

Manpower Survey Results in December 2015

- **Total employment increased by 7,000(+0.06%) in December to 11,242,000, and it also increased by 91,000(+0.82%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.19%), 1,000(+0.01%) and 6,000 (+0.09%) respectively in December.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 3,000(+0.51%), 18,000(+0.45%) and 71,000(+1.07%) respectively in December.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in December 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	19 916	11 695	58.72	11 242	453	3.87	3.88	8 221
Male	9 742	6 526	66.99	6 257	269	4.12	4.15	3 216
Female	10 173	5 169	50.81	4 985	184	3.56	3.54	5 004

- **The unemployment rate dropped by 0.04 percentage points to 3.87 percent in December, however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.04 percentage points to 3.88 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.08 and 0.06 percentage points in December, respectively.

--The number of unemployed persons in December was 453,000, a decrease of 4,000(-0.84%) but an increase of 14,000(+3.19%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.72 percent in December, which dropped by 0.02 percentage points from the previous month; in contrast, it rose by 0.08 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
Dec.	19 766	11 590	11 151	439	8 176	58.64	3.79	12.17	3.97	1.95
Ave., 2015	19 842	11 638	11 198	440	8 204	58.65	3.78	12.05	3.95	1.99
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
Oct.	19 887	11 680	11 225	455	8 207	58.73	3.90	12.44	4.04	2.07
Nov.	19 903	11 692	11 235	457	8 211	58.74	3.91	12.30	4.04	2.12
Dec.	19 916	11 695	11 242	453	8 221	58.72	3.87	12.11	4.03	2.09
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.06	0.03	0.06	-0.84	0.12	(-0.02)	(-0.04)	(-0.19)	(-0.01)	(-0.03)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.76	0.91	0.82	3.19	0.55	(0.08)	(0.08)	(-0.06)	(0.06)	(0.14)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.70	0.89	1.08	-3.64	0.42	(0.11)	(-0.18)	(-0.58)	(-0.18)	(-0.10)

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., 1986	8 148	4.57	7 986	5.58	61.23	60.91	162	1.98	2.17
Dec., 1987	8 273	1.54	8 122	1.70	61.06	60.77	151	1.82	2.00
Dec., 1988	8 391	1.42	8 272	1.85	60.67	60.40	118	1.41	1.58
Dec., 1989	8 399	0.09	8 284	0.14	59.76	59.54	114	1.36	1.52
Dec., 1990	8 500	1.21	8 371	1.05	59.20	59.03	129	1.52	1.68
Dec., 1991	8 670	2.00	8 550	2.13	59.31	59.18	121	1.39	1.56
Dec., 1992	8 874	2.34	8 761	2.47	59.47	59.37	113	1.27	1.46
Dec., 1993	8 891	0.20	8 780	0.22	58.37	58.26	111	1.24	1.44
Dec., 1994	9 207	3.55	9 076	3.37	59.22	59.08	130	1.41	1.60
Dec., 1995	9 272	0.71	9 095	0.21	58.62	58.45	177	1.90	2.09
Dec., 1996	9 428	1.68	9 183	0.96	58.81	58.61	245	2.60	2.76
Dec., 1997	9 566	1.46	9 332	1.62	58.65	58.42	234	2.45	2.58
Dec., 1998	9 611	0.47	9 342	0.11	58.12	57.87	269	2.80	2.92
Dec., 1999	9 778	1.74	9 498	1.68	58.08	57.85	279	2.85	2.96
Dec., 2000	9 872	0.97	9 549	0.53	57.85	57.66	323	3.27	3.36
Dec., 2001	9 941	0.70	9 422	-1.33	57.53	57.37	519	5.22	5.33
Dec., 2002	10 011	0.70	9 506	0.89	57.29	57.19	505	5.04	5.15
Dec., 2003	10 148	1.37	9 683	1.87	57.44	57.36	465	4.58	4.70
Dec., 2004	10 309	1.59	9 887	2.11	57.77	57.72	422	4.09	4.21
Dec., 2005	10 440	1.27	10 037	1.51	57.85	57.79	403	3.86	3.96
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	58.26	414	3.83	3.90
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	4.71
Dec., 2011	11 273	1.25	10 802	1.78	58.28	58.22	471	4.18	4.23
Dec., 2012	11 408	1.20	10 931	1.20	58.45	58.39	477	4.18	4.22
Dec., 2013	11 498	0.79	11 029	0.90	58.55	58.50	469	4.08	4.12
Dec., 2014	11 590	0.80	11 151	1.10	58.64	58.58	439	3.79	3.82
Dec., 2015	11 695	0.91	11 242	0.82	58.72	58.67	453	3.87	3.88

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
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	3.78	3.78	3.3	...	...	...	...	5.3	6.9	...	...	...
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	10.4
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	4.6	5.5	10.4
July	3.82	3.74	3.3	3.3	3.7	...	...	5.3	6.8	4.6	5.4	10.5
Aug.	3.90	3.74	3.3	3.4	3.6	...	...	5.1	7.0	4.6	5.3	10.6
Sept.	3.89	3.79	3.3	3.4	3.5	2.0	3.0	5.1	7.1	4.5	5.2	10.4
Oct.	3.90	3.79	3.3	3.1	3.4	...	...	5.0	7.0	4.5	...	10.3
Nov.	3.91	3.84	3.3	3.3	3.4	...	...	5.0	7.1	4.5	...	10.1
Dec.	3.87	3.88	3.3	...	...	...	...	5.0	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 3.6% in Dec., 2015 and 3.4% for the annual average in 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.