



DIGEST OF STATISTICS

2019-2021



Ministry of Labour,
Social Security, and Third Sector

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PROFILE OF BARBADOS

Barbados is an island, located in the Atlantic Ocean 59° 37' West and 13° 04' North of the Equator. It is the most easterly in the chain of Caribbean islands lying approximately 160.9 kilometres to the east of its nearest neighbour, St. Vincent.

Coral stone constitutes the island's base rather than volcanic activity, and the land is relatively flat with many beaches, a few rolling hills, sheer ridges and deep gullies. The island is 34 kilometres long and 23 kilometres wide with an area of approximately 430 square kilometres. The highest point is 335.28 metres (1,100 feet), located at Mt. Hillaby, St. Andrew, one of the island's eleven (11) parishes.

Barbados has long had virtual self-government, a status formally recognised in 1961. From 1627 until 1966, when Barbados became an independent nation, it was a British colony. In 2021, the island transitioned to a parliamentary republic in the Commonwealth of Nations, where the President of Barbados is the Head of State and the Prime Minister is the Head of Government. The Parliament in Barbados, which dates from 1639, is the third oldest in the Commonwealth. Barbados has a long tradition of political and social stability. This factor, coupled with its democratic system of Government, makes it an ideal location for the conduct of business.

Bridgetown is the capital and is situated to the south-west of the island in the parish of St. Michael. Other major towns are Speightstown and Holetown in the north and west respectively, and Oistins in the south of the island.

The climate is sunny all year round, usually ranging between 24°-29°C(75°-85°F). The coolest months are usually January to April, while the hottest are July to September. The atmosphere is cooled by prevailing gentle north-east trade winds. Its climatic conditions and geographical make-up help to boost Barbados' reputation as a dream destination.

Tourism plays a vital role in the Barbadian economy, since it is a major contributor of foreign exchange earnings and employment. There are many places of interest including Harrison's Cave, one of the finest cave systems in the world. The principal crop is sugar cane.

At the end of 2021, Barbados' resident adult population was estimated to be approximately 217,200 persons. Statistics from Census 2010 revealed that approximately 93% of the population was of African descent. The other 7% comprised categories such as European, East Indian or mixed. On average, life expectancy in Barbados for men is 75 years and for women 80 years.

The language spoken is English and education is compulsory from ages 5-16. Barbados boasts of a 98% literacy rate. A highly religious community, 70% of the population are Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Moravian. Much of the other 30% are affiliated with other denominations and faith traditions.

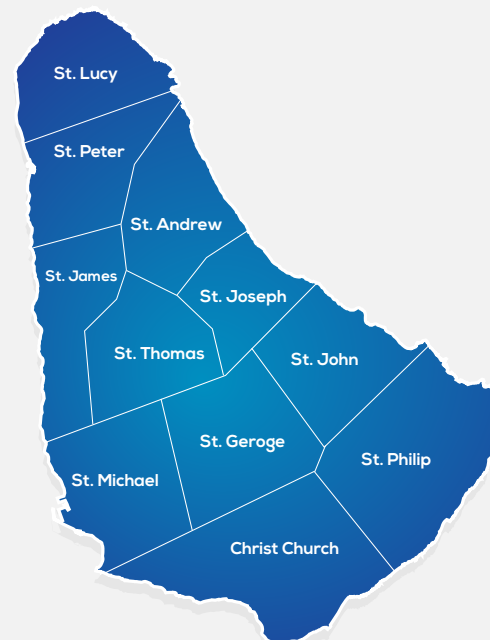


CAPITAL: Bridgetown

AREA: 439 sq km

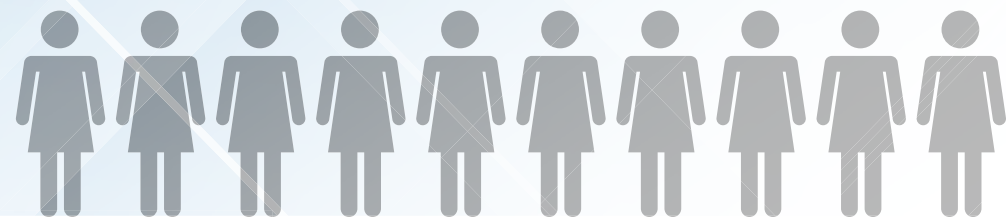
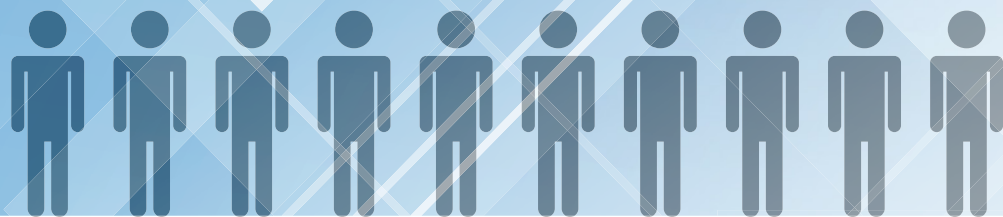
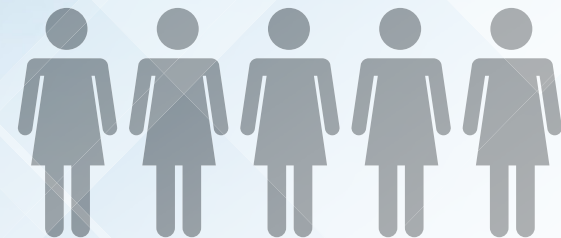
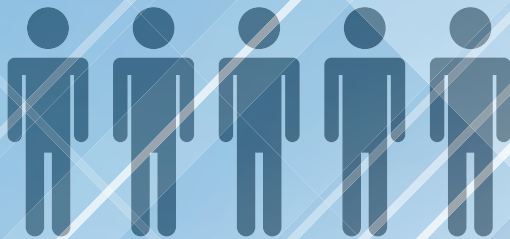
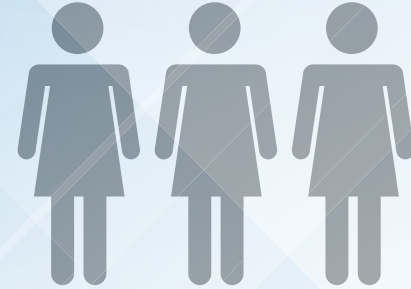
ADULT POPULATION: 217,200

LANGUAGE: English



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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS





POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

2020¹

2019

2020 Qt3

2020 Qt4

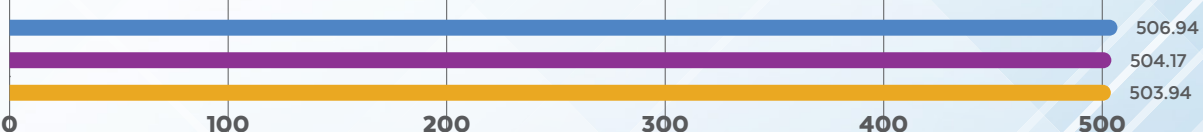
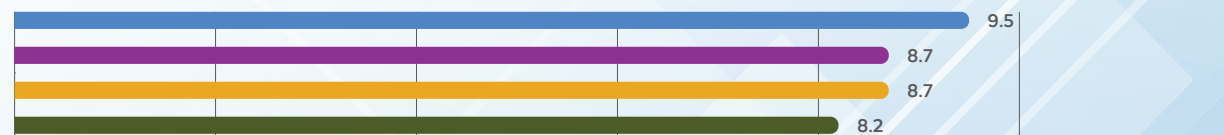
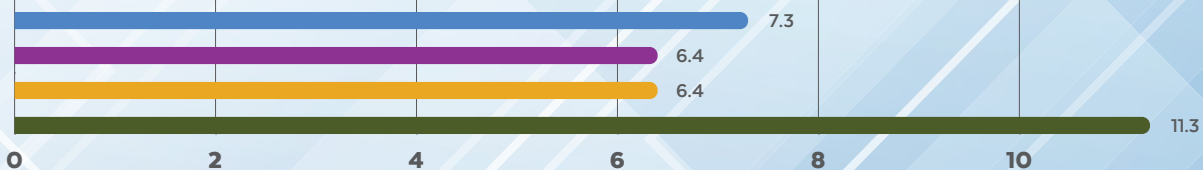
2021

Total Adult Population
(‘000 persons)

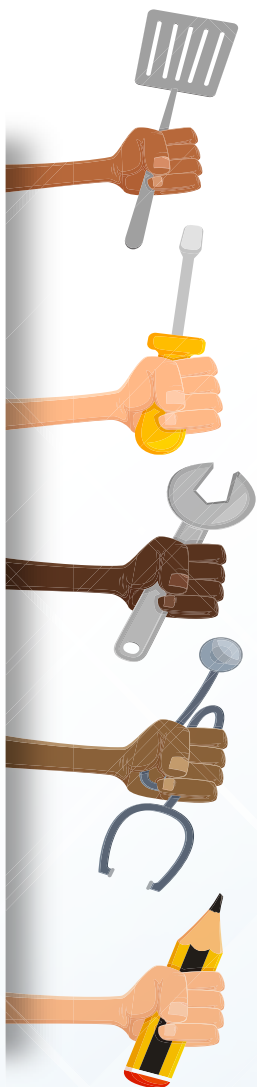
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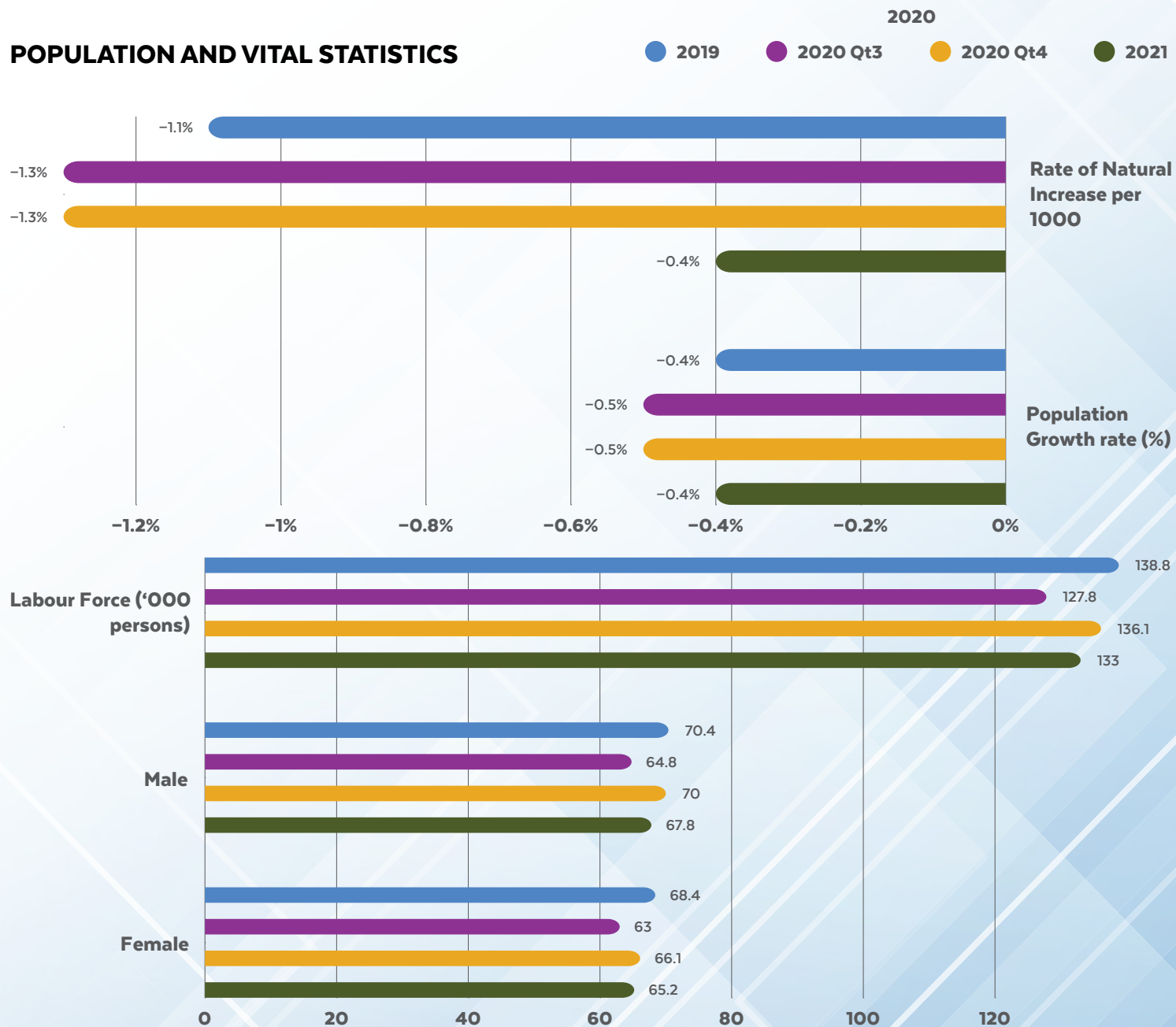
Female

Population Density
(persons per sq. Km)Birth Rate per 1000
personsDeath Rate per 1000
personsInfant Mortality Rate
per 1000

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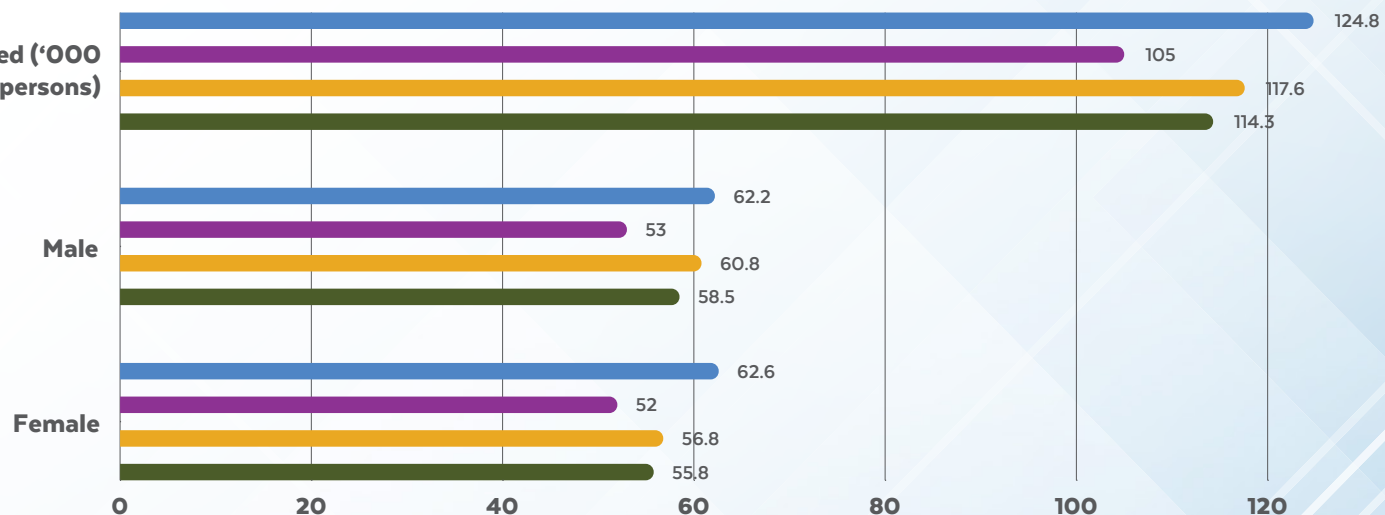


