

Manpower Survey Results in October 2011

- **Total employment increased by 15,000(+0.14%) in October to 10,765,000, and it also increased by 205,000(+1.94%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services- providing sector increased by 2,000 (+0.38%), 6,000(+0.15%) and 8,000 (+0.12%) respectively in October.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 98,000 (+2.56%) and 117,000 (+1.88%) respectively in October, however, employment in agriculture decreased by 9,000 (-1.62%).

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in October 2011

Unit: persons in thousand

Sex	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed Persons	Unemployed			Not in the Labor Force Persons
		Persons	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)		Persons	Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	
Total	19309	11249	58.26	10765	484	4.30	4.30	8060
Male	9479	6322	66.69	6029	293	4.63	4.65	3157
Female	9830	4927	50.12	4736	191	3.88	3.85	4903

- **The unemployment rate was up by 0.02 percentage points in October to 4.30 percent; the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also rose by 0.03 percentage points to 4.30 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.62 and 0.66 percentage points respectively in October.

--The number of unemployed persons in October was 484,000, an increase of 3,000 (+0.57%) from the previous month, in contrast, it declined by 62,000 (-11.46%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate in October was 58.26 percent, up by 0.04 and 0.17 percentage points from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.**

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 (%)	Unemployed persons, by age		
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons				15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years
Ave., 1999	16687	9668	9385	283	7020	57.93	2.92	95	147	40
Ave., 2000	16963	9784	9491	293	7178	57.68	2.99	94	154	44
Ave., 2001	17179	9832	9383	450	7347	57.23	4.57	130	243	76
Ave., 2002	17387	9969	9454	515	7417	57.34	5.17	145	279	91
Ave., 2003	17572	10076	9573	503	7495	57.34	4.99	131	265	106
Ave., 2004	17760	10240	9786	454	7520	57.66	4.44	120	239	95
Ave., 2005	17949	10371	9942	428	7578	57.78	4.13	112	230	86
Ave., 2006	18166	10522	10111	411	7644	57.92	3.91	104	233	74
Ave., 2007	18392	10713	10294	419	7679	58.25	3.91	104	240	75
Ave., 2008	18623	10853	10403	450	7770	58.28	4.14	110	251	88
Ave., 2009	18855	10917	10279	639	7937	57.90	5.85	127	372	139
Ave., 2010	19062	11070	10493	577	7992	58.07	5.21	114	337	125
Oct.	19118	11106	10560	546	8012	58.09	4.92	119	312	115
Nov.	19136	11132	10605	527	8004	58.17	4.73	112	300	114
Dec.	19153	11133	10613	520	8020	58.13	4.67	106	300	114
Ave., 2011	19237	11186	10692	494	8051	58.15	4.42	109	283	102
Jan.	19169	11140	10623	517	8030	58.11	4.64	107	303	107
Feb.	19183	11123	10601	522	8060	57.98	4.69	110	304	108
Mar.	19198	11128	10629	499	8070	57.97	4.48	106	291	102
Apr.	19213	11126	10648	477	8088	57.91	4.29	103	276	98
May	19228	11146	10670	476	8082	57.97	4.27	99	278	99
June	19244	11183	10696	486	8061	58.11	4.35	107	277	102
July	19260	11248	10752	496	8012	58.40	4.41	116	276	104
Aug.	19276	11284	10782	502	7992	58.54	4.45	122	277	103
Sept.	19291	11231	10750	481	8060	58.22	4.28	113	270	98
Oct.	19309	11249	10765	484	8060	58.26	4.30	111	275	98
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.09	0.16	0.14	0.57	0.00	(0.04)	(0.02)	-1.51	1.72	-0.23
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	1.00	1.28	1.94	-11.46	0.60	(0.17)	(-0.62)	-6.72	-12.08	-14.88
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	1.00	1.16	2.12	-15.91	0.79	(0.09)	(-0.89)	-5.11	-17.89	-20.32

