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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CAS	Central Administration of Statistics
GER	The Gross Enrolment Ratio
ILO	International Labour Organization
LFHLCS	Labour Force and Households' Living Conditions Survey
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NER	The Net Enrolment Rate
NSSF	National Social Security Fund
SMAM	Singulate Mean Age at Marriage
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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The 2018-2019 LFHLCS is the first Lebanese survey to produce estimates not only at the national and sub-national governorate (*mouhafaza*) levels, but also at the district (*caza*) level. Lebanon is composed of eight governorates, called *mouhafaza*, and 26 districts, called *caza*. Only the governorates of Beirut and Akkar were taken as a whole in the survey sample and were not subdivided into districts.

LFHLCS covered all the population of Lebanon living in primary residential dwellings. It was carried out from April 2018 to March 2019. It did not cover the population living in non-residential units, such as construction and agriculture sites, shops, stores, factories, unfinished buildings, army barracks, refugee camps and adjacent gatherings, and informal settlements.

With an unprecedented complete national sample size of 50,000 households, more than 39,000 responded to the survey, providing a relatively high response rate of 79%.

Through 227 questions organized into 10 modules, the LFHLCS questionnaire gathered extensive data that were used in the production of a broad array of indicators and a cross-sectional analysis regarding:

- The demographic and social characteristics of households and the individuals living in them on a regular basis (more than six months in a year), including information on education, health, social security and others;
- The labour force situation and the economic activity of all active individuals in the household;
- The characteristics of the household and the conditions of the dwellings and the available amenities.

The concepts, definitions and methodologies that were used in the survey, were designed according to the latest international survey statistical standards especially those in line with the 19th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization.²

¹ For more information about the 2018-2019 LFHLCS, refer to the main survey report, available at <http://www.cas.gov.lb/index.php/component/content/article?id=212>.

² Source: ILO, *Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization, 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, 2013*.

District Statistics

The district statistics represent an invaluable source of updated information and analysis of the prevailing social and economic conditions in each district. They are made available to the district authorities and leadership - including the Kâim-Makâm (Caza Governor), the District Unions of Municipalities, and a range of other government and non-government district planners, policy makers and users. The district statistics also aim at informing appropriate and evidence-based development policies and programmes at the district level.

This report presents data pertaining to the district of Matn, which is situated in the Governorate of Mount Lebanon.

It consists of five chapters highlighting the following aspects:



- I. Demographics
- II. Housing
- III. Education
- IV. Social and Economic Background
- V. Labour Force and Employment

Wherever possible and statistically significant, the indicators presented at the district level are compared to the national values for the purpose of contextualization and comparison.





I. DEMOGRAPHICS

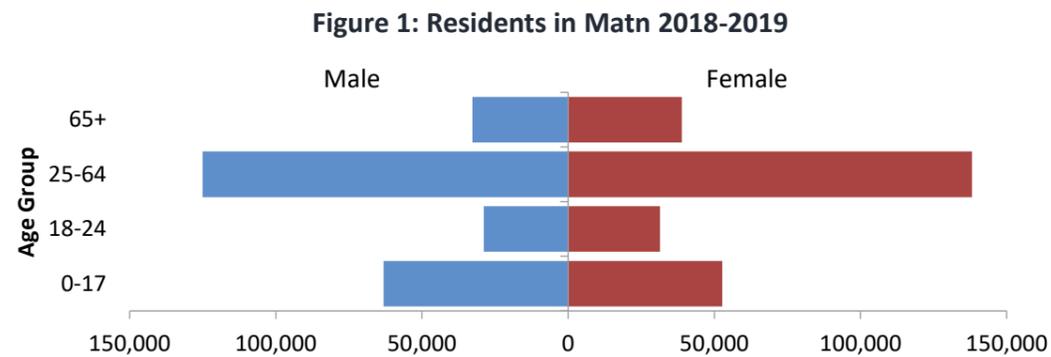
The residents in Matn: who and how many are they?

The survey results show that in 2018–19, the caza of Matn hosted 10.6 per cent of residents of Lebanon, with around 511,000 residents. 51.1 per cent of the residents were females and 48.9 per cent males.

whereas those aged between 18 and 24 years old represented 11.8 per cent. The remaining 14 per cent were the older residents (65+ years old). (Figure 1)

51.5 per cent of the residents in Matn were found in the age group 25–64 years. The younger residents of less than 18 years old represented 22.7 per cent of the total,

In 2018–19, the age dependency ratio³ for Matn was 48.2 per cent, compared to 53.9 per cent at the national level. Compared to the other cazas, this ratio was one of the lowest.



The Survey results showed that males predominated as heads of household. It was estimated that 78.6 per cent of households were headed by a man compared to 81.5 per cent nationally, while 21.4 per cent of households were headed by a woman relatively to 18.5 per cent in Lebanon. (Figure 2)

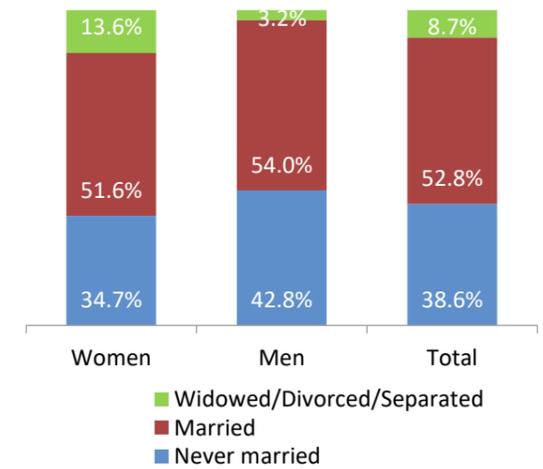
Figure 2: Head of household by sex



³Age dependency ratio is the number of dependents aged 0-14 years and those aged 65+ compared to the total population aged 15-64 years, which is the working age population. It describes the degree to which the economically non-productive population is dependent on the working-age population. The higher the ratio, the greater the economic burden.

52.8 per cent of all residents aged 15 years and above declared that they were “married” in 2018–19, whereas 38.6 per cent stated that they were “never married”. The proportion of married women (51.6 per cent) was lower than for men (54 per cent), and the share of never married women (34.7 per cent) was lower than for men (42.8 per cent). Interestingly, the share of women who stated they were either widowed, divorced or separated (13.6 per cent) was at least four times higher than that of men (3.2 per cent). (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Marital status (aged 15+) by sex



WHAT IS THE SMAM?

The singulate mean age at marriage (SMAM) is the average length of single life expressed in years among those who marry before age 50. It is a synthetic indicator calculated from marital status categories of men and women aged 15 to 54 at the date of the census or the survey.

In Matn, the Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM) was 28 years for women and 32.9 years for men, a result that showed a delay in the age of marriage with respect to the national level where the mean age of marriage was found to be 25.6 and 30.7 for women and men respectively.



