

Labour Force (000's) 2003-2013



Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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YEAR	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
(000's)	145.5	146.3	146.8	143.5	143.7	143.8	142.7	142.2	144.5	141.7	142.9

The labour force is composed of both employed and unemployed persons aged 15 years and over. During the reference period, the labour force declined marginally at an annual average rate of some 0.18%, reaching a maximum of 146,800 persons in 2005 and a minimum of 141,700 in 2012.

In absolute terms, this represented a decline of around 2,600 persons when annual statistics for the year 2013 were compared to the year 2003. During the ten year period, notable declines occurred between the periods 2005-2006, as well as 2011-2012.