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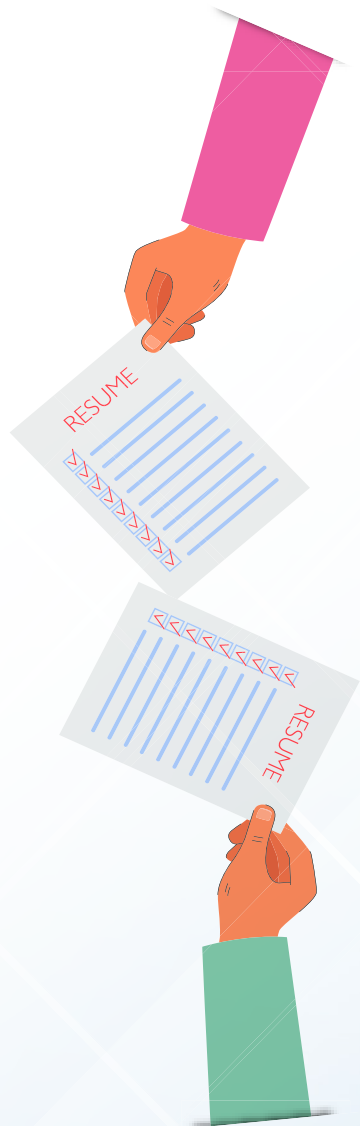
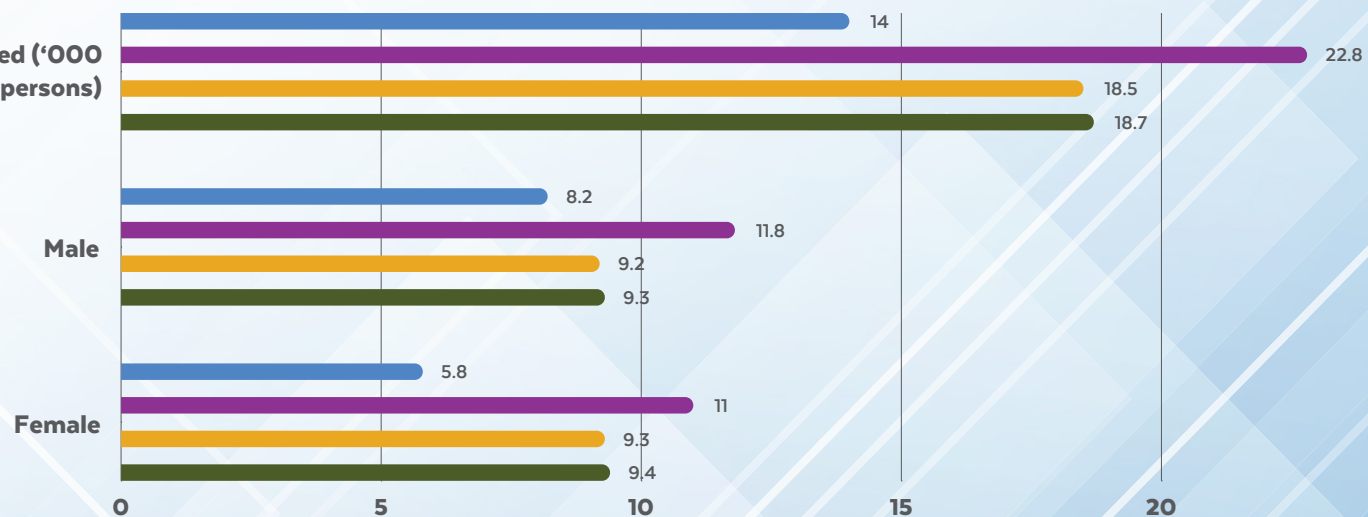
2020

2019 2020 Qt3 2020 Qt4 2021

Employed ('000 persons)

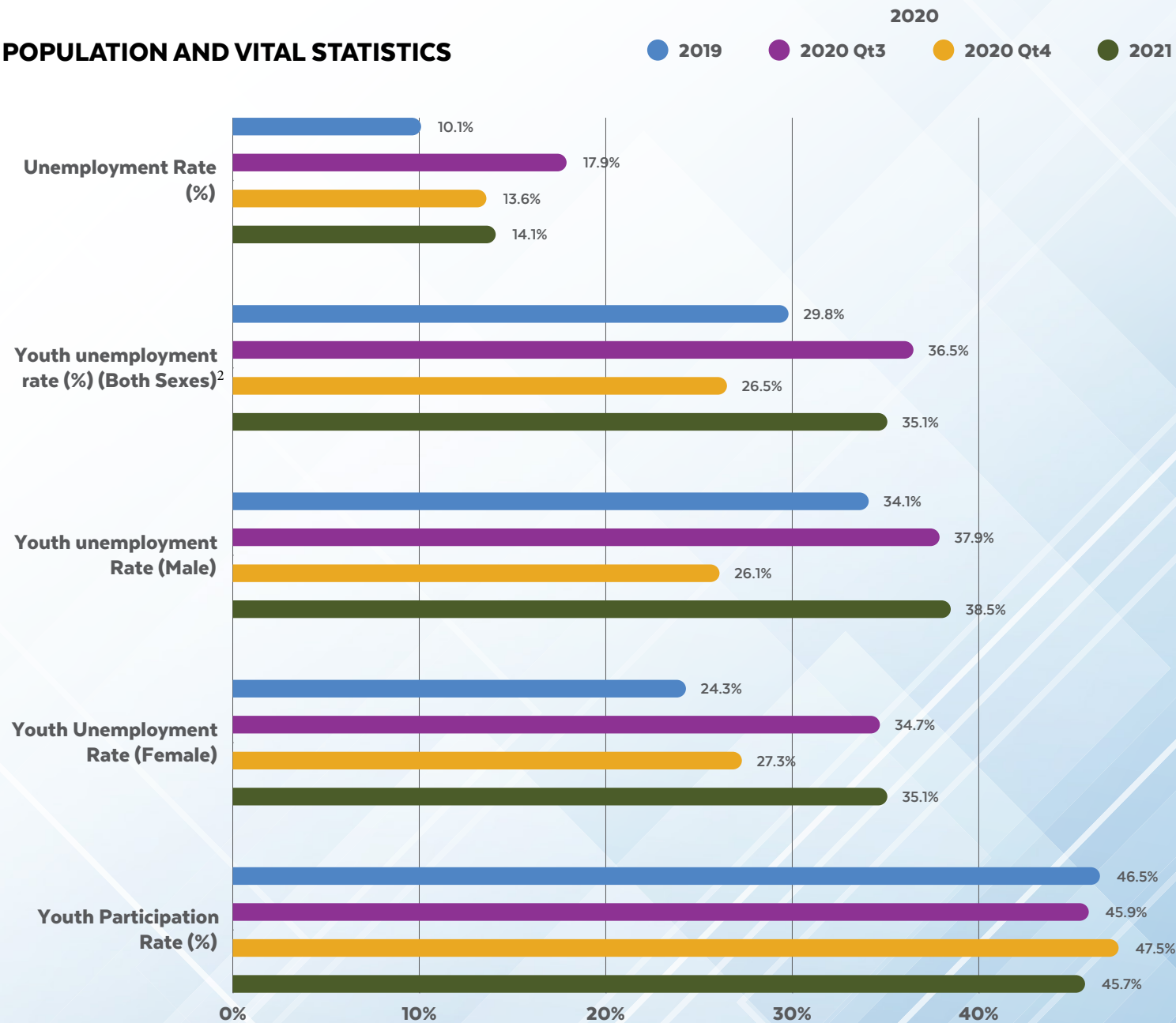


Unemployed ('000 persons)





POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS



² Youth unemployment is calculated using persons between the 15-19 and 20-24 years' age groups.



POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

2020
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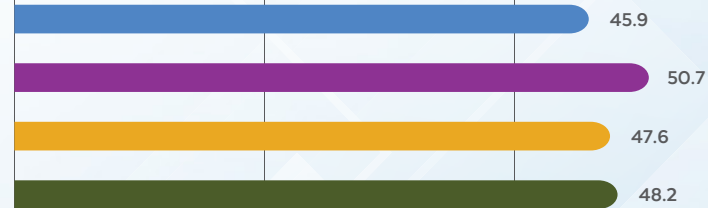
Not in the Labour Force
(‘000 persons)



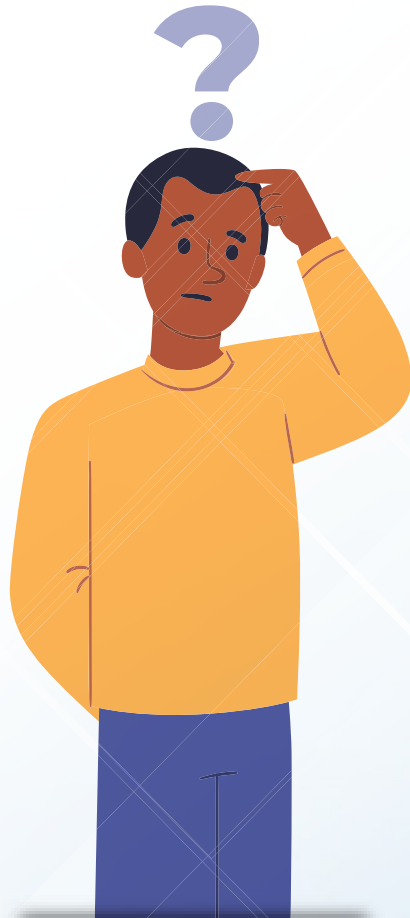
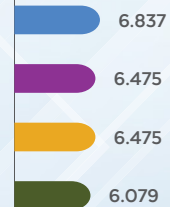
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Female

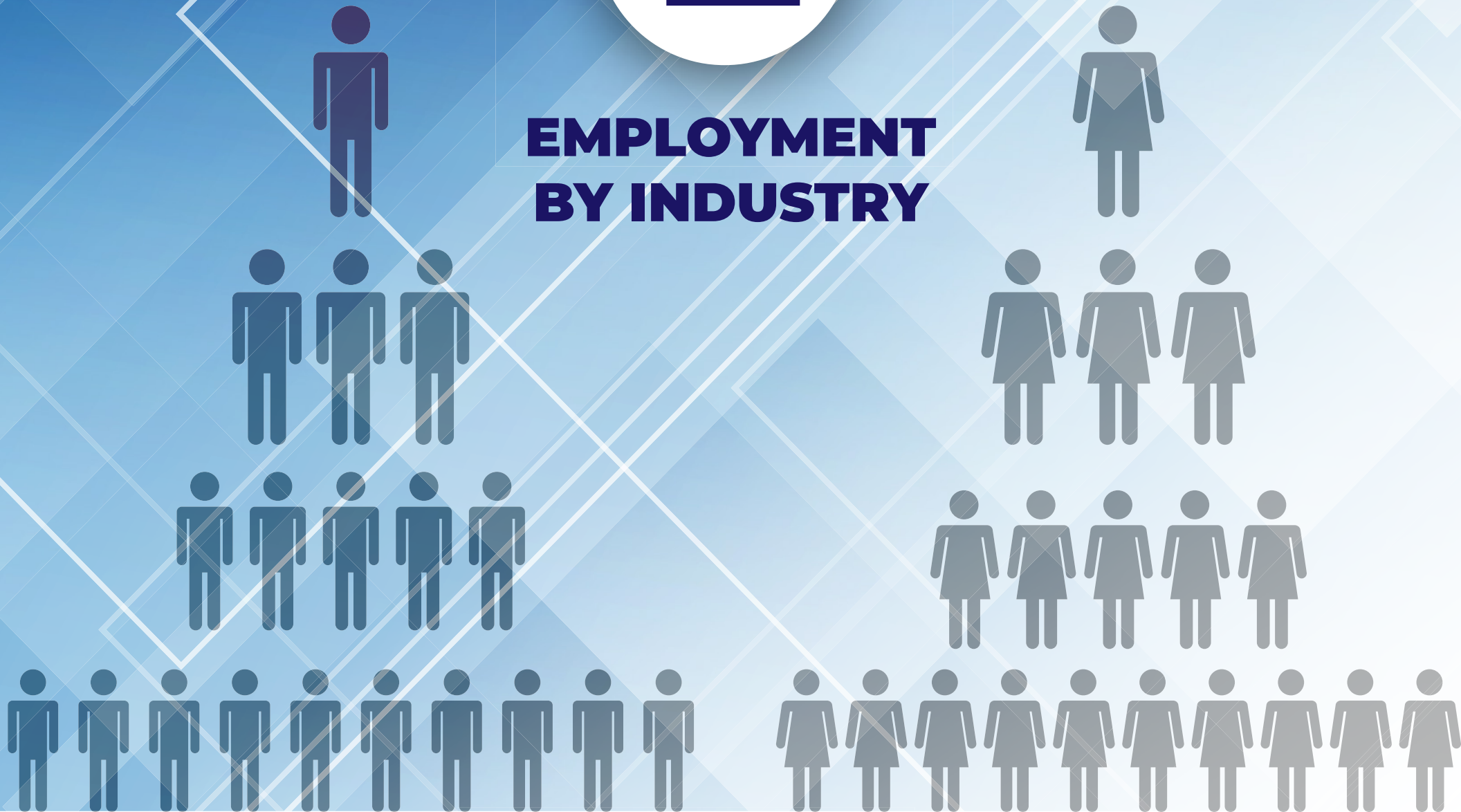


National Union of
Public Workers
Membership (‘000
persons)



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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY





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2020³

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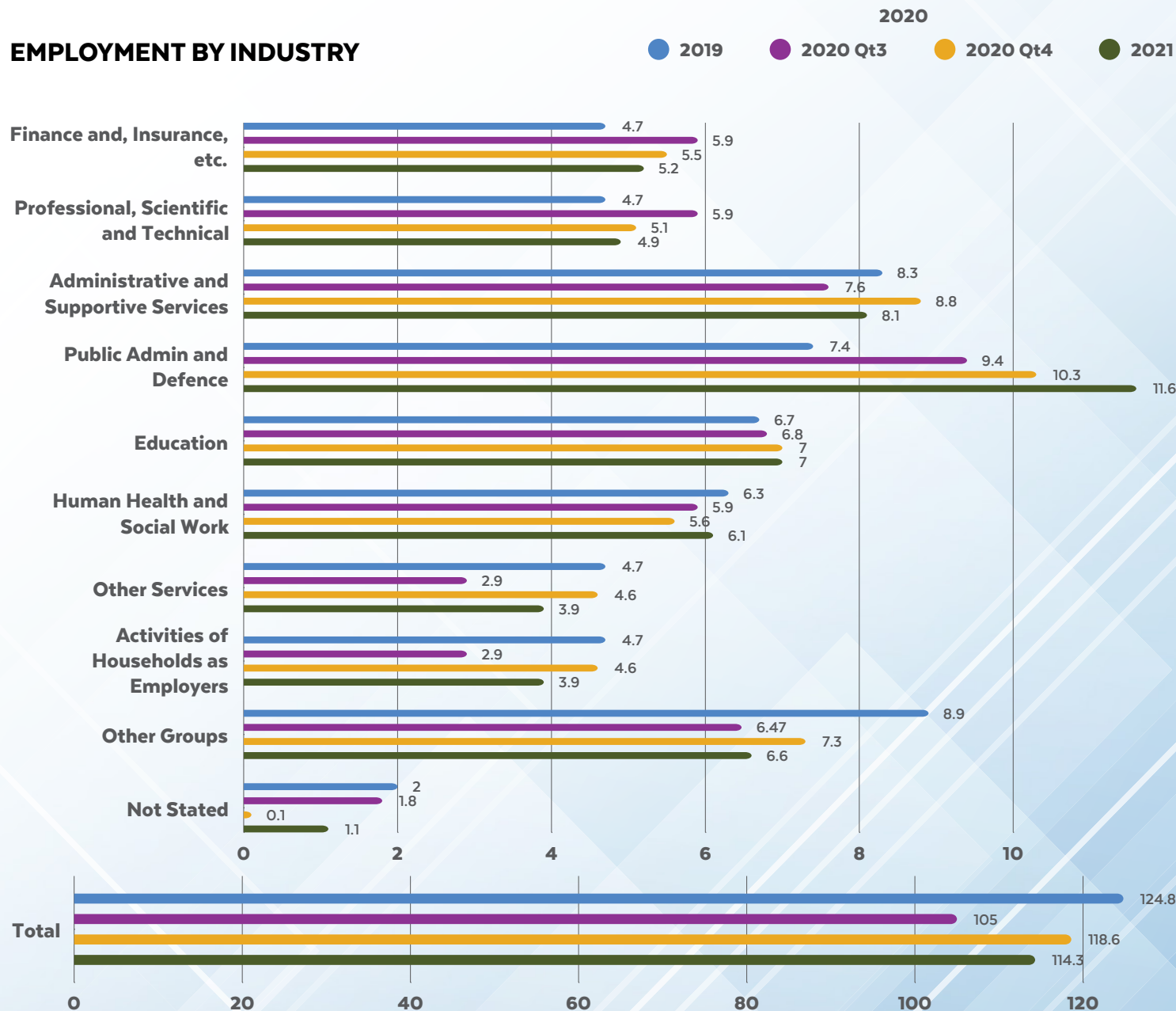


