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**Payroll Reporting in India: An Employment Perspective –April, 2021**

**Introduction**

1. Since April, 2018 this Ministry has been bringing out the employment related statistics in the formal sector covering the period September 2017 onwards, using information on the number of subscribers who have subscribed under three major schemes, namely the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme and the National Pension Scheme (NPS).

2. As mentioned in the earlier series, since the numbers of subscribers are from various sources, there are elements of overlap and the estimates are not additive. Detailed information is separately published on the respective organizational websites for the period September, 2017 to April, 2021. The information is based on the number of subscribers, and the tables reflect a dynamic status for five sets of periods – (a) September 2017 – March 2018, (b) April 2018 – March 2019, (c) April 2019 – March 2020, (d) April 2020 – March 2021 and (e) monthly data from April 2021 onwards. The data in Section 2.1 includes information gender-wise, on the number of new members who have started subscribing to EPF, the number of members that have ceased their subscription and the number of members who restarted contribution, having ceased subscription in the past. The data in Section 2.2 includes information gender-wise, in respect of ESI, on the number of existing employees who paid contribution and the number of newly registered employees who are paying contribution during the period. The data in Section 2.3 includes information gender-wise, in respect of NPS, on the existing subscribers and new subscribers contributing during the period.

**2.1 Employees' Provident Funds Scheme: September, 2017 to April, 2021**

**PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF SUBSCRIBERS BY AGE AS PER EPFO RECORDS (IN NUMBERS)**

**(a) Total during September 2017 – March 2018**

Age	Number of new EPF subscribers during the period					Number of members that ceased subscribing during the period					Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed during the period				
	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total
Less than 18	43,488	13,444	16	-	56,948	9,121	6,269	2	443	15,835	339	173	-	-	512
18-21	16,50,881	3,05,266	365	-	19,56,512	8,67,108	1,81,901	121	8,657	10,57,787	51,590	10,452	7	2	62,051
22-25	18,65,623	4,07,532	390	-	22,73,545	15,07,374	3,64,369	156	25,230	18,97,129	1,44,823	37,742	13	21	1,82,599
26-28	9,19,748	1,87,227	182	-	11,07,157	9,76,600	2,21,744	69	20,322	12,18,735	1,33,696	28,103	4	28	1,61,831
29-35	12,14,635	3,08,803	277	-	15,23,715	13,75,062	3,16,507	122	36,964	17,28,655	2,00,279	34,884	16	36	2,35,215
More than 35	12,28,968	3,10,224	335	-	15,39,527	14,01,532	3,48,146	93	59,877	18,09,648	1,53,169	27,871	12	65	1,81,117
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,23,343</b>	<b>15,32,496</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,57,404</b>	<b>61,36,797</b>	<b>14,38,936</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>1,51,493</b>	<b>77,27,789</b>	<b>6,83,896</b>	<b>1,39,225</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>8,23,325</b>

**(b) Total during April 2018 – March 2019**

Age	Number of new EPF subscribers during the period					Number of members that ceased subscribing during the period					Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed during the period				
	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total
Less than 18	87,869	31,251	3	-	1,19,123	19,426	10,405	4	247	30,082	3,976	2,060	-	1	6,037
18-21	28,23,682	6,43,061	86	-	34,66,829	13,61,213	2,88,872	109	2,724	16,52,918	4,47,207	81,720	38	124	5,29,089
22-25	28,76,479	7,63,398	76	-	36,39,953	23,77,895	6,02,712	153	11,919	29,92,679	9,14,107	2,09,613	78	629	11,24,427
26-28	13,97,099	3,43,527	40	-	17,40,666	15,87,940	3,77,488	87	10,974	19,76,489	6,75,638	1,38,161	30	749	8,14,578
29-35	18,73,151	5,72,198	48	-	24,45,397	22,46,297	5,27,014	143	19,939	27,93,393	9,36,132	1,75,232	71	1,308	11,12,743
More than 35	19,61,800	5,70,527	52	2	25,32,381	22,53,688	5,62,285	143	35,264	28,51,380	7,33,076	1,43,200	36	1,629	8,77,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,10,20,080</b>	<b>29,23,962</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,39,44,349</b>	<b>98,46,459</b>	<b>23,68,776</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>81,067</b>	<b>1,22,96,941</b>	<b>37,10,136</b>	<b>7,49,986</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>44,64,815</b>