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)	Annual increase rate (%)	Number of persons (Thousand Persons)	Annual increase rate (%)	(%)	Seasonally adjusted		(%)	Seasonally adjusted
Oct., 1982	7050	3.72	6855	2.63	58.40	58.49	195	2.77	2.56
Oct., 1983	7391	4.83	7184	4.81	59.85	59.86	206	2.79	2.53
Oct., 1984	7533	1.92	7324	1.94	59.62	59.55	209	2.77	2.51
Oct., 1985	7683	2.00	7418	1.29	59.29	59.18	265	3.45	3.22
Oct., 1986	8063	4.95	7853	5.86	60.88	60.73	211	2.61	2.45
Oct., 1987	8265	2.50	8098	3.13	61.20	61.01	166	2.01	1.89
Oct., 1988	8390	1.52	8261	2.00	60.89	60.70	130	1.54	1.46
Oct., 1989	8389	-0.01	8265	0.05	59.90	59.71	124	1.48	1.42
Oct., 1990	8493	1.23	8346	0.98	59.36	59.16	147	1.73	1.69
Oct., 1991	8622	1.52	8487	1.70	59.18	58.97	135	1.56	1.51
Oct., 1992	8854	2.69	8717	2.71	59.57	59.34	137	1.55	1.50
Oct., 1993	8977	1.39	8835	1.36	59.15	58.92	142	1.58	1.50
Oct., 1994	9194	2.41	9045	2.37	59.35	59.13	149	1.62	1.53
Oct., 1995	9253	0.64	9066	0.23	58.67	58.48	187	2.02	1.92
Oct., 1996	9353	1.09	9068	0.03	58.47	58.32	285	3.05	2.95
Oct., 1997	9477	1.33	9228	1.76	58.32	58.20	250	2.63	2.52
Oct., 1998	9586	1.15	9300	0.78	58.05	57.96	286	2.98	2.87
Oct., 1999	9721	1.41	9424	1.33	57.94	57.86	297	3.05	2.94
Oct., 2000	9835	1.17	9521	1.03	57.76	57.68	313	3.19	3.05
Oct., 2001	9889	0.55	9362	-1.67	57.35	57.29	527	5.33	5.20
Oct., 2002	9981	0.93	9451	0.95	57.22	57.18	530	5.31	5.20
Oct., 2003	10109	1.28	9612	1.70	57.34	57.33	497	4.92	4.84
Oct., 2004	10280	1.69	9837	2.34	57.71	57.70	443	4.31	4.25
Oct., 2005	10417	1.33	9993	1.59	57.84	57.82	424	4.07	4.05
Oct., 2006	10595	1.71	10182	1.89	58.11	58.08	413	3.90	3.90
Oct., 2007	10741	1.38	10320	1.35	58.19	58.16	421	3.92	3.94
Oct., 2008	10901	1.48	10424	1.01	58.32	58.29	476	4.37	4.40
Oct., 2009	10963	0.57	10310	-1.10	57.94	57.90	653	5.96	6.00
Oct., 2010	11106	1.30	10560	2.42	58.09	58.06	546	4.92	4.96
Oct., 2011	11249	1.28	10765	1.94	58.26	58.20	484	4.30	4.30

Table 3. Comparison of Unemployment Rates in Major Countries, by Year

Year & month	R. O. C		Hong* Kong	Japan *	Korea,* R. O.	Singapore *		United* States	Canada *	Germany	United Kingdom*	Australia*
	Seasonal adjusted					Resident						
Ave. , 2009	5.85	5.85	5.4	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.7	5.6
Ave. , 2010	5.21	5.21	4.4	5.1	3.7	2.2	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.7	7.8	5.2
Oct.	4.92	4.96	4.2	5.1	3.5	...	...	9.7	7.9	7.0	7.9	5.4
Nov.	4.73	4.83	4.1	5.1	3.2	...	...	9.8	7.6	6.9	7.9	5.2
Dec.	4.67	4.72	4.0	4.9	3.5	2.2	3.1	9.4	7.6	7.1	7.9	5.0
Ave. , 2011												
Jan.	4.64	4.71	3.8	4.9	3.6	...	...	9.0	7.8	7.9	7.9	5.0
Feb.	4.69	4.59	3.6	4.6	4.0	...	...	8.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	5.0
Mar.	4.48	4.42	3.4	4.6	4.0	1.9	2.7	8.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	4.9
Apr.	4.29	4.35	3.5	4.7	3.6	...	...	9.0	7.6	7.3	7.7	4.9
May	4.27	4.41	3.5	4.5	3.3	...	...	9.1	7.4	7.0	7.7	4.9
June	4.35	4.40	3.5	4.6	3.3	2.1	3.0	9.2	7.4	6.9	7.9	4.9
July	4.41	4.37	3.4	4.7	3.3	...	...	9.1	7.2	7.0	7.9	5.1
Aug.	4.45	4.36	3.2	4.3	3.1	...	...	9.1	7.3	7.0	8.1	5.3
Sept.	4.28	4.27	3.2	4.1	3.2	2.0	2.9	9.1	7.1	6.6	8.3	5.3
Oct.	4.30	4.30	3.3	...	3.1		...	9.0	7.3	6.5	...	5.2

Note:1. The unemployment rates (UR) of Hong Kong and United Kingdom are the moving averages of 3 consecutive months.

2.'*' implies seasonally adjusted figure.

3. German UR are based on Employment Registry data.

4.Devastated quake-hit prefectures are not included in the figures from March to Aug. 2011 in Japan.