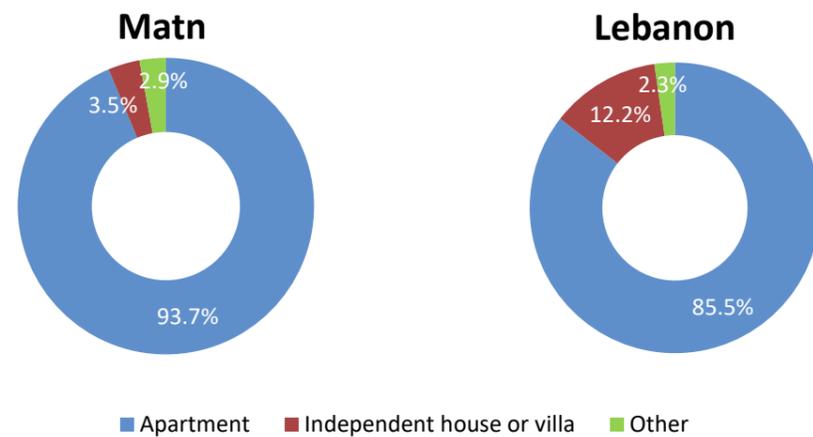
II. HOUSING

Where do residents in Matn live?

Primary residences in Matn are mostly apartments (93.7 per cent), followed by independent houses or villas (3.5 per cent). It is worth noting that the percentage of

apartments at the caza level is higher than that at the national level, however, that of the independent houses or villas is noticeably lower. (Figure 4)

Figure 4: Distribution of primary residences by type of dwelling

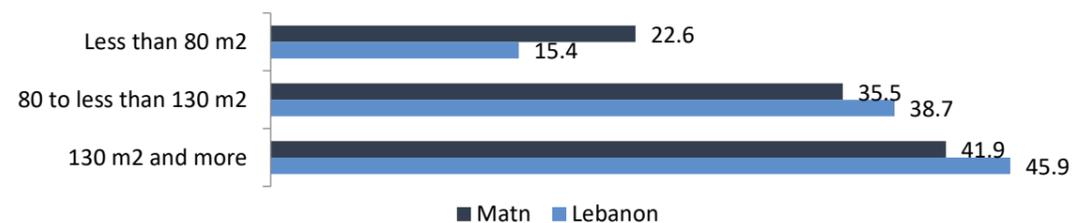


Primary residences by area (m²)

41.9 per cent of primary residences in Matn were large residences of 130 m² and over, compared to 45.9 per cent nationally. Small residences of less than 80 m² were the least common – 22.6 per cent of the dwellings,

compared to 15.4 per cent at the level of the country. Residences between 80 and 130 square meters comprised 35.5 per cent of the total, compared to 38.7 per cent at the national level. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Primary residences by area of residence (%)

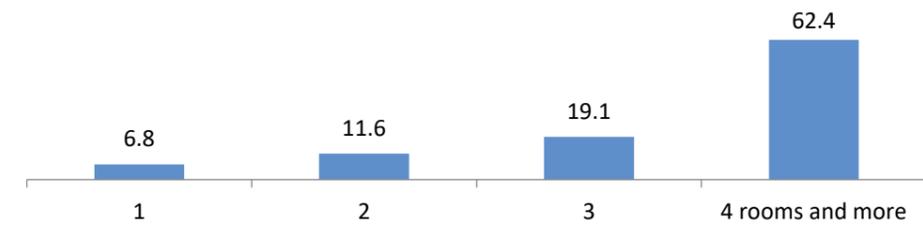


How many rooms does a household have?

62.4 per cent of the primary residences had 4 rooms and over, followed by 19.1 per cent dwellings composed of 3 rooms. Nationally,

57.8 per cent of the primary residences had 4 rooms and over and 25.1 per cent had 3 rooms. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Primary residences by number of rooms (%)



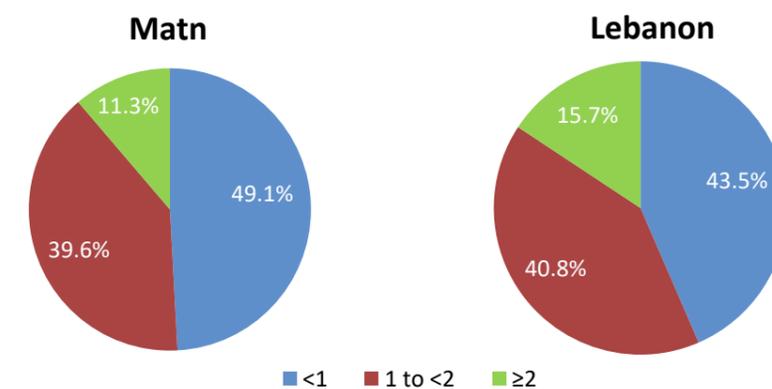
Persons per room

The number of individuals per room is an indicator that provides a measure of residential crowding and occupancy.

the national level, the distribution of households was higher for the first group of density, whereas it was almost equal for the second group. As for the residences that were found to be more crowded (more than two persons per room), they represented 11.3 per cent of the households, a proportion that was found to be below the national level. (Figure 7)

In Matn, 49.1 per cent of the households had a density of less than one individual per room, followed by 39.6 per cent of households who had a density between one and two individuals per room. Compared to

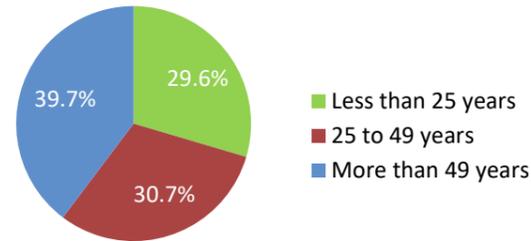
Figure 7: Persons per room (%)



Are the primary residences old or new?

39.7 per cent of the dwellings in Matn were constructed more than 49 years ago, a percentage noticeably higher than that observed all over Lebanon (31.8 per cent). On the other side, 29.6 per cent of primary residences were constructed less than 25 years ago, compared to 33.8 per cent nationally. (Figure 8)

Figure 8: Primary residences by age of residence

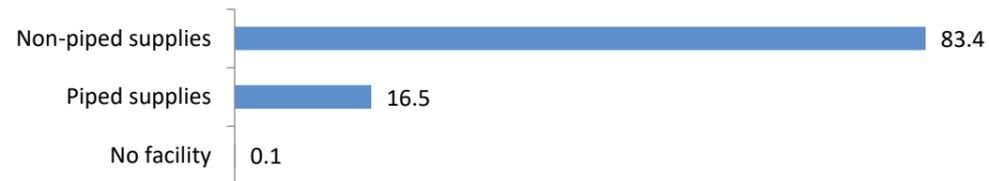


Connectivity to infrastructure and utilities

Non-piped water supply (83.4 per cent) was the main source of drinking water in Matn and more prevalent at the district level than the national level (76.9 per cent). For only 16.5 per cent of households, drinking water

was in the form of a supply piped directly to the residence, whereas 0.1 per cent of dwellings had no drinking water facility whatsoever. (Figure 9)

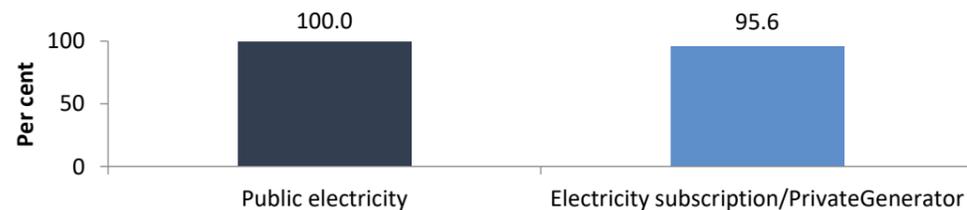
Figure 9: Facilities of main source of drinking water at the dwelling (%)



