

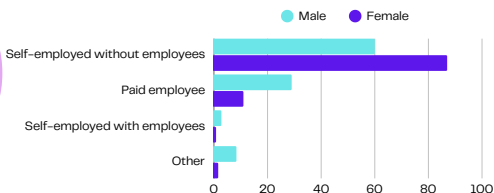
Urban Youth Employment in Sierra Leone

Headline findings from a survey carried out in April 2025 in
Freetown, Bo and Makeni

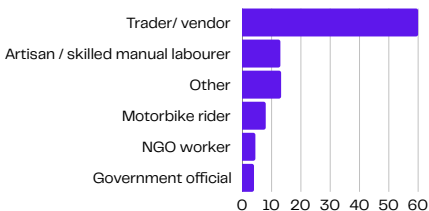
The majority of respondents (75.2%) is self-employed
without employees. The second largest group is paid
employees (18.5%)

There is a clear gender
disparity in
employment status:
women are more likely
to be self-employed
than men

Employment status by gender

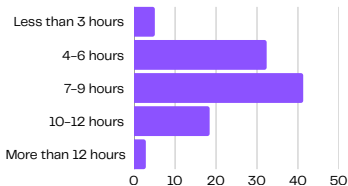


The majority of respondents work as
traders/vendors and artisans/skilled manual
labourers



84.2% of respondents do not pay contributions to the
National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT)

How many hours per day do young people
work?



The majority of respondents
are satisfied with their
working hours and pace of
their work

Those participants who work as
paid employees tend to see their
work environment as more safe
than self-employed respondents

Overall the enviromental conditions in
my work are safe and acceptable

