

2026 August Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

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The India's overall workforce participation rate (WPR) for age 15 years and above increased to 52.8 per cent in August.

- It was the highest level recorded since March, 2026.
- **Released by** - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Purpose** - PLFS is the primary source of data on activity participation and employment and unemployment conditions of the population.
- Monthly results of PLFS are released in the form of Monthly Bulletins.
- It presents estimates of key labour market indicators -
- **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** measures the percentage of the working-age population that is either working or actively looking for a job.
- **Worker Population Ratio (WPR)** is the percentage of employed people out of the total population.
- A person is unemployed if they did not work but actively sought or was available for work.
- **Current Weekly Status (CWS)** -
 - Reference Period: Uses the last 7 days preceding the survey date.
 - Employed Status: A person is employed if they worked for at least 1 hour on any day of the reference week.

Reference

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