

Manpower Survey Results in December 2020

- **Total employment increased by 7,000(+0.06%) in December to 11,527,000, however, it decreased by 4,000(-0.04%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture increased by 1,000(-0.20%) in December, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector also increased by 1,000(+0.00%) and 6,000(+0.08%) in December, respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector decreased by 5,000(-0.90%) and 18,000(-0.45%) in December, respectively; the services-providing sector increased by 20,000(+0.28%).

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in December 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	20 236	11 967	59.14	11 527	440	3.68	3.76	8 268
Male	9 872	6 635	67.21	6 382	252	3.80	3.90	3 237
Female	10 364	5 333	51.46	5 145	188	3.53	3.59	5 031

- **The unemployment rate declined by 0.07 percentage points to 3.68 percent in December; moreover, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also declined by 0.01 percentage points to 3.76 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate rose by 0.01 percentage points in December.

--The number of unemployed persons was 440,000 in December, which decreased by 9,000(-1.96%) but increased by 1,000(+0.38%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.14 percent in December, which declined by 0.01 and 0.08 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
Dec.	20 214	11 970	11 531	439	8 244	59.22	3.67	11.72	3.84	1.87
Ave., 2020	20 231	11 964	11 504	460	8 267	59.14	3.85	11.61	3.94	2.30
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
Oct.	20 235	11 965	11 510	455	8 270	59.13	3.80	11.97	3.85	2.25
Nov.	20 235	11 970	11 520	449	8 265	59.15	3.75	11.75	3.86	2.16
Dec.	20 236	11 967	11 527	440	8 268	59.14	3.68	11.74	3.76	2.11
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.00	-0.02	0.06	-1.96	0.04	(-0.01)	(-0.07)	(-0.01)	(-0.10)	(-0.05)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.11	-0.02	-0.04	0.38	0.30	(-0.08)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(-0.08)	(0.24)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.21	0.15	0.03	3.28	0.30	(-0.03)	(0.12)	(-0.27)	(0.07)	(0.36)

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
Dec., 1991	8 670	2.00	8 550	2.13	59.31	59.19	121	1.39	1.56
Dec., 1992	8 874	2.34	8 761	2.47	59.47	59.38	113	1.27	1.45
Dec., 1993	8 891	0.20	8 780	0.22	58.37	58.26	111	1.24	1.41
Dec., 1994	9 207	3.55	9 076	3.37	59.22	59.06	130	1.41	1.54
Dec., 1995	9 272	0.71	9 095	0.21	58.62	58.48	177	1.90	2.12
Dec., 1996	9 428	1.68	9 183	0.96	58.81	58.62	245	2.60	2.85
Dec., 1997	9 566	1.46	9 332	1.62	58.65	58.40	234	2.45	2.56
Dec., 1998	9 611	0.47	9 342	0.11	58.12	57.88	269	2.80	2.89
Dec., 1999	9 778	1.74	9 498	1.68	58.08	57.83	279	2.85	2.90
Dec., 2000	9 872	0.97	9 549	0.53	57.85	57.64	323	3.27	3.37
Dec., 2001	9 941	0.70	9 422	-1.33	57.53	57.37	519	5.22	5.35
Dec., 2002	10 011	0.70	9 506	0.89	57.29	57.19	505	5.04	5.18
Dec., 2003	10 148	1.37	9 683	1.87	57.44	57.37	465	4.58	4.71
Dec., 2004	10 309	1.59	9 887	2.11	57.77	57.73	422	4.09	4.21
Dec., 2005	10 440	1.27	10 037	1.51	57.85	57.80	403	3.86	3.97
Dec., 2006	10 633	1.85	10 228	1.90	58.16	58.10	405	3.81	3.90
Dec., 2007	10 795	1.52	10 381	1.50	58.34	58.27	414	3.83	3.89
Dec., 2008	10 903	1.00	10 354	-0.26	58.20	58.12	549	5.03	5.08
Dec., 2009	11 016	1.04	10 384	0.29	58.11	58.03	632	5.74	5.78
Dec., 2010	11 133	1.06	10 613	2.21	58.13	58.05	520	4.67	4.72
Dec., 2011	11 273	1.25	10 802	1.78	58.28	58.22	471	4.18	4.22
Dec., 2012	11 408	1.20	10 931	1.20	58.45	58.40	477	4.18	4.22
Dec., 2013	11 498	0.79	11 029	0.90	58.55	58.50	469	4.08	4.11
Dec., 2014	11 590	0.80	11 151	1.10	58.64	58.60	439	3.79	3.82
Dec., 2015	11 695	0.91	11 242	0.82	58.72	58.70	453	3.87	3.91
Dec., 2016	11 761	0.56	11 315	0.65	58.80	58.78	446	3.79	3.84
Dec., 2017	11 838	0.66	11 405	0.80	58.92	58.91	433	3.66	3.71
Dec., 2018	11 916	0.66	11 481	0.66	59.09	59.08	436	3.66	3.71
Dec., 2019	11 970	0.45	11 531	0.44	59.22	59.21	439	3.67	3.72
Dec., 2020	11 967	-0.02	11 527	-0.04	59.14	59.11	440	3.68	3.76

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
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	3.6	5.6	3.3	3.9	8.2
Ave.,2020											
Jan.	3.64	3.71	3.4	2.4	4.0	-	3.5	5.5	3.4	4.0	7.7
Feb.	3.70	3.70	3.7	2.4	3.3	-	3.5	5.6	3.6	4.0	7.5
Mar.	3.72	3.76	4.2	2.5	3.8	3.3	4.4	7.8	3.8	4.0	8.0
Apr.	4.03	4.10	5.2	2.6	3.8	-	14.8	13.0	4.0	4.1	7.3
May	4.07	4.16	5.9	2.9	4.5	-	13.3	13.7	4.2	4.1	7.2
June	3.96	3.97	6.2	2.8	4.3	3.8	11.1	12.3	4.3	4.3	6.9
July	4.00	3.90	6.1	2.9	4.2	-	10.2	10.9	4.4	4.5	9.4
Aug	3.99	3.83	6.1	3.0	3.2	-	8.4	10.2	4.5	4.8	9.0
Sept.	3.83	3.78	6.4	3.0	3.9	4.7	7.8	9.0	4.5	4.9	8.8
Oct.	3.80	3.77	6.4	3.1	4.2	-	6.9	8.9	4.5	...	8.6
Nov.	3.75	3.77	6.3	2.9	4.1	-	6.7	8.5	4.5	...	8.8
Dec.	3.68	3.76	6.6	...	4.6	...	6.7	8.6

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.