

Manpower Survey Results in September 2019

- **Total employment decreased by 19,000(-0.16%) in September to 11,507,000, however, it increased by 58,000(+0.51%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture decreased by 3,000(-0.50%), the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector also decreased by 8,000(-0.19%) and 8,000 (-0.12%) respectively in September.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture decreased by 4,000(-0.75%), by contrast, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 4,000(+0.08%) and 59,000 (+0.86%), respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in September 2019

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	20 199	11 962	59.22	11 507	455	3.80	3.74	8 237
Male	9 855	6 641	67.39	6 386	255	3.84	3.81	3 214
Female	10 344	5 320	51.44	5 121	200	3.75	3.66	5 023

- **The unemployment rate was 3.80 percent in September, which decreased by 0.09 percentage point from the previous month; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also increased by 0.01 percentage points to 3.74 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate rose by 0.04 percentage points in September.

--The number of unemployed persons was 455,000 in September, which decreased by 11,000(-2.40%) but increased by 8,000(+1.72%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.22 percent in September, which declined by 0.16 percentage points from the previous month; however, it rose by 0.17 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., 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
Ave., 2018	20 129	11 874	11 434	440	8 254	58.99	3.71	11.54	3.86	2.00
Sept.	20 144	11 896	11 449	447	8 248	59.05	3.76	11.83	3.89	2.00
Oct.	20 152	11 906	11 460	446	8 246	59.08	3.75	11.75	3.89	1.99
Nov.	20 160	11 916	11 475	441	8 244	59.11	3.70	11.55	3.84	1.98
Dec.	20 166	11 916	11 481	436	8 249	59.09	3.66	11.37	3.81	1.95
Ave., 2019	20 183	11 938	11 492	446	8 244	59.15	3.73	11.80	3.87	1.97
Jan.	20 169	11 919	11 485	434	8 250	59.09	3.64	11.32	3.79	1.93
Feb.	20 172	11 916	11 473	443	8 256	59.07	3.72	11.53	3.86	2.01
Mar.	20 175	11 916	11 478	438	8 259	59.06	3.68	11.40	3.82	1.99
Apr.	20 177	11 918	11 480	437	8 260	59.06	3.67	11.26	3.82	1.99
May	20 180	11 921	11 484	437	8 260	59.07	3.67	11.27	3.83	1.99
June	20 186	11 933	11 488	445	8 253	59.12	3.73	11.88	3.85	1.96
July	20 189	11 968	11 511	457	8 221	59.28	3.82	12.25	3.92	2.00
Aug.	20 196	11 992	11 526	466	8 204	59.38	3.89	12.72	3.98	1.95
Sept.	20 199	11 962	11 507	455	8 237	59.22	3.80	12.55	3.93	1.88
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.02	-0.25	-0.16	-2.40	0.40	(-0.16)	(-0.09)	(-0.17)	(-0.05)	(-0.07)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.27	0.55	0.51	1.72	-0.14	(0.17)	(0.04)	(0.72)	(0.04)	(-0.12)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.32	0.64	0.62	1.28	-0.15	(0.19)	(0.02)	(0.27)	(0.01)	(-0.04)

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., 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	58.69	454	3.89	3.82
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
Sept., 2019	11 962	0.55	11 507	0.51	59.22	59.20	455	3.80	3.74

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.,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
Ave.,2018	3.71	3.71	2.8	2.4	3.8	2.1	2.9	3.9	5.8	3.4	4.0	9.1
Aug	3.87	3.71	2.8	2.4	4.1	-	-	3.8	6.0	3.4	4.1	9.0
Sept.	3.76	3.70	2.8	2.4	4.0	2.1	2.9	3.7	5.8	3.3	4.0	9.0
Oct.	3.75	3.70	2.8	2.4	3.9	-	-	3.8	5.7	3.3	3.9	9.0
Nov.	3.70	3.69	2.8	2.5	3.8	-	-	3.7	5.6	3.3	3.9	8.9
Dec.	3.66	3.70	2.8	2.4	3.8	2.2	3.0	3.9	5.6	3.3	3.8	8.9
Ave.,2019												
Jan.	3.64	3.72	2.8	2.5	4.4	-	-	4.0	5.8	3.2	3.8	8.8
Feb.	3.72	3.71	2.8	2.3	3.7	-	-	3.8	5.8	3.2	3.7	8.6
Mar.	3.68	3.72	2.8	2.5	3.8	2.2	3.0	3.8	5.8	3.2	3.7	8.6
Apr.	3.67	3.73	2.8	2.4	4.1	-	-	3.6	5.7	3.2	3.7	8.5
May	3.67	3.75	2.8	2.4	4.0	-	-	3.6	5.4	3.1	3.8	8.5
June	3.73	3.74	2.8	2.3	4.0	2.2	3.1	3.7	5.5	3.1	3.8	8.5
July	3.82	3.72	2.9	2.2	4.0	-	-	3.7	5.7	3.1	...	8.5
Aug	3.89	3.73	2.9	2.2	3.1	-	-	3.7	5.7	3.1	...	8.5
Sept.	3.80	3.74	2.9	3.5	5.5

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.