Almost all the households were connected to the public electricity network in Matn, whereas 95.6 per cent of households were subscribed to a private electricity source or had their own private generator. At the national level, almost identical results were

observed for the connection to the public electricity; however, subscription to a private electricity was markedly more prevalent in Matn (84 per cent in Lebanon). (Figure 10)

Figure 10: Sources of electricity in primary residences



Cost associated with residence

The average yearly expenditure on services for main dwellings in Matn was estimated at approximately 3,346 thousand LBP, compared to 3,308 thousand LBP nationally. At the district level, average spending was mainly on generators (1,287 thousand LBP) followed by electricity (769 thousand LBP); whereas the lowest average yearly expenses

were on satellite/dish (239 thousand LBP). These expenses were higher compared to the ones observed at the national level, except for satellite/dish where the expenses at both levels were nearly the same. The median annual expenses were equal in Matn and in Lebanon as a whole (2,940 thousand LBP). (Table 1)

Table 1: Yearly expenditures on services for main dwellings (in thousand LBP)

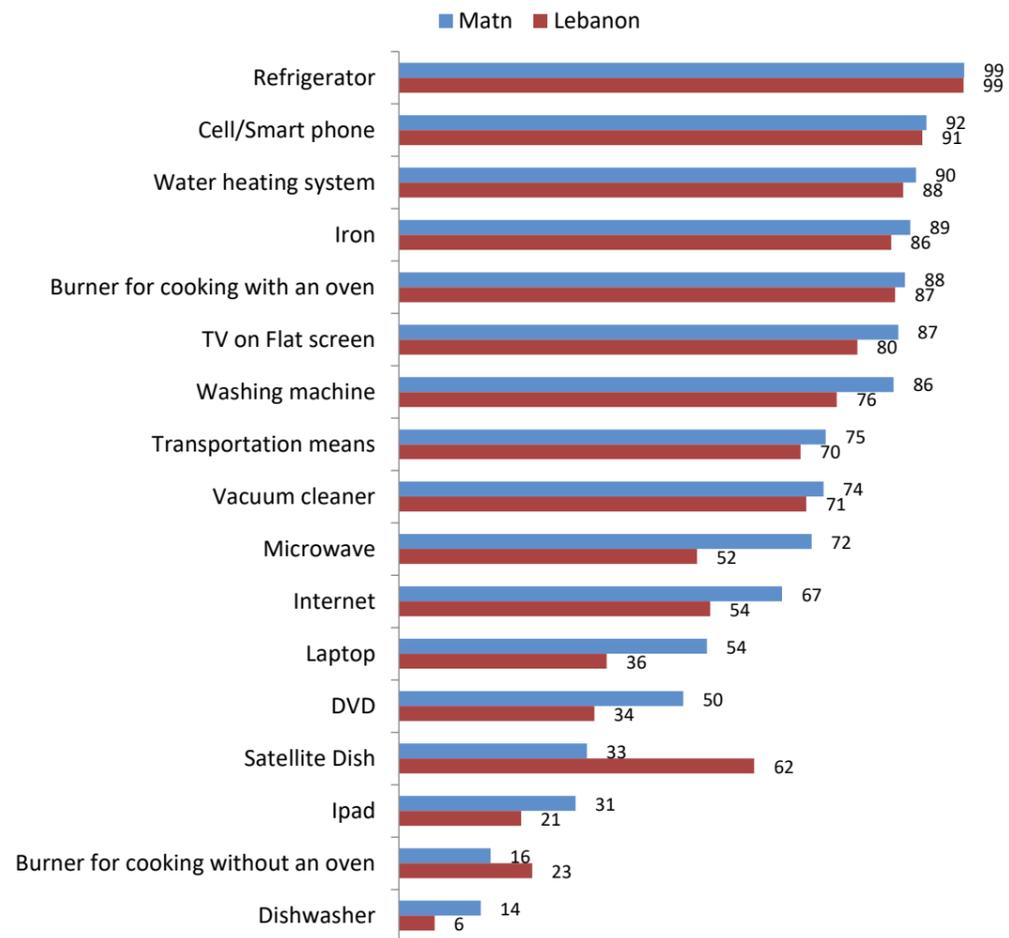
Services	Matn		Lebanon	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Public water	314	300	293	300
Electricity	769	600	671	480
Generator	1,287	1,080	1,100	900
Satellite/dish	239	240	231	240
Fixed phones (without Internet)	468	420	433	360
Total yearly Expenses on services	3,346	2,940	3,308	2,940

Home appliances and means of transportation

The results indicate that the ownership level of almost all the major home appliances in Matn was higher than the national level. Dishwashers were the least common in the district (14 per cent of households), yet more than double the proportion marked at the national level (6 per cent). It is instructive to note that the proportions of

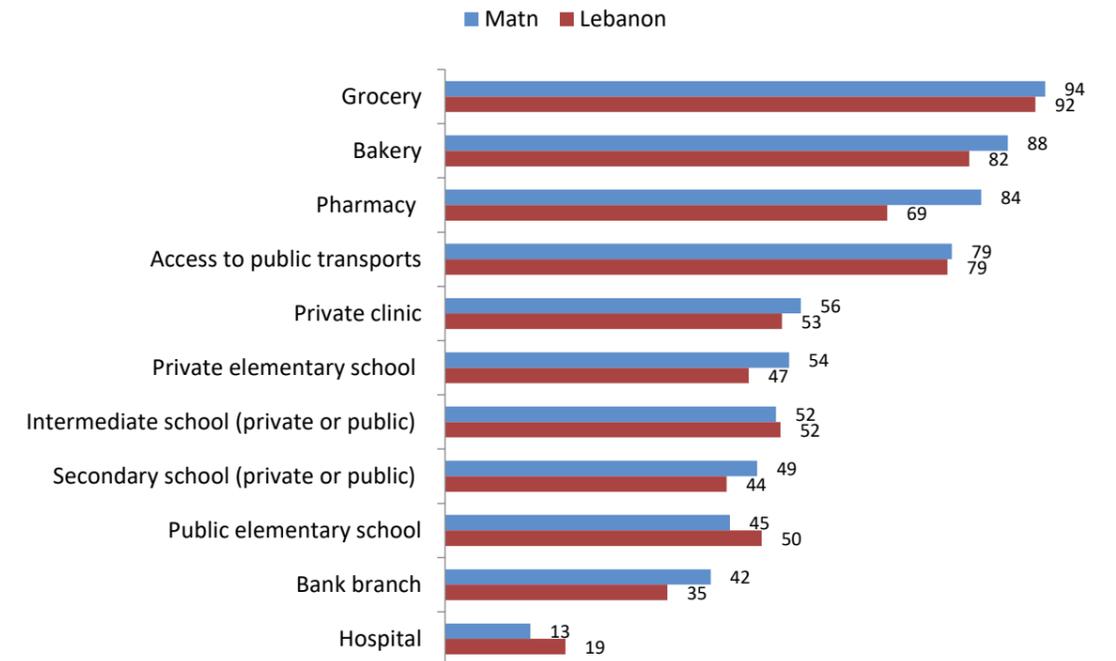
households who had a microwave, internet, a laptop or a DVD at home in Matn exceeded remarkably those observed in the whole of Lebanon. On the other side, the proportion of households who had a satellite dish fell considerably behind the national level. (Figure 11)

Figure 11: Home appliances types and means of transportation (%)



Note: The internet does not include Cable/ADSL/3G or 4G.

