

Manpower Survey Results in September 2018

- **Total employment decreased by 10,000(-0.09%) in September to 11,449,000; however, it increased by 83,000(+0.73%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture sector, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector decreased by 1,000(-0.17%), 1,000(-0.02%) and 8,000(-0.12%) in September, respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 3,000(+0.60%), 24,000(+0.59%) and 55,000 (+0.83%) in September, respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in September 2018

Unit: persons in thousand

	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed Persons	Unemployed Persons			Not in Labor Force
			Labor Force Participation Rate (%)			Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	
Total	20 144	11 896	59.03	11 449	447	3.76	3.70	8 248
Male	9 828	6 609	67.26	6 351	258	3.90	3.86	3 219
Female	10 316	5 287	51.20	5 098	189	3.58	3.50	5 030

- **The unemployment rate fell by 0.11 percentage points to 3.76 percent in September; however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.01 percentage points to 3.70 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.01 percentage points in September.

--The number of unemployed persons was 447,000 in September, it decreased by 14,000(-3.05%) from the previous month, however, it increased by 2,000(+0.49%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.05 percent in September, which fell by 0.14 percentage points from the previous month; however, it rose by 0.19 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., 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
Ave., 2017	20 049	11 795	11 352	443	8 254	58.83	3.76	11.92	3.93	1.99
Sept.	20 065	11 811	11 366	445	8 254	58.86	3.77	12.16	3.91	1.96
Oct.	20 074	11 825	11 382	443	8 249	58.91	3.75	11.78	3.92	1.97
Nov.	20 083	11 837	11 398	439	8 246	58.94	3.71	11.49	3.90	1.97
Dec.	20 091	11 838	11 405	433	8 253	58.92	3.66	11.29	3.85	1.95
Ave., 2018	20 118	11 862	11 422	440	8 257	58.96	3.71	11.53	3.86	2.01
Jan.	20 096	11 839	11 409	430	8 257	58.91	3.63	11.17	3.83	1.93
Feb.	20 101	11 835	11 397	438	8 267	58.88	3.70	11.41	3.87	2.01
Mar.	20 105	11 836	11 403	433	8 270	58.87	3.66	11.28	3.82	1.97
Apr.	20 110	11 836	11 406	431	8 274	58.86	3.64	11.21	3.81	1.97
May	20 115	11 841	11 411	430	8 275	58.86	3.63	11.13	3.81	1.98
June	20 123	11 857	11 418	439	8 267	58.92	3.70	11.48	3.85	2.03
July	20 131	11 896	11 443	453	8 235	59.09	3.81	11.94	3.91	2.08
Aug.	20 137	11 920	11 459	461	8 217	59.19	3.87	12.27	3.94	2.11
Sept.	20 144	11 896	11 449	447	8 248	59.05	3.76	11.83	3.89	2.00
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.04	-0.20	-0.09	-3.05	0.38	(-0.14)	(-0.11)	(-0.44)	(-0.05)	(-0.11)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.40	0.72	0.73	0.49	-0.07	(0.19)	(-0.01)	(-0.33)	(-0.02)	(0.04)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.40	0.67	0.74	-1.11	0.02	(0.16)	(-0.07)	(-0.52)	(-0.08)	(0.02)

