

## Manpower Survey Results in February 2019

- **Total employment decreased by 12,000(-0.10%) in February to 11,473,000, by contrast, it increased by 76,000(+0.67%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector decreased by 1,000(-0.30%), 4,000(-0.11%) and 6,000 (-0.08%) in February, respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 3,000(+0.47%), 13,000(+0.32%) and 60,000 (+0.89%), respectively.

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in February 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  | 20 172                                   | 11 916      | 59.07                              | 11 473           | 443                   | 3.72                                      | 3.71 | 8 256              |
| Male   | 9 838                                    | 6 617       | 67.26                              | 6 360            | 257                   | 3.89                                      | 3.87 | 3 221              |
| Female | 10 334                                   | 5 299       | 51.27                              | 5 113            | 186                   | 3.51                                      | 3.52 | 5 035              |

- **The unemployment rate rose by 0.08 percentage points to 3.72 percent in February; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, by contrast, declined by 0.01 percentage points to 3.71 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate rose by 0.02 percentage points in February.

--The number of unemployed persons was 443,000 in February, it increased by 9,000(+2.07%) and 5,000(+1.15%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.07 percent in February, which declined by 0.02 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., 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        |
| 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        |
| 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   | 20 171                                   | 11 917      | 11 479           | 438                | 8 253              | 59.08                              | 3.68                  | 11.43       | 3.83        | 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        |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month                  | 0.02                                     | -0.03       | -0.10            | 2.07               | 0.07               | (-0.02)                            | (0.08)                | (0.21)      | (0.07)      | (0.08)      |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year     | 0.35                                     | 0.68        | 0.67             | 1.15               | -0.12              | (0.19)                             | (0.02)                | (0.12)      | (-0.01)     | (0.00)      |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year | 0.36                                     | 0.68        | 0.67             | 1.05               | -0.10              | (0.19)                             | (0.01)                | (0.14)      | (-0.02)     | (0.00)      |

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 |
| Feb., 1990   | 8 298                                | -0.89   | 8 165                                | -0.61   | 58.82                          | 59.18               | 133                                   | 1.60              | 1.59                |
| Feb., 1991   | 8 423                                | 1.50    | 8 309                                | 1.76    | 58.48                          | 59.04               | 114                                   | 1.35              | 1.42                |
| Feb., 1992   | 8 643                                | 2.62    | 8 510                                | 2.42    | 58.97                          | 59.47               | 133                                   | 1.54              | 1.46                |
| Feb., 1993   | 8 744                                | 1.17    | 8 628                                | 1.39    | 58.40                          | 58.74               | 116                                   | 1.32              | 1.34                |
| Feb., 1994   | 8 861                                | 1.35    | 8 714                                | 1.00    | 57.97                          | 58.39               | 147                                   | 1.66              | 1.70                |
| Feb., 1995   | 9 164                                | 3.42    | 9 008                                | 3.37    | 58.82                          | 59.16               | 156                                   | 1.70              | 1.66                |
| Feb., 1996   | 9 327                                | 1.77    | 9 131                                | 1.37    | 58.82                          | 59.07               | 195                                   | 2.10              | 2.20                |
| Feb., 1997   | 9 356                                | 0.32    | 9 078                                | -0.58   | 58.20                          | 58.44               | 278                                   | 2.97              | 2.79                |
| Feb., 1998   | 9 488                                | 1.41    | 9 245                                | 1.83    | 58.01                          | 58.22               | 243                                   | 2.57              | 2.53                |
| Feb., 1999   | 9 599                                | 1.17    | 9 337                                | 1.00    | 57.92                          | 58.05               | 262                                   | 2.73              | 2.84                |
| Feb., 2000   | 9 688                                | 0.92    | 9 406                                | 0.73    | 57.41                          | 57.65               | 282                                   | 2.91              | 2.93                |
| Feb., 2001   | 9 758                                | 0.72    | 9 394                                | -0.13   | 57.07                          | 57.24               | 364                                   | 3.73              | 3.75                |
| Feb., 2002   | 9 928                                | 1.75    | 9 420                                | 0.28    | 57.34                          | 57.51               | 508                                   | 5.12              | 5.23                |
| Feb., 2003   | 10 019                               | 0.91    | 9 500                                | 0.85    | 57.24                          | 57.39               | 518                                   | 5.17              | 5.15                |
| Feb., 2004   | 10 154                               | 1.35    | 9 686                                | 1.95    | 57.38                          | 57.51               | 468                                   | 4.61              | 4.70                |
| Feb., 2005   | 10 316                               | 1.59    | 9 874                                | 1.94    | 57.71                          | 57.85               | 441                                   | 4.28              | 4.30                |
| Feb., 2006   | 10 414                               | 0.95    | 10 006                               | 1.33    | 57.60                          | 57.71               | 408                                   | 3.92              | 3.89                |
| Feb., 2007   | 10 646                               | 2.23    | 10 243                               | 2.37    | 58.14                          | 58.26               | 402                                   | 3.78              | 3.84                |
| Feb., 2008   | 10 773                               | 1.20    | 10 349                               | 1.03    | 58.11                          | 58.24               | 424                                   | 3.94              | 3.87                |
| Feb., 2009   | 10 848                               | 0.69    | 10 224                               | -1.21   | 57.79                          | 57.92               | 624                                   | 5.75              | 5.61                |
| Feb., 2010   | 11 007                               | 1.47    | 10 373                               | 1.46    | 57.96                          | 58.07               | 634                                   | 5.76              | 5.67                |
| Feb., 2011   | 11 123                               | 1.05    | 10 601                               | 2.20    | 57.98                          | 58.10               | 522                                   | 4.69              | 4.58                |
| Feb., 2012   | 11 270                               | 1.32    | 10 790                               | 1.78    | 58.18                          | 58.28               | 479                                   | 4.25              | 4.20                |
| Feb., 2013   | 11 398                               | 1.14    | 10 915                               | 1.15    | 58.32                          | 58.40               | 483                                   | 4.24              | 4.19                |
| Feb., 2014   | 11 489                               | 0.79    | 11 019                               | 0.95    | 58.44                          | 58.52               | 470                                   | 4.09              | 4.05                |
| Feb., 2015   | 11 588                               | 0.87    | 11 160                               | 1.29    | 58.56                          | 58.63               | 428                                   | 3.69              | 3.71                |
| Feb., 2016   | 11 693                               | 0.91    | 11 231                               | 0.63    | 58.66                          | 58.73               | 462                                   | 3.95              | 3.95                |
| Feb., 2017   | 11 760                               | 0.57    | 11 307                               | 0.68    | 58.75                          | 58.80               | 453                                   | 3.85              | 3.82                |
| Feb., 2018   | 11 835                               | 0.64    | 11 397                               | 0.79    | 58.88                          | 58.93               | 438                                   | 3.70              | 3.70                |
| Feb., 2019   | 11 916                               | 0.68    | 11 473                               | 0.67    | 59.07                          | 59.12               | 443                                   | 3.72              | 3.71                |