Figure 12: Access to services (%)



Access to basic services

The vast majority of primary residences reported having access to at least one grocery store (94 per cent), a bakery (88 per cent), a pharmacy (84 per cent) or public transports (79 per cent) within a 10-minute walk from home. Hospitals were the least common services in Matn (13 per cent).

In comparison with the national level, access to almost all the major services was higher in Matn. For instance, access to pharmacies was 15 percentage points higher (69 per cent in Lebanon). (Figure 12)



III. EDUCATION

Gross Enrolment Ratio versus Net Enrolment Rate

Both Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and Net Enrolment Rate (NER) decreased with level. In Matn, the GER at the elementary level was 96.6 per cent while it was 88.3 per cent at the secondary level. The NER at the elementary level was 87 per cent but decreased to 69.9 per cent at the secondary level. Compared to the national level, the GER was higher in Matn at the secondary level, whereas the NER was higher at both the intermediate and secondary levels. (Table 2)

Table 2: Enrolment by level of education (in %)

Level of education	Matn		Lebanon	
	Gross Enrolment Ratio	Net Enrolment Ratio	Gross Enrolment Ratio	Net Enrolment Ratio
Elementary level	96.6	87.0	98.9	87.2
Intermediate level	87.7	74.2	93.4	67.8
Secondary level	88.3	69.9	76.8	54.9

Note: These results exclude domestic workers

WHAT ARE THE GER AND NER?

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is defined as the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education. A high GER generally indicates a high degree of participation, whether the pupils belong to the official age group or not. A GER value approaching or exceeding 100% indicates that a country is, in principle, able to accommodate all of its school-age population.

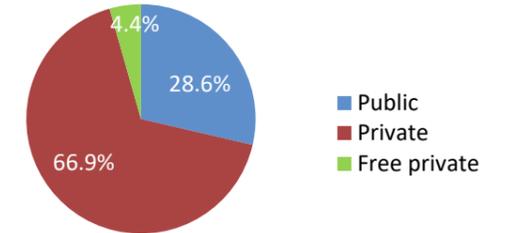
The Net Enrolment Rate (NER) is defined as the total number of students in the theoretical age group for a given level of education enrolled in that level, expressed as a percentage of the total population in that age group. A high NER denotes a high degree of coverage for the official school-age population. The theoretical maximum value is 100%.

*Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

Schooling in Matn

In Matn, students aged 3-24 years were more likely to enrol in private educational institutions (66.9 per cent), rather than public institutions (28.6 per cent). At the national level, the enrolment in private institutions was lower (47.8 per cent); however, the enrolment in public institutions was higher (46.5 per cent). (Figure 13)

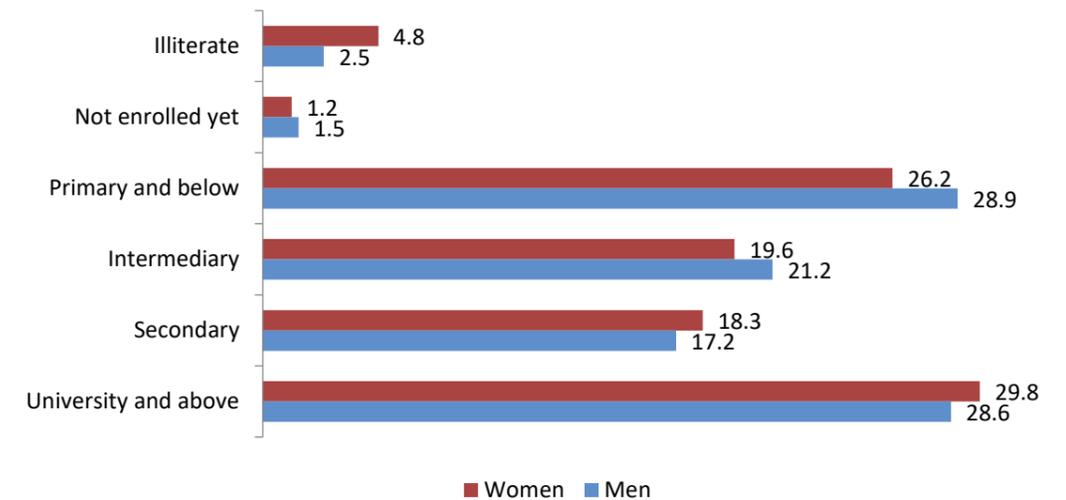
Figure 13: Distribution of students by type of educational institution



Almost one third of the residents aged 3 years and above in Matn (29.2 per cent) had attained a university-level education or above – slightly higher for women (29.8 per cent) than for men (28.6 per cent). For 27.5 per cent of the residents of the same age group, the highest attainment was a

"primary and below" level⁴. Although the illiterate residents were twice as high among females (8.7 per cent) as among males (4.4 per cent) at the national level, gender discrepancies were less observed at the caza level (2.5 per cent for men and 4.8 per cent for women). (Figure 14)

Figure 14: Residents (aged 3+) by level of education attained and sex (%)



The survey shows that the illiteracy rate for residents aged 10 years and above increased with age. 10.3 per cent of residents aged 65 years old and above were illiterate. In contrast, 1.6 per cent of those aged between 10 and 17 years old were illiterate. It is worth noting that women

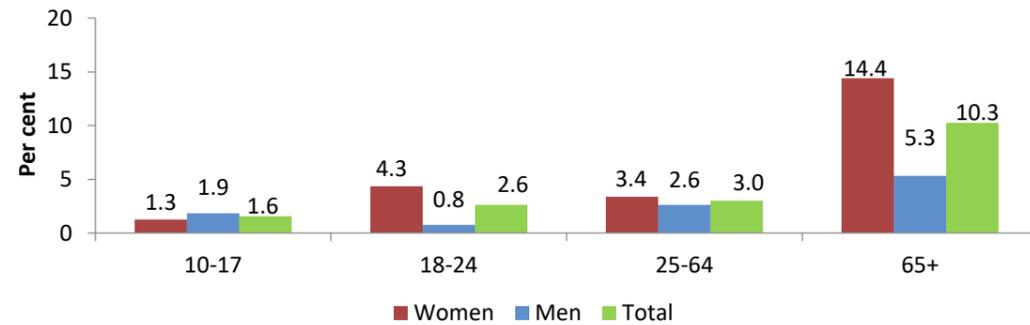
aged 18 years and above were more likely to be illiterate than men; yet, gender discrepancies were mostly noticed for illiterate residents aged 65 years and more, with a noticeable gender gap reaching 9.1 percentage points (14.4 per cent for women and 5.3 per cent for men). (Figure 15a)

⁴Primary and below: include Read and write, Pre-school, Primary, and undefined education level.



