

Manpower Survey Results in March 2012

- **Total employment increased by 16,000(+0.14%) in March to 10,806,000, and it also increased by 177,000(+1.66%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the services-providing sector increased by 2,000(+0.54%) and 14,000(+0.23%) respectively in March, however, the goods-producing sector decreased by 2,000(-0.04%).

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 7,000(+1.47%), 59,000(+1.53%) and 109,000(+1.75%) respectively in March.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in March 2012

Unit: persons in thousand

Sex	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed	Unemployed			Not in the Labor Force
		Persons	Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	Persons	Persons	Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	Persons
Total	19385	11276	58.17	10806	470	4.17	4.14	8109
Male	9509	6339	66.66	6054	284	4.49	4.38	3171
Female	9876	4937	50.00	4752	186	3.77	3.83	4938

- **The unemployment rate decreased by 0.08 percentage points to 4.17 percent in March, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped by 0.01 percentage points to 4.14 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.31 and 0.33 percentage points respectively in March.

--The number of unemployed persons in March was 470,000, a decrease of 9,000(-1.87%) and 29,000(-5.67%) from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate in March was 58.17 percent, slightly dropped by 0.01 percentage points from the previous month; however, it was up by 0.20 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., 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
Ave., 2011	19253	11200	10709	491	8053	58.17	4.39	109	281	101
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
Ave., 2011	19372	11275	10801	474	8097	58.20	4.20	105	275	94
Jan.	19359	11280	10808	472	8079	58.27	4.18	103	273	95
Feb.	19372	11270	10790	479	8102	58.18	4.25	106	278	96
Mar.	19385	11276	10806	470	8109	58.17	4.17	107	274	90
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.07	0.06	0.14	-1.87	0.08	(-0.01)	(-0.08)	0.71	-1.47	-5.89
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.98	1.33	1.66	-5.67	0.49	(0.20)	(-0.31)	0.74	-5.95	-11.53
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.98	1.30	1.73	-7.53	0.54	(0.18)	(-0.40)	-2.26	-8.16	-11.32

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
Mar., 1983	7059	4.26	6854	2.59	58	58.77	205	2.91	3.10
Mar., 1984	7369	4.39	7214	5.26	59.17	59.90	154	2.09	2.29
Mar., 1985	7523	2.09	7335	1.67	58.9	59.58	187	2.49	2.50
Mar., 1986	7740	2.89	7524	2.58	59.23	59.94	216	2.79	2.95
Mar., 1987	8028	3.72	7865	4.53	60.04	60.70	163	2.03	2.17
Mar., 1988	8093	0.81	7949	1.06	59.44	60.04	145	1.79	1.86
Mar., 1989	8379	3.53	8257	3.88	60.28	60.85	122	1.46	1.60
Mar., 1990	8323	-0.67	8197	-0.72	58.89	59.39	126	1.51	1.64
Mar., 1991	8440	1.41	8324	1.54	58.51	58.95	117	1.39	1.47
Mar., 1992	8654	2.53	8535	2.54	58.97	59.39	119	1.38	1.51
Mar., 1993	8776	1.41	8659	1.44	58.52	58.91	118	1.34	1.48
Mar., 1994	9036	2.96	8899	2.77	59	59.34	138	1.52	1.65
Mar., 1995	9139	1.14	8999	1.13	58.57	58.85	139	1.53	1.66
Mar., 1996	9234	1.04	9027	0.31	58.2	58.40	207	2.24	2.27
Mar., 1997	9385	1.64	9123	1.07	58.3	58.52	262	2.79	2.92
Mar., 1998	9519	1.42	9296	1.89	58.1	58.32	223	2.34	2.46
Mar., 1999	9547	0.29	9275	-0.22	57.52	57.72	271	2.84	2.89
Mar., 2000	9704	1.65	9430	1.66	57.43	57.65	274	2.83	2.94
Mar., 2001	9758	0.56	9378	-0.55	57.02	57.24	380	3.89	3.98
Mar., 2002	9929	1.76	9416	0.41	57.29	57.49	513	5.16	5.24
Mar., 2003	10023	0.95	9514	1.04	57.23	57.40	509	5.08	5.14
Mar., 2004	10168	1.44	9715	2.12	57.41	57.57	452	4.45	4.50
Mar., 2005	10305	1.35	9877	1.66	57.61	57.74	428	4.15	4.19
Mar., 2006	10434	1.25	10029	1.54	57.65	57.79	404	3.87	3.89
Mar., 2007	10664	2.21	10244	2.14	58.2	58.29	420	3.94	3.84
Mar., 2008	10797	1.25	10380	1.33	58.18	58.31	417	3.86	3.85
Mar., 2009	10850	0.49	10220	-1.54	57.75	57.87	630	5.81	5.78
Mar., 2010	11008	1.45	10384	1.60	57.92	58.05	624	5.67	5.64
Mar., 2011	11128	1.09	10629	2.37	57.97	58.09	499	4.48	4.47
Mar., 2012	11276	1.33	10806	1.66	58.17	58.29	470	4.17	4.14

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	5.3	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.7	5.6
Ave., 2010	5.21	5.21	4.3	5.1	3.7	2.2	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.7	7.8	5.2
Ave., 2011	4.39	4.39	3.4	4.5	3.4	2.0	2.9	8.9	7.4	7.1	8.1	5.1
Feb.	4.69	4.54	3.6	4.7	3.9	...	...	9.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	5.0
Mar.	4.48	4.47	3.5	4.7	4.0	1.9	2.7	8.9	7.7	7.6	7.7	5.0
Apr.	4.29	4.36	3.6	4.7	3.6	...	...	9.0	7.6	7.3	7.7	4.9
May	4.27	4.41	3.6	4.6	3.3	...	...	9.0	7.4	7.0	7.7	5.0
June	4.35	4.40	3.6	4.6	3.3	2.1	3.0	9.1	7.4	6.9	7.9	5.0
July	4.41	4.36	3.5	4.6	3.3	...	...	9.1	7.2	7.0	7.9	5.1
Aug.	4.45	4.34	3.2	4.4	3.1	...	...	9.1	7.3	7.0	8.1	5.3
Sept.	4.28	4.29	3.2	4.2	3.3	2.0	2.9	9.0	7.1	6.6	8.3	5.3
Oct.	4.30	4.29	3.3	4.4	3.1	...	...	8.9	7.3	6.5	8.3	5.2
Nov.	4.28	4.29	3.3	4.5	3.1	...	...	8.7	7.4	6.4	8.4	5.2
Dec.	4.18	4.21	3.3	4.5	3.1	2.0	2.9	8.5	7.5	6.6	8.4	5.2
Ave., 2012												
Jan.	4.18	4.19	3.2	4.6	3.2	...	...	8.3	7.6	7.3	8.4	5.1
Feb.	4.25	4.15	3.4	4.5	3.7	...	...	8.3	7.4	7.4	8.3	5.2
Mar.	4.17	4.14	3.4	...	3.4	...	...	8.2	7.2	7.2	...	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 and 2011 annual average in Japan.