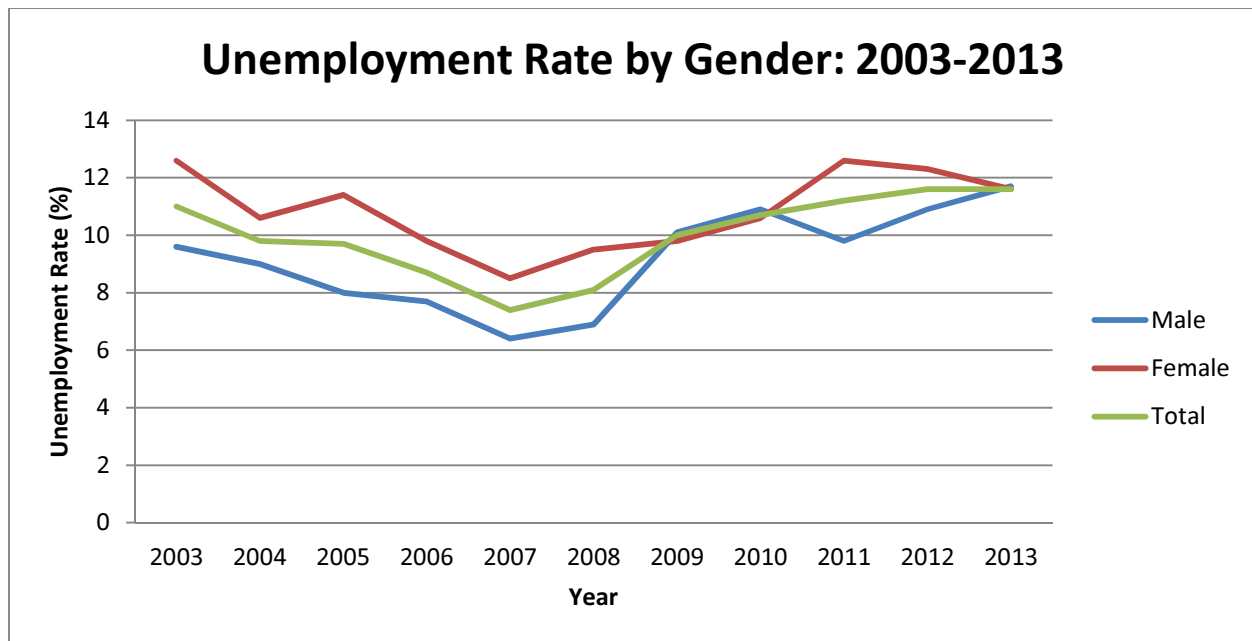


Unemployment Rate by Gender (%): 2003-2013



Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Unemployment Rate by Gender (%) 2003-2013			
Year	Male	Female	Total
2003	9.6	12.6	11
2004	9	10.6	9.8
2005	8	11.4	9.7
2006	7.7	9.8	8.7
2007	6.4	8.5	7.4
2008	6.9	9.5	8.1
2009	10.1	9.8	10
2010	10.9	10.6	10.7
2011	9.8	12.6	11.2
2012	10.9	12.3	11.6
2013	11.7	11.6	11.6

Throughout the entire period, the lines depicting the unemployment rates for both sexes adopted v-shapes, generally trending downwards from 2003 to 2007, before the trend was reversed from 2008 onwards.

The unemployment rate for females generally tended to be higher than that for males, with the exception of the years 2009 and 2010. Even then, the difference was extremely marginal, with a difference of some 0.3% being recorded for both years.

As at 2013, the rates recorded for the sexes were virtually the same, with 11.7% recorded for males, vis-à-vis 11.6% recorded for females.

For a person to be categorised as being unemployed, three criteria must be satisfied simultaneously. That person must be:

- Out of work;
- Actively seeking work; and
- Available for work