

Manpower Survey Results in September 2020

- **Total employment decreased by 3,000(-0.03%) in September to 11,504,000, moreover, it decreased by 3,000(-0.03%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in the goods-producing sector decreased by 4,000(-0.08%) in September; agriculture and the services-providing sector remained the same in September.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector decreased by 9,000(-1.72%) and 27,000(-0.64%) in September, respectively; the services-providing sector increased by 33,000(+0.48%).

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in September 2020

Unit: persons in thousand

	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed Persons	Unemployed Persons			Not in Labor Force
			Labor Force Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)		
Total	20 234	11 962	59.12	11 504	458	3.83	3.78	8 273
Male	9 873	6 635	67.20	6 377	258	3.89	3.87	3 239
Female	10 361	5 327	51.41	5 127	200	3.75	3.67	5 034

- **The unemployment rate declined by 0.16 percentage points to 3.83 percent in September; moreover, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also declined by 0.05 percentage points to 3.78 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate rose by 0.03 percentage points in September.

--The number of unemployed persons was 458,000 in September, which decreased by 20,000(-4.24%) but increased by 3,000(+0.68%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.12 percent in September, which declined by 0.11 percentage points and 0.10 percentage points from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.**

Table 1. Statistical Brief Based on Manpower Survey Results

Unit: Thousand Persons

Year & month	Civilian population aged 15 years & over	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., 2010	19 062	11 070	10 493	577	7 992	58.07	5.21	13.09	5.35	3.39
Ave., 2011	19 253	11 200	10 709	491	8 053	58.17	4.39	12.47	4.46	2.64
Ave., 2012	19 436	11 341	10 860	481	8 096	58.35	4.24	12.66	4.38	2.31
Ave., 2013	19 587	11 445	10 967	478	8 142	58.43	4.18	13.17	4.27	2.25
Ave., 2014	19 705	11 535	11 079	457	8 170	58.54	3.96	12.63	4.13	2.09
Ave., 2015	19 842	11 638	11 198	440	8 204	58.65	3.78	12.05	3.95	1.99
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
Sept.	20 199	11 962	11 507	455	8 237	59.22	3.80	12.55	3.93	1.88
Oct.	20 203	11 968	11 517	451	8 235	59.24	3.77	12.48	3.89	1.87
Nov.	20 208	11 973	11 526	447	8 235	59.25	3.73	12.17	3.88	1.87
Dec.	20 214	11 970	11 531	439	8 244	59.22	3.67	11.72	3.84	1.87
Ave., 2020	20 230	11 963	11 499	464	8 267	59.13	3.88	11.54	3.98	2.34
Jan.	20 221	11 972	11 536	436	8 249	59.21	3.64	11.61	3.82	1.86
Feb.	20 227	11 966	11 523	443	8 261	59.16	3.70	11.45	3.90	1.97
Mar.	20 229	11 957	11 513	445	8 272	59.11	3.72	11.16	3.89	2.10
Apr.	20 229	11 948	11 467	481	8 281	59.06	4.03	11.15	4.17	2.55
May	20 230	11 948	11 462	486	8 282	59.06	4.07	11.21	4.21	2.61
June	20 230	11 950	11 477	473	8 280	59.07	3.96	11.52	3.97	2.58
July	20 233	11 977	11 498	479	8 256	59.20	4.00	11.82	3.95	2.64
Aug.	20 234	11 985	11 507	478	8 249	59.23	3.99	12.04	3.99	2.51
Sept.	20 234	11 962	11 504	458	8 273	59.12	3.83	11.89	3.90	2.25
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.00	-0.20	-0.03	-4.24	0.29	(-0.11)	(-0.16)	(-0.15)	(-0.09)	(-0.26)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.18	0.00	-0.03	0.68	0.44	(-0.10)	(0.03)	(-0.66)	(-0.03)	(0.37)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.23	0.21	0.05	4.17	0.27	(-0.02)	(0.15)	(-0.26)	(0.11)	(0.37)