(c) Total during April 2019 – March 2020

Age	Number of new EPF subscribers during the period					Number of members that ceased subscribing during the period					Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed during the period				
	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total
Less than 18	73,823	28,053	3	410	1,02,289	16,436	10,861	-	38	27,335	9,392	4,205	1	-	13,598
18-21	23,45,791	6,00,285	59	12	29,46,147	11,54,101	2,75,633	46	147	14,29,927	8,69,966	1,53,306	37	-	10,23,309
22-25	22,08,674	6,63,699	61	41	28,72,475	21,00,579	5,74,336	72	1,084	26,76,071	16,47,355	3,53,155	37	-	20,00,547
26-28	10,04,526	2,78,069	36	51	12,82,682	13,96,834	3,55,609	36	1,156	17,53,635	11,30,035	2,23,766	30	-	13,53,831
29-35	13,96,402	4,77,298	59	139	18,73,898	20,64,099	4,96,010	68	2,584	25,62,761	15,76,100	3,03,351	59	9	18,79,519
More than 35	14,89,351	4,73,257	56	528	19,63,192	20,27,776	5,13,901	89	5,419	25,47,185	12,82,251	2,61,520	39	11	15,43,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,18,567</b>	<b>25,20,661</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,10,40,683</b>	<b>87,59,825</b>	<b>22,26,350</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>10,428</b>	<b>1,09,96,914</b>	<b>65,15,099</b>	<b>12,99,303</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>78,14,625</b>

(d) Total during April 2020 – March 2021

Age	Number of new EPF subscribers during the period					Number of members that ceased subscribing during the period					Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed during the period				
	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total
Less than 18	59,935	23,410	1	1	83,347	10,375	8,338	-	4	18,717	4,201	2,870	-	-	7,071
18-21	1,885,407	423,709	31	4	2,309,151	845,609	205,363	13	5	1,050,990	755,801	130,405	17	-	886,223
22-25	1,616,288	473,791	37	7	2,090,123	1,741,385	474,153	37	290	2,215,865	1,876,162	353,697	49	-	2,229,908
26-28	717,797	190,842	18	7	908,664	1,207,911	297,393	27	480	1,505,811	1,294,089	241,392	29	-	1,535,510
29-35	1,052,037	382,232	33	20	1,434,322	1,876,453	464,700	31	947	2,342,131	1,864,799	372,264	33	4	2,237,100
More than 35	1,272,200	451,032	19	40	1,723,291	2,077,028	570,595	33	1,867	2,649,523	1,673,680	372,978	42	2	2,046,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,603,664</b>	<b>1,945,016</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8,548,898</b>	<b>7,758,761</b>	<b>2,020,542</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>9,783,037</b>	<b>7,468,732</b>	<b>1,473,606</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8,942,514</b>

(e) Monthly data from April 2021 onwards

April 2021															
Age	Number of new EPF subscribers during the month					Number of members that ceased subscribing during the month					Number of exited members who rejoined and resubscribed during the month				
	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total	Male	Female	Others	Not Available	Total
Less than 18	4,326	2,086	-	-	6,412	268	294	-	-	562	296	278	-	-	574
18-21	142,465	41,044	-	1	183,510	19,913	5,789	-	1	25,703	58,272	11,840	1	-	68,113
22-25	133,321	54,061	2	1	187,385	46,656	16,236	1	5	62,898	165,846	36,682	4	-	202,532
26-28	56,632	20,651	1	1	77,285	35,276	11,294	2	11	46,583	127,759	27,103	-	-	154,862
29-35	76,593	35,773	1	2	112,369	52,814	13,865	1	39	66,719	186,960	39,219	4	-	226,183
More than 35	86,146	36,291	1	4	122,442	50,203	13,304	-	156	63,663	163,617	36,570	2	1	200,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>499,483</b>	<b>189,906</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>689,403</b>	<b>205,130</b>	<b>60,782</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>266,128</b>	<b>700,750</b>	<b>151,692</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>852,454</b>

