Manpower Survey Results in October 2026

- **Total employment increased by 4,000(+0.04%) in October to 11,644,000; moreover, it increased by 9,000(+0.08%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

  -- Employment in agriculture decreased by 1,000(-0.35%); by contrast, the industry sector and the services sector increased by 1,000(+0.04%) and 5,000(+0.07%), respectively in October.

  --Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture and the industry sector decreased by 11,000(-2.32%) and 7,000(-0.17%), respectively in October; by contrast, it increased by 28,000(+0.39%) in the services sector.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in October 2026

Unit: persons in thousand

	Civilian Population Age 15 & Above	Labor Force		Employed	Unemployed Persons			Not in the Labor Force	Labor Underutilization Indicators (%)			
			Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	Persons		Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate (%)		LU1	LU2	LU3	LU4
Total	20 204	12 049	59.63	11 644	404	3.35	3.33	8 155	3.38	4.36	4.34	5.30
Male	9 764	6 561	67.19	6 337	224	3.41	3.40	3 203	-	-	-	-
Female	10 440	5 488	52.56	5 307	181	3.29	3.26	4 952	-	-	-	-

Note: The LU1 to LU4 indicators were compiled in accordance with the definitions of ILO.

- **The unemployment rate declined by 0.01 percentage points to 3.35% in October; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.33%. Furthermore, the LU1 indicator was 3.38%, representing a decrease of 0.01 percentage points; however, indicators LU2, LU3 and LU4 rose by 0.02, 0.01 and 0.04 percentage points to 4.36%, 4.34% and 5.30%, respectively.**

  --Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate declined by 0.01 percentage points in October, as for the Labor Underutilization Indicators, the LU1, LU2, LU3 and LU4 declined by 0.01,0.07,0.09 and 0.16 percentage points, respectively.

  --The number of unemployed persons was 404,000 in October, a decrease of 1,000(-0.22%) but remained broadly unchanged (-0.08%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate rose by 0.04 percentage points to 59.63% in October; moreover, it rose by 0.09 percentage points from that of the previous year.**

Table 1. Statistical Brief Based on Manpower Survey Results

Unit: Thousand Persons

Year & month	Civilian population age 15 & above	Labor force			Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)			
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons			Total	15~24 Years	25~44 Years	45~64 Years
Ave., 2016	19 962	11 727	11 267	460	8 235	58.75	3.92	12.12	4.08	2.15
Ave., 2017	20 049	11 795	11 352	443	8 254	58.83	3.76	11.92	3.93	1.99
Ave., 2018	20 129	11 874	11 434	440	8 254	58.99	3.71	11.54	3.86	2.00
Ave., 2019	20 189	11 946	11 500	446	8 243	59.17	3.73	11.88	3.87	1.94
Ave., 2020	20 231	11 964	11 504	460	8 267	59.14	3.85	11.61	3.94	2.30
Ave., 2021	20 193	11 919	11 447	471	8 274	59.02	3.95	12.11	3.96	2.52
Ave., 2022	20 028	11 853	11 418	434	8 175	59.18	3.67	11.97	3.72	2.26
Ave., 2023	20 168	11 943	11 528	415	8 225	59.22	3.48	11.39	3.61	2.17
Ave., 2024	20 244	12 001	11 595	406	8 242	59.28	3.38	11.27	3.47	2.16
Ave.,2025	20 238	12 028	11 626	403	8 210	59.43	3.35	11.32	3.41	2.20
Oct.	20 219	12 039	11 635	404	8 180	59.54	3.36	11.63	3.41	2.21
Nov.	20 213	12 040	11 639	401	8 173	59.57	3.33	11.56	3.39	2.19
Dec.	20 209	12 043	11 645	398	8 166	59.59	3.30	11.58	3.40	2.14
Ave.,2026	20 211	12 044	11 642	402	8 167	59.59	3.34	11.48	3.45	2.23
Jan.	20 207	12 046	11 649	396	8 161	59.61	3.29	11.44	3.42	2.13
Feb.	20 211	12 044	11 644	400	8 167	59.59	3.32	11.34	3.46	2.17
Mar.	20 213	12 040	11 638	402	8 173	59.57	3.34	11.42	3.43	2.26
Apr.	20 211	12 029	11 632	397	8 182	59.52	3.30	11.37	3.39	2.23
May	20 214	12 027	11 634	393	8 187	59.50	3.27	11.14	3.39	2.18
June	20 213	12 039	11 637	402	8 174	59.56	3.34	11.57	3.42	2.25
July	20 214	12 060	11 651	409	8 154	59.66	3.39	11.71	3.49	2.27
Aug.	20 214	12 066	11 655	411	8 148	59.69	3.41	11.74	3.54	2.25
Sept.	20 212	12 045	11 640	405	8 167	59.59	3.36	11.59	3.45	2.29
Oct.	20 204	12 049	11 644	404	8 155	59.63	3.35	11.46	3.47	2.29
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	-0.04	0.03	0.04	-0.22	-0.14	(0.04)	(-0.01)	(-0.13)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	-0.08	0.08	0.08	-0.08	-0.30	(0.09)	(-0.01)	(-0.17)	(0.06)	(0.08)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	-0.16	0.16	0.17	-0.35	-0.62	(0.19)	(-0.01)	(0.21)	(0.04)	(0.02)

