

Manpower Survey Results in May 2017

- **Total employment increased by 6,000(+0.05%) in May to 11,331,000, moreover, it increased by 84,000(+0.75%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture slightly decreased by 1,000(-0.16%) in May ; the goods-producing sector the same in May ; however, the services-providing sector increased by 6,000(+0.09%) respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture decreased by 4,000(-0.64%), the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 19,000(+0.48%) and 68,000(+1.03%) in May, respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in May 2017

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	20 038	11 762	58.70	11 331	431	3.66	3.79	8 276
Male	9 779	6 554	67.02	6 296	258	3.94	4.02	3 225
Female	10 259	5 208	50.76	5 035	173	3.32	3.49	5 051

- **The unemployment rate dropped by 0.01 percentage points to 3.66 percent in May, moreover, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.01 percentage points to 3.79 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.18 and 0.17 percentage points in May.

--The number of unemployed persons was 431,000 in May, it decreased by 1,000(-0.23%) and 18,000(-3.96%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.70 percent in May, which remained the same as that of the previous month; it rose by 0.07 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., 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
Ave., 2016	19 962	11 727	11 267	460	8 235	58.75	3.92	12.12	4.08	2.15
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
Ave., 2017	20 024	11 760	11 319	441	8 263	58.73	3.75	11.86	3.93	1.98
Jan.	20 011	11 765	11 320	445	8 246	58.79	3.78	12.01	3.95	1.99
Feb.	20 017	11 760	11 307	453	8 257	58.75	3.85	12.18	4.01	2.07
Mar.	20 022	11 758	11 313	445	8 264	58.73	3.78	12.01	3.95	2.02
Apr.	20 030	11 757	11 325	432	8 273	58.70	3.67	11.62	3.87	1.92
May	20 038	11 762	11 331	431	8 276	58.70	3.66	11.49	3.89	1.92
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.04	0.04	0.05	-0.23	0.04	(0.00)	(-0.01)	(-0.13)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.45	0.57	0.75	-3.96	0.28	(0.07)	(-0.18)	(0.07)	(-0.15)	(-0.26)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.43	0.57	0.70	-2.82	0.24	(0.08)	(-0.13)	(0.08)	(-0.16)	(-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
May, 1988	8 072	0.22	7 931	0.42	59.11	59.77	141	1.74	1.85
May, 1989	8 343	3.35	8 217	3.60	59.87	60.42	126	1.50	1.60
May, 1990	8 318	-0.29	8 196	-0.26	58.67	59.09	123	1.48	1.58
May, 1991	8 554	2.83	8 432	2.88	59.13	59.44	122	1.43	1.53
May, 1992	8 703	1.74	8 582	1.78	59.10	59.36	122	1.40	1.52
May, 1993	8 816	1.29	8 702	1.41	58.59	58.82	114	1.29	1.42
May, 1994	9 008	2.17	8 879	2.03	58.63	58.85	129	1.43	1.58
May, 1995	9 158	1.67	9 008	1.46	58.51	58.73	149	1.63	1.75
May, 1996	9 268	1.20	9 050	0.46	58.28	58.49	218	2.35	2.52
May, 1997	9 373	1.14	9 138	0.97	58.11	58.34	236	2.51	2.70
May, 1998	9 501	1.36	9 276	1.51	57.84	58.08	225	2.37	2.53
May, 1999	9 621	1.26	9 348	0.78	57.80	58.04	273	2.84	2.99
May, 2000	9 741	1.25	9 470	1.30	57.51	57.73	271	2.78	2.89
May, 2001	9 748	0.08	9 337	-1.40	56.84	57.06	411	4.22	4.36
May, 2002	9 951	2.07	9 451	1.22	57.31	57.48	499	5.02	5.16
May, 2003	10 022	0.72	9 523	0.75	57.13	57.27	499	4.98	5.11
May, 2004	10 214	1.91	9 764	2.53	57.59	57.69	450	4.41	4.49
May, 2005	10 343	1.26	9 918	1.58	57.72	57.80	424	4.10	4.16
May, 2006	10 466	1.20	10 064	1.47	57.72	57.80	402	3.84	3.89
May, 2007	10 673	1.98	10 260	1.95	58.14	58.23	413	3.87	3.92
May, 2008	10 829	1.46	10 413	1.49	58.25	58.35	416	3.84	3.91
May, 2009	10 874	0.42	10 241	-1.65	57.76	57.89	633	5.82	5.94
May, 2010	11 026	1.39	10 459	2.12	57.92	58.05	567	5.14	5.27
May, 2011	11 146	1.09	10 670	2.01	57.97	58.10	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	58.52	443	3.85	3.98
May, 2015	11 600	0.91	11 179	1.15	58.52	58.64	420	3.62	3.74
May, 2016	11 695	0.83	11 247	0.60	58.63	58.75	449	3.84	3.96
May, 2017	11 762	0.57	11 331	0.75	58.70	58.82	431	3.66	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.,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
Ave.,2016	3.92	3.92	3.4	3.1	3.7	2.1	3.0	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.8	10.1
Apr.	3.86	3.97	3.4	3.2	3.7	...	...	5.0	7.1	4.2	4.9	10.1
May	3.84	3.96	3.4	3.2	3.7	...	...	4.7	6.9	4.2	4.9	10.1
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	3.95	3.4	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.9	7.0	4.2	4.8	10.0
Aug.	4.08	3.94	3.4	3.1	3.8	...	...	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.7	10.0
Sept.	3.99	3.91	3.4	3.0	3.9	2.1	2.9	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.7	9.9
Oct.	3.95	3.88	3.4	3.0	3.8	...	...	4.8	7.0	4.0	4.7	10.0
Nov.	3.87	3.84	3.4	3.1	3.6	...	...	4.6	6.8	3.9	4.7	10.0
Dec.	3.79	3.83	3.3	3.1	3.5	2.2	3.2	4.7	6.9	3.9	4.6	9.9
Ave.,2017												
Jan.	3.78	3.84	3.3	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.8	6.8	3.9	4.5	9.7
Feb.	3.85	3.83	3.3	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.7	6.6	3.9	4.4	9.6
Mar.	3.78	3.84	3.2	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.2	4.5	6.7	3.9	...	9.5
Apr.	3.67	3.78	3.2	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.4	6.5	3.9	...	9.5
May	3.66	3.79	...	...	...	...	...	4.3	6.6	...	...	...

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. The unemployment rate marked 3.6% in May, 2017 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.