2.1.1 During September, 2017 – April, 2021; **4,26,80,737** new subscribers joined the EPF scheme.

Note:

- (1) Source: EPFO.
- (2) EPF is applicable to establishments having more than 20 workers (see Endnote 1).
- (3) As updation of employee records is a continuous process, and the data gets updated in subsequent months; information, particularly in respect of latest months remains provisional.
- (4) For more details, please visit website of EPFO <https://www.epfindia.gov.in> .

## 2.2 Employees' State Insurance Scheme: September, 2017 to April, 2021

### PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF SUBSCRIBERS BY AGE AS PER ESIC RECORDS (IN NUMBERS)

#### (a) Total during September 2017 – March 2018

Age	Number of existing employees (as on 01.09.2017) who paid contribution				Number of newly registered employees & paying contribution during the period			
	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total
Less than 18	3,764	1,552	-	5,316	8,321	3,482	-	11,803
18-21	6,78,437	1,30,555	45	8,09,037	11,63,589	1,63,207	48	13,26,844
22-25	39,27,503	7,59,204	153	46,86,860	20,29,056	3,62,002	105	23,91,163
26-28	37,17,391	6,94,876	147	44,12,414	11,81,950	1,91,527	61	13,73,538
29-35	70,60,716	12,81,543	259	83,42,518	13,77,599	2,79,933	81	16,57,613
More than 35	86,85,616	21,20,381	404	1,08,06,401	12,79,962	2,94,893	113	15,74,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,40,73,427</b>	<b>49,88,111</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>2,90,62,546</b>	<b>70,40,477</b>	<b>12,95,044</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>83,35,929</b>

#### (b) Total during April 2018 – March 2019

Age	Number of existing employees (as on 01.04.2018) who paid contribution				Number of newly registered employees & paying contribution during the period			
	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total
Less than 18	5,042	2,354	-	7,396	30,011	12,496	2	42,509
18-21	9,25,200	1,63,781	42	10,89,023	25,85,911	4,29,301	86	30,15,298
22-25	40,45,418	8,26,498	174	48,72,090	35,30,224	6,73,672	146	42,04,042
26-28	35,44,817	6,63,194	136	42,08,147	18,63,282	3,26,154	92	21,89,528
29-35	65,97,207	12,48,540	273	78,46,020	23,75,503	5,31,102	146	29,06,751
More than 35	82,24,991	20,55,118	433	1,02,80,542	20,92,628	5,15,071	145	26,07,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,33,42,675</b>	<b>49,59,485</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>2,83,03,218</b>	<b>1,24,77,559</b>	<b>24,87,796</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>1,49,65,972</b>

#### (c) Total during April 2019 – March 2020

Age	Number of existing employees (as on 01.04.2019) who paid contribution				Number of newly registered employees & paying contribution during the period			
	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total
Less than 18	13,140	7,524	2	20,666	29,920	16,648	6	46,574
18-21	16,43,640	3,24,773	61	19,68,474	26,15,024	4,93,306	83	31,08,413
22-25	46,16,176	10,09,126	176	56,25,478	35,28,218	7,26,180	133	42,54,531
26-28	34,69,492	6,35,984	152	41,05,628	17,10,456	3,19,235	70	20,29,761
29-35	63,35,701	12,95,305	273	76,31,279	24,38,582	5,83,283	102	30,21,967
More than 35	78,48,347	20,71,218	429	99,19,994	21,13,876	5,70,046	93	26,84,015
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,39,26,496</b>	<b>53,43,930</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>2,92,71,519</b>	<b>1,24,36,076</b>	<b>27,08,698</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1,51,45,261</b>