Table 2. Important Indicator Based on Manpower Survey Results, by Year

Year & month	Labor force		Employed persons		Labor force participation rate		Unemployed persons (thousand persons)	Unemployment rate	
	Number of persons (thousand persons)	(%,yoy)	Number of persons (thousand persons)	(%,yoy)	(%)	Seasonally adjusted		(%)	Seasonally adjusted
Oct., 1997	9 477	1.33	9 228	1.76	58.32	58.15	250	2.63	2.52
Oct., 1998	9 586	1.15	9 300	0.78	58.05	57.99	286	2.98	2.85
Oct., 1999	9 721	1.41	9 424	1.33	57.94	57.87	297	3.05	2.94
Oct., 2000	9 835	1.17	9 521	1.03	57.76	57.70	313	3.19	3.08
Oct., 2001	9 889	0.55	9 362	-1.67	57.35	57.29	527	5.33	5.18
Oct., 2002	9 981	0.93	9 451	0.95	57.22	57.19	530	5.31	5.18
Oct., 2003	10 109	1.28	9 612	1.70	57.34	57.32	497	4.92	4.82
Oct., 2004	10 280	1.69	9 837	2.34	57.71	57.70	443	4.31	4.27
Oct., 2005	10 417	1.33	9 993	1.59	57.84	57.83	424	4.07	4.05
Oct., 2006	10 595	1.71	10 182	1.89	58.11	58.08	413	3.90	3.91
Oct., 2007	10 741	1.38	10 320	1.35	58.19	58.16	421	3.92	3.95
Oct., 2008	10 901	1.48	10 424	1.01	58.32	58.29	476	4.37	4.40
Oct., 2009	10 963	0.57	10 310	-1.10	57.94	57.91	653	5.96	5.98
Oct., 2010	11 106	1.30	10 560	2.42	58.09	58.05	546	4.92	4.91
Oct., 2011	11 249	1.28	10 765	1.94	58.26	58.21	484	4.30	4.26
Oct., 2012	11 391	1.26	10 897	1.23	58.45	58.40	493	4.33	4.27
Oct., 2013	11 483	0.81	10 996	0.90	58.52	58.47	487	4.24	4.17
Oct., 2014	11 577	0.82	11 120	1.13	58.64	58.59	457	3.95	3.88
Oct., 2015	11 680	0.89	11 225	0.95	58.73	58.68	455	3.90	3.83
Oct., 2016	11 755	0.64	11 291	0.59	58.81	58.76	464	3.95	3.89
Oct., 2017	11 825	0.60	11 382	0.81	58.91	58.87	443	3.75	3.71
Oct., 2018	11 906	0.68	11 460	0.68	59.08	59.05	446	3.75	3.71
Oct., 2019	11 968	0.52	11 517	0.50	59.24	59.22	451	3.77	3.74
Oct., 2020	11 965	-0.03	11 510	-0.06	59.13	59.10	455	3.80	3.77
Oct., 2021	11 902	-0.53	11 445	-0.56	59.02	59.00	456	3.83	3.81
Oct., 2022	11 841	-0.51	11 410	-0.31	59.18	59.16	431	3.64	3.62
Oct., 2023	11 969	1.08	11 558	1.30	59.24	59.22	411	3.43	3.42
Oct., 2024	12 017	0.41	11 609	0.44	59.32	59.30	408	3.40	3.38
Oct., 2025	12 039	0.18	11 635	0.22	59.54	59.52	404	3.36	3.34
Oct., 2026	12 049	0.08	11 644	0.08	59.63	59.61	404	3.35	3.33

Table 3. Comparison of Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates in Major Countries, by Year

Unit: %

Year & month	R.O.C.	Hong Kong	Japan	Korea, R.O.	Singapore	United States	Canada	Germany	United Kingdom	France
Ave.,2023	3.48	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.6	5.4	3.1	4.1	7.4
Ave.,2024	3.38	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	4.0	6.4	3.4	4.3	7.4
Ave.,2025	3.35	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	4.3	6.8	3.8	4.8	7.7
Oct.	3.34	3.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	-	6.9	3.8	5.1	8.0
Nov.	3.35	3.8	2.6	2.8	2.9	4.5	6.6	3.9	5.2	7.9
Dec.	3.36	3.8	2.6	3.3	2.9	4.4	6.8	3.9	5.2	8.0
Ave.,2026										
Jan.	3.36	3.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	4.3	6.5	3.9	4.9	8.0
Feb.	3.33	3.8	2.6	2.9	2.8	4.4	6.7	3.9	5.0	8.2
Mar.	3.35	3.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	4.3	6.7	3.9	4.9	8.2
Apr.	3.34	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.9	4.3	6.9	3.9	4.9	8.3
May	3.32	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.9	4.3	6.6	3.9	4.9	8.4
June	3.33	3.7	2.5	2.7	2.9	4.2	6.5	4.0	4.9	8.3
July	3.33	3.7	2.4	2.8	2.8	4.1	6.4	4.0	4.7	8.3
Aug.	3.32	3.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	4.1	6.4	4.1	4.6	8.3
Sept.	3.33	3.9	2.4	2.6	3.0	4.2	6.5	4.1	…	8.5
Oct.	3.33	3.8	…	2.5	…	4.1	6.7	…	…	…

Note: 1. The unemployment rates of Hong Kong and United Kingdom are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2. The unemployment rates of Singapore refer to residents' figures, which including Singapore citizens and permanent residents.

3. Sources: figures of R.O.C., Hong Kong, Korea, R.O., Singapore and United Kingdom refer to governmental press releases, others refer to OECD monthly unemployment rates.