Matn district

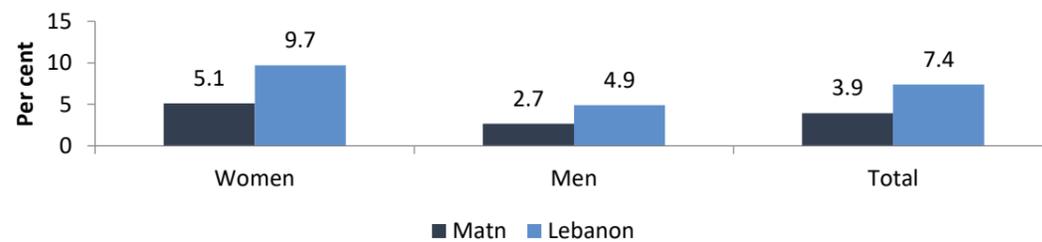
Figure 15a: Illiteracy rate by age group and sex (aged 10 years +)



At the caza level, Matn had the lowest illiteracy rate among residents aged 10 years and above (3.9 per cent). It was reported to be almost twice as lower than the national rate of 7.4 per cent. Additionally, the illiteracy rate was found to

be almost twice as higher for women (5.1 per cent) than for men (2.7 per cent) in the district, but also nationally, where it reached 9.7 per cent for women and 4.9 per cent for men. (Figure 15b)

Figure 15b: Total illiteracy rate by sex (aged 10 years +)



IV. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

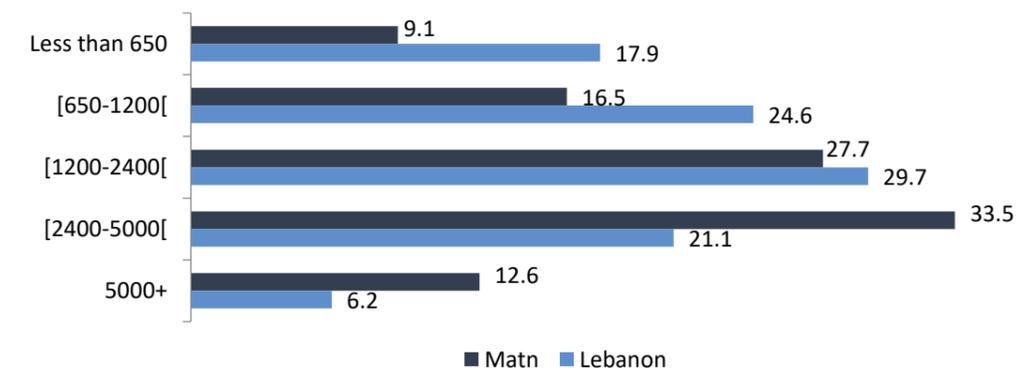
How much do households earn in total?

33.5 per cent of households in Matn had a total income from all sources ranging between 2,400 and 5,000 thousand LBP in the month preceding the Survey, a proportion above the national level (21.1 per cent). That was followed by 27.7 per cent of households at the caza level who had earnings between 1,200 and 2,400 thousand LBP, which is slightly below the percentage of households falling within the same income range at the country level (29.7 per cent). In contrast, households in Matn were less likely to earn a total income

less than 650 thousand LBP (9.1 per cent) or between 650 and 1,200 thousand LBP (16.5 per cent) compared to the other income categories. 12.6 per cent of households earned 5 million LBP or more, almost double the proportion observed in Lebanon as a whole (6.2 per cent).

Compared to the national level, households in Matn were less likely to earn a total income below 2,400 thousand LBP, whereas they were more likely to earn 2,400 thousand LBP or more. (Figure 16)

Figure 16: Household income range from all sources in the month preceding the Survey in thousand LBP (%)

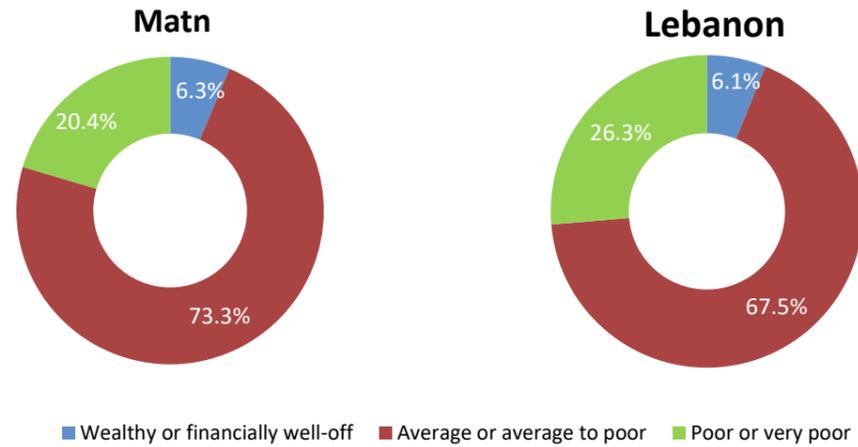


... and how do they perceive their wealth status?

Households classified their wealth status from their own subjective point of view. 73.3 per cent classified themselves as "average or average to poor", 20.4 per cent as "poor or very poor" and 6.3 per cent declared they are "wealthy or financially well-off". Nationally, the proportion of households who classified themselves as

"average or average to poor" was relatively lower (67.5 per cent), the proportion of those who declared they are "poor or very poor" was higher (26.3 per cent), whereas the proportion of those who considered themselves "wealthy or financially well-off" was nearly the same (6.1 per cent in Lebanon). (Figure 17)

Figure 17: Self classification of wealth of households

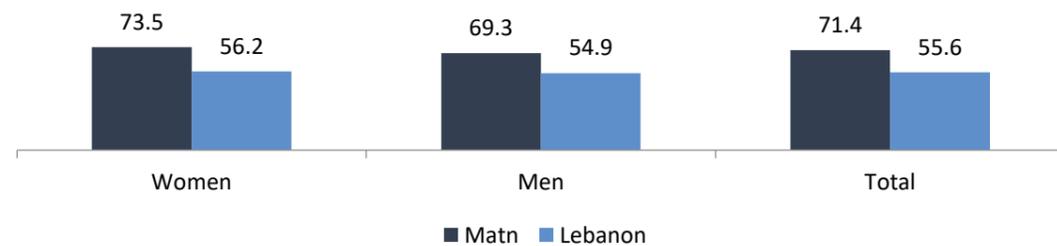


Health Coverage⁵

Interestingly, 71.4 per cent of the total residents in Matn were covered by at least one type of health insurance: this percentage was one of the highest compared to the other cazas. A higher health coverage was found for women (73.5

per cent) than for men (69.3 per cent). At the national level, the results show a relatively lower health coverage for both women (56.2 per cent) and men (54.9 per cent). (Figure 18)

Figure 18: Health coverage by sex (%)

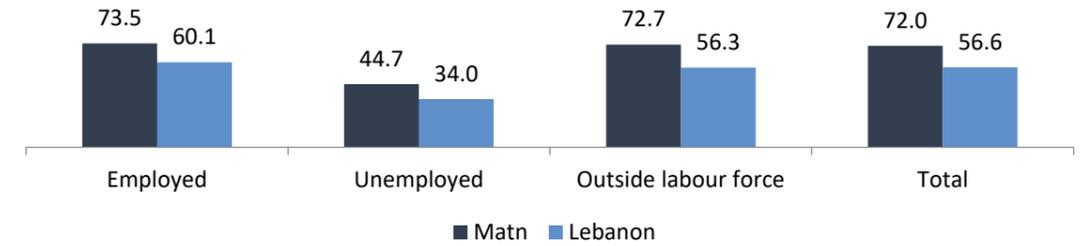


In Matn, the majority of the residents aged 15 years and above had a health coverage (72 per cent), whereas nationally, the proportion of the insured population in the same age group was remarkably lower (56.6 per cent). The proportions of employed, unemployed and residents outside the

labour force who were covered in Matn (73.5 per cent, 44.7 per cent and 72.7 per cent respectively) were all greater than those observed at the national level. It is worth noting that unemployed residents were the least covered in the district. (Figure 19)

⁵In this section, all the figures exclude the domestic workers.