#### (d) Total during April 2020 – March 2021

Age	Number of existing employees (as on 01.04.2020) who paid contribution				Number of newly registered employees & paying contribution during the period			
	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total
Less than 18	7,903	6,218	1	14,122	17,507	12,013	1	29,521
18-21	1,212,214	247,873	35	1,460,122	2,046,479	326,385	60	2,372,924
22-25	3,571,875	813,528	137	4,385,540	2,705,977	492,221	89	3,198,287
26-28	2,903,825	525,690	100	3,429,615	1,372,301	225,233	54	1,597,588
29-35	5,162,529	1,052,692	207	6,215,428	1,795,504	395,204	64	2,190,772
More than 35	7,253,635	2,017,777	401	9,271,813	1,695,700	420,438	72	2,116,210
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,111,981</b>	<b>4,663,778</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>24,776,640</b>	<b>9,633,468</b>	<b>1,871,494</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>11,505,302</b>

(e) Monthly data from April 2021 onwards

April 2021								
Age	Number of existing employees who paid during month				Number of newly registered employees & paying contribution during the month			
	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total
Less than 18	7,774	6,725	1	14,500	1,232	1,167	-	2,399
18-21	1,165,581	246,934	33	1,412,548	160,902	32,798	1	193,701
22-25	3,417,078	788,101	121	4,205,300	245,469	59,347	7	304,823
26-28	2,750,938	499,496	93	3,250,527	126,142	26,640	2	152,784
29-35	4,880,236	1,005,301	193	5,885,730	156,486	42,596	7	199,089
More than 35	6,846,655	1,905,318	379	8,752,352	144,874	43,408	9	188,291
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,068,262</b>	<b>4,451,875</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>23,520,957</b>	<b>835,105</b>	<b>205,956</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,041,087</b>

2.2.1 During September, 2017 – April, 2021; **5,09,93,551** new subscribers joined the ESI scheme.

Note:

- (1) Source: ESIC.
- (2) ESI is applicable to establishments having more than 10 workers (see Endnote 2).
- (3) Subscribers in ESI are termed as Insured Persons (IP).
- (4) The stock of existing employees paying contributions for a given month is provisional for up to at least six months because of delayed filing of contributions/returns by the employers.
- (5) For more details, please visit website of ESIC <https://www.esic.nic.in>.

2.3 National Pension Scheme (NPS): September, 2017 to April, 2021

**PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS BY AGE AS PER NPS RECORDS (IN NUMBERS)**

(a) Total during September 2017 – March 2018

Age	Total Existing Subscribers (as on 01.09.2017) contributing	New Subscribers contributing during the period															Total New Subscribers
		Central Govt					State Govt					Non-Govt (Corporate Sector)					
		Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	
18-21	32,103	6,741	1,181	-	-	7,922	8,696	2,344	-	-	11,040	539	175	-	-	714	19,676
22-25	4,31,700	26,031	3,651	-	-	29,682	38,519	11,516	-	-	50,035	10,790	5,465	1	-	16,256	95,973
26-28	8,44,402	13,917	2,176	-	-	16,093	35,362	15,751	1	-	51,114	9,429	3,220	-	-	12,649	79,856
29-35	21,43,203	11,212	2,478	-	-	13,690	66,275	37,116	-	-	1,03,391	11,691	2,703	-	-	14,394	1,31,475
> 35	21,14,343	6,499	2,297	-	-	8,796	67,971	28,810	1	-	96,782	18,201	2,641	1	-	20,843	1,26,421
Non-IRA	24,664	2	0	0	0	2	43	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,90,415</b>	<b>64,402</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,185</b>	<b>2,16,866</b>	<b>95,537</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,12,405</b>	<b>50,650</b>	<b>14,204</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,856</b>	<b>4,53,446</b>