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A re-classification of Industries was undertaken in 2010, leading to the amending of categories that comprise this table. The revised version of this classification is the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Rev. 4

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



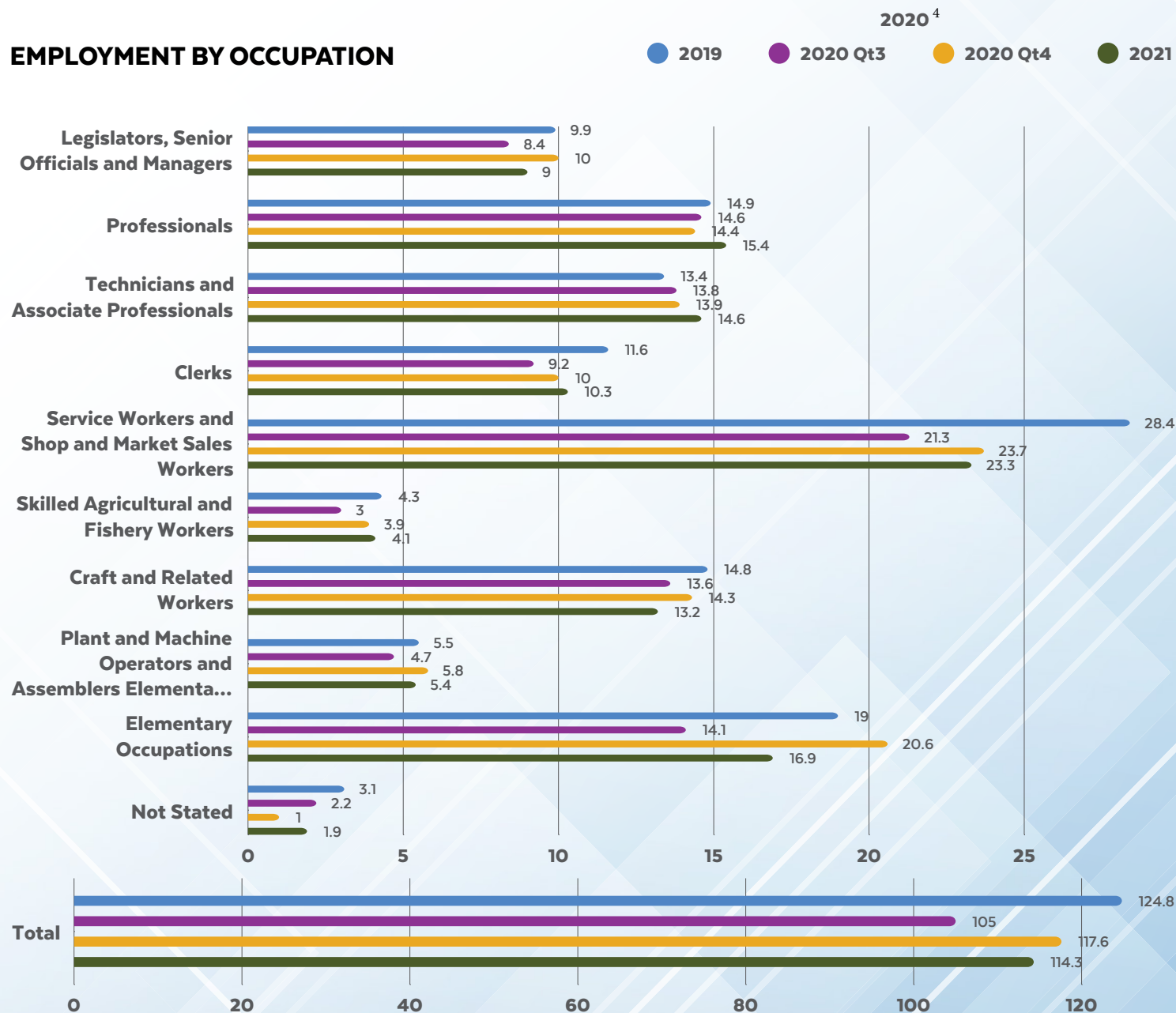
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**EMPLOYMENT
BY OCCUPATION**





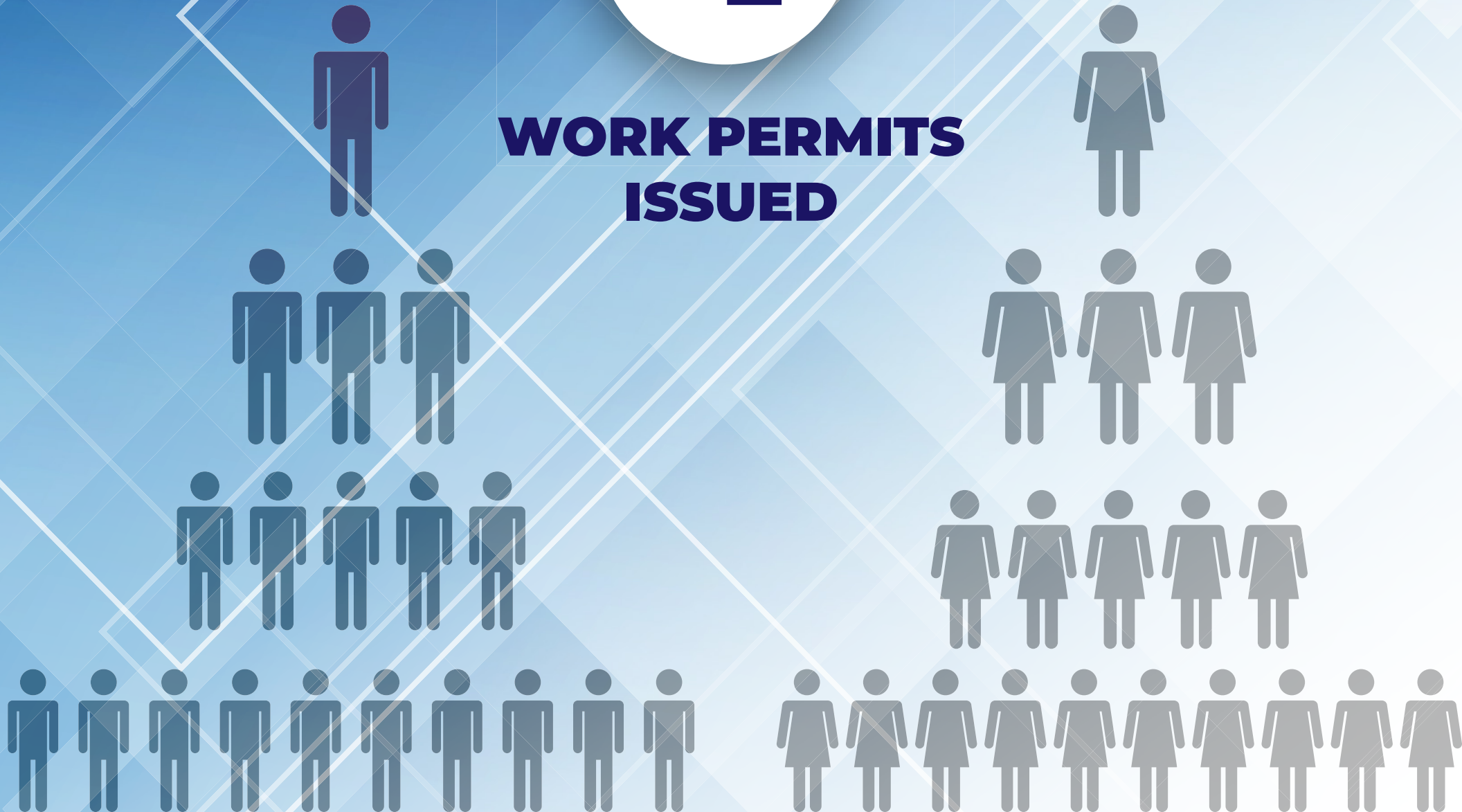
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**WORK PERMITS
ISSUED**





TOP 15 WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATION

2019	2020	2021
1 Agricultural Worker	Agricultural Worker	Agricultural Worker
2 Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter
3 Mason	Registered Nurse	Crewman
4 Technician	Mason	Manager
5 Professor	Engineer	Installer
6 Manager	Fitter	Mason
7 Engineer	Welder	Engineer
8 Welder	Chef	Professor
9 Chef	Technician	Welder
10 Director	Foreman	Eng. Other
11 Consultant	Director	Chef
12 Painter	Manager	Director
13 Musician	Consultant	Mechanic
14 Housekeeper	Painter	Monitor
15 Machine Operator	Supervisor	Security Agent

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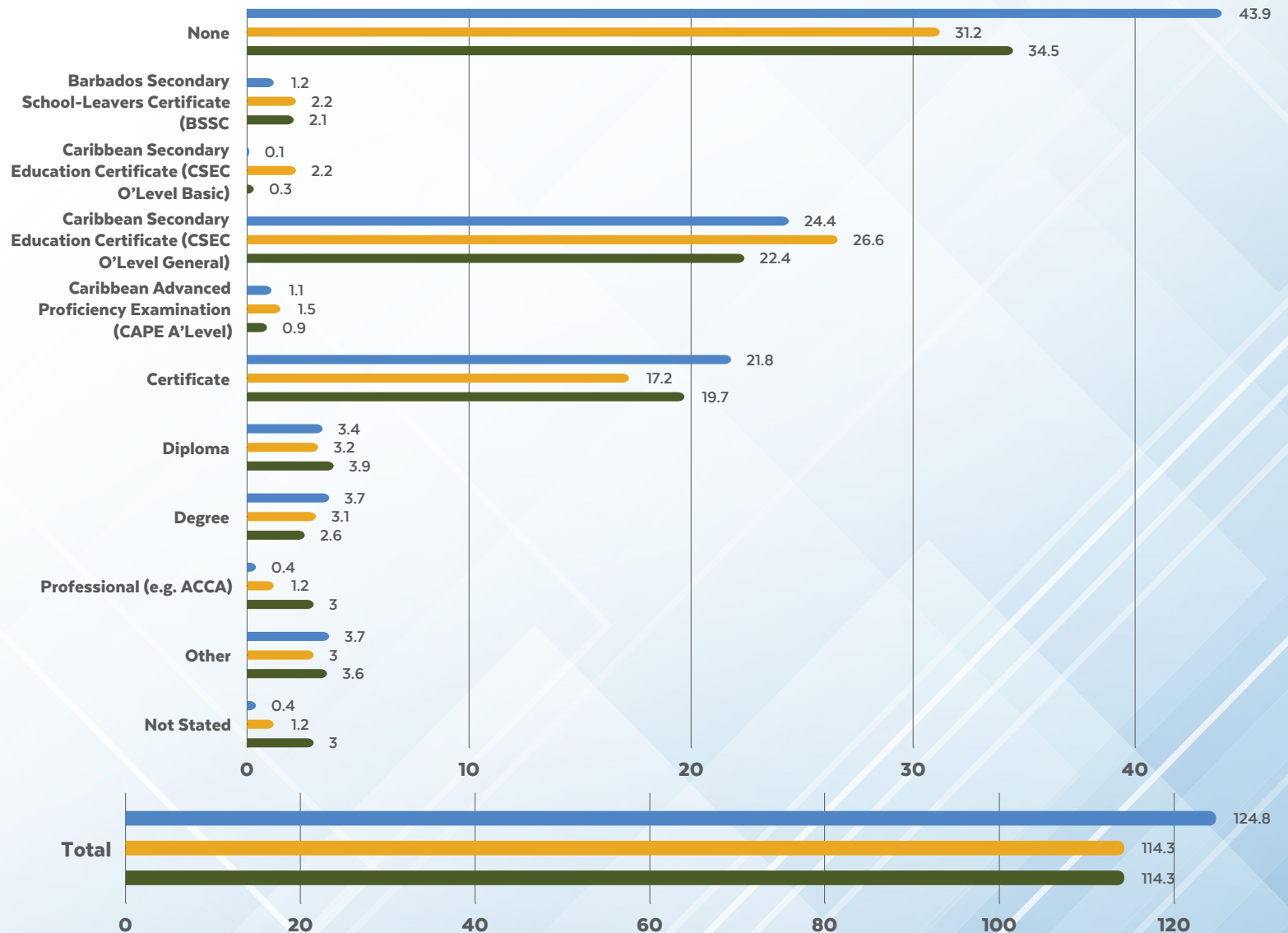
**EMPLOYMENT BY
HIGHEST LEVEL OF
QUALIFICATION**





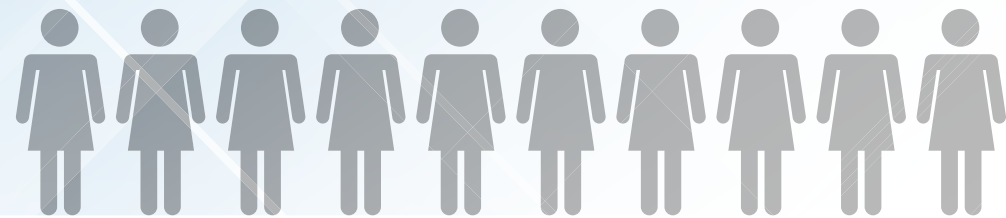
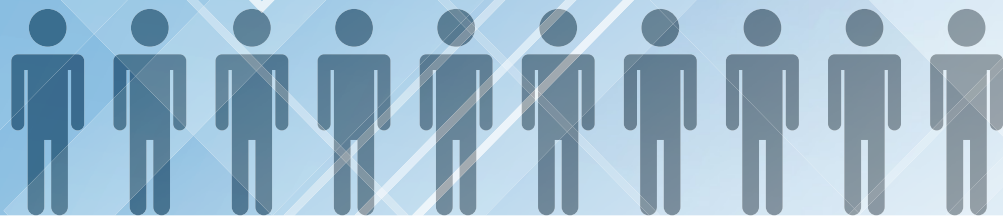
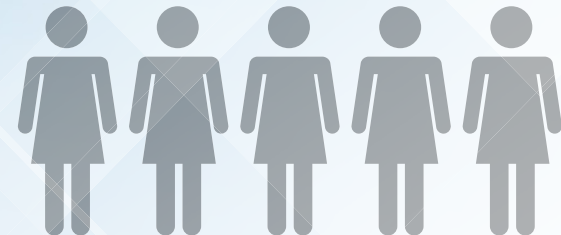
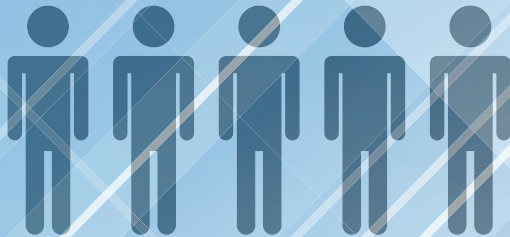
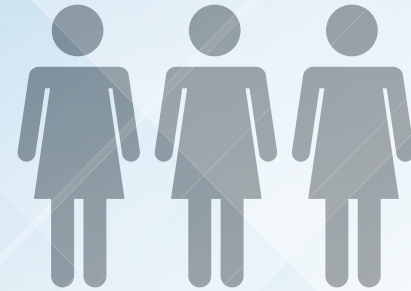
EMPLOYMENT BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION