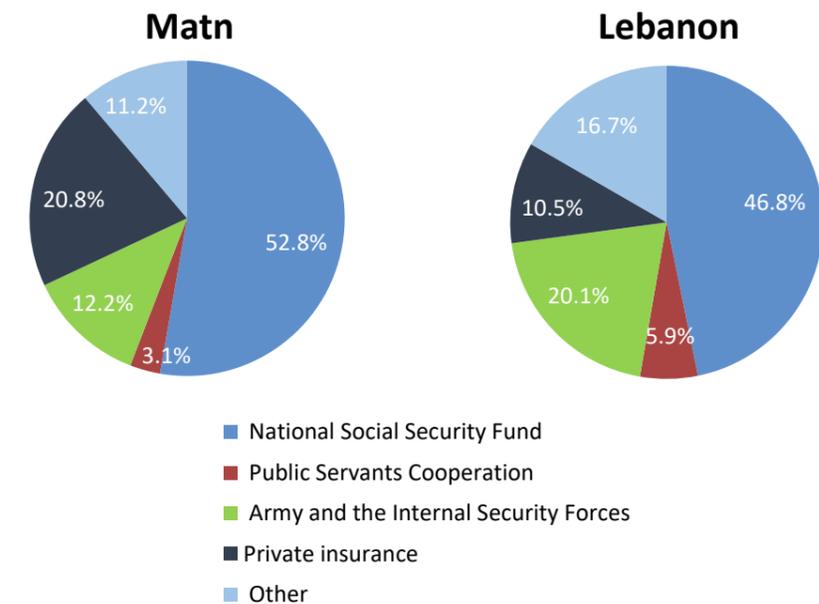
Figure 19: Residents (aged 15 years +) by employment status and health insurance coverage (%)



The main source of health coverage in Matn was the National Social Security Fund (NSSF)⁶, which covered 52.8 per cent of the insured population, compared to 46.8 per cent in the whole of Lebanon. Private Insurance coverage was markedly greater in Matn than in Lebanon (20.8 per cent compared to 10.5 per cent respectively). On

the other side, the Army and the Internal Security Forces health coverage was significantly lower in Matn (12.2 per cent) than in the whole of Lebanon (20.1 per cent). Public Servants Cooperation was the lowest source of health coverage in the caza (3.1 per cent). (Figure 20)

Figure 20: Distribution of residents benefiting from health insurance by source of insurance



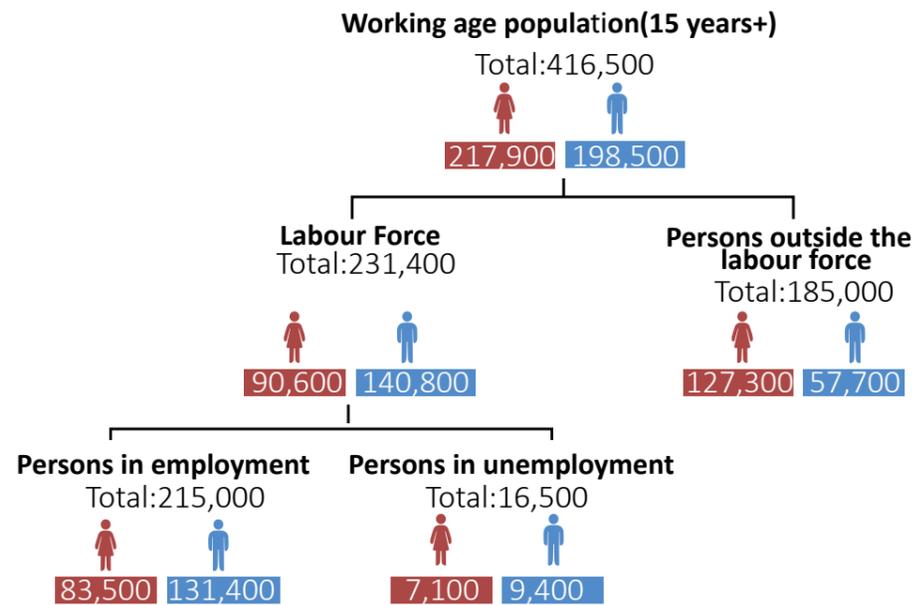
⁶ Including Facultative Fund.



V. LABOUR FORCE and EMPLOYMENT

Labour market structure

Among the estimated 416,500 individuals aged 15 years old and above living in primary residential dwellings in Matn in 2018–19, about 231,400 people were in the labour force, either employed (215,000) or unemployed (16,500). The remaining 185,000 individuals were outside the labour force.



Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals.

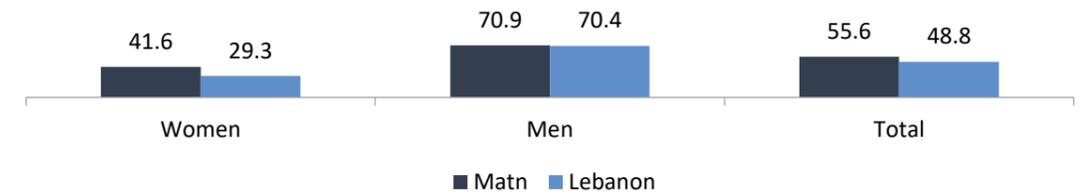
Who is Employed, Searching for a job or Inactive - From a Gender Point of View

Total labour participation rate⁷ in Matn was one of the highest among all cazas (55.6 percent). It was found to be higher than the national rate of 48.8 per cent. Gender disparity was high at the district level, still less accentuated than that at the national level. Men's participation rates (70.9 percent in Matn compared to 70.4 per cent in Lebanon) were higher compared to women's (41.6 per cent in Matn and 29.3 per cent in Lebanon) at both the district and national levels, with a notable gender gap⁸ reaching 29.3 percentage points and 41.1 percentage points respectively. (Figure 21)

⁷ Labour Force Participation Rate = $\frac{\text{Persons in Employment} + \text{Persons in Unemployment}}{\text{Working-age Population (15+years old)}} * 100$

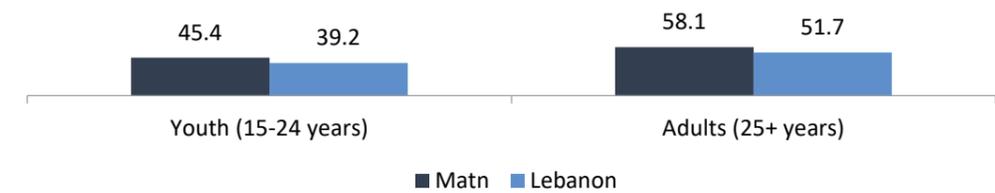
⁸In this brief, the gender gap is calculated by subtracting the female rate from the male rate.

