

Manpower Survey Results in May 2020

- **Total employment decreased by 5,000(-0.04%) in May to 11,462,000, moreover, it decreased by 22,000(-0.19%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector decreased by 2,000(-0.36%) and 6,000(-0.14%) in May, respectively; by contrast, the services-providing sector increased by 4,000(+0.05%) in May.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector decreased by 18,000(-3.16%) and 15,000(-0.37%) in May, respectively; the services-providing sector increased by 12,000(+0.17%).

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in May 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	20 230	11 948	59.06	11 462	486	4.07	4.16	8 282
Male	9 872	6 631	67.17	6 356	274	4.14	4.19	3 241
Female	10 358	5 318	51.34	5 106	212	3.98	4.12	5 041

- **The unemployment rate rose by 0.04 percentage points to 4.07 percent in May; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also increased by 0.06 percentage points to 4.16 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate rose by 0.40 percentage points in May.

--The number of unemployed persons was 486,000 in May, it increased by 5,000(+1.01%) and 49,000(+11.20%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.06 percent in May, it remained the same from the previous month; which declined by 0.01 percentage points from that of the previous year.**

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
May	20 180	11 921	11 484	437	8 260	59.07	3.67	11.27	3.83	1.99
June	20 186	11 933	11 488	445	8 253	59.12	3.73	11.88	3.85	1.96
July	20 189	11 968	11 511	457	8 221	59.28	3.82	12.25	3.92	2.00
Aug.	20 196	11 992	11 526	466	8 204	59.38	3.89	12.72	3.98	1.95
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	20 227	11 958	11 500	458	8 269	59.12	3.83	11.32	4.00	2.22
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
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.00	0.00	-0.04	1.01	0.01	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.06)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.25	0.23	-0.19	11.20	0.27	(-0.01)	(0.40)	(-0.06)	(0.38)	(0.62)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.26	0.34	0.18	4.65	0.15	(0.05)	(0.16)	(-0.04)	(0.18)	(0.24)

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
May, 1991	8 554	2.83	8 432	2.88	59.13	59.44	122	1.43	1.53
May, 1992	8 703	1.74	8 582	1.78	59.10	59.36	122	1.40	1.52
May, 1993	8 816	1.29	8 702	1.41	58.59	58.82	114	1.29	1.42
May, 1994	9 008	2.17	8 879	2.03	58.63	58.85	129	1.43	1.58
May, 1995	9 158	1.67	9 008	1.46	58.51	58.73	149	1.63	1.75
May, 1996	9 268	1.20	9 050	0.46	58.28	58.49	218	2.35	2.52
May, 1997	9 373	1.14	9 138	0.97	58.11	58.34	236	2.51	2.70
May, 1998	9 501	1.36	9 276	1.51	57.84	58.08	225	2.37	2.53
May, 1999	9 621	1.26	9 348	0.78	57.80	58.04	273	2.84	2.99
May, 2000	9 741	1.25	9 470	1.30	57.51	57.73	271	2.78	2.89
May, 2001	9 748	0.08	9 337	-1.40	56.84	57.06	411	4.22	4.36
May, 2002	9 951	2.07	9 451	1.22	57.31	57.48	499	5.02	5.16
May, 2003	10 022	0.72	9 523	0.75	57.13	57.27	499	4.98	5.11
May, 2004	10 214	1.91	9 764	2.53	57.59	57.69	450	4.41	4.49
May, 2005	10 343	1.26	9 918	1.58	57.72	57.80	424	4.10	4.16
May, 2006	10 466	1.20	10 064	1.47	57.72	57.80	402	3.84	3.89
May, 2007	10 673	1.98	10 260	1.95	58.14	58.23	413	3.87	3.92
May, 2008	10 829	1.46	10 413	1.49	58.25	58.35	416	3.84	3.91
May, 2009	10 874	0.42	10 241	-1.65	57.76	57.89	633	5.82	5.94
May, 2010	11 026	1.39	10 459	2.12	57.92	58.05	567	5.14	5.27
May, 2011	11 146	1.09	10 670	2.01	57.97	58.10	476	4.27	4.40
May, 2012	11 300	1.39	10 834	1.54	58.21	58.35	466	4.12	4.25
May, 2013	11 401	0.90	10 939	0.96	58.25	58.40	463	4.06	4.19
May, 2014	11 496	0.82	11 052	1.04	58.39	58.52	443	3.85	3.98
May, 2015	11 600	0.91	11 179	1.15	58.52	58.64	420	3.62	3.74
May, 2016	11 695	0.83	11 247	0.60	58.63	58.75	449	3.84	3.95
May, 2017	11 762	0.57	11 331	0.75	58.70	58.81	431	3.66	3.77
May, 2018	11 841	0.67	11 411	0.70	58.86	58.97	430	3.63	3.73
May, 2019	11 921	0.68	11 484	0.64	59.07	59.17	437	3.67	3.76
May, 2020	11 948	0.23	11 462	-0.19	59.06	59.18	486	4.07	4.16

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	4.0	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
Apr.	3.67	3.74	2.8	2.4	4.0	-	3.6	5.7	3.2	3.7	8.5
May	3.67	3.76	2.8	2.4	4.0	-	3.6	5.4	3.1	3.9	8.5
June	3.73	3.74	2.8	2.3	4.0	3.1	3.7	5.6	3.1	3.8	8.5
July	3.82	3.73	2.9	2.3	4.0	-	3.7	5.7	3.1	3.9	8.5
Aug	3.89	3.73	2.9	2.3	3.1	-	3.7	5.7	3.1	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	3.2	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	3.3	4.0	8.0
Feb.	3.70	3.70	3.7	2.4	3.3	-	3.5	5.6	3.4	3.9	7.6
Mar.	3.72	3.76	4.2	2.5	3.8	3.3	4.4	7.8	3.5	3.9	7.6
Apr.	4.03	4.10	5.2	2.6	3.8	-	14.7	13.0	3.5	...	8.7
May	4.07	4.16	5.9	...	4.5	-	13.3	13.7

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.