

## Manpower Survey Results in December 2011

- **Total employment increased by 14,000(+0.13%) in December to 10,802,000, and it also increased by 189,000(+1.78%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services- providing sector increased by 1,000 (+0.12%), 3,000(+0.06%) and 10,000 (+0.17%) respectively in December.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 83,000 (+2.16%) and 110,000 (+1.77%) respectively in December, however, employment in agriculture decreased by 5,000 (-0.84%).

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in December 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 (%)	
<b>Total</b>	19342	11273	58.28	10802	471	4.18	4.22	8069
Male	9492	6333	66.71	6050	283	4.47	4.47	3160
Female	9850	4940	50.16	4752	188	3.81	3.89	4910

- **The unemployment rate was down by 0.10 percentage points in December to 4.18 percent, and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped by 0.10 percentage points to 4.22 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.49 and 0.50 percentage points respectively in December.

--The number of unemployed persons in December was 471,000, a decrease of 11,000 (-2.28%) from the previous month, and it also declined by 49,000 (-9.42%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate in December was 58.28 percent, down by 0.04 percentage points from the previous month; however, it was up by 0.15 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 (%)	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
Dec.	19153	11133	10613	520	8020	58.13	4.67	106	300	114
Ave., 2011	19253	11200	10709	491	8053	58.17	4.39	109	281	101
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
Nov.	19326	11270	10788	482	8055	58.32	4.28	108	274	100
Dec.	19342	11273	10802	471	8069	58.28	4.18	104	270	97
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.09	0.02	0.13	-2.28	0.17	(-0.04)	(-0.10)	(3.91)	(1.41)	(2.83)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.99	1.25	1.78	-9.42	0.61	(0.15)	(-0.49)	(2.36)	(9.75)	(15.06)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	1.00	1.17	2.06	-14.86	0.76	(0.10)	(-0.82)	(4.80)	(16.60)	(19.35)

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
Dec., 1982	7148	3.61	6949	2.07	58.94	58.65	199	2.79	2.90
Dec., 1983	7470	4.49	7300	5.05	60.14	59.82	170	2.27	2.41
Dec., 1984	7593	1.65	7425	1.72	59.87	59.54	168	2.21	2.37
Dec., 1985	7792	2.62	7565	1.88	59.90	59.58	227	2.91	3.08
Dec., 1986	8148	4.57	7986	5.58	61.23	60.91	162	1.98	2.16
Dec., 1987	8273	1.54	8122	1.70	61.06	60.76	151	1.82	1.99
Dec., 1988	8391	1.42	8272	1.85	60.67	60.41	118	1.41	1.57
Dec., 1989	8399	0.09	8284	0.14	59.76	59.55	114	1.36	1.51
Dec., 1990	8500	1.21	8371	1.05	59.20	59.03	129	1.52	1.68
Dec., 1991	8670	2.00	8550	2.13	59.31	59.17	121	1.39	1.56
Dec., 1992	8874	2.34	8761	2.47	59.47	59.36	113	1.27	1.46
Dec., 1993	8891	0.20	8780	0.22	58.37	58.25	111	1.24	1.44
Dec., 1994	9207	3.55	9076	3.37	59.22	59.09	130	1.41	1.60
Dec., 1995	9272	0.71	9095	0.21	58.62	58.45	177	1.90	2.09
Dec., 1996	9428	1.68	9183	0.96	58.81	58.62	245	2.60	2.76
Dec., 1997	9566	1.46	9332	1.62	58.65	58.42	234	2.45	2.58
Dec., 1998	9611	0.47	9342	0.11	58.12	57.87	269	2.80	2.92
Dec., 1999	9778	1.74	9498	1.68	58.08	57.85	279	2.85	2.95
Dec., 2000	9872	0.97	9549	0.53	57.85	57.65	323	3.27	3.37
Dec., 2001	9941	0.70	9422	-1.33	57.53	57.37	519	5.22	5.33
Dec., 2002	10011	0.70	9506	0.89	57.29	57.18	505	5.04	5.16
Dec., 2003	10148	1.37	9683	1.87	57.44	57.36	465	4.58	4.70
Dec., 2004	10309	1.59	9887	2.11	57.77	57.72	422	4.09	4.21
Dec., 2005	10440	1.27	10037	1.51	57.85	57.79	403	3.86	3.96
Dec., 2006	10633	1.85	10228	1.90	58.16	58.09	405	3.81	3.90
Dec., 2007	10795	1.52	10381	1.50	58.34	58.26	414	3.83	3.90
Dec., 2008	10903	1.00	10354	-0.26	58.20	58.11	549	5.03	5.10
Dec., 2009	11016	1.04	10384	0.29	58.11	58.00	632	5.74	5.79
Dec., 2010	11133	1.06	10613	2.21	58.13	58.02	520	4.67	4.72
Dec., 2011	11273	1.25	10802	1.78	58.28	58.20	471	4.18	4.22

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
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 2010	4.39	4.39	...	...	3.4	...	...	8.9	7.4	...	...	...
Jan.	4.64	4.71	3.8	4.9	3.6	...	...	9.1	7.8	7.9	7.9	5.0
Feb.	4.69	4.59	3.6	4.6	4.0	...	...	9.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	5.0
Mar.	4.48	4.42	3.4	4.6	4.0	1.9	2.7	8.9	7.7	7.6	7.7	5.0
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	...	...	9.0	7.4	7.0	7.7	5.0
June	4.35	4.40	3.5	4.6	3.3	2.1	3.0	9.1	7.4	6.9	7.9	5.0
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	9.0	7.1	6.6	8.3	5.3
Oct.	4.30	4.30	3.3	4.5	3.1	...	...	8.9	7.3	6.5	8.3	5.2
Nov.	4.28	4.32	3.4	4.5	3.1	...	...	8.7	7.4	6.4	8.4	5.2
Dec.	4.18	4.22	3.3	...	3.1	...	...	8.5	7.5	6.6	...	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.