2019 2020 2021



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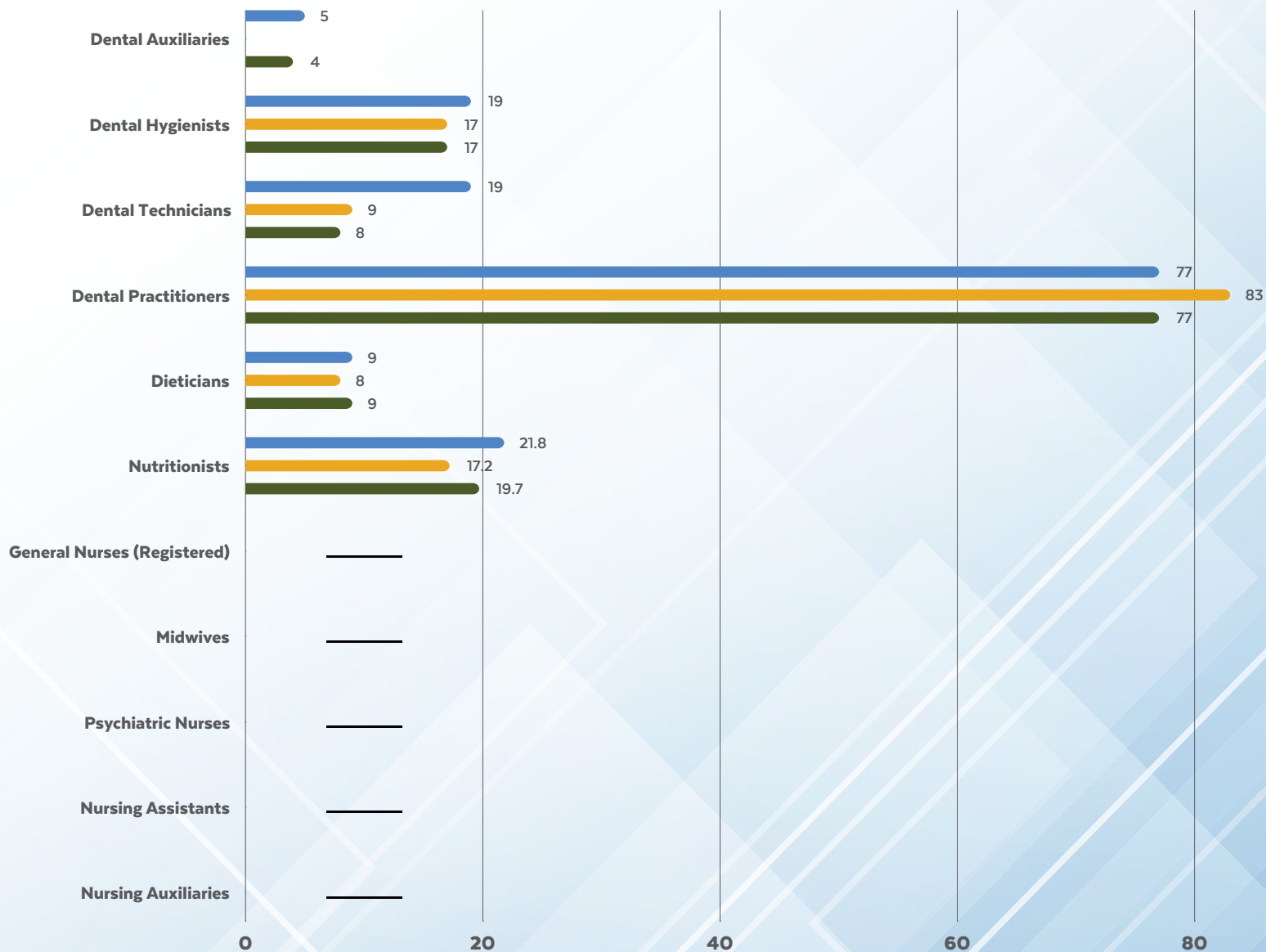
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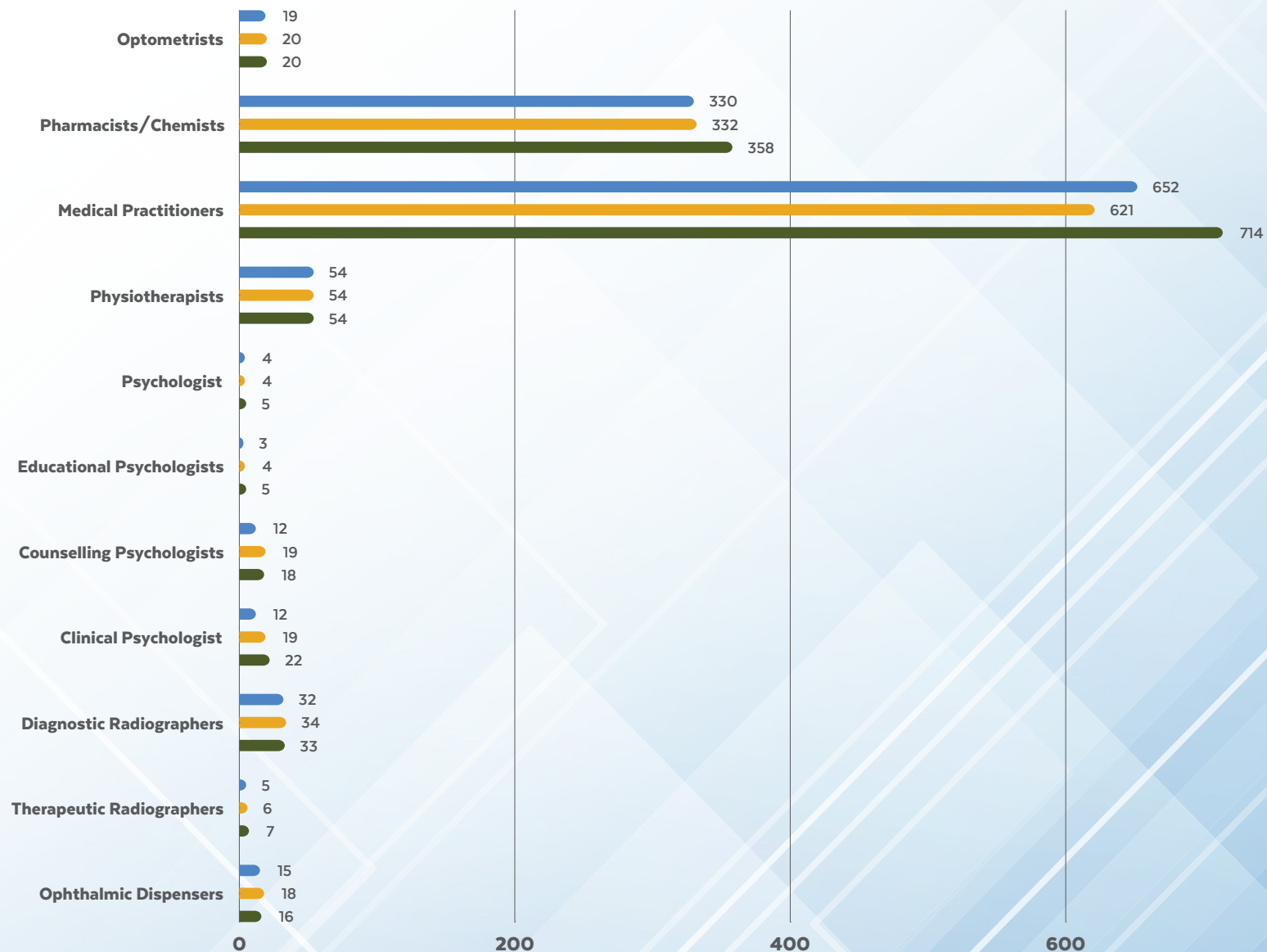
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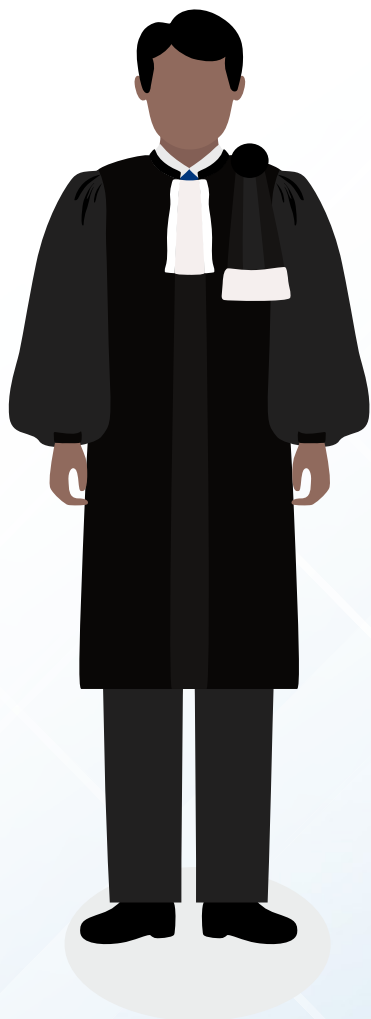
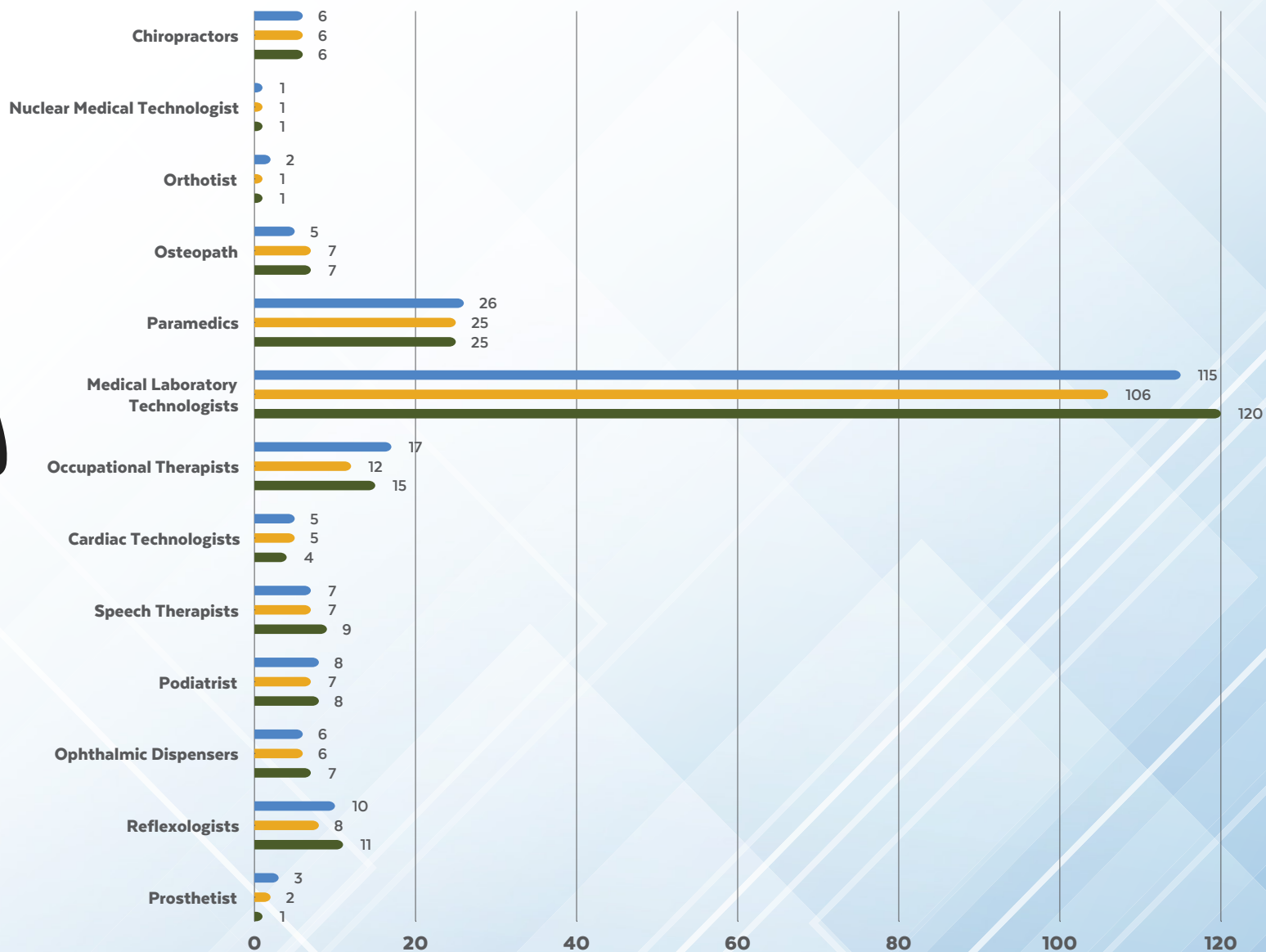
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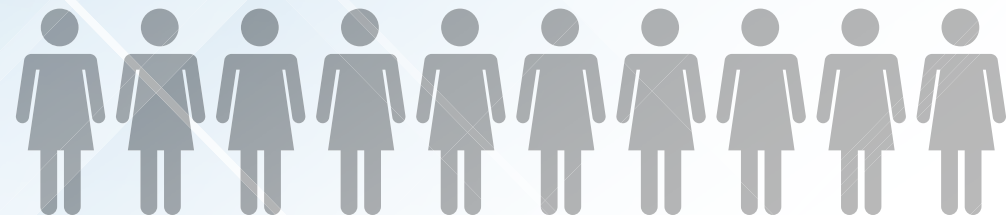
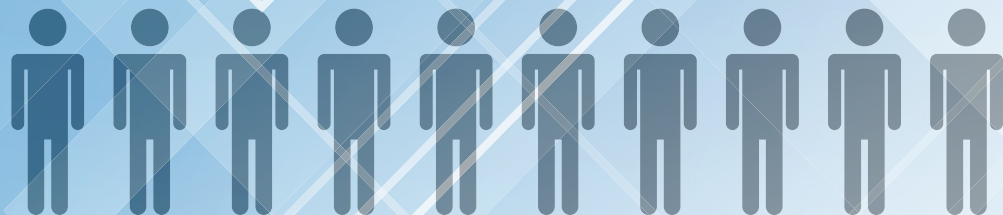
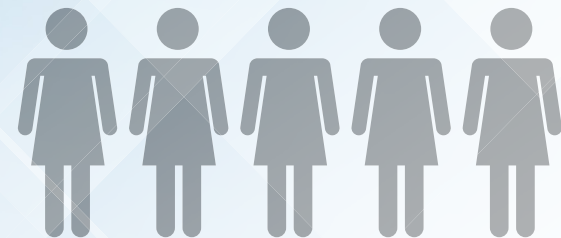
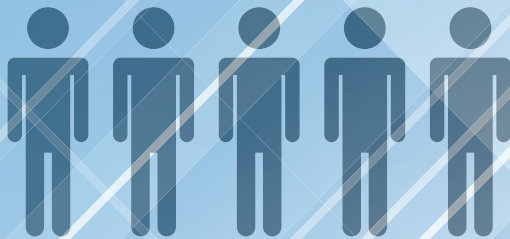
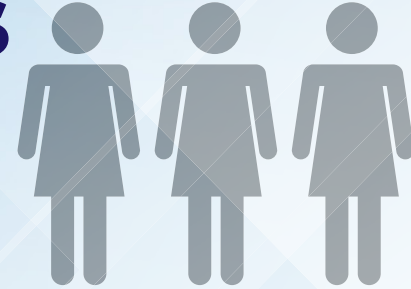
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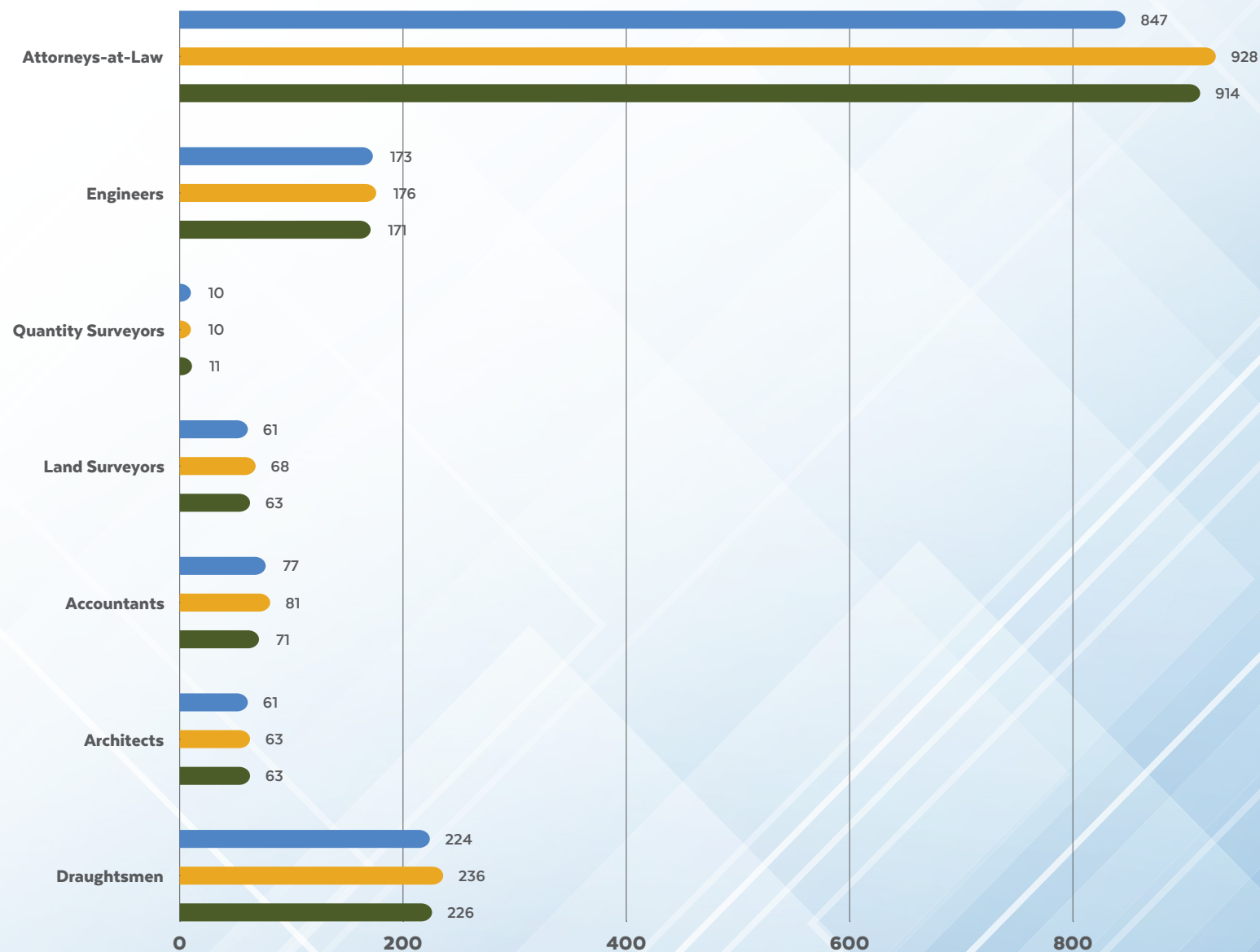
**OTHER SELECTED
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PROFESSIONALS**





