

Manpower Survey Results in September 2015

- **Total employment decreased by 17,000(-0.15%) in September to 11,213,000; in contrast, it increased by 114,000(+1.03%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector decreased by 3,000(-0.56%), 2,000(-0.05%) and 12,000 (-0.17%) respectively in September.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 7,000(+1.23%), 30,000(+0.74%) and 78,000(+1.19%) respectively in September.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in September 2015

Unit: persons in thousand

| Sex | Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over | Labor Force | | Employed | Unemployed | | | Not in the Labor Force |
|--------|--|-------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | Persons | Labor Force Participation Rate (%) | Persons | Persons | Unemployment Rate (%) | Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%) | Persons |
| Total | 19 870 | 11 667 | 58.72 | 11 213 | 454 | 3.89 | 3.79 | 8 202 |
| Male | 9 722 | 6 508 | 66.94 | 6 240 | 269 | 4.13 | 4.06 | 3 214 |
| Female | 10 147 | 5 159 | 50.84 | 4 974 | 185 | 3.59 | 3.46 | 4 988 |

- **The unemployment rate slightly dropped by 0.01 percentage points to 3.89 percent in September; however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.05 percentage points to 3.79 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.07 and 0.13 percentage points in September, respectively.

--The number of unemployed persons in September was 454,000, a decrease of 2,000(-0.45%) and 4,000(-0.91%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.72 percent in September, which dropped by 0.13 percentage points from the previous month; in contrast, it rose by 0.15 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., 2005 | 17 949 | 10 371 | 9 942 | 428 | 7 578 | 57.78 | 4.13 | 10.59 | 3.78 | 2.79 |
| Ave., 2006 | 18 166 | 10 522 | 10 111 | 411 | 7 644 | 57.92 | 3.91 | 10.31 | 3.79 | 2.31 |
| Ave., 2007 | 18 392 | 10 713 | 10 294 | 419 | 7 679 | 58.25 | 3.91 | 10.65 | 3.86 | 2.24 |
| Ave., 2008 | 18 623 | 10 853 | 10 403 | 450 | 7 770 | 58.28 | 4.14 | 11.81 | 4.02 | 2.54 |
| Ave., 2009 | 18 855 | 10 917 | 10 279 | 639 | 7 937 | 57.90 | 5.85 | 14.49 | 5.93 | 3.90 |
| 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 |
| Sept. | 19 731 | 11 557 | 11 099 | 458 | 8 174 | 58.57 | 3.96 | 12.94 | 4.07 | 2.10 |
| Oct. | 19 742 | 11 577 | 11 120 | 457 | 8 165 | 58.64 | 3.95 | 13.02 | 4.08 | 2.04 |
| Nov. | 19 755 | 11 588 | 11 137 | 451 | 8 167 | 58.66 | 3.89 | 12.79 | 4.02 | 2.04 |
| Dec. | 19 766 | 11 590 | 11 151 | 439 | 8 176 | 58.64 | 3.79 | 12.17 | 3.97 | 1.95 |
| Ave., 2015 | 19 822 | 11 621 | 11 186 | 435 | 8 201 | 58.63 | 3.74 | 11.96 | 3.92 | 1.95 |
| Jan. | 19 777 | 11 589 | 11 159 | 430 | 8 188 | 58.60 | 3.71 | 11.95 | 3.89 | 1.91 |
| Feb. | 19 789 | 11 588 | 11 160 | 428 | 8 200 | 58.56 | 3.69 | 11.75 | 3.88 | 1.93 |
| Mar. | 19 799 | 11 593 | 11 162 | 431 | 8 206 | 58.55 | 3.72 | 11.58 | 3.91 | 1.99 |
| Apr. | 19 810 | 11 591 | 11 170 | 421 | 8 219 | 58.51 | 3.63 | 11.48 | 3.83 | 1.90 |
| May | 19 823 | 11 600 | 11 179 | 420 | 8 223 | 58.52 | 3.62 | 11.18 | 3.85 | 1.92 |
| June | 19 834 | 11 617 | 11 185 | 431 | 8 218 | 58.57 | 3.71 | 11.75 | 3.90 | 1.96 |
| July | 19 843 | 11 656 | 11 211 | 445 | 8 187 | 58.74 | 3.82 | 12.28 | 3.95 | 2.02 |
| Aug. | 19 856 | 11 686 | 11 230 | 456 | 8 170 | 58.85 | 3.90 | 12.93 | 4.03 | 1.95 |
| Sept. | 19 870 | 11 667 | 11 213 | 454 | 8 202 | 58.72 | 3.89 | 12.69 | 4.06 | 1.97 |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month | 0.07 | -0.16 | -0.15 | -0.45 | 0.39 | (-0.13) | (-0.01) | (-0.24) | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year | 0.70 | 0.95 | 1.03 | -0.91 | 0.35 | (0.15) | (-0.07) | (-0.25) | (-0.01) | (-0.13) |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year | 0.68 | 0.88 | 1.14 | -5.25 | 0.39 | (0.12) | (-0.25) | (-0.66) | (-0.24) | (-0.16) |

