

Manpower Survey Results in May 2015

- **Total employment increased by 9,000(+0.08%) in May to 11,179,000, moreover, it also increased by 127,000(+1.15%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the goods-producing sector decreased by 2,000(-0.38%) and 1,000(-0.02%) respectively in May; however, employment in the services-providing sector increased by 13,000(+0.19%).

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 8,000(+1.43%), 35,000(+0.89%) and 84,000(+1.29%) respectively in May.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in May 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	19 823	11 600	58.52	11 179	420	3.62	3.75	8 223
Male	9 703	6 485	66.84	6 228	257	3.96	4.03	3 218
Female	10 120	5 115	50.54	4 951	164	3.20	3.39	5 006

- **The unemployment rate dropped by 0.01 percentage points to 3.62 percent in May; however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained the same at 3.75 percent in May.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate both declined by 0.23 percentage points in May.

--The number of unemployed persons in May was 420,000, a decrease of 1,000(-0.16%) and 23,000(-5.18%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.52 percent in May, which rose by 0.01 and 0.13 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., 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
May	19 687	11 496	11 052	443	8 192	58.39	3.85	11.80	4.15	1.98
June	19 698	11 513	11 062	451	8 185	58.45	3.92	12.30	4.15	2.05
July	19 709	11 555	11 091	464	8 154	58.63	4.02	12.83	4.20	2.08
Aug.	19 722	11 583	11 110	473	8 138	58.73	4.08	13.25	4.16	2.20
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	19 799	11 592	11 166	426	8 207	58.55	3.67	11.59	3.87	1.93
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
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.07	0.08	0.08	-0.16	0.06	(0.01)	(-0.01)	(-0.30)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.69	0.91	1.15	-5.18	0.39	(0.13)	(-0.23)	(-0.62)	(-0.30)	(-0.06)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.67	0.87	1.19	-6.86	0.39	(0.12)	(-0.31)	(-0.86)	(-0.30)	(-0.19)

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, 1986	7 800	3.07	7 618	3.31	59.43	60.20	182	2.34	2.52
May, 1987	8 055	3.26	7 898	3.67	60.14	60.83	156	1.94	2.09
May, 1988	8 072	0.22	7 931	0.42	59.11	59.73	141	1.74	1.86
May, 1989	8 343	3.35	8 217	3.60	59.87	60.39	126	1.50	1.62
May, 1990	8 318	-0.29	8 196	-0.26	58.67	59.08	123	1.48	1.59
May, 1991	8 554	2.83	8 432	2.88	59.13	59.46	122	1.43	1.56
May, 1992	8 703	1.74	8 582	1.78	59.10	59.37	122	1.40	1.53
May, 1993	8 816	1.29	8 702	1.41	58.59	58.81	114	1.29	1.42
May, 1994	9 008	2.17	8 879	2.03	58.63	58.83	129	1.43	1.57
May, 1995	9 158	1.67	9 008	1.46	58.51	58.72	149	1.63	1.77
May, 1996	9 268	1.20	9 050	0.46	58.28	58.49	218	2.35	2.51
May, 1997	9 373	1.14	9 138	0.97	58.11	58.32	236	2.51	2.68
May, 1998	9 501	1.36	9 276	1.51	57.84	58.05	225	2.37	2.52
May, 1999	9 621	1.26	9 348	0.78	57.80	58.01	273	2.84	2.99
May, 2000	9 741	1.25	9 470	1.30	57.51	57.72	271	2.78	2.93
May, 2001	9 748	0.08	9 337	-1.40	56.84	57.04	411	4.22	4.35
May, 2002	9 951	2.07	9 451	1.22	57.31	57.47	499	5.02	5.13
May, 2003	10 022	0.72	9 523	0.75	57.13	57.27	499	4.98	5.09
May, 2004	10 214	1.91	9 764	2.53	57.59	57.71	450	4.41	4.49
May, 2005	10 343	1.26	9 918	1.58	57.72	57.82	424	4.10	4.18
May, 2006	10 466	1.20	10 064	1.47	57.72	57.82	402	3.84	3.91
May, 2007	10 673	1.98	10 260	1.95	58.14	58.24	413	3.87	3.95
May, 2008	10 829	1.46	10 413	1.49	58.25	58.36	416	3.84	3.93
May, 2009	10 874	0.42	10 241	-1.65	57.76	57.88	633	5.82	5.92
May, 2010	11 026	1.39	10 459	2.12	57.92	58.05	567	5.14	5.26
May, 2011	11 146	1.09	10 670	2.01	57.97	58.11	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	58.39	463	4.06	4.19
May, 2014	11 496	0.82	11 052	1.04	58.39	58.53	443	3.85	3.98
May, 2015	11 600	0.91	11 179	1.15	58.52	58.65	420	3.62	3.75

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
Apr.	3.91	4.03	3.1	3.6	3.7	...	...	6.2	7.0	5.0	6.4	10.1
May	3.85	3.98	3.1	3.6	3.7	...	...	6.3	7.0	5.0	6.3	10.1
June	3.92	3.97	3.2	3.7	3.6	2.0	2.8	6.1	7.0	5.0	6.2	10.2
July	4.02	3.95	3.3	3.7	3.4	...	...	6.2	7.0	5.0	6.0	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	5.4	10.5
Feb.	3.69	3.74	3.3	3.5	3.9	...	...	5.5	6.8	4.8	5.4	10.5
Mar.	3.72	3.75	3.3	3.4	3.7	1.8	2.5	5.5	6.8	4.7	...	10.5
Apr.	3.63	3.75	3.2	3.3	3.7	...	...	5.4	6.8	4.7	...	10.5
May	3.62	3.75	...	...	...	...	...	5.5	6.8	...	...	...

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 3.9% in May, 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.