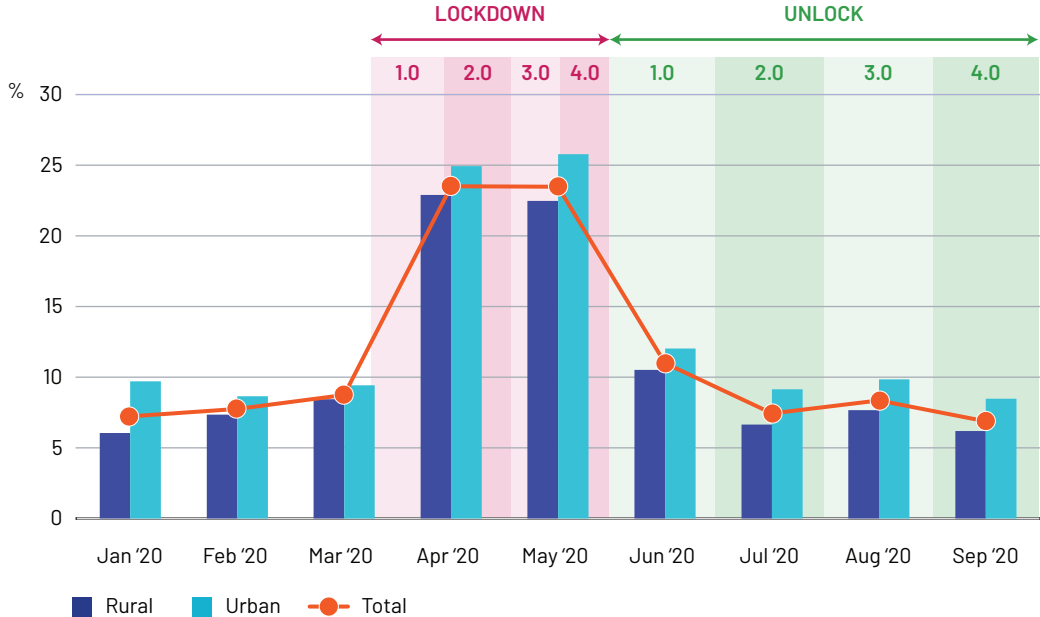


# ...but unemployment rate edged down

Source: CMIE, Acuity Knowledge Partners

Note: Data for September is MTD



- » The CMIE unemployment rate saw a sharp spike in April-May (23.5%) as lockdowns halted the activity.
- » It fell in July (close to pre-C19 levels), but crawled back up in August, reflecting the worsening formal job market.
- » MTD data for September suggests that rural unemployment fell drastically, pulling down the total rate below pre-C19 levels.
- » We are looking at a possible recession as FY Q1 2021 GDP contracted a historic 23.9% y/y, with labour intensive sectors, such as Construction and Manufacturing suffering the most.