Figure 21: Labour force participation rate (%)



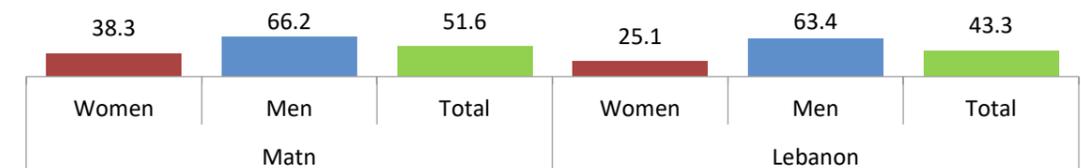
The share of the adult labour force (be they unemployed or in work) exceeded that of the youth and marked 58.1 per cent compared to 45.4 per cent in Matn, and 51.7 per cent compared to 39.2 per cent at the national level. (Figure 22)

Figure 22: Labour force participation rate among youth and adults (%)



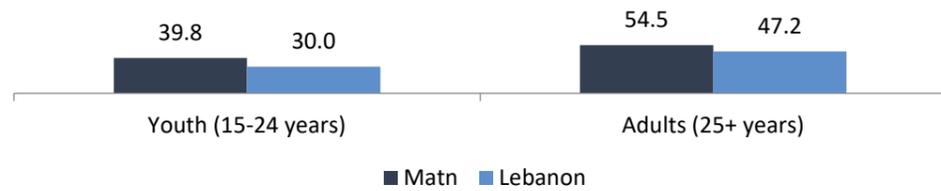
The employment-to-population ratio in Matn (51.6 per cent) was higher than that of the country (43.3 per cent). There were some notable gender disparities in the employment-to-population ratio at both the district and country levels. The employment-to-population ratio reached 38.3 per cent for women and 66.2 per cent for men aged 15 years and above in Matn, marking a gender gap of 27.9 percentage-point difference. In Lebanon, a quarter of women (25.1 per cent) and more than a half of men (63.4 per cent of men) were employed with a gender gap of 38.3 percentage-point difference. (Figure 23)

Figure 23: Employment-to-population ratio (%)



The comparison of the results by broad age groups shows that the youth employment-to-population ratio in Matn (39.8 per cent) was remarkably lower than that of the adults (54.5 per cent). It is worth noting that these ratios were greater than those marked at the national level. However, the gap between the two age groups was less significant at the caza level (14.7 percentage points relative to 17.2 percentage-point difference in Lebanon). (Figure 24)

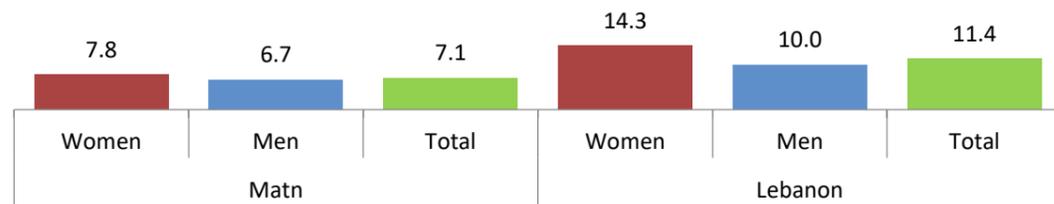
Figure 24: Employment-to-population ratio by broad age groups (%)



The unemployment rate⁹ in Matn was the lowest among all cazas (7.1 per cent) and fell behind that of Lebanon (11.4 per cent). Differences at the country level were observed between men (10 per cent) and women (14.3 per cent), yet the gap was smaller in Matn where the unemployment

rate was 7.8 per cent for women and 6.7 per cent for men. In other words, the gender gap in the unemployment rate marked a 1.1 percentage-point difference in Matn compared to 4.3 percentage-point difference in Lebanon as a whole. (Figure 25)

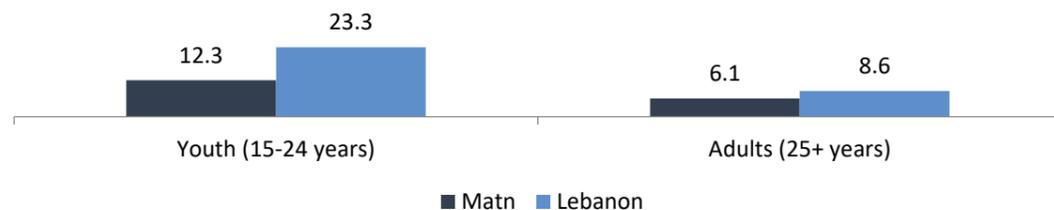
Figure 25: Unemployment rate by sex (%)



Unemployment was less prevalent among adults than among youth at both the district and country levels, with a rate reaching 6.1 per cent and 12.3 per cent respectively in Matn, compared to 8.6 per cent and 23.3

per cent respectively in Lebanon as a whole. The gap between the youth and the adults' unemployment rate reached 6.2 percentage points in Matn and 14.7 percentage points in Lebanon as a whole. (Figure 26)

Figure 26: Unemployment rate among youth and adults (%)

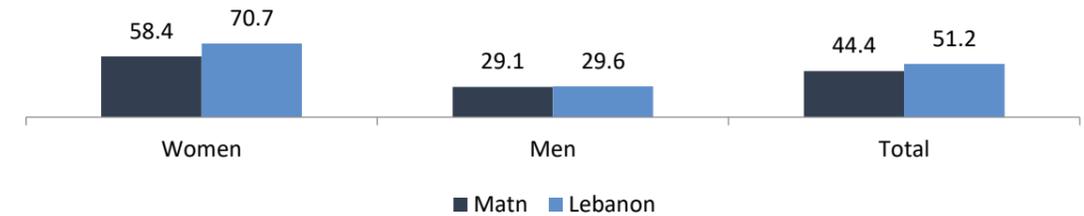


⁹ Unemployment rate = $\frac{\text{Persons in Unemployment (aged 15 years and above)}}{\text{Labour Force (aged 15 years and above)}} * 100$

The inactivity rate, which represents the proportion of the persons considered inactive- neither working nor looking for any job- in the total population aged 15 years and above in Matn (44.4 per cent), fell behind that of Lebanon (51.2 per cent) and

was one of the lowest at the caza level. 58.4 per cent of women and 29.1 per cent of men were inactive in Matn, compared to 70.7 per cent of women and 29.6 per cent of men in the whole of Lebanon. (Figure 27)

Figure 27: Inactivity rate of residents aged 15 years + (%)

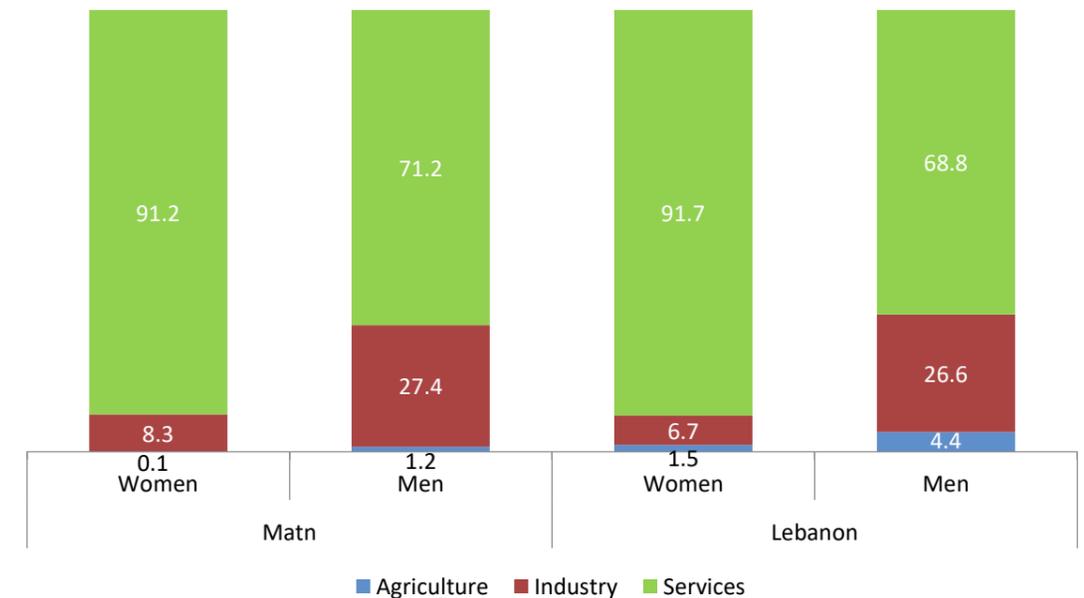


Where do they work?

