NSS / PLFS Data Notes

The Employment and Unemployment Surveys (EUS) of NSS served as the primary source of labour market data at National and State level in India. The labour statistics generated from these surveys have remained crucial for planning and policy formations not only in various agencies of the Government but also in the academic field including addressing issues concerning larger contests relating to Employment and Unemployment in India. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was launched by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in April 2017 which replaced the very comprehensive and detailed surveys on the employment and unemployment situations.

The CEDA data portal includes data from eight rounds of NSS / PLFS labour statistics at all India, state and district level (where applicable) from the NSS, 55th Round until the PLFS 2021-22. Variables include population, expenditure, wages, educational attainment, employment types, labour force participation and unemployment by age, gender, caste, religion and sector.

More information about the NSS / PLFS data sets and the official reports can be accessed here.