**(b) Total during April 2018 – March 2019**

Age	Total Existing Subscribers (as on 01.04.2018) contributing	New Subscribers contributing during the period															Total New Subscribers
		Central Govt					State Govt					Non-Govt (Corporate Sector)					
		Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	
18-21	36,229	4,296	1,044	-	-	5,340	11,255	4,940	-	-	16,195	510	247	-	-	757	22,292
22-25	4,37,372	29,387	5,497	-	-	34,884	59,487	23,764	-	-	83,251	11,597	5,972	-	-	17,569	1,35,704
26-28	8,64,319	26,013	4,700	-	-	30,713	60,197	28,376	-	-	88,573	12,381	4,754	1	-	17,136	1,36,422
29-35	23,21,893	21,567	4,328	-	-	25,895	1,09,444	63,438	2	-	1,72,884	20,429	4,282	-	-	24,711	2,23,490
> 35	23,63,638	10,264	3,459	-	-	13,723	1,23,503	58,023	1	-	1,81,527	33,290	3,875	3	-	37,168	2,32,418
Non-IRA	8,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	74	-	-	-	-	-	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,32,430</b>	<b>91,527</b>	<b>19,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,10,555</b>	<b>3,63,886</b>	<b>1,78,541</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>5,42,504</b>	<b>78,207</b>	<b>19,130</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,341</b>	<b>7,50,400</b>

**(c) Total during April 2019 – March 2020**

Age	Total Existing Subscribers (as on 01.04.2019) contributing	New Subscribers contributing during the period															Total New Subscribers
		Central Govt					State Govt					Non-Govt (Corporate Sector)					
		Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	
18-21	35,049	5,469	592	-	-	6,061	9,687	3,721	-	-	13,408	417	221	-	-	638	20,107
22-25	4,08,330	30,279	4,751	-	-	35,030	66,290	26,309	1	-	92,600	13,176	7,231	2	-	20,409	1,48,039
26-28	8,55,936	27,373	5,236	-	-	32,609	57,270	28,083	-	-	85,353	18,520	7,157	-	-	25,677	1,43,639
29-35	26,14,371	25,138	5,821	-	-	30,959	98,061	60,824	2	-	1,58,887	35,815	8,921	7	-	44,743	2,34,589
> 35	28,61,286	10,132	4,051	-	-	14,183	95,536	50,194	3	-	1,45,733	45,254	5,584	6	-	50,844	2,10,760
Non-IRA	9,822	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,84,794</b>	<b>98,391</b>	<b>20,451</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,18,843</b>	<b>3,26,844</b>	<b>1,69,131</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4,96,003</b>	<b>1,13,182</b>	<b>29,114</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,42,311</b>	<b>7,57,157</b>

**(d) Total during April 2020 – March 2021**

Age	Total Existing Subscribers (as on 01.04.2020) contributing	New Subscribers contributing during the period															Total New Subscribers
		Central Govt					State Govt					Non-Govt (Corporate Sector)					
		Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	
18-21	11,381	2,263	235	-	-	2,498	6,895	2,061	-	2	8,958	365	137	-	-	502	11,958
22-25	267,231	20,667	3,024	-	-	23,691	45,581	15,481	-	-	61,062	9,572	5,057	1	-	14,630	99,383
26-28	673,322	22,017	4,057	1	-	26,075	48,769	23,641	2	-	72,412	16,686	6,631	3	-	23,320	121,807
29-35	2,826,029	20,459	5,438	-	-	25,897	80,035	47,099	2	-	127,136	37,724	9,229	12	-	46,965	199,998
> 35	3,744,535	8,388	2,758	-	-	11,146	82,889	45,544	2	5	128,440	50,058	6,040	4	-	56,102	195,688
Non-IRA	8,131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,530,629</b>	<b>73,794</b>	<b>15,512</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,307</b>	<b>264,169</b>	<b>133,826</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>398,008</b>	<b>114,405</b>	<b>27,094</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,519</b>	<b>628,834</b>

