

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JAMMU & KASHMIR

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## ABSTRACT

*The present study reported about the unemployment rate in J&K, it has been observed from the study that day by day unemployment rate is increasing in state, yet the government has not take any steps to control like this flood of unemployment. It's a serious issue that J&K is higher than average National unemployment rate.*

## INTRODUCTION

Unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir is higher than average National unemployment rate, with JK's having 24.6 percent population in the age of (18-29 years) unemployed which is far more than All India unemployment rate of 13.2 percent, reveals an official report. JK which is already facing the brunt of turmoil resulting in negligible investments with business marred by uncertainties, the unemployment rate indicates the problems which educated youth in Kashmir go through. "In JK, unemployment rate is 24.6 percent using Usual Principal Status (UPS) approach, while as the persons in the age of 18-29 years had UR 13.2 percent at the All India Level using UPS approach It adds that unemployment rate in the age group of 18-29 years is highest among females i.e 45.1 percent. While as among male in the same age group the unemployment rate is 17.8 percent.

Further age group of 30 years and above at all India level UR is 1.6 percent while in JK it is 1.3 percent. The number of unemployed youth registered in various District Employment Exchanges of the JK State is 111077 lakh in 2005, as on ending March. However, the number is only representing those youth who have registered themselves at various district employment exchanges, but it doesn't give actual figure of unemployment. Unemployment rate in India has shot up in 2015-16, with the figure significantly higher at 8.7 per cent for women

as compared to 4.3 per cent for men, states the report by Labour Bureau. The figures could be an alarm bell for BJP-ruled government at the Centre, which has taken series of steps such as ‘Make in India’ to create jobs for inclusive growth in the country. According to the fifth annual employment-unemployment survey at all-India level, about 77 per cent of the households were reported to be having no regular wage/salaried person. It said the unemployment rate was estimated to be 13.2 per cent at all-India level under the UPS (Usual Principal Status) approach. Unemployment rate was 4.9 per cent in 2013-14, 4.7 per cent (2012-13), 3.8 per cent (2011-12) and 9.3 per cent (2009-10). Labour Bureau did not bring out any such report for 2014-15.

- (1) Number of registered job seekers has increased from 1.11 lakh in 2007 to 6.01 lakh in 2011 registering an increase of 439%
- (2) 3,21,562 unemployed youth have registered themselves in Kashmir region, while the number is 2,80,285 in Jammu province
- (3) Unemployment rate for males is 3.6% whereas that of females is 17.1%
- (4) Unemployment rate in urban areas stood at 6.5% as against 4.9% in rural areas

The Jammu and Kashmir state has earned a distinction to have the highest number of unemployment rate in entire North India, reveals a survey. As per the “Annual Employment and Unemployment Survey Report released by Labour Bureau under Union Ministry of Labor and Employment, J&K has the highest unemployment rate in North India with 10 percent unemployment rate. The number of unemployed youths registered in various district employments and counseling centers was 6.01 lakh in 2011. The number would touch 10 lakh in 2017 as thousands of youths had been passing out from various universities in the country every year. Due to lack of political will, the unemployment rate is increasing while the pockets of politicians are swelling, over the years the exact number of unemployed educated youth in the state was not known as registration in the employment exchanges was not mandatory for them to get a government job. As per directions of the Supreme Court, the registration with the employment exchanges was held as not mandatory for obtaining government job. The government did not have exact figures about educated or uneducated unemployed persons. It is a serious issue the Government would plan job policy on basis of one lakh figure and not six lakh. In the year 2011, the “Government should re-work the data and present the factual picture. The government should aware about the threat of radicalization due to the growing rate of unemployment in the state. Late Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Mufti Mohammad Sayeed said that unemployment was the real challenge faced by his government.

## METHODOLOGY

The data was collected from various employment exchanges of state, Field survey & Secondary was collected from newspapers, related articles, Libraries etc to know the actual figure of unemployment in the state of J&K.

### Unemployment in J&K much higher than national average

The unemployment rate for persons between 18-29 years of age in the state is 24.6%, which is higher than the national unemployment rate of 13.2% in the same age group, showed an analysis of the Jammu and Kashmir budget 2017-18.

## CONCLUSION

It was observed from the study that unemployment rate is increasing in the state rapidly we have seen for the year 2005 it was only 1 lakh , for the year 2011 it was 6 lakh & for the year 2017 its about 10 lakh. The actual figure is showing high unemployment rate in state, yet the government has not take any steps to control like this flood of unemployment. It's a serious issue that J&K is higher than average National unemployment rate.

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