

## Manpower Survey Results in December 2017

- **Total employment increased by 7,000(+0.06%) in December to 11,405,000, moreover, it increased by 90,000(+0.80%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture remained the same in December, the goods-producing sector decreased by 1,000(-0.02%), the services-providing sector increased by 8,000(+0.12%) .

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.20%), 21,000(+0.51%) and 68,000 (+1.02%) in December, respectively.

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in December 2017

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	20 091	11 838	58.92	11 405	433	3.66	3.70	8 253
Male	9 801	6 587	67.21	6 332	255	3.87	3.92	3 214
Female	10 290	5 251	51.03	5 073	178	3.39	3.42	5 039

- **The unemployment rate dropped by 0.05 percentage points to 3.66 percent in December, 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 0.13 percentage points in December.

--The number of unemployed persons was 433,000 in December, it decreased by 6,000(-1.41%) and 13,000(-2.90%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.92 percent in December, which dropped by 0.02 percentage points from the previous month; in contrast, it rose by 0.12 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
Dec.	20 003	11 761	11 315	446	8 242	58.80	3.79	12.10	3.97	1.96
Ave., 2017	20 049	11 795	11 352	443	8 254	58.83	3.76	11.92	3.93	1.99
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
June	20 045	11 777	11 337	440	8 268	58.75	3.74	11.91	3.90	1.98
July	20 052	11 813	11 360	454	8 239	58.91	3.84	12.41	3.96	2.04
Aug.	20 059	11 838	11 377	461	8 222	59.01	3.89	12.60	4.00	2.06
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
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.04	0.01	0.06	-1.41	0.09	(-0.02)	(-0.05)	(-0.20)	(-0.05)	(-0.02)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.44	0.66	0.80	-2.90	0.14	( 0.12)	(-0.13)	(-0.81)	(-0.12)	(-0.01)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.44	0.58	0.75	-3.52	0.23	( 0.08)	(-0.16)	(-0.20)	(-0.15)	(-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., 1988	8 391	1.42	8 272	1.85	60.67	60.37	118	1.41	1.54
Dec., 1989	8 399	0.09	8 284	0.14	59.76	59.56	114	1.36	1.50
Dec., 1990	8 500	1.21	8 371	1.05	59.20	59.05	129	1.52	1.69
Dec., 1991	8 670	2.00	8 550	2.13	59.31	59.19	121	1.39	1.56
Dec., 1992	8 874	2.34	8 761	2.47	59.47	59.38	113	1.27	1.45
Dec., 1993	8 891	0.20	8 780	0.22	58.37	58.26	111	1.24	1.41
Dec., 1994	9 207	3.55	9 076	3.37	59.22	59.06	130	1.41	1.54
Dec., 1995	9 272	0.71	9 095	0.21	58.62	58.48	177	1.90	2.12
Dec., 1996	9 428	1.68	9 183	0.96	58.81	58.62	245	2.60	2.85
Dec., 1997	9 566	1.46	9 332	1.62	58.65	58.40	234	2.45	2.56
Dec., 1998	9 611	0.47	9 342	0.11	58.12	57.88	269	2.80	2.89
Dec., 1999	9 778	1.74	9 498	1.68	58.08	57.83	279	2.85	2.90
Dec., 2000	9 872	0.97	9 549	0.53	57.85	57.64	323	3.27	3.37
Dec., 2001	9 941	0.70	9 422	-1.33	57.53	57.37	519	5.22	5.35
Dec., 2002	10 011	0.70	9 506	0.89	57.29	57.19	505	5.04	5.18
Dec., 2003	10 148	1.37	9 683	1.87	57.44	57.37	465	4.58	4.71
Dec., 2004	10 309	1.59	9 887	2.11	57.77	57.73	422	4.09	4.21
Dec., 2005	10 440	1.27	10 037	1.51	57.85	57.80	403	3.86	3.97
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	58.27	414	3.83	3.89
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	4.72
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	4.11
Dec., 2014	11 590	0.80	11 151	1.10	58.64	58.60	439	3.79	3.82
Dec., 2015	11 695	0.91	11 242	0.82	58.72	58.69	453	3.87	3.91
Dec., 2016	11 761	0.56	11 315	0.65	58.80	58.76	446	3.79	3.83
Dec., 2017	11 838	0.66	11 405	0.80	58.92	58.89	433	3.66	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.,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
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	3.76	3.76	...	...	...	...	...	4.4	6.3	...	...	...
Jan.	3.78	3.84	3.3	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.8	6.8	3.9	4.6	9.8
Feb.	3.85	3.83	3.3	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.7	6.6	3.9	4.5	9.7
Mar.	3.78	3.84	3.2	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.2	4.5	6.7	3.9	4.5	9.6
Apr.	3.67	3.78	3.2	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.4	6.5	3.9	4.4	9.5
May	3.66	3.79	3.2	3.1	3.6	...	...	4.3	6.6	3.8	4.4	9.5
June	3.74	3.78	3.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	3.1	4.3	6.5	3.8	4.3	9.5
July	3.84	3.78	3.1	2.8	3.6	...	...	4.3	6.3	3.7	4.2	9.6
Aug.	3.89	3.76	3.1	2.8	3.8	...	...	4.4	6.2	3.7	4.2	9.6
Sept.	3.77	3.71	3.1	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.1	4.2	6.2	3.7	4.2	9.4
Oct.	3.75	3.69	3.0	2.8	3.6	...	...	4.1	6.3	3.7	...	9.3
Nov.	3.71	3.69	3.0	2.7	3.7	...	...	4.1	5.9	3.6	...	9.2
Dec.	3.66	3.70	...	...	...	...	...	4.1	5.7	...	...	...

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.