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
Sept., 1991	8 625	1.17	8 470	1.37	59.29	59.03	154	1.79	1.58
Sept., 1992	8 842	2.52	8 690	2.60	59.60	59.38	152	1.72	1.51
Sept., 1993	9 004	1.83	8 862	1.97	59.44	59.27	142	1.58	1.42
Sept., 1994	9 131	1.41	8 980	1.33	59.06	58.96	151	1.65	1.50
Sept., 1995	9 222	1.00	9 035	0.61	58.56	58.53	187	2.03	1.87
Sept., 1996	9 350	1.39	9 067	0.35	58.52	58.53	284	3.03	2.83
Sept., 1997	9 436	0.91	9 168	1.12	58.17	58.21	268	2.84	2.68
Sept., 1998	9 545	1.16	9 260	1.01	57.83	57.91	285	2.98	2.83
Sept., 1999	9 674	1.35	9 376	1.25	57.76	57.80	298	3.08	2.95
Sept., 2000	9 809	1.40	9 505	1.38	57.66	57.68	304	3.10	2.95
Sept., 2001	9 875	0.67	9 356	-1.57	57.33	57.30	519	5.26	5.05
Sept., 2002	9 974	1.00	9 443	0.94	57.24	57.22	531	5.32	5.13
Sept., 2003	10 094	1.21	9 584	1.49	57.32	57.33	510	5.05	4.89
Sept., 2004	10 249	1.54	9 788	2.13	57.60	57.63	461	4.50	4.37
Sept., 2005	10 381	1.28	9 951	1.66	57.70	57.73	430	4.14	4.04
Sept., 2006	10 573	1.85	10 154	2.04	58.05	58.07	419	3.96	3.90
Sept., 2007	10 739	1.57	10 310	1.54	58.24	58.25	429	3.99	3.96
Sept., 2008	10 869	1.22	10 405	0.92	58.22	58.23	464	4.27	4.26
Sept., 2009	10 939	0.64	10 278	-1.22	57.88	57.89	661	6.04	6.04
Sept., 2010	11 091	1.39	10 531	2.46	58.07	58.08	560	5.05	5.04
Sept., 2011	11 231	1.26	10 750	2.08	58.22	58.21	481	4.28	4.25
Sept., 2012	11 369	1.23	10 878	1.20	58.39	58.38	491	4.32	4.26
Sept., 2013	11 466	0.85	10 980	0.94	58.47	58.45	486	4.24	4.17
Sept., 2014	11 557	0.79	11 099	1.08	58.57	58.55	458	3.96	3.89
Sept., 2015	11 667	0.95	11 213	1.03	58.72	58.70	454	3.89	3.82
Sept., 2016	11 745	0.67	11 276	0.56	58.79	58.76	469	3.99	3.92
Sept., 2017	11 811	0.56	11 366	0.80	58.86	58.84	445	3.77	3.70
Sept., 2018	11 896	0.72	11 449	0.73	59.05	59.03	447	3.76	3.70
Sept., 2019	11 962	0.55	11 507	0.51	59.22	59.20	455	3.80	3.74
Sept., 2020	11 962	-	11 504	-0.03	59.12	59.09	458	3.83	3.78

Table 3. Comparison of 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
	Seasonally adjusted										
Ave.,2017	3.76	3.76	3.1	2.8	3.7	3.1	4.4	6.3	3.8	4.4	9.4
Ave.,2018	3.71	3.71	2.8	2.4	3.8	2.9	3.9	5.8	3.4	4.1	9.0
Ave.,2019	3.73	3.73	2.9	2.4	3.8	3.1	3.7	5.7	3.2	3.8	8.5
Aug	3.89	3.73	2.9	2.3	3.1	-	3.7	5.7	3.0	3.8	8.5
Sept.	3.80	3.74	2.9	2.4	3.4	3.2	3.5	5.5	3.1	3.8	8.4
Oct.	3.77	3.73	3.1	2.4	3.5	-	3.6	5.6	3.1	3.8	8.3
Nov.	3.73	3.73	3.2	2.2	3.6	-	3.5	5.9	3.2	3.8	8.2
Dec.	3.67	3.72	3.3	2.2	3.7	3.2	3.5	5.6	3.3	3.9	8.2
Ave.,2020											
Jan.	3.64	3.71	3.4	2.4	4.0	-	3.6	5.5	3.4	4.0	8.1
Feb.	3.70	3.70	3.7	2.4	3.3	-	3.5	5.6	3.6	4.0	7.7
Mar.	3.72	3.76	4.2	2.5	3.8	3.3	4.4	7.8	3.8	4.0	7.5
Apr.	4.03	4.10	5.2	2.6	3.8	-	14.7	13.0	4.0	4.1	7.8
May	4.07	4.16	5.9	2.9	4.5	-	13.3	13.7	4.2	4.1	6.9
June	3.96	3.97	6.2	2.8	4.3	3.8	11.1	12.3	4.3	4.3	6.6
July	4.00	3.90	6.1	2.9	4.2	-	10.2	10.9	4.4	4.5	7.1
Aug	3.99	3.83	6.1	3.0	3.2	-	8.4	10.2	4.4	...	7.5
Sept.	3.83	3.78	6.4	...	3.9	...	7.9	9.0

Note: 1. The unemployment rates (UR) of Hong Kong are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2. Seasonally adjusted figures. (R.O.C. contains both not seasonally and seasonally adjusted figures)

3. Sources: figures of R.O.C., Hong Kong and Singapore referred to governmental press releases, others referred to OECD harmonised unemployment rates.