

Jobs in 9 non-farm sectors rose 29% in June quarter: Study



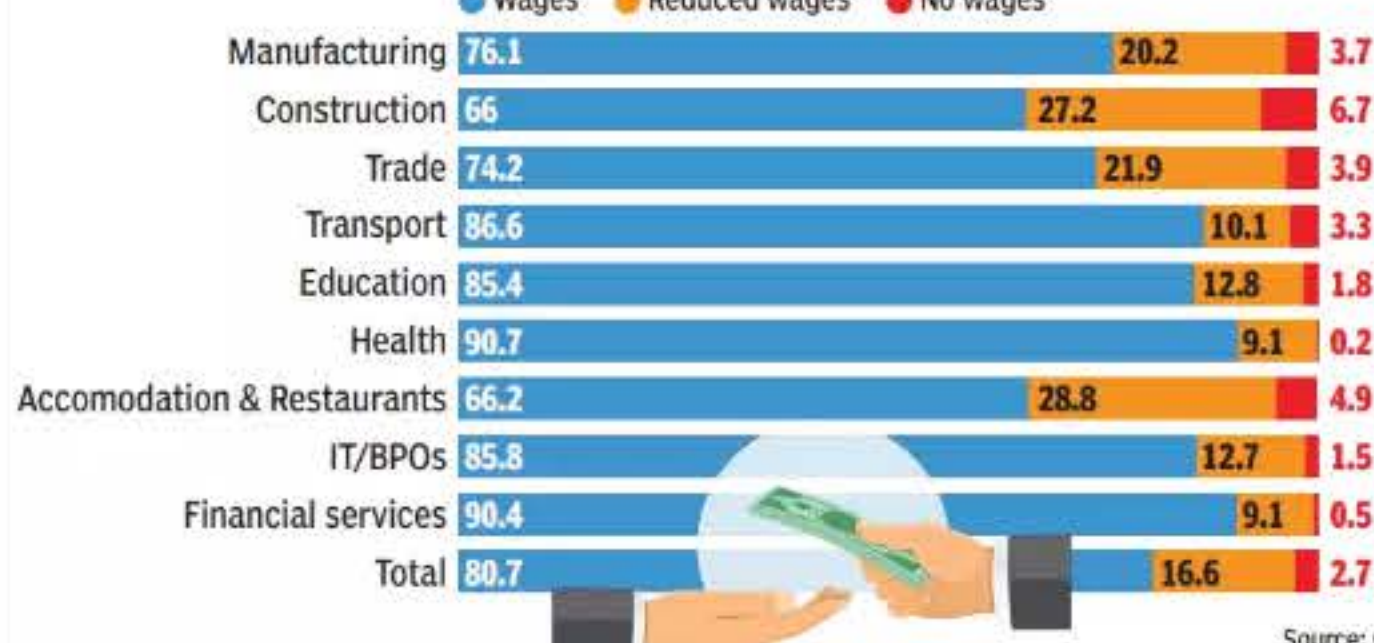
NEW DELHI: Employment in nine key non-farm sectors of the economy rose 29% to 3.08 crore in the first quarter of 2021-22 compared to 2.37 crore reported in the sixth economic census in 2013-14, a [Quarterly Employment Survey \(QES\)](#) released by the [Union](#) labour ministry showed on Monday.

The nine sectors which the survey focussed on included manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, education, health, accomodation and restaurant, IT/BPO and financial services. The IT/BPO sector logged 152% growth, followed by health (77%), financial services (48%), education (39%), manufacturing (22%), transport (68%) and construction (42%) during this period compared to 2013-14 economic census.

WAGES REDUCED MOST IN HOSPITALITY

Employees getting different levels of wages during lockdown (March 25 to June 20, 2020)

● Wages ● Reduced wages ● No wages



Source: QES 2021

Employment in the two services sectors, trade and accommodation and restaurant segment, declined by 25% and 13% respectively due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, consistent with the evidence which has been available so far.

The survey results showed that of total employment in the selected nine sectors, manufacturing accounts for 41%, education 22% and health 8%. Trade and IT/BPO engaged 7% of the total estimated number of workers.

According to the QES, the pandemic-induced dip in employment affected about 27% of the 12,000 establishments surveyed. During the period March 25, 2020 to June 30, 2020 when the one of the strictest lockdowns was in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, 69.5% of the establishment showed no change in employment while 26.7% establishment reported decreased employment as on July 1, 2020 compared to March 25, 2020, the survey showed. Decreased employment was relatively higher for the manufacturing sector, construction, accommodation and restaurant sectors.

The survey results showed that 38.1% establishments in the manufacturing sector, 34.5% in the construction sector and 34.4% in the accommodation and restaurant sector reported decreased employment during the nationwide lockdown. The health sector registered the highest percentage share (7%) reporting an increase in employment during the lockdown, the survey showed.

Speaking to TOI, principal adviser to the labour and employment ministry, D P S Negi said, "Total employment (between the three-month lockdown period) fell from 3.078 crore to 2.848 crore or by 24 lakh. This has been slightly more than made up during July 2020 and March 2021, making the total employment figure on April 1 as 3.08 crore."

Majority of the estimated establishments (80.7%) reported that their employees received full wages during the lockdown., while 16.6% reported receiving reduced wages. Only 2.7% of the total estimated establishments reported that they paid no wages to their employees during the lockdown. The highest share of the estimated establishments reporting that their employees received no wages the lockdown was in the construction (6.7%) and accommodation and restaurants (4.9%) sectors.

Released by Union labour and employment minister [Bhupender Yadav](#), QES is the first part of the All India Quarterly Establishment Based Employment Survey ([AIQEES](#)), which assessed establishments employing 10 or more workers in the manufacturing, construction, health, education, finance services, IT/BPO, trade, transport, and accommodation and restaurant sectors.

The report also said over-all percentage of women workers fell from 31% in 2013-14 to 29% in the April-June quarter.