(e) Monthly data from April 2021 onwards

April 2021																	
Age	Total Existing Subscribers contributing during the month	New Subscribers contributing during the month															Total New Subscribers
		Central Govt					State Govt					Non-Govt (Corporate Sector)					
		Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-IRA	Total	
18-21	15,807	210	35	-	-	245	607	130	-	-	737	33	39	-	-	72	1,054
22-25	255,214	2,088	312	-	-	2,410	3,522	1,586	-	-	5,108	1,190	846	-	-	2,036	9,554
26-28	545,355	2,362	376	-	-	2,738	4,078	2,329	-	-	6,407	1,404	745	-	-	2,149	11,294
29-35	2,057,265	2,533	606	-	-	3,139	10,052	6,240	-	-	16,292	4,812	1,035	-	-	5,847	25,278
> 35	2,576,417	547	204	-	-	751	3,054	1,860	-	-	4,914	2,620	379	-	-	2,999	8,664
Non-IRA	1,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,451,778</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,283</b>	<b>21,313</b>	<b>12,145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,458</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,103</b>	<b>55,844</b>

2.3.1. **26,45,681** new subscribers joined and contributed in the NPS Central Government, State Governments and Corporate schemes during September 2017 to April 2021.

Note:

(1) Source: PFRDA.

(2) NPS is applicable to any citizen of India, whether resident or non-resident, individuals who are aged between 18 – 60 years as on the date of submission of his/her application. The above NPS data is exclusive of All Citizen Sector, NPS Lite schemes and Atal Pension Yojana (see Endnote 3).

(3) For more details, please visit website of PFRDA <https://www.pfrda.org.in>.

3. The present report gives different perspectives on the levels of employment in the formal sector and does not measure employment at a holistic level. The Ministry welcomes suggestions for improvement in content, coverage and presentation.

4. The next report is due for release on 23.07.2021.

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### Endnote: Coverage and Sources of data

1. The Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) is a mandatory savings scheme under the **Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952**. It is managed under the aegis of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). It covers every establishment in which 20 or more persons are employed (and certain other establishments which may be notified by the Central Government even if they employ less than 20 persons each), subject to certain conditions and exemptions as provided for in the Act. The pay ceiling is Rs.15000/- per month. Persons drawing pay above Rs. 15,000/- are exempted or can be enrolled with some permission or on voluntary basis. The number of members subscribing to this scheme gives an idea of the level of employment in the formal sector. The data on subscribers-new members, exited members and those subscribers that re-started their subscription is sourced from EPFO. More details are available at <https://www.epfindia.gov.in>.
2. **The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948** is applicable to non-seasonal, manufacturing establishments (other than a mine subject to the operation of the Mines Act, 1952 (35 of 1952), or a railway running shed) employing 10 or more workers. For health and medical institutions, the threshold limit is 20 or more workers. ESI Scheme for India is an integrated social security scheme tailored to provide socio-economic protection to the workers in the organized sector and their dependents, in contingencies, such as Sickness, Maternity and Death or Disablement due to an employment injury or occupational hazard. The wage ceiling is Rs.21000/- per month. Subscribers are termed as Insured Persons (IP) and a new IP number can also arise due to change in employment. Employees may cease to pay contribution due to wage exceeding the statutory ceiling of Rs.21000/- per month or owing to resignation, death, retirement or dismissal. The number of subscribers of this scheme also gives an idea of the level of employment in the formal sector. Data is sourced from Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and the information may have an element of duplication with EPF data and is thus not additive. More details are available at <https://www.esic.nic.in>.
3. **The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)'s National Pension Scheme (NPS)** is an easily accessible, low cost, tax-efficient, flexible and portable retirement account. Under the NPS schemes for the Govt. Sector, the individual contributes to his retirement account and also his employer will co-contribute for the social security/welfare of the individual. NPS is designed on defined contribution basis wherein the subscriber contributes to his account, and the accumulated wealth depends on the contributions made and the income generated from investment of such wealth. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004, the Central and the State Governments have adopted this scheme for new employees except for armed forces. Most of the State Governments also adopted NPS subsequent to adoption of NPS by Central Government. NPS was extended to Corporate Sector from 2009 onwards and it provides platform for Corporates to make co-contribution in NPS accounts of their subscribers or facilitate them to make their own contributions for their NPS accounts. There are three variations of contributions i.e. only from employer, only from employee and contributions from both employer and employee. More details are available at <https://www.pfrda.org.in>.

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