

Manpower Survey Results in March 2019

- **Total employment increased by 5,000(+0.05%) in March to 11,478,000, moreover, it also increased by 75,000(+0.66%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.19%) and 7,000 (+0.09%) respectively, by contrast, the goods-producing sector decreased by 2,000 (-0.04%) in March.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 3,000(+0.51%), 11,000(+0.27%) and 62,000 (+0.91%), respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in March 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	20 175	11 916	59.06	11 478	438	3.68	3.72	8 259
Male	9 839	6 617	67.25	6 362	255	3.86	3.88	3 222
Female	10 336	5 299	51.27	5 116	183	3.45	3.51	5 037

- **The unemployment rate declined by 0.04 percentage points to 3.68 percent in March; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, by contrast, rose by 0.01 percentage points to 3.72 percent.**

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

--The number of unemployed persons was 438,000 in March, it decreased by 5,000(-1.10%) and but increased by 5,000(+1.22%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.06 percent in March, which declined by 0.01 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
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	20 172	11 917	11 479	438	8 255	59.08	3.68	11.42	3.82	1.98
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
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.01	0.00	0.05	-1.10	0.03	(-0.01)	(-0.04)	(-0.13)	(-0.04)	(-0.02)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.35	0.68	0.66	1.22	-0.14	(0.19)	(0.02)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.02)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.35	0.68	0.66	1.11	-0.11	(0.20)	(0.02)	(0.13)	(-0.02)	(0.01)

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., 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	4.07
Mar., 2015	11 593	0.90	11 162	1.22	58.55	58.64	431	3.72	3.75
Mar., 2016	11 692	0.85	11 237	0.67	58.64	58.73	455	3.89	3.94
Mar., 2017	11 758	0.57	11 313	0.68	58.73	58.81	445	3.78	3.83
Mar., 2018	11 836	0.66	11 403	0.79	58.87	58.95	433	3.66	3.70
Mar., 2019	11 916	0.68	11 478	0.66	59.06	59.14	438	3.68	3.72

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
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	3.4	4.0	9.1
May	3.63	3.73	2.8	2.3	4.0	-	-	3.8	5.9	3.4	3.9	9.1
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	9.0
Sept.	3.76	3.70	2.8	2.4	4.0	2.1	2.9	3.7	5.8	3.4	4.0	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	3.9	8.9
Dec.	3.66	3.70	2.8	2.4	3.8	2.2	3.0	3.9	5.6	3.2	3.8	8.9
Ave.,2019												
Jan.	3.64	3.72	2.8	2.5	4.4	-	-	4.0	5.8	3.2	...	8.9
Feb.	3.72	3.71	...	2.3	3.7	-	-	3.8	5.8	3.1	...	8.8
Mar.	3.68	3.72	...	...	...	...	...	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.