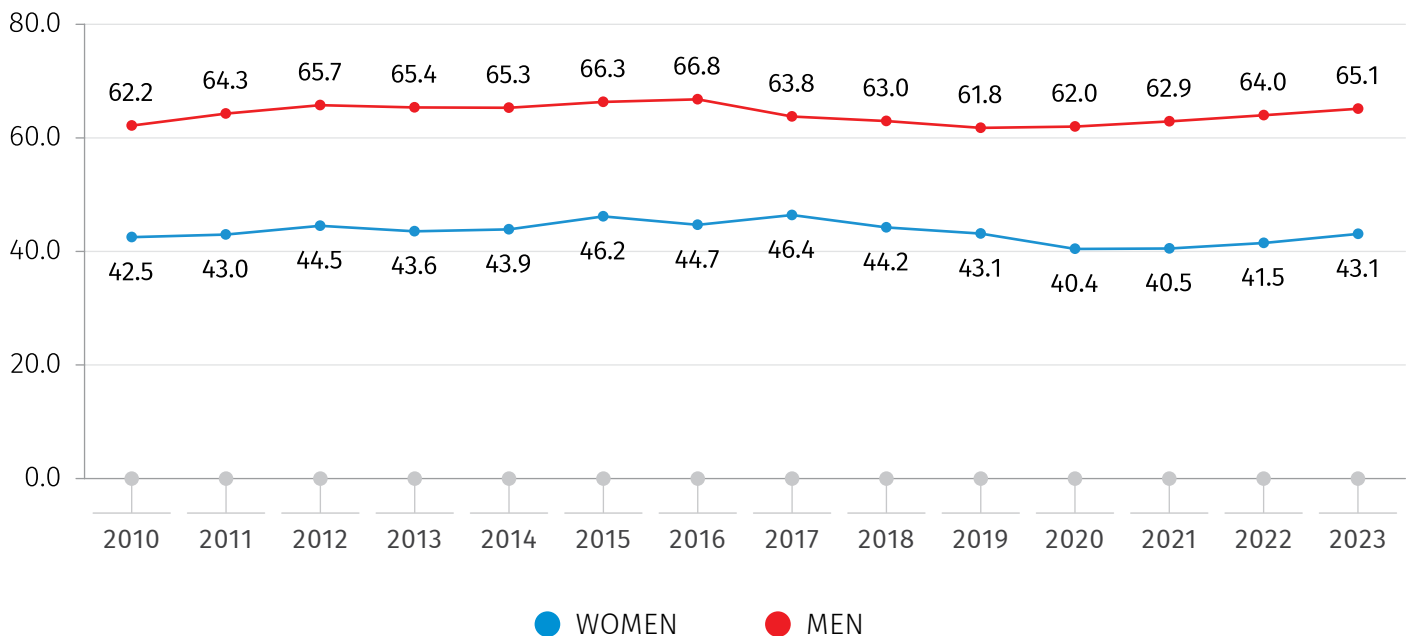|	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
WOMEN	25.0	24.9	25.8	23.6	20.1	20.0	17.6	20.4	17.6	16.0	16.2	17.8	14.6	14.0
MEN	28.9	29.1	27.5	28.6	25.2	23.5	24.9	22.6	20.6	18.9	20.2	22.7	19.3	18.3

● WOMEN   ● MEN

The labour force participation rate is higher for men than for women. In 2023 the indicator for women was 43.1 percent and for men – 65.1 percent. The labour force participation rate for women increased by 1.6, while that increased by 1.1 percentage points for men, compared to the previous year.

The chart below presents the labour force participation rate by sex for 2010-2023 years.

CHART №7

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE BY SEX

(%)

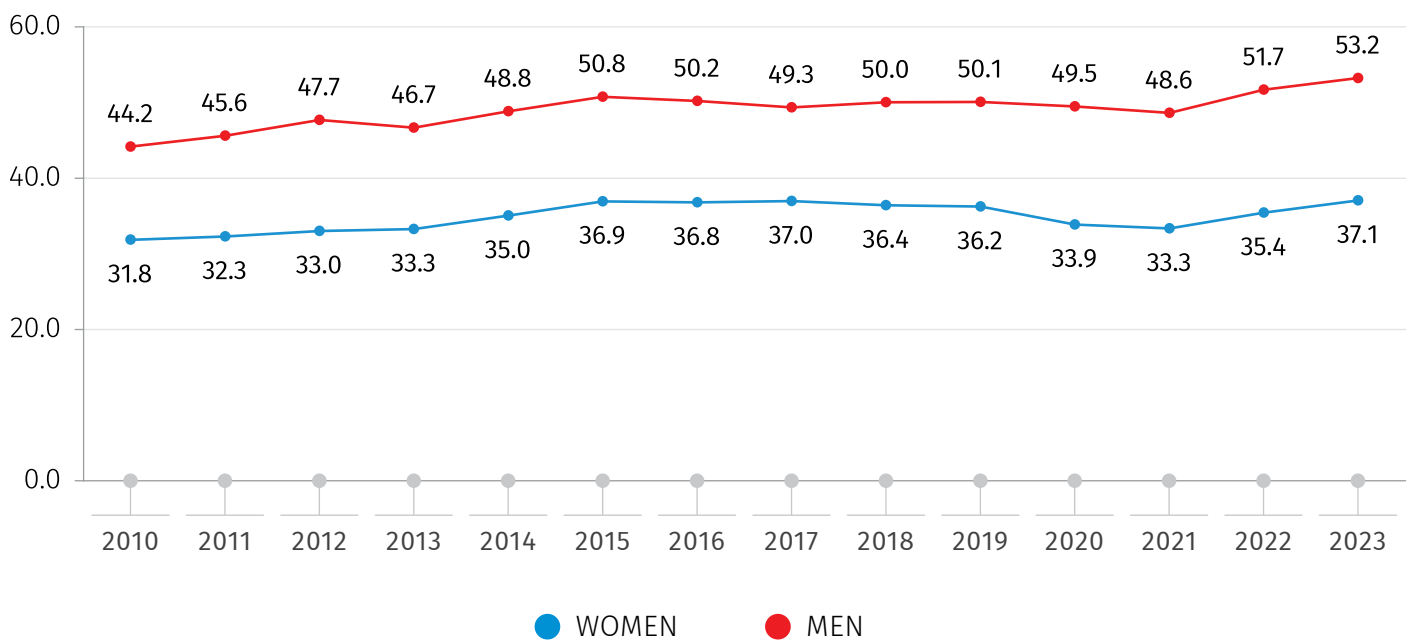| Year	WOMEN	MEN
2010	42.5	62.2
2011	43.0	64.3
2012	44.5	65.7
2013	43.6	65.4
2014	43.9	65.3
2015	46.2	66.3
2016	44.7	66.8
2017	46.4	63.8
2018	44.2	63.0
2019	43.1	61.8
2020	40.4	62.0
2021	40.5	62.9
2022	41.5	64.0
2023	43.1	65.1

