

Manpower Survey Results in December 2016

- **Total employment increased by 8,000(+0.07%) in December to 11,315,000, moreover, it also increased by 73,000(+0.65%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture remained the same, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.02%) and 7,000(+0.10%) in December, respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 2,000(+0.37%), 15,000(+0.38%) and 55,000(+0.83%) in December, respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in December 2016

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	2 0003	11 761	58.80	11 315	446	3.79	3.82	8 242
Male	9 766	6 558	67.14	6 290	268	4.08	4.13	3 209
Female	10 236	5 203	50.83	5 025	178	3.43	3.44	5 033

- **The unemployment rate decreased by 0.08 percentage points to 3.79 percent in December, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also decreased by 0.02 percentage points to 3.82 percent.**

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

--The number of unemployed persons was 446,000 in December, it decreased by 9,000(-2.00%) and 7,000(-1.50%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.80 percent in December, which decreased by 0.02 but increased by 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., 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
Ave., 2015	19 842	11 638	11 198	440	8 204	58.65	3.78	12.05	3.95	1.99
Dec.	19 916	11 695	11 242	453	8 221	58.72	3.87	12.11	4.03	2.09
Ave., 2016	19 962	11 727	11 267	460	8 235	58.75	3.92	12.12	4.08	2.15
Jan.	19 927	11 697	11 244	453	8 230	58.70	3.87	11.95	4.06	2.09
Feb.	19 933	11 693	11 231	462	8 239	58.66	3.95	11.89	4.16	2.20
Mar.	19 937	11 692	11 237	455	8 245	58.64	3.89	11.85	4.10	2.13
Apr.	19 943	11 693	11 242	451	8 250	58.63	3.86	11.78	4.08	2.08
May	19 949	11 695	11 247	449	8 253	58.63	3.84	11.42	4.04	2.18
June	19 956	11 710	11 251	459	8 246	58.68	3.92	11.86	4.04	2.30
July	19 965	11 747	11 275	472	8 218	58.84	4.02	12.45	4.10	2.30
Aug.	19 972	11 770	11 290	480	8 202	58.93	4.08	12.82	4.17	2.26
Sept.	19 979	11 745	11 276	469	8 234	58.79	3.99	12.52	4.13	2.17
Oct.	19 988	11 755	11 291	464	8 233	58.81	3.95	12.44	4.10	2.12
Nov.	19 996	11 762	11 307	455	8 234	58.82	3.87	12.31	4.02	2.05
Dec.	20 003	11 761	11 315	446	8 242	58.80	3.79	12.10	3.97	1.96
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.03	-0.01	0.07	-2.00	0.10	(-0.02)	(-0.08)	(-0.21)	(-0.05)	(-0.09)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.44	0.56	0.65	-1.50	0.26	(0.08)	(-0.08)	(-0.01)	(-0.06)	(-0.13)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.60	0.76	0.62	4.44	0.38	(0.10)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.13)	(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
Dec., 1987	8 273	1.54	8 122	1.70	61.06	60.76	151	1.82	2.00
Dec., 1988	8 391	1.42	8 272	1.85	60.67	60.41	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	59.04	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	59.36	113	1.27	1.46
Dec., 1993	8 891	0.20	8 780	0.22	58.37	58.25	111	1.24	1.44
Dec., 1994	9 207	3.55	9 076	3.37	59.22	59.08	130	1.41	1.59
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	57.84	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	57.18	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	4.22
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	4.10
Dec., 2014	11 590	0.80	11 151	1.10	58.64	58.60	439	3.79	3.81
Dec., 2015	11 695	0.91	11 242	0.82	58.72	58.68	453	3.87	3.88
Dec., 2016	11 761	0.56	11 315	0.65	58.80	58.76	446	3.79	3.82

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. , 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	6.1	10.3
Ave. , 2015	3.78	3.78	3.3	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.8	5.3	6.9	4.6	5.3	10.4
Nov.	3.91	3.85	3.3	3.3	3.5	...	...	5.0	7.0	4.5	5.0	10.2
Dec.	3.87	3.88	3.3	3.3	3.5	1.9	2.9	5.0	7.1	4.4	5.0	10.2
Ave. , 2016	3.92	3.92	3.4	...	...	...	...	4.9	7.0	...	...	...
Jan.	3.87	3.91	3.3	3.2	3.5	...	...	4.9	7.2	4.4	5.1	10.2
Feb.	3.95	3.94	3.3	3.3	4.1	...	...	4.9	7.3	4.3	5.0	10.3
Mar.	3.89	3.92	3.4	3.2	3.8	1.9	2.7	5.0	7.1	4.3	4.9	10.1
Apr.	3.86	3.97	3.4	3.2	3.7	...	...	5.0	7.1	4.3	4.9	9.9
May	3.84	3.96	3.4	3.2	3.7	...	...	4.7	6.9	4.2	4.9	9.9
June	3.92	3.96	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.1	3.0	4.9	6.8	4.2	4.8	10.0
July	4.02	3.96	3.4	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.9	6.9	4.2	4.8	10.1
Aug.	4.08	3.95	3.4	3.1	3.8	...	...	4.9	7.0	4.2	4.7	10.2
Sept.	3.99	3.93	3.4	3.0	4.0	2.1	2.9	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.8	9.9
Oct.	3.95	3.90	3.4	3.0	3.7	...	...	4.8	7.0	4.1	...	9.7
Nov.	3.87	3.84	3.3	3.1	3.6	...	...	4.6	6.8	4.1	...	9.5
Dec.	3.79	3.82	3.3	...	...	...	...	4.7	6.9	...	...	...

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 3.4% in Dec., 2016 and 3.7% for the annual average in 2016 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.