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., 1986 | 7 963 | 4.42 | 7 727 | 5.13 | 60.25 | 60.35 | 236 | 2.96 | 2.65 |
| Sept., 1987 | 8 235 | 3.42 | 8 065 | 4.37 | 61.10 | 61.10 | 170 | 2.07 | 1.78 |
| Sept., 1988 | 8 269 | 0.41 | 8 135 | 0.87 | 60.12 | 60.03 | 134 | 1.62 | 1.38 |
| Sept., 1989 | 8 402 | 1.60 | 8 257 | 1.50 | 60.05 | 59.87 | 145 | 1.72 | 1.50 |
| Sept., 1990 | 8 525 | 1.46 | 8 356 | 1.19 | 59.68 | 59.44 | 169 | 1.98 | 1.77 |
| Sept., 1991 | 8 625 | 1.17 | 8 470 | 1.37 | 59.29 | 59.03 | 154 | 1.79 | 1.57 |
| Sept., 1992 | 8 842 | 2.52 | 8 690 | 2.60 | 59.60 | 59.37 | 152 | 1.72 | 1.50 |
| Sept., 1993 | 9 004 | 1.83 | 8 862 | 1.97 | 59.44 | 59.26 | 142 | 1.58 | 1.38 |
| Sept., 1994 | 9 131 | 1.41 | 8 980 | 1.33 | 59.06 | 58.95 | 151 | 1.65 | 1.48 |
| Sept., 1995 | 9 222 | 1.00 | 9 035 | 0.61 | 58.56 | 58.52 | 187 | 2.03 | 1.87 |
| Sept., 1996 | 9 350 | 1.39 | 9 067 | 0.35 | 58.52 | 58.52 | 284 | 3.03 | 2.86 |
| 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 | 57.88 | 285 | 2.98 | 2.83 |
| Sept., 1999 | 9 674 | 1.35 | 9 376 | 1.25 | 57.76 | 57.78 | 298 | 3.08 | 2.92 |
| Sept., 2000 | 9 809 | 1.40 | 9 505 | 1.38 | 57.66 | 57.66 | 304 | 3.10 | 2.95 |
| Sept., 2001 | 9 875 | 0.67 | 9 356 | -1.57 | 57.33 | 57.31 | 519 | 5.26 | 5.09 |
| Sept., 2002 | 9 974 | 1.00 | 9 443 | 0.94 | 57.24 | 57.23 | 531 | 5.32 | 5.16 |
| Sept., 2003 | 10 094 | 1.21 | 9 584 | 1.49 | 57.32 | 57.33 | 510 | 5.05 | 4.90 |
| Sept., 2004 | 10 249 | 1.54 | 9 788 | 2.13 | 57.60 | 57.62 | 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 | 3.97 |
| Sept., 2008 | 10 869 | 1.22 | 10 405 | 0.92 | 58.22 | 58.23 | 464 | 4.27 | 4.27 |
| Sept., 2009 | 10 939 | 0.64 | 10 278 | -1.22 | 57.88 | 57.88 | 661 | 6.04 | 6.03 |
| Sept., 2010 | 11 091 | 1.39 | 10 531 | 2.46 | 58.07 | 58.07 | 560 | 5.05 | 5.03 |
| Sept., 2011 | 11 231 | 1.26 | 10 750 | 2.08 | 58.22 | 58.22 | 481 | 4.28 | 4.26 |
| Sept., 2012 | 11 369 | 1.23 | 10 878 | 1.20 | 58.39 | 58.39 | 491 | 4.32 | 4.28 |
| Sept., 2013 | 11 466 | 0.85 | 10 980 | 0.94 | 58.47 | 58.47 | 486 | 4.24 | 4.20 |
| Sept., 2014 | 11 557 | 0.79 | 11 099 | 1.08 | 58.57 | 58.57 | 458 | 3.96 | 3.92 |
| Sept., 2015 | 11 667 | 0.95 | 11 213 | 1.03 | 58.72 | 58.69 | 454 | 3.89 | 3.79 |

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 | | | | | Resident | | | | | | |
| Ave. , 2012 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 9.8 |
| Ave. , 2013 | 4.18 | 4.18 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 7.6 | 10.3 |
| Ave. , 2014 | 3.96 | 3.96 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 10.3 |
| Aug. | 4.08 | 3.93 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | ... | ... | 6.1 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 10.4 |
| Sept. | 3.96 | 3.92 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 10.4 |
| Oct. | 3.95 | 3.88 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | ... | ... | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 10.4 |
| Nov. | 3.89 | 3.86 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | ... | ... | 5.8 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 10.5 |
| Dec. | 3.79 | 3.82 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 10.5 |
| Ave. , 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 3.71 | 3.78 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | ... | ... | 5.7 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 10.4 |
| Feb. | 3.69 | 3.74 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.9 | ... | ... | 5.5 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 10.4 |
| Mar. | 3.72 | 3.75 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 10.3 |
| Apr. | 3.63 | 3.75 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | ... | ... | 5.4 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 10.3 |
| May | 3.62 | 3.75 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.9 | ... | ... | 5.5 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 10.4 |
| June | 3.71 | 3.76 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 10.5 |
| July | 3.82 | 3.74 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.7 | ... | ... | 5.3 | 6.8 | 4.6 | ... | 10.7 |
| Aug. | 3.90 | 3.74 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | ... | ... | 5.1 | 7.0 | 4.5 | ... | 10.8 |
| Sept. | 3.89 | 3.79 | 3.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.1 | 7.1 | ... | ... | ... |

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. The unemployment rate marked 3.5% in Sept., 2015 by Statistics Korea.

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