OTHER SELECTED REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS

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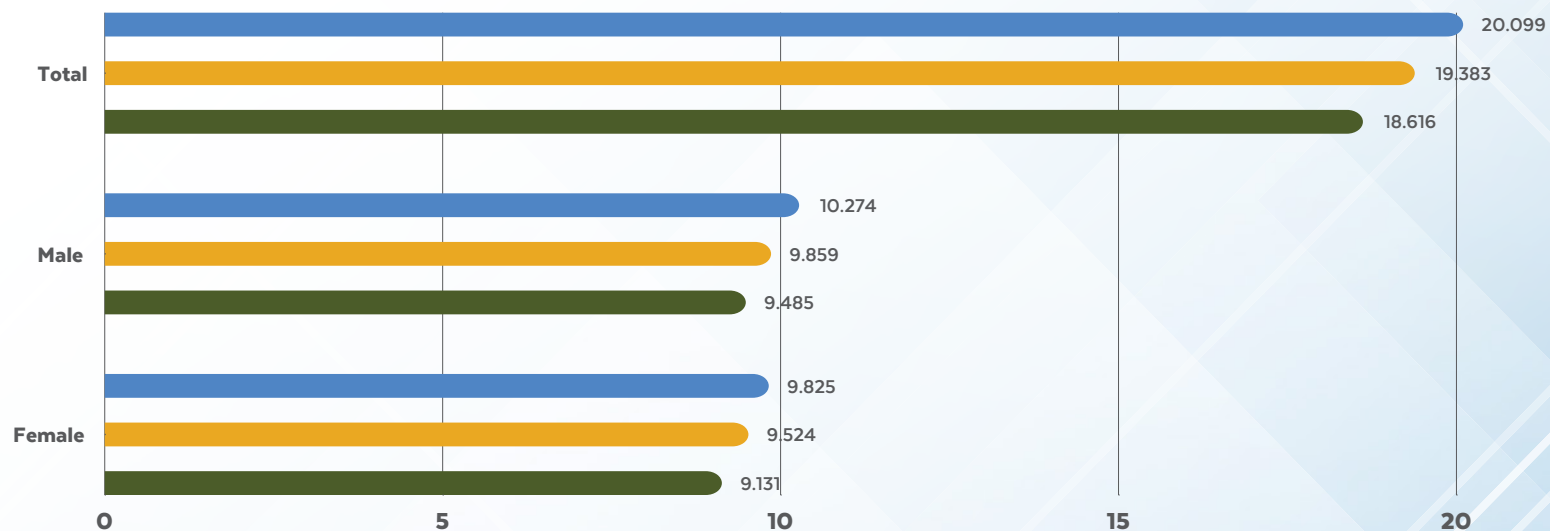
**EDUCATION
ENROLLMENTS**
(‘000 persons)



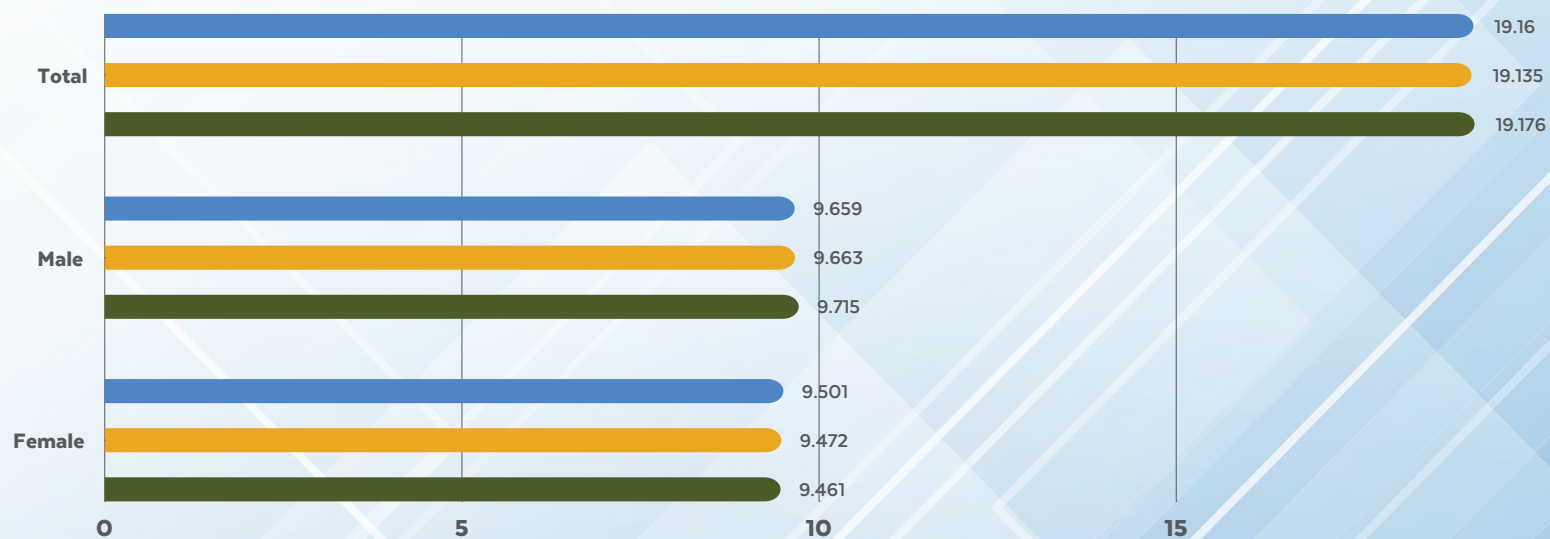


Public Primary Schools⁵

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Public Secondary Schools⁶



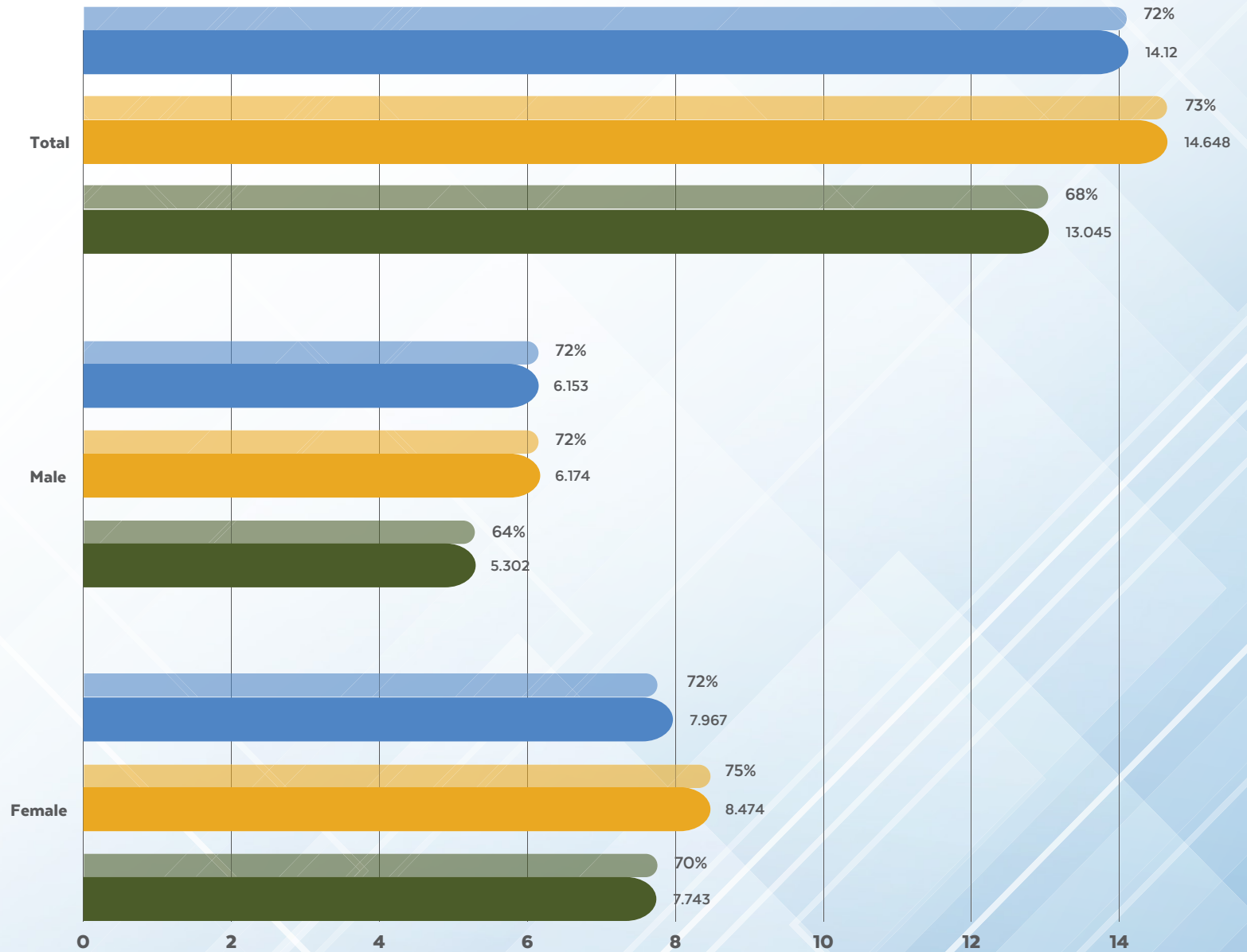
5. 4 - 11 years
6. 11 - 16 years



Passes at CSEC General Proficiency⁷ ('000 examinations)

Public and Private Schools

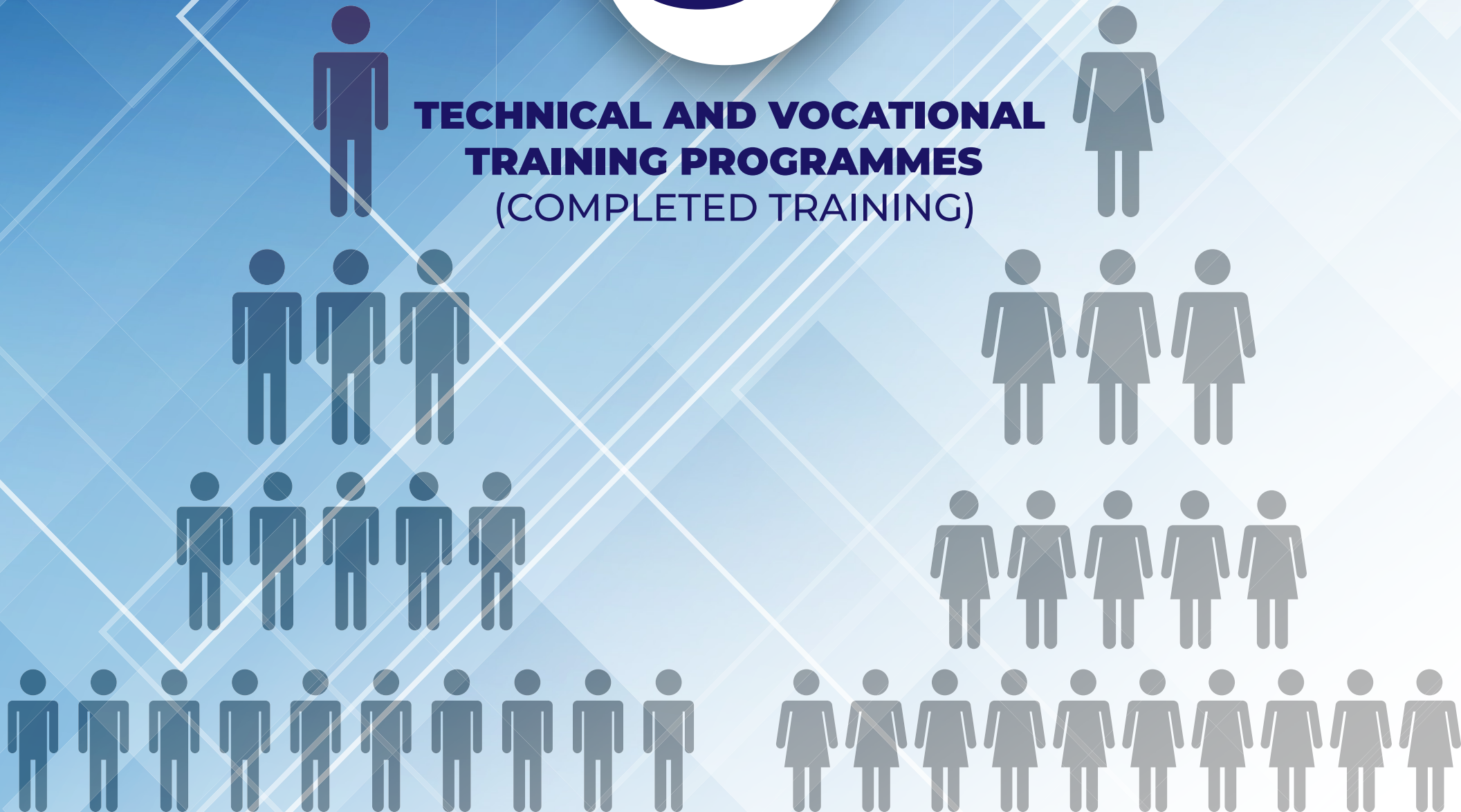
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7. Grades I, II and III
Based on May/June examinations only

