

Manpower Survey Results in March 2018

- **Total employment increased by 6,000(+0.05%) in March to 11,403,000; moreover, it increased by 90,000(+0.79%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.15%) and 5,000(+0.07%) in March, respectively ; the goods-producing sector remained the same.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 3,000(+0.56%), 24,000(+0.58%) and 63,000 (+0.94%) in March, respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in March 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 | 20 105 | 11 836 | 58.87 | 11 403 | 433 | 3.66 | 3.67 | 8 270 |
| Male | 9 806 | 6 588 | 67.18 | 6 333 | 255 | 3.87 | 3.86 | 3 219 |
| Female | 10 299 | 5 248 | 50.96 | 5 070 | 178 | 3.39 | 3.42 | 5 051 |

- **The unemployment rate fell by 0.04 percentage points to 3.66 percent in March, moreover, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped by 0.03 percentage points to 3.67 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.12 percentage points in March.

--The number of unemployed persons was 433,000 in March, it decreased by 5,000(-1.18%) from the previous month , moreover, it decreased by 12,000(-2.74%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate was 58.87 percent in March, which dropped by 0.01 percentage points from the previous month; in contrast, it rose by 0.14 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 |
| 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 |
| Ave., 2018 | 20 101 | 11 836 | 11 403 | 433 | 8 265 | 58.88 | 3.66 | 11.29 | 3.84 | 1.97 |
| 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 |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05 | -1.18 | 0.04 | (-0.01) | (-0.04) | (-0.13) | (-0.05) | (-0.04) |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year | 0.42 | 0.66 | 0.79 | -2.74 | 0.07 | (0.14) | (-0.12) | (-0.73) | (-0.13) | (-0.05) |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year | 0.42 | 0.64 | 0.79 | -3.17 | 0.11 | (0.12) | (-0.15) | (-0.78) | (-0.13) | (-0.06) |