● WOMEN   ● MEN

In 2023 the employment rate for women, as well as for men increased by 1.6 percentage points, respectively, compared to the previous year.

The chart below presents the employment rate by sex for 2010-2023 years.

CHART №8

EMPLOYMENT RATE BY SEX

(%)

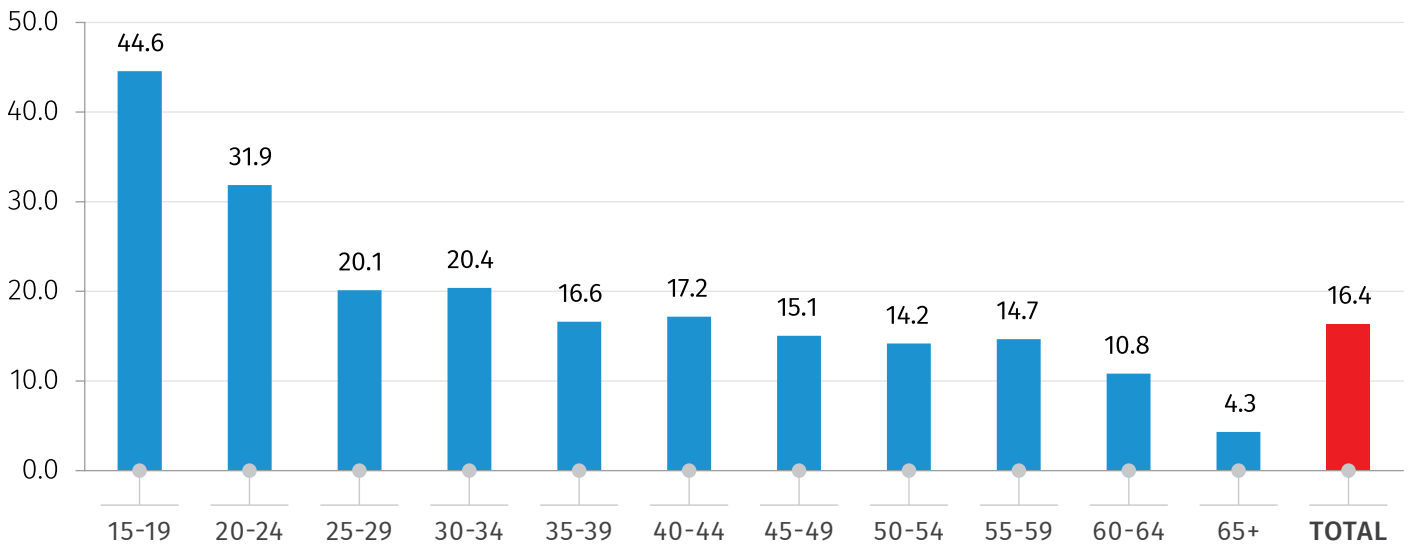| Year	WOMEN	MEN
2010	31.8	44.2
2011	32.3	45.6
2012	33.0	47.7
2013	33.3	46.7
2014	35.0	48.8
2015	36.9	50.8
2016	36.8	50.2
2017	37.0	49.3
2018	36.4	50.0
2019	36.2	50.1
2020	33.9	49.5
2021	33.3	48.6
2022	35.4	51.7
2023	37.1	53.2

● WOMEN   ● MEN

In 2023, the highest rate of unemployment was in the age group of 15-19 years (44.6 percent), while this indicator is traditionally the lowest in the 65+ age group (4.3 percent) due to the low activity of the population in this age group.

The chart below presents the unemployment rate by age groups in 2023 year.

CHART №9

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE GROUPS

(%)

Age group	Rate
15-19	44.6
20-24	31.9
25-29	20.1
30-34	20.4
35-39	16.6
40-44	17.2
45-49	15.1
50-54	14.2
55-59	14.7
60-64	10.8
65+	4.3
TOTAL	16.4

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