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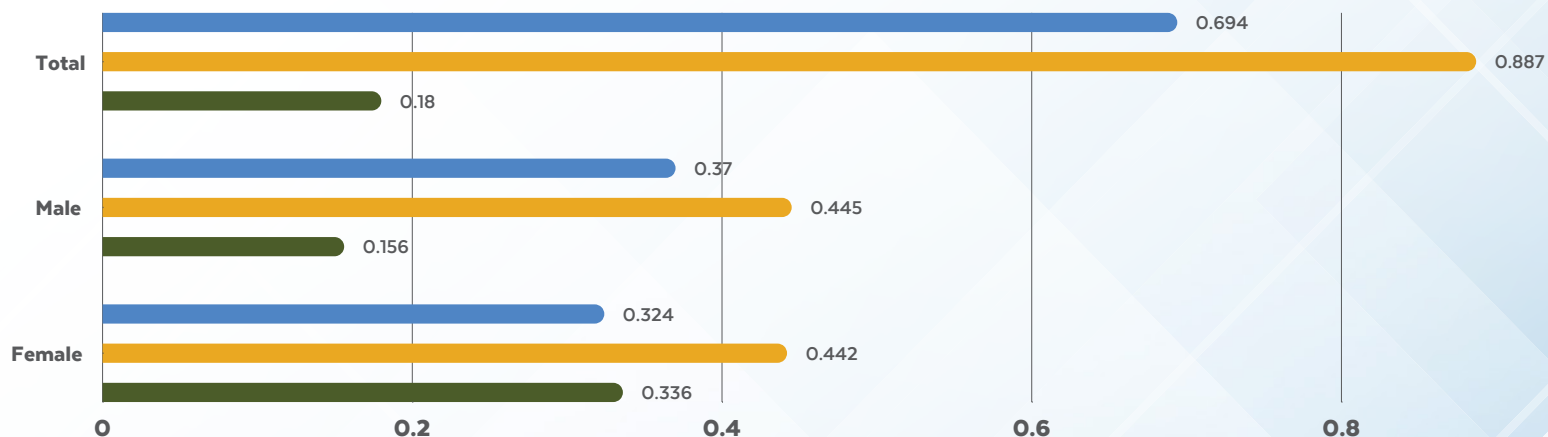
TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES (COMPLETED TRAINING)



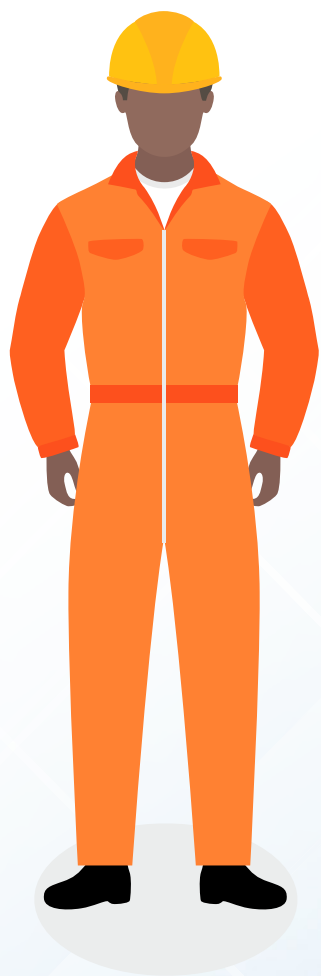
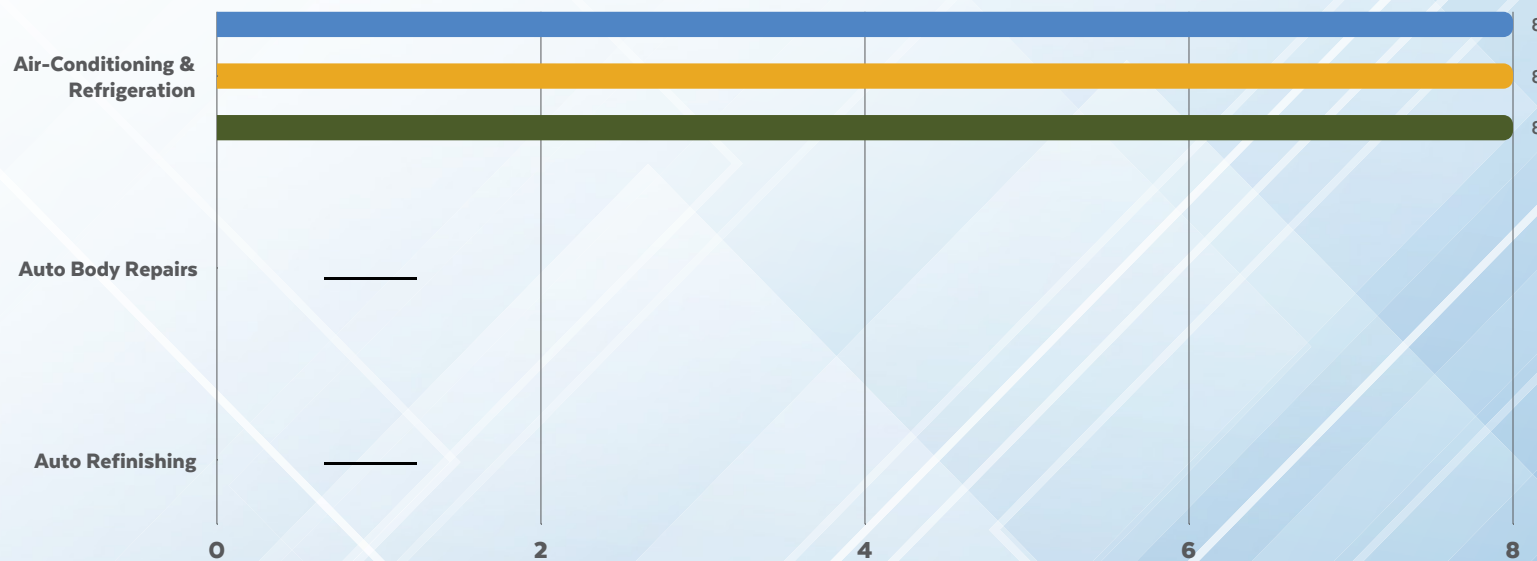


Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology Graduates

2019 2020 2021



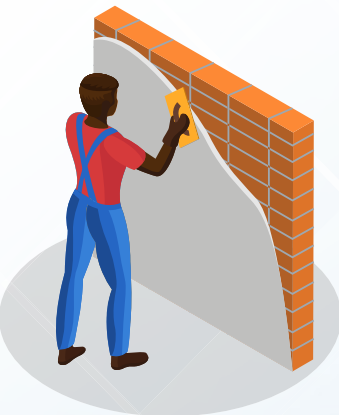
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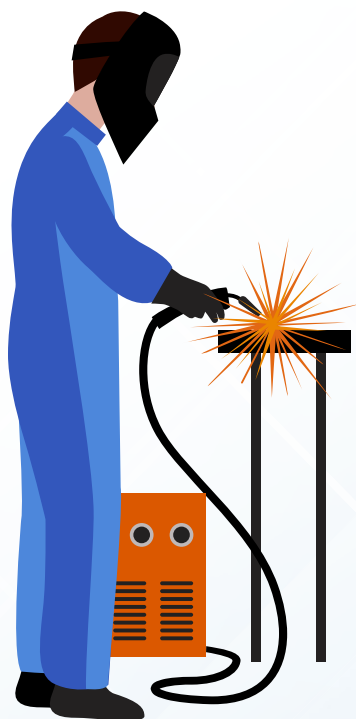
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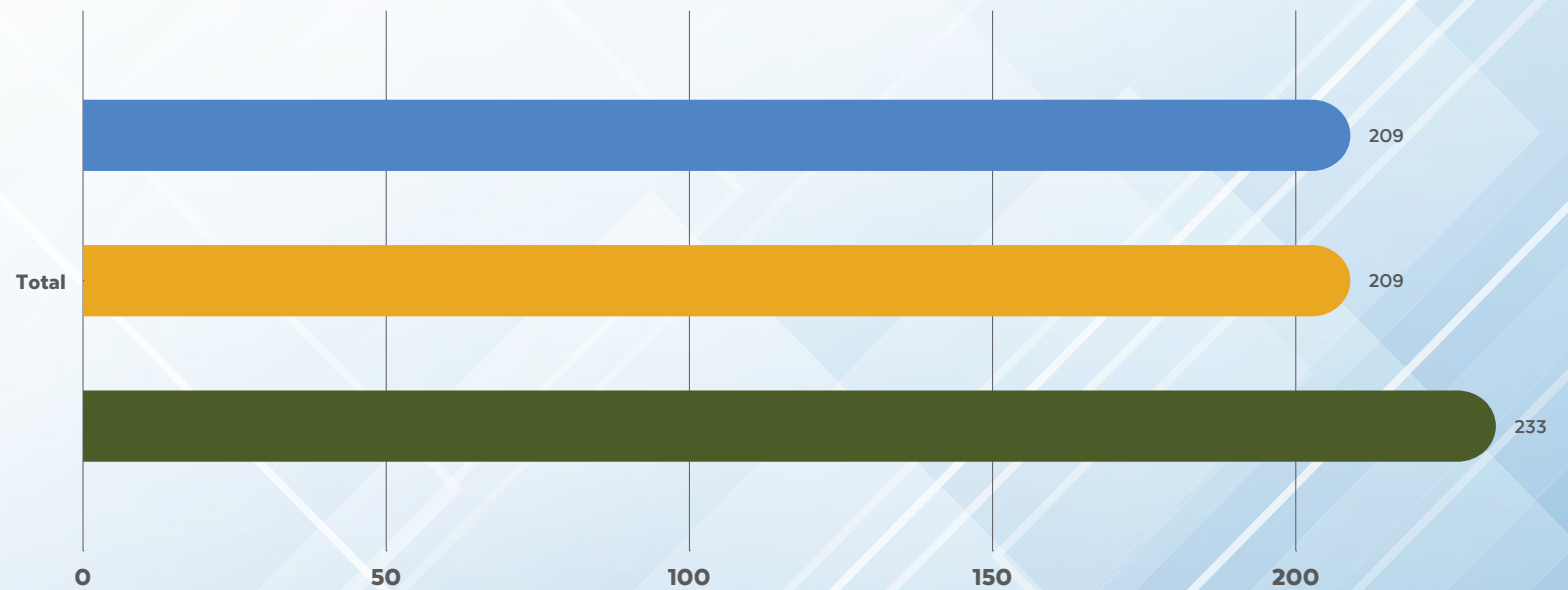
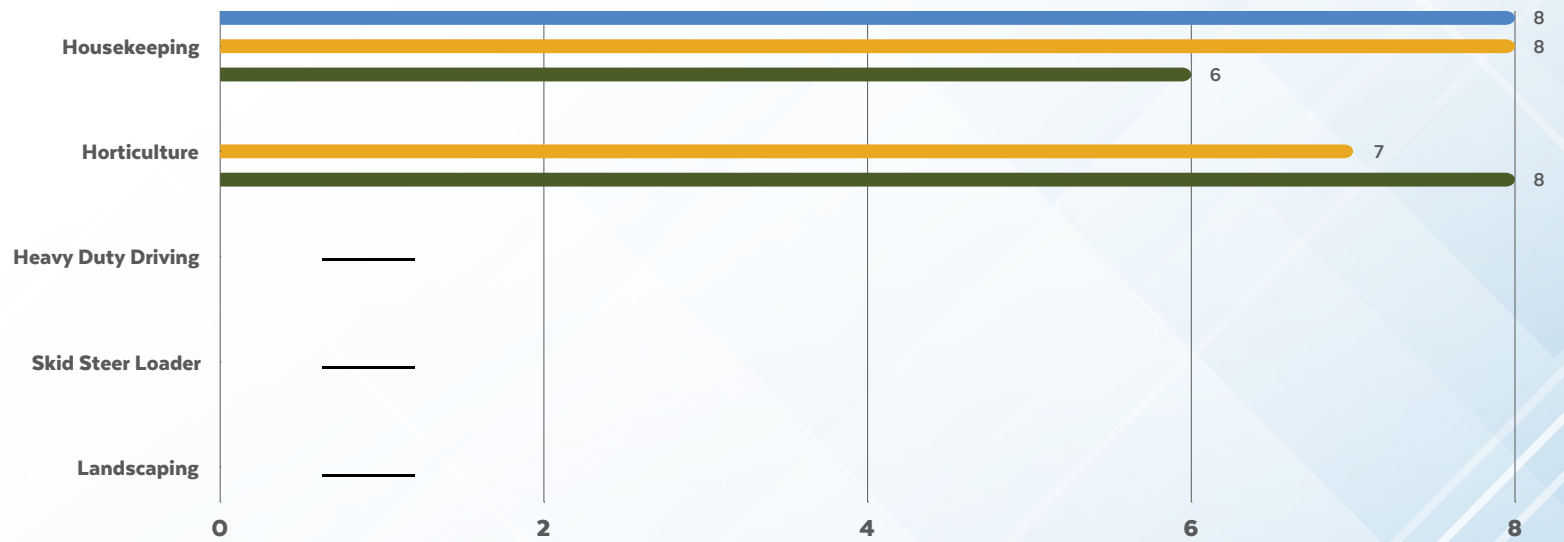
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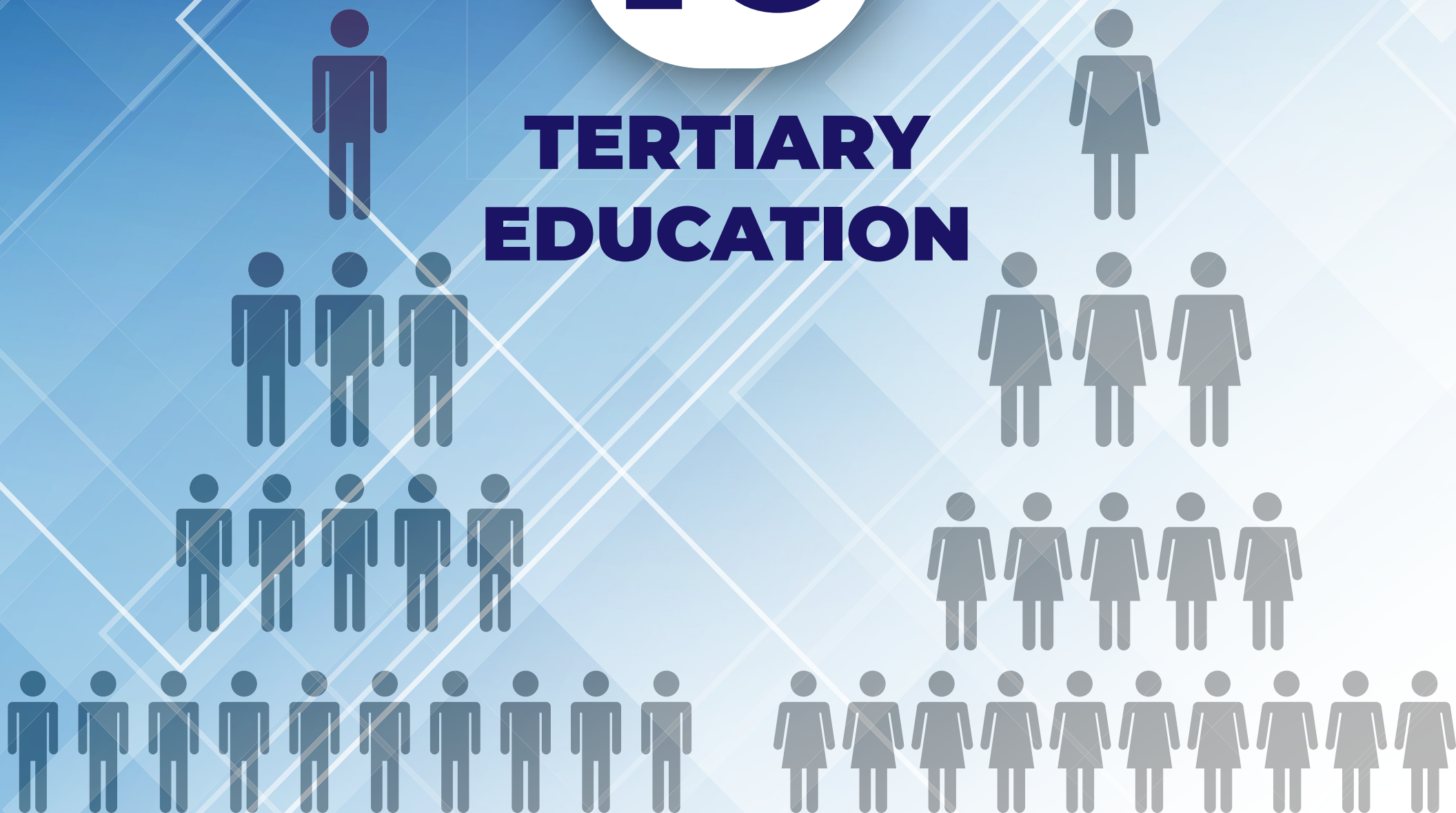
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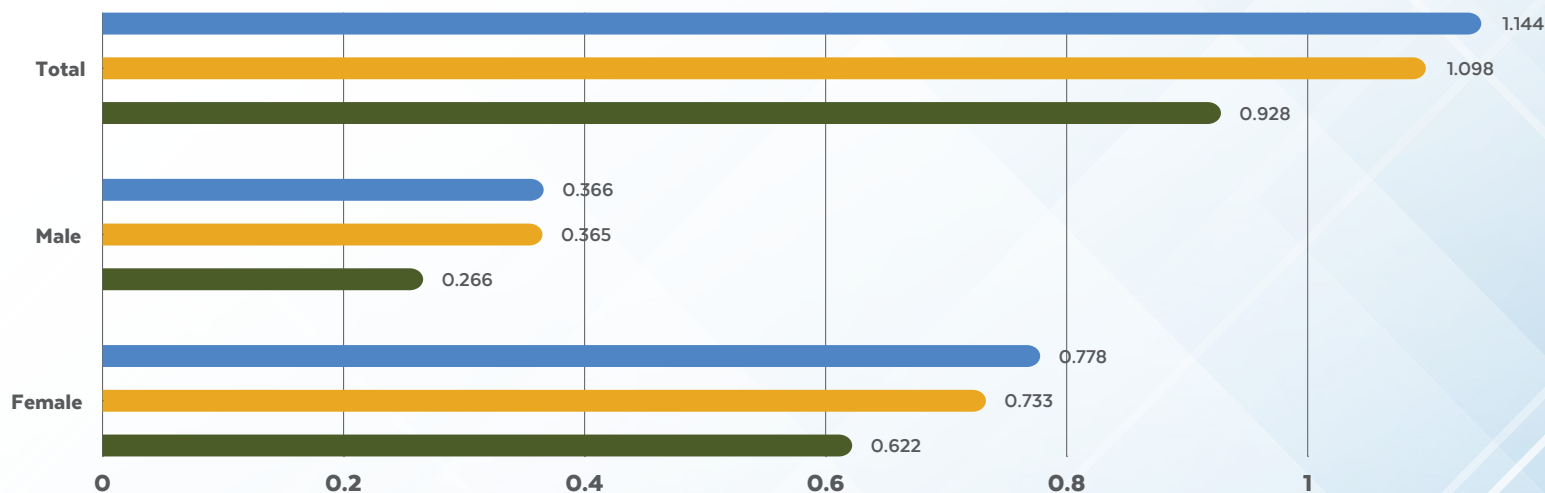
TERTIARY EDUCATION