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 | ...       | 2.4   | 3.8         | 2.1       | 2.9 | 3.9           | 5.8    | 3.4     | ...            | 9.1    |
| Jan.         | 3.63                | 3.69 | 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                | 3.70 | 2.9       | 2.5   | 4.0         | 2.0       | 2.9 | 4.0           | 5.8    | 3.5     | 4.1            | 9.2    |
| Apr.         | 3.64                | 3.73 | 2.8       | 2.5   | 3.8         | -         | -   | 3.9           | 5.9    | 3.5     | 4.0            | 9.1    |
| May          | 3.63                | 3.73 | 2.8       | 2.3   | 4.0         | -         | -   | 3.8           | 5.9    | 3.4     | 3.9            | 9.0    |
| June         | 3.70                | 3.72 | 2.8       | 2.5   | 3.7         | 2.1       | 2.9 | 4.0           | 6.0    | 3.4     | 4.0            | 9.0    |
| July         | 3.81                | 3.72 | 2.8       | 2.5   | 3.8         | -         | -   | 3.9           | 5.9    | 3.4     | 4.0            | 9.0    |
| Aug          | 3.87                | 3.71 | 2.8       | 2.4   | 4.1         | -         | -   | 3.8           | 6.0    | 3.4     | 4.1            | 9.1    |
| Sept.        | 3.76                | 3.70 | 2.8       | 2.4   | 4.0         | 2.1       | 2.9 | 3.7           | 5.8    | 3.4     | 4.1            | 9.0    |
| Oct.         | 3.75                | 3.70 | 2.8       | 2.4   | 3.9         | -         | -   | 3.8           | 5.7    | 3.3     | 4.0            | 9.0    |
| Nov.         | 3.70                | 3.69 | 2.8       | 2.5   | 3.8         | -         | -   | 3.7           | 5.6    | 3.3     | 4.0            | 8.9    |
| Dec.         | 3.66                | 3.70 | 2.8       | 2.4   | 3.8         | 2.2       | 3.0 | 3.9           | 5.6    | 3.3     | ...            | 8.9    |
| Ave.,2019    |                     |      |           |       |             |           |     |               |        |         |                |        |
| Jan.         | 3.64                | 3.72 | 2.8       | 2.5   | 4.4         | ...       | ... | 4.0           | 5.8    | 3.2     | ...            | 8.8    |
| Feb.         | 3.72                | 3.71 | ...       | ...   | ...         | -         | -   | 3.8           | 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.