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., 1989	8 402	1.60	8 257	1.50	60.05	59.84	145	1.72	1.52
Sept., 1990	8 525	1.46	8 356	1.19	59.68	59.40	169	1.98	1.74
Sept., 1991	8 625	1.17	8 470	1.37	59.29	59.03	154	1.79	1.58
Sept., 1992	8 842	2.52	8 690	2.60	59.60	59.38	152	1.72	1.51
Sept., 1993	9 004	1.83	8 862	1.97	59.44	59.27	142	1.58	1.42
Sept., 1994	9 131	1.41	8 980	1.33	59.06	58.96	151	1.65	1.50
Sept., 1995	9 222	1.00	9 035	0.61	58.56	58.53	187	2.03	1.87
Sept., 1996	9 350	1.39	9 067	0.35	58.52	58.53	284	3.03	2.83
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	57.91	285	2.98	2.83
Sept., 1999	9 674	1.35	9 376	1.25	57.76	57.80	298	3.08	2.95
Sept., 2000	9 809	1.40	9 505	1.38	57.66	57.68	304	3.10	2.95
Sept., 2001	9 875	0.67	9 356	-1.57	57.33	57.30	519	5.26	5.05
Sept., 2002	9 974	1.00	9 443	0.94	57.24	57.22	531	5.32	5.13
Sept., 2003	10 094	1.21	9 584	1.49	57.32	57.33	510	5.05	4.89
Sept., 2004	10 249	1.54	9 788	2.13	57.60	57.63	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	3.96
Sept., 2008	10 869	1.22	10 405	0.92	58.22	58.23	464	4.27	4.26
Sept., 2009	10 939	0.64	10 278	-1.22	57.88	57.89	661	6.04	6.04
Sept., 2010	11 091	1.39	10 531	2.46	58.07	58.08	560	5.05	5.04
Sept., 2011	11 231	1.26	10 750	2.08	58.22	58.21	481	4.28	4.25
Sept., 2012	11 369	1.23	10 878	1.20	58.39	58.38	491	4.32	4.26
Sept., 2013	11 466	0.85	10 980	0.94	58.47	58.45	486	4.24	4.17
Sept., 2014	11 557	0.79	11 099	1.08	58.57	58.55	458	3.96	3.89
Sept., 2015	11 667	0.95	11 213	1.03	58.72	58.70	454	3.89	3.81
Sept., 2016	11 745	0.67	11 276	0.56	58.79	58.76	469	3.99	3.92
Sept., 2017	11 811	0.56	11 366	0.80	58.86	58.84	445	3.77	3.70
Sept., 2018	11 896	0.72	11 449	0.73	59.05	59.03	447	3.76	3.70

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.,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
Ave.,2017	3.76	3.76	3.1	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.1	4.4	6.3	3.8	4.4	9.4
Aug.	3.89	3.75	3.1	2.8	3.7	...	...	4.4	6.2	3.7	4.2	9.5
Sept.	3.77	3.70	3.1	2.8	3.7	2.1	3.1	4.2	6.2	3.7	4.2	9.4
Oct.	3.75	3.70	3.1	2.8	3.6	...	...	4.1	6.2	3.6	4.2	9.2
Nov.	3.71	3.70	3.0	2.7	3.7	...	...	4.1	5.9	3.6	4.3	9.1
Dec.	3.66	3.70	3.0	2.7	3.7	2.1	3.0	4.1	5.8	3.6	4.2	9.1
Ave.,2018												
Jan.	3.63	3.68	2.9	2.4	3.6	...	...	4.1	5.9	3.5	4.2	9.2
Feb.	3.70	3.70	2.9	2.5	3.6	...	...	4.1	5.8	3.5	4.2	9.2
Mar.	3.66	3.67	2.9	2.5	4.0	2.0	2.8	4.1	5.8	3.5	4.1	9.2
Apr.	3.64	3.69	2.8	2.5	3.8	...	...	3.9	5.8	3.5	4.0	9.1
May	3.63	3.69	2.8	2.2	4.0	...	...	3.8	5.8	3.4	3.9	9.1
June	3.70	3.68	2.8	2.4	3.7	2.1	2.9	4.0	6.0	3.4	4.0	9.1
July	3.81	3.69	2.8	2.5	3.8	...	...	3.9	5.8	3.4	...	9.2
Aug	3.87	3.69	2.8	2.4	4.2	...	...	3.9	6.0	3.4	...	9.3
Sept.	3.76	3.70	...	...	...	...	...	3.7	5.9	...	...	...

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