Barbados Community College Graduates

2019 2020 2021



University of the West Indies (U.W.I) Cave Hill Campus Graduates ('000 persons) First and Graduate Degrees (Barbadian Students Only) (Approx.)



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SELECTED LABOUR STATISTICS





Barbados Employment and Career Counselling Services (BECCS)

2019 2020 2021



Job Placements
Overseas

182
164
334



Job Placements Locally

41
32
13



Registration (Local
Employment)

729
2217
99



Vacancies Reported
(Local Employment)

67
77
42

Registrations (self-employed)

0 500 1000 1500 2000

Occupational Health and Safety



Work Stoppages

9
7
6



Occupational Accidents
Reported

463
355
292



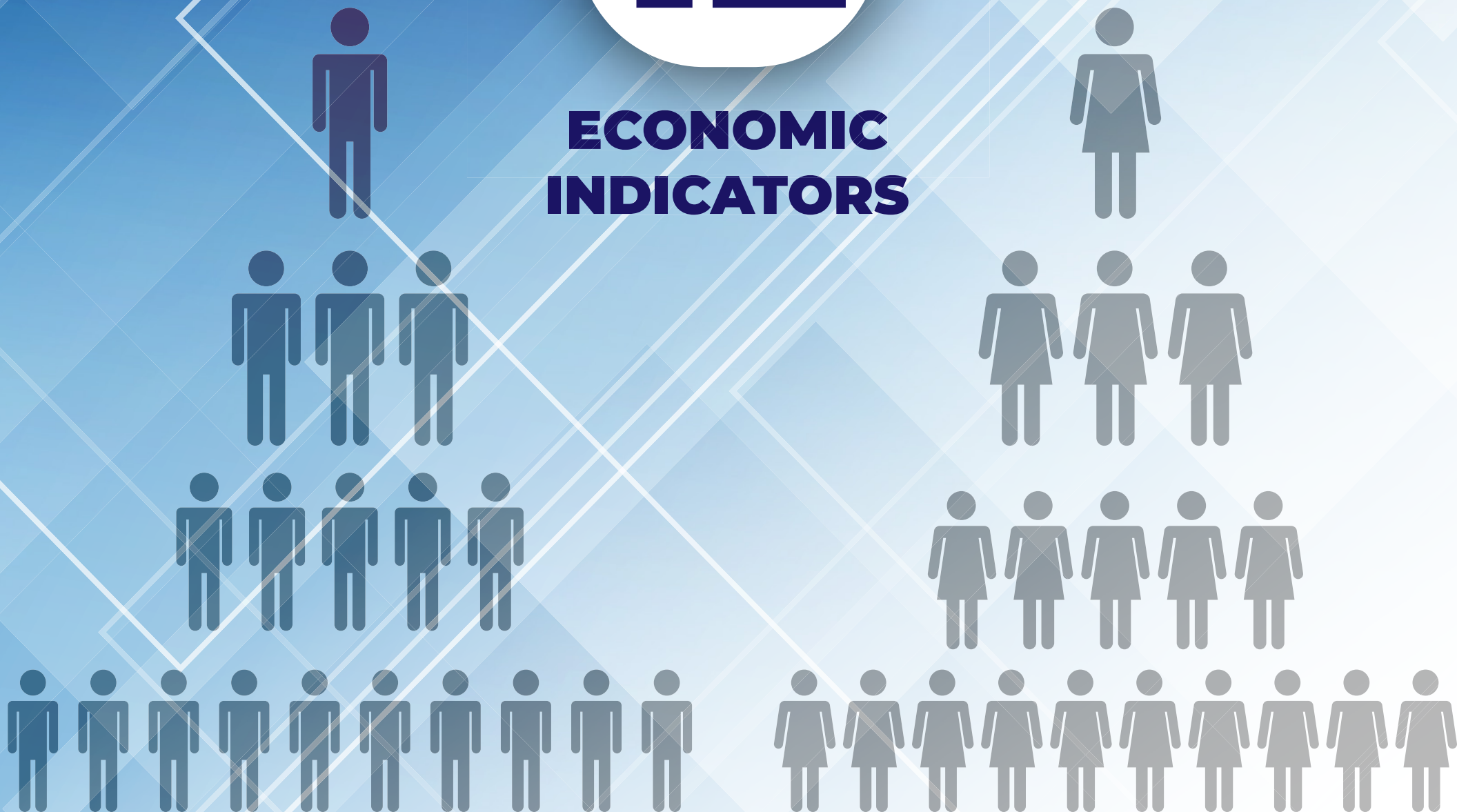
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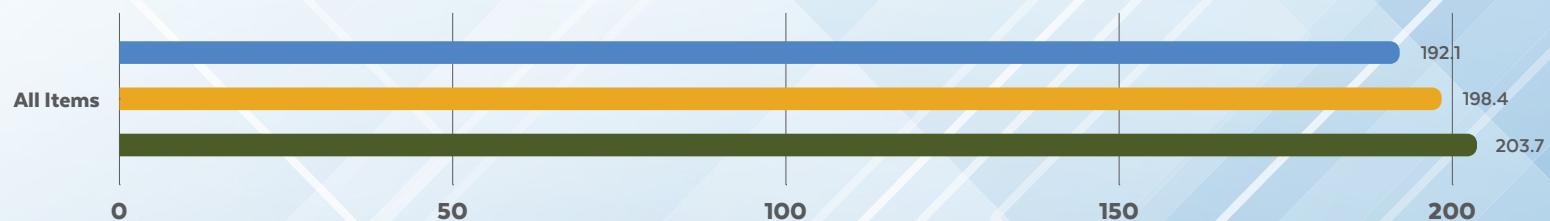
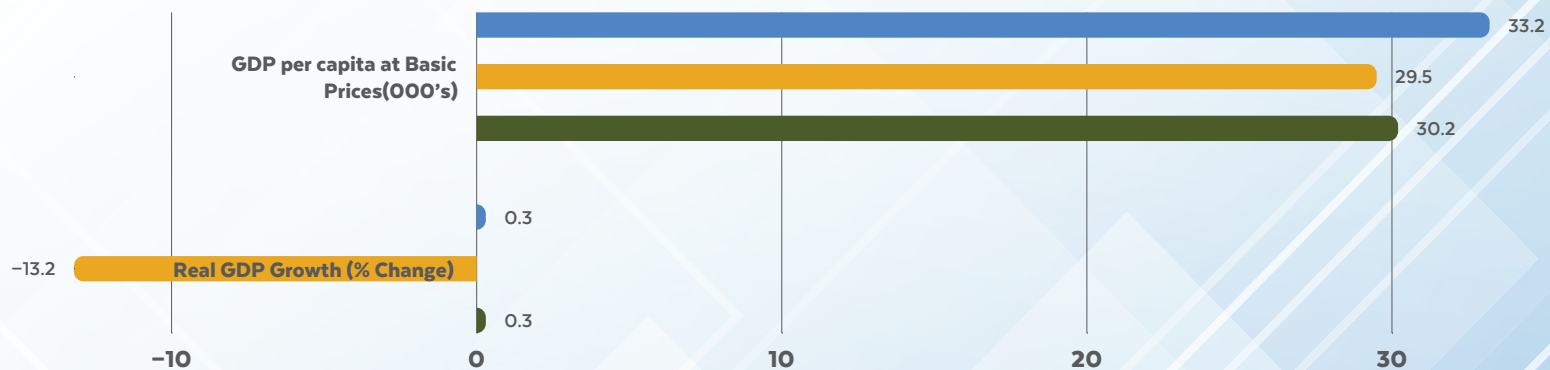
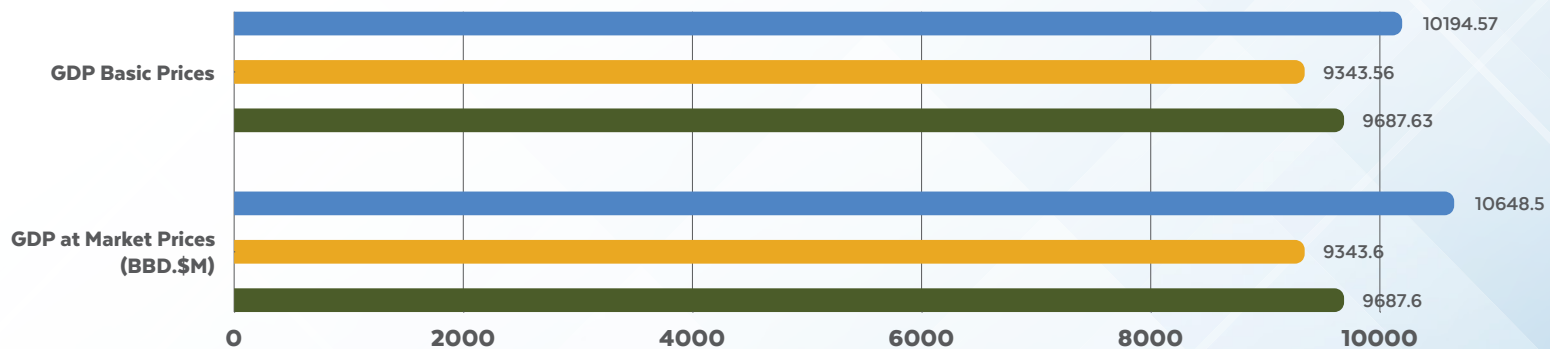
ECONOMIC INDICATORS





GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

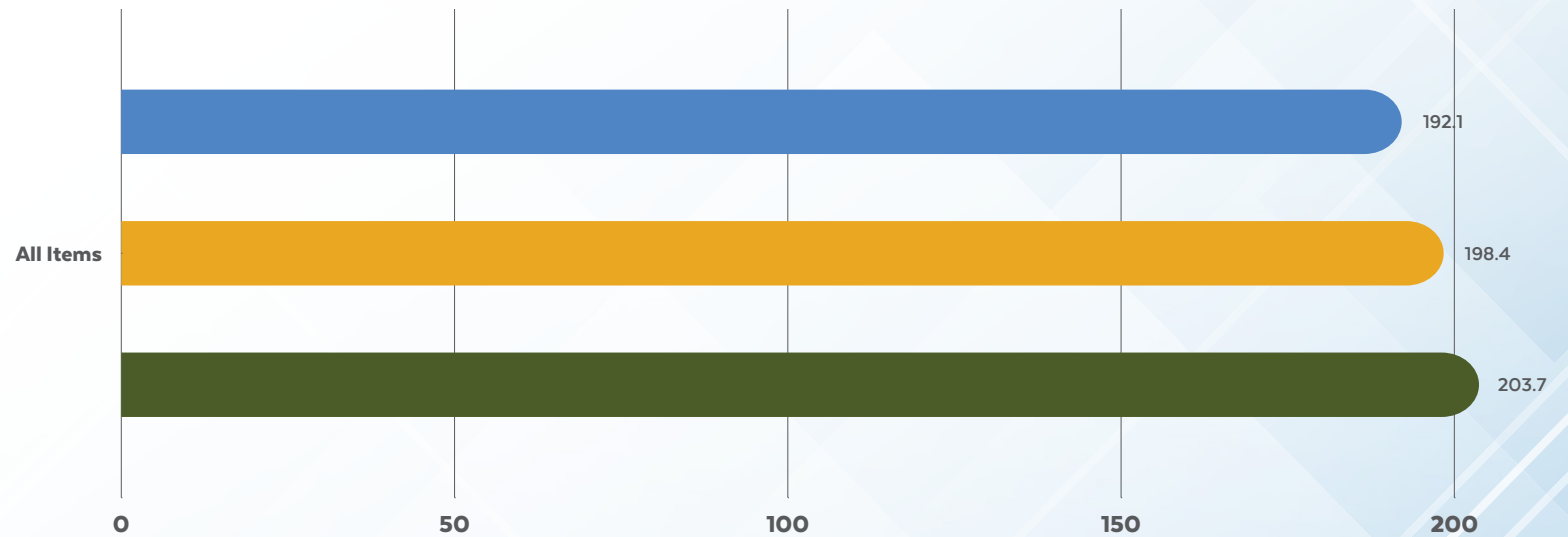
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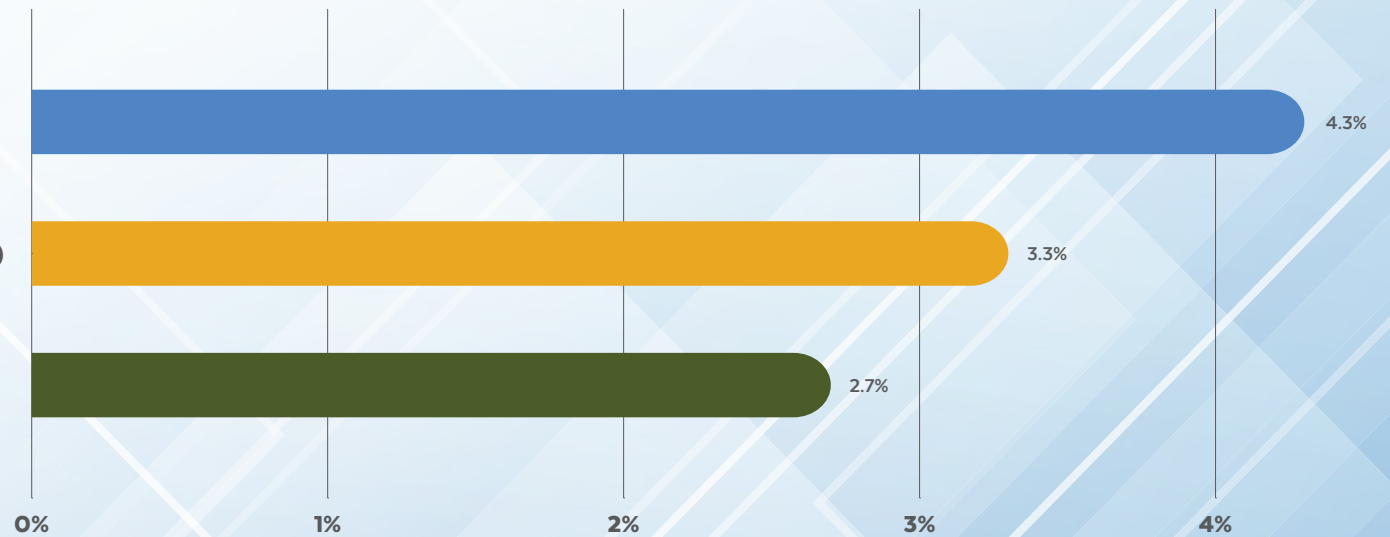