The Services sector was the largest employment sector for women and men, with respectively 91.2 per cent and 71.2 per cent in Matn, compared to 91.7 per cent and 68.8 per cent in Lebanon. In this sector, women surpassed men by 20 percentage points at the caza level. It was particularly noticeable that 27.4 per cent of working

men and 8.3 per cent of working women were employed in industry in Matn, compared to 26.6 per cent of working men and 6.7 per cent of working women in the whole of Lebanon. Agriculture in Matn was almost absent for both men and women. (Figure 28)

Figure 28: Economic activity sector by sex (%)

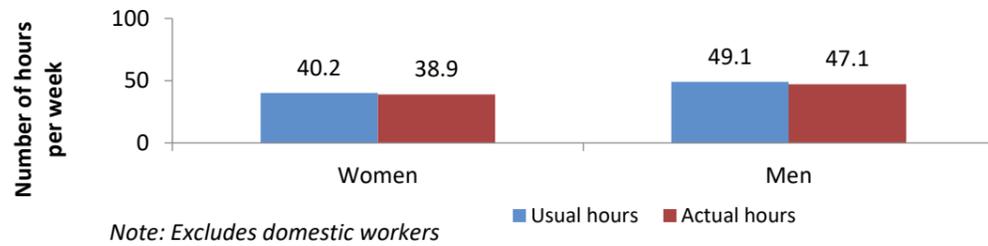


... and how many hours per week

Men in employment were reported to be working longer paid hours than women. The average number of actual paid weekly hours was 47.1 for men and 38.9 for women. Furthermore, the actual number of hours of work was slightly below the usual number of

hours for both sexes, due to temporary absences such as vacation, annual leave, etc. In Lebanon as a whole, the actual number of hours of work was 50 per cent for men and 39.1 per cent for women. (Figure 29)

Figure 29: Average usual and actual weekly hours of work by sex



What type of jobs do they hold and where?

According to the ILO, the concept of "informal employment" refers to jobs that do not provide employees with legal or social protection, thus exposing them to greater economic risks than other employed people. As for concept of the "informal sector", it is a subset of unincorporated enterprises not constituted as separate legal entities independent of their owners.

jobs at their main occupation, a result that was found below the national level (54.9 per cent), and 25.8 per cent of the employed population were working in the informal sector. It is instructive to note that the latter proportion was markedly lower than the national level (35.2 per cent). In contrast, the proportion of employed individuals holding an informal job in a formal sector was slightly more prevalent in Matn (21.3 per cent) compared to that in the whole of Lebanon (19.8 per cent). (Table 3)

The results show that 47.1 per cent of the employed population in Matn held informal

Table 3: Formality versus Informality (in %)

Type of employment	Matn			Lebanon		
	Informal Sector	Formal Sector	Total	Informal Sector	Formal Sector	Total
Informal	25.8	21.3	47.1	35.1	19.8	54.9
Formal	0.0	52.9	52.9	0.0	45.0	45.1
Total	25.8	74.2	100.0	35.2	64.8	100.0

Women's share in employment was low, yet more prevalent in Matn than in the whole of Lebanon. At the caza level, the share of women that are employers/own-account workers was found to be one of the highest (19.5 per cent). The majority of employers or own-account workers in Matn were men

(80.5 per cent), a proportion that was lower than that attained at the national level (85.6 per cent). Additionally, men's share in paid employment was lower in Matn (56.3 per cent) than in Lebanon as a whole (63.5 per cent). (Figure 30)

Figure 30: Employed (15 years and above) by employment status and sex (%)

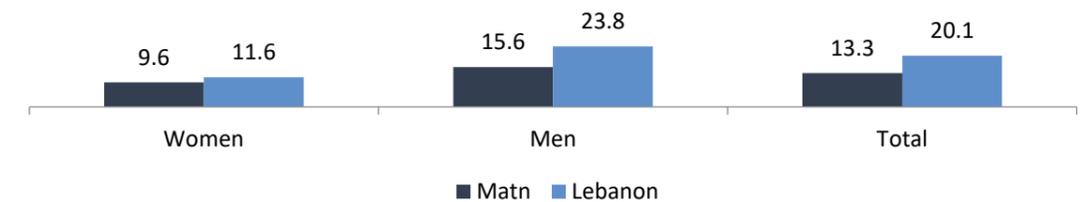


How many jobs are "vulnerable"?

In Matn, vulnerable employment was reported to be noticeably lower than that observed at the country level (13.3 per cent and 20.1 per cent respectively). Moreover, it

was more prevalent among men (15.6 per cent) than among women (9.6 per cent). (Figure 31)

Figure 31: Vulnerable employment (%)

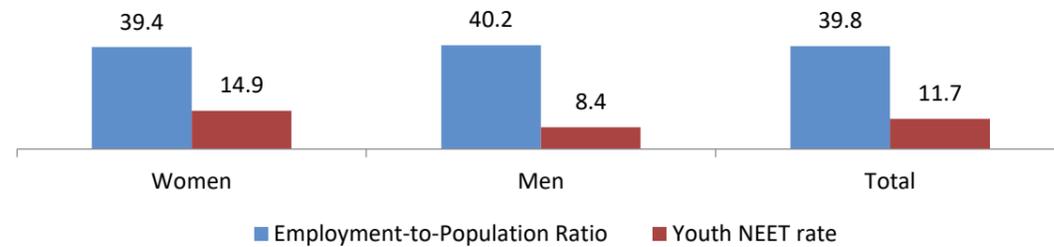


Youth in Employment versus Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Youth NEET rate - *Youth not in education, employment or training rate* - (11.7 per cent) in Matn was considerably lower than the youth employment-to-population ratio (39.8 per cent). Compared to the national level, the youth employment-to-population

ratio was higher in Matn and the Youth NEET rate was remarkably lower (30 per cent and 21.8 per cent respectively in Lebanon). Moreover, women's NEET rate (14.9 per cent) was significantly higher than that of men (8.4 per cent). (Figure 32)

Figure 32: Youth in employment and NEET rate (%)



DID YOU KNOW ?

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) definition, "*Vulnerable Employment*" is the sum of own-account workers and contributing family workers in total employment. This category of workers has a lower likelihood of having formal work arrangements and is therefore more likely to lack elements associated with adequate social security and a voice at work.

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