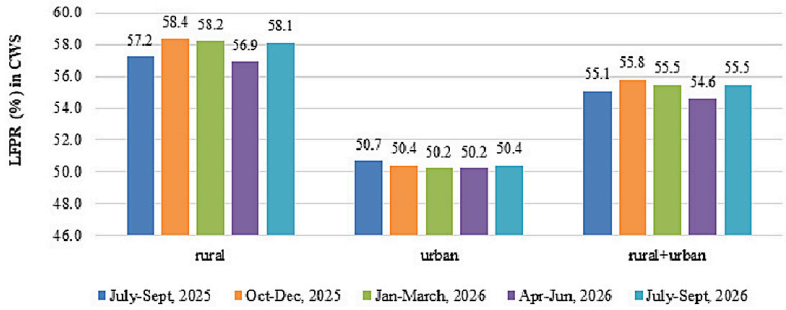
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Figure 1: LFPR (%) in CWS for persons of age 15 years and above



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The overall LFPR for persons (15+ years) reported an increase to 55.5% in July-September, 2026 compared to 54.6% in the previous quarter.

Rural LFPR (15+ years) recorded at 58.1%, an increase of 0.9 percentage points compared with same period of last year.

Overall WPR (15+ years) stood at 52.7% during July-September, 2026, registering an increase of 1.0 percentage point over the previous quarter.

Rural WPR increased by 1.4 percentage points quarter-on-quarter to 55.6% during July-September, 2026.

The share of regular wage/ salaried employment in urban areas reported an increase of 0.3 percentage points to 49.6% compared to the previous quarter.

During July-September, 2026 the share of self-employed in rural areas increased by 1.3 percentage points to 62.7% compared with last quarter.

Rural agricultural employment increased by 3.8 percentage points over the quarter to 56.7% during July-September, 2026.

Rural UR declined to 4.3% during July-September, 2026 from 4.8% in the previous quarter.

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