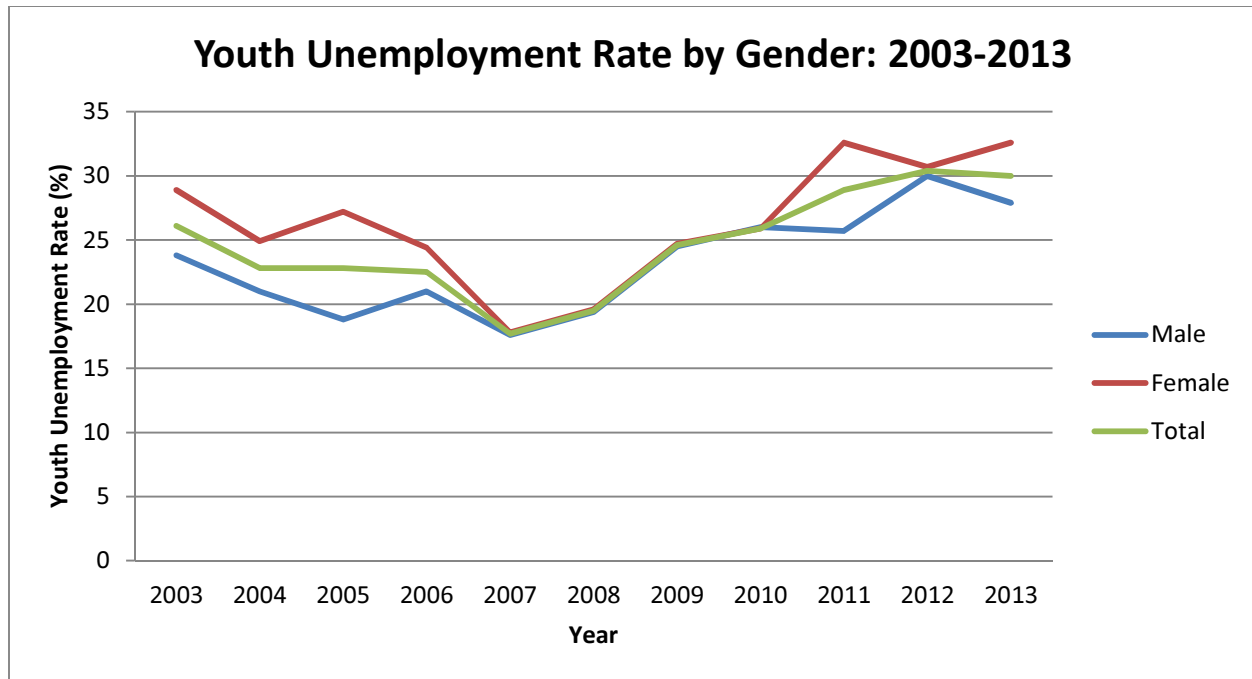


Youth Unemployment Rate by Gender (%): 2003-2013



Source: Barbados Statistical Service

| Youth Unemployment Rate by Gender (%) 2003-2013 | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Year | Male | Female | Total |
| 2003 | 23.8 | 28.9 | 26.1 |
| 2004 | 21 | 24.9 | 22.8 |
| 2005 | 18.8 | 27.2 | 22.8 |
| 2006 | 21 | 24.4 | 22.5 |
| 2007 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 17.7 |
| 2008 | 19.4 | 19.6 | 19.5 |
| 2009 | 24.5 | 24.7 | 24.6 |
| 2010 | 26 | 25.9 | 25.9 |
| 2011 | 25.7 | 32.6 | 28.9 |
| 2012 | 30 | 30.7 | 30.4 |
| 2013 | 27.9 | 32.6 | 30 |

As with the general unemployment rate, a v-shaped pattern is observed with youth unemployment, with the rate for females, being either the same as, or higher than that for males.

For the year 2013, a notable variance between the rates was observed, with a difference of some 4.7 percentage points being recorded (32.6% for females, vis-à-vis 27.9% for males).

The youth unemployment rate differs from the general unemployment rate in that it seeks to capture the rate of unemployment for persons within the 15-19 and 20-24 year age cohorts. In many countries throughout the world, both developing and developed, this rate tends to be double (and in some instances, triple) the general unemployment rate.