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 |
| Mar., 1989 | 8 379 | 3.53 | 8 257 | 3.88 | 60.28 | 60.83 | 122 | 1.46 | 1.61 |
| Mar., 1990 | 8 323 | -0.67 | 8 197 | -0.72 | 58.89 | 59.34 | 126 | 1.51 | 1.68 |
| Mar., 1991 | 8 440 | 1.41 | 8 324 | 1.54 | 58.51 | 59.02 | 117 | 1.39 | 1.44 |
| Mar., 1992 | 8 654 | 2.53 | 8 535 | 2.54 | 58.97 | 59.37 | 119 | 1.38 | 1.49 |
| Mar., 1993 | 8 776 | 1.41 | 8 659 | 1.44 | 58.52 | 58.88 | 118 | 1.34 | 1.47 |
| Mar., 1994 | 9 036 | 2.96 | 8 899 | 2.77 | 59.00 | 59.30 | 138 | 1.52 | 1.67 |
| Mar., 1995 | 9 139 | 1.14 | 8 999 | 1.13 | 58.57 | 58.80 | 139 | 1.53 | 1.62 |
| Mar., 1996 | 9 234 | 1.04 | 9 027 | 0.31 | 58.20 | 58.49 | 207 | 2.24 | 2.35 |
| Mar., 1997 | 9 385 | 1.64 | 9 123 | 1.07 | 58.30 | 58.45 | 262 | 2.79 | 2.87 |
| Mar., 1998 | 9 519 | 1.42 | 9 296 | 1.89 | 58.10 | 58.28 | 223 | 2.34 | 2.46 |
| Mar., 1999 | 9 547 | 0.29 | 9 275 | -0.22 | 57.52 | 57.75 | 271 | 2.84 | 2.88 |
| Mar., 2000 | 9 704 | 1.65 | 9 430 | 1.66 | 57.43 | 57.64 | 274 | 2.83 | 2.90 |
| Mar., 2001 | 9 758 | 0.56 | 9 378 | -0.55 | 57.02 | 57.23 | 380 | 3.89 | 3.97 |
| Mar., 2002 | 9 929 | 1.76 | 9 416 | 0.41 | 57.29 | 57.52 | 513 | 5.16 | 5.25 |
| Mar., 2003 | 10 023 | 0.95 | 9 514 | 1.04 | 57.23 | 57.41 | 509 | 5.08 | 5.17 |
| Mar., 2004 | 10 168 | 1.44 | 9 715 | 2.12 | 57.41 | 57.55 | 452 | 4.45 | 4.51 |
| Mar., 2005 | 10 305 | 1.35 | 9 877 | 1.66 | 57.61 | 57.73 | 428 | 4.15 | 4.19 |
| Mar., 2006 | 10 434 | 1.25 | 10 029 | 1.54 | 57.65 | 57.78 | 404 | 3.87 | 3.90 |
| Mar., 2007 | 10 664 | 2.21 | 10 244 | 2.14 | 58.20 | 58.30 | 420 | 3.94 | 3.86 |
| Mar., 2008 | 10 797 | 1.25 | 10 380 | 1.33 | 58.18 | 58.32 | 417 | 3.86 | 3.83 |
| Mar., 2009 | 10 850 | 0.49 | 10 220 | -1.54 | 57.75 | 57.87 | 630 | 5.81 | 5.74 |
| Mar., 2010 | 11 008 | 1.45 | 10 384 | 1.60 | 57.92 | 58.04 | 624 | 5.67 | 5.59 |
| Mar., 2011 | 11 128 | 1.09 | 10 629 | 2.37 | 57.97 | 58.10 | 499 | 4.48 | 4.49 |
| Mar., 2012 | 11 276 | 1.33 | 10 806 | 1.66 | 58.17 | 58.29 | 470 | 4.17 | 4.20 |
| Mar., 2013 | 11 396 | 1.06 | 10 921 | 1.07 | 58.28 | 58.39 | 475 | 4.17 | 4.21 |
| Mar., 2014 | 11 490 | 0.83 | 11 027 | 0.97 | 58.42 | 58.53 | 463 | 4.03 | 4.08 |
| Mar., 2015 | 11 593 | 0.90 | 11 162 | 1.22 | 58.55 | 58.63 | 431 | 3.72 | 3.72 |
| Mar., 2016 | 11 692 | 0.85 | 11 237 | 0.67 | 58.64 | 58.73 | 455 | 3.89 | 3.93 |
| Mar., 2017 | 11 758 | 0.57 | 11 313 | 0.68 | 58.73 | 58.80 | 445 | 3.78 | 3.82 |
| Mar., 2018 | 11 836 | 0.66 | 11 403 | 0.79 | 58.87 | 58.93 | 433 | 3.66 | 3.67 |

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 |
| Feb. | 3.85 | 3.83 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.8 | ... | ... | 4.7 | 6.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 9.6 |
| Mar. | 3.78 | 3.82 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 9.5 |
| Apr. | 3.67 | 3.78 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.9 | ... | ... | 4.4 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 9.5 |
| May | 3.66 | 3.78 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.6 | ... | ... | 4.3 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 9.5 |
| June | 3.74 | 3.77 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 9.5 |
| July | 3.84 | 3.76 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.5 | ... | ... | 4.3 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 9.6 |
| 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 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.6 | ... | ... | 4.1 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 9.2 |
| Nov. | 3.71 | 3.70 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.7 | ... | ... | 4.1 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 9.0 |
| Dec. | 3.66 | 3.70 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 9.0 |
| Ave.,2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 3.63 | 3.68 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 3.6 | ... | ... | 4.1 | 5.9 | 3.5 | ... | 9.0 |
| Feb. | 3.70 | 3.70 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 3.6 | ... | ... | 4.1 | 5.8 | 3.5 | ... | 8.9 |
| Mar. | 3.66 | 3.67 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.1 | 5.8 | ... | ... | ... |

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.