RETAIL PRICE INDEX (July, 2001 base =100)*

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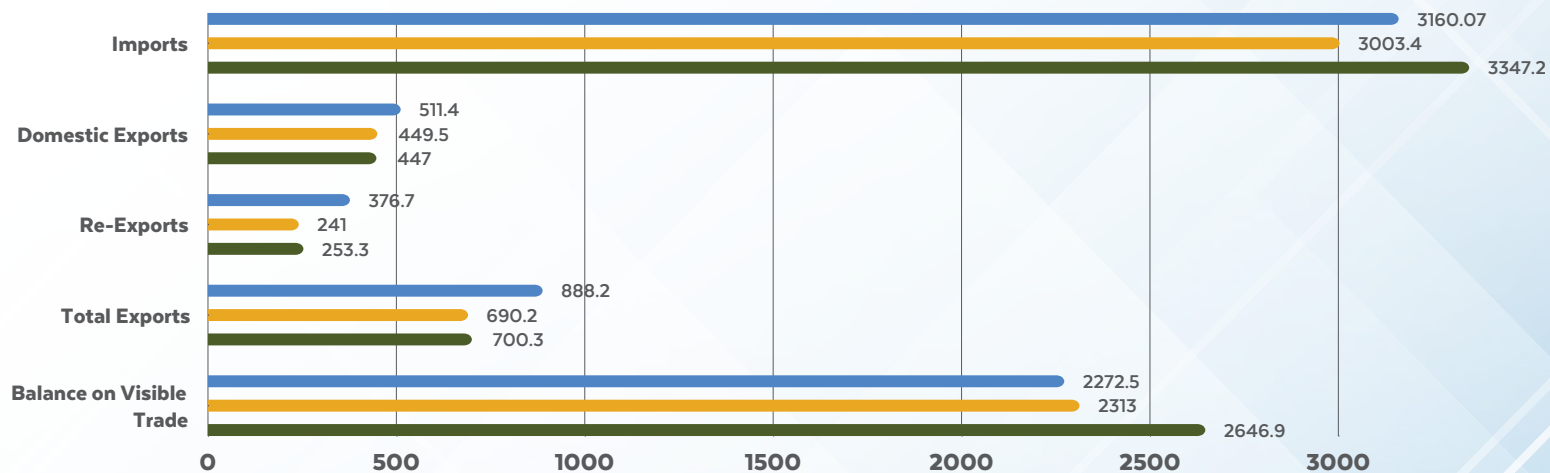
Inflation Rate (%)



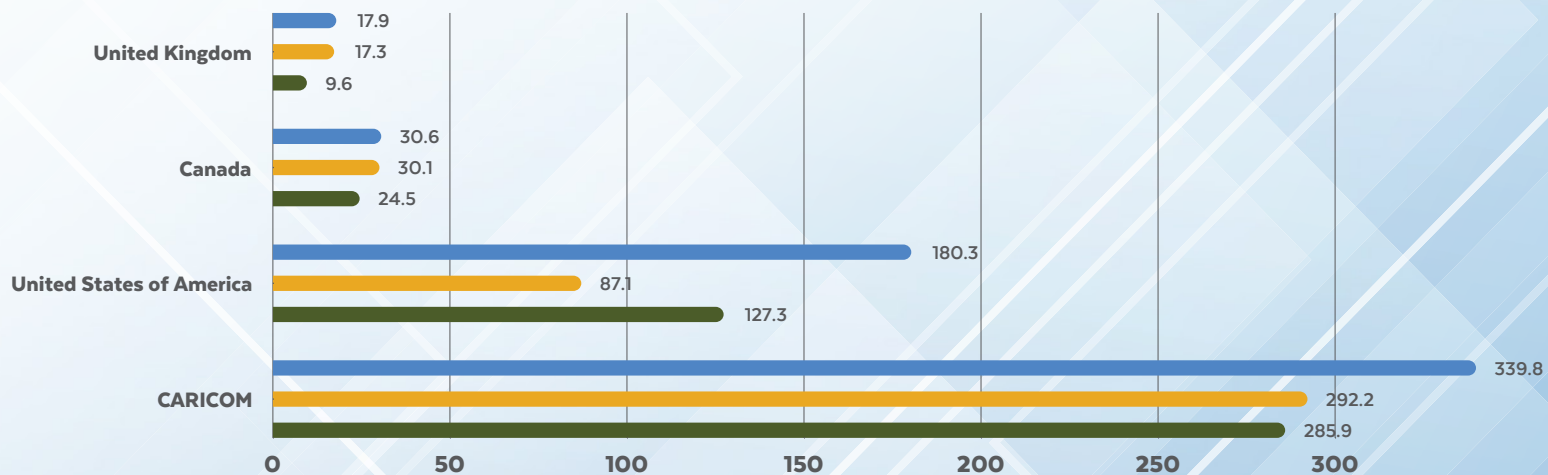


IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE (BBD.\$M)

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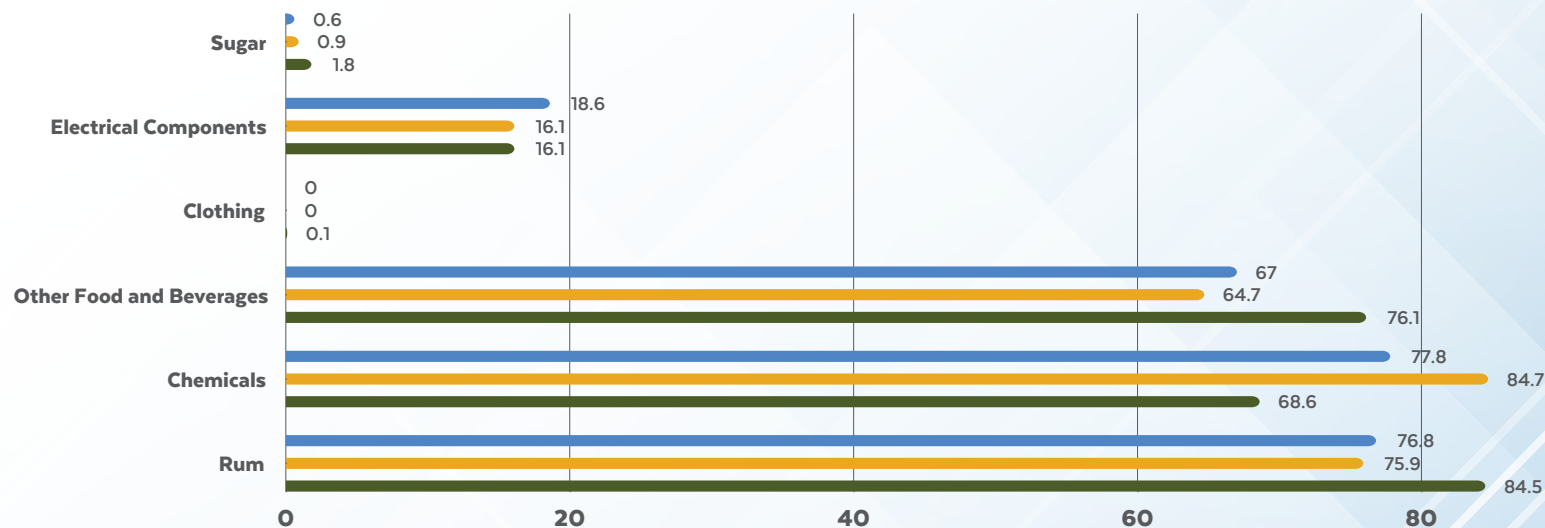
Value of Exports to Selected Countries (BBD.\$M)



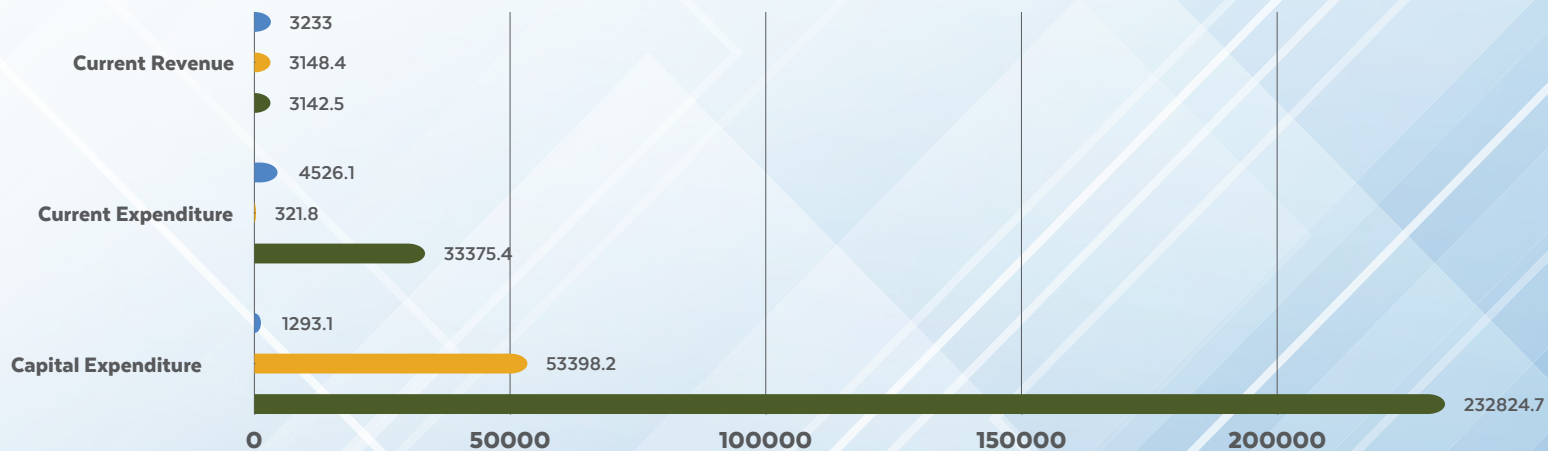


Selected Domestic Exports (BBD.\$M)

2019 2020 2021



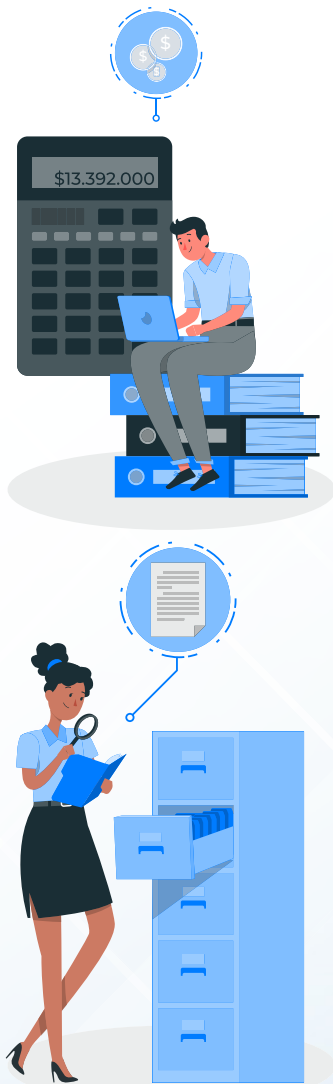
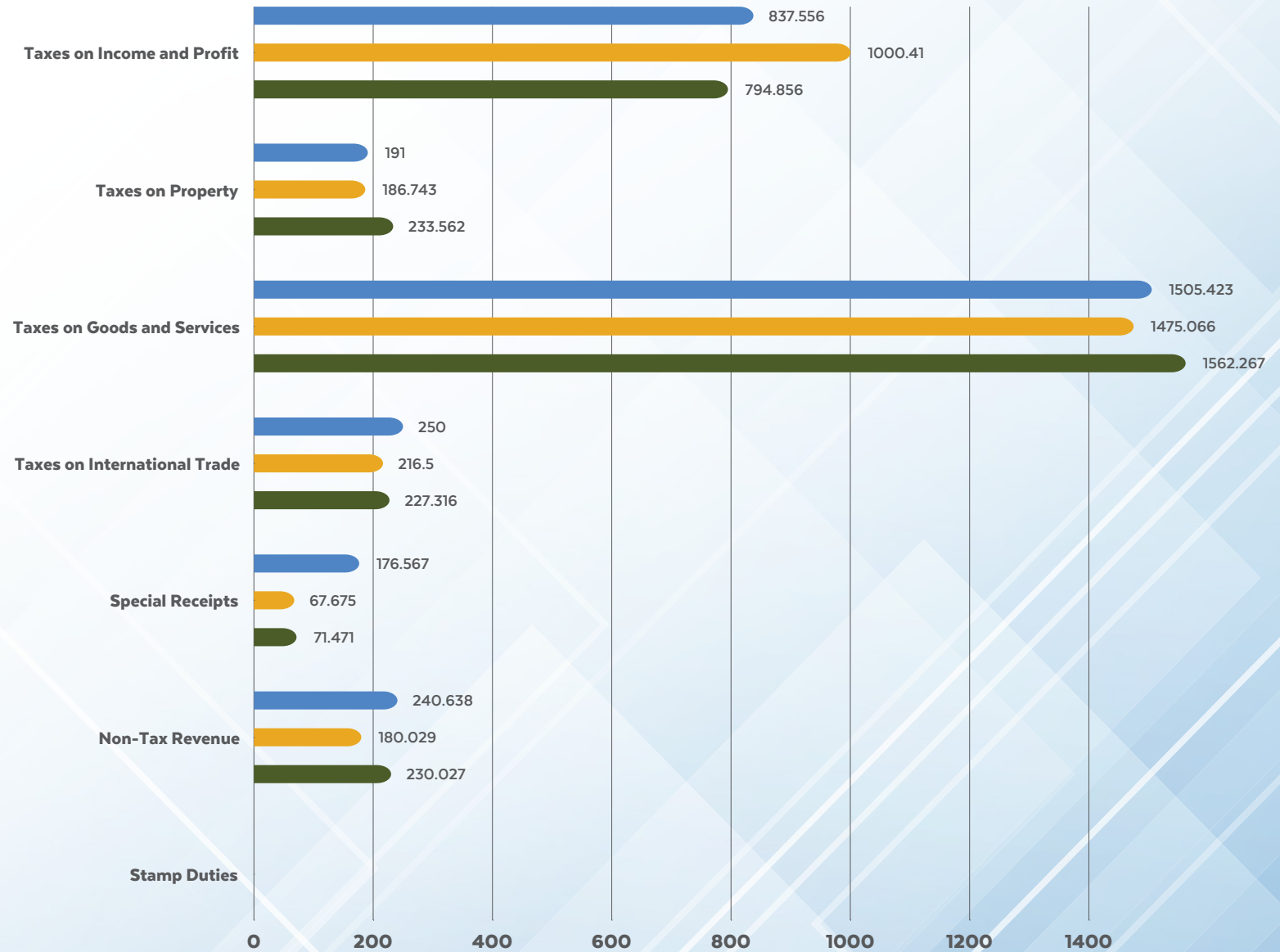
FINANCE Government Finances (BBD.\$M)





Major Sources of Revenue (BBD.\$M)

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NOTES AND SYMBOLS

R = Revised

P = Provisional

N/A = Not Available

\$M = Millions of dollars

'000 = Thousand

E = Estimated

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Researchers and other users of this information are referred to more detailed publications, some of which are listed below:

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- Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment
 - Annual Report - Labour Department
- Annual Report - Barbados Vocational Training Board
 - Website of the Barbados Central Bank
 - The Official Gazette



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