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**To:** Michael Josem  
**Subject:** RE: Workforce Size and Labour Market Calculations

Dear Michael,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, you are correct in your calculations, although the new data of 44,875 had been added in, the formula itself was still reading from the cell above which, had the old census data in it, this will be corrected on the previous reports.

Kind Regards

Ann

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Hi Statistics IOM,

I have a query about your calculations of the unemployment rate (ILO definition).

In the most recent Labour Market Reports\* (LMR) you report that you are using a workforce size (aka, economically active population) of 44,875.

The LMR for August reports 758 unemployed persons. 758 is approximately 1.6891%, but you have reported an unemployment rate of 1.8%.

Similarly, the LMR for September reports 752 unemployed persons. 752 is approximately 1.6758%, but you have reported an unemployment rate of 1.8%.

Obviously, this is more than a rounding issue, since rounding would only explain a difference of 0.1% at the most – not over 0.1. I suspect that you have been using an incorrect denominator since February 2021. While you say that you have used an economically active population of 44,875, I suspect that you have actually been continuing to use the pre-Feb 2021 population size in your calculation of the unemployment rate.

Can you please confirm either way?

Regards,

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\*See:

<https://www.gov.im/media/1377843/isle-of-man-labour-market-report-august-2022.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1378034/isle-of-man-labour-market-report-september-2022-public.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1378288/isle-of-man-labour-market-report-october-2022.pdf>

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