

## Manpower Survey Results in January 2013

- **Total employment increased by 4,000(+0.04%) in January to 10,935,000, and it also increased by 127,000(+1.18%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.02%) and 4,000(+0.07%) respectively, in contrast, employment in agriculture slightly decreased by 1,000(-0.19%) in January.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 37,000(+0.93%) and 94,000(+1.48%) respectively, in contrast, employment in agriculture decreased by 3,000(-0.56%) in January.

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in January 2013

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	19 531	11 410	58.42	10 935	475	4.16	4.20	8 121
Male	9 569	6 396	66.84	6 112	284	4.44	4.49	3 173
Female	9 962	5 014	50.33	4 823	191	3.81	3.83	4 948

- **The unemployment rate declined 0.02 percentage points to 4.16 percent in January, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also dropped by 0.01 percentage points to 4.20 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate dropped by 0.02 percentage points, however, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.01 percentage points in January.

--The number of unemployed persons in January was 475,000, a decrease of 2,000(-0.39%) from the previous month, however, it increased by 3,000(+0.61%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate in January was 58.42 percent, down by 0.03 percentage points from the previous month; in contrast, 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 (%)			
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons			Total	15~24 Years	25~44 Years	45~64 Years
Ave., 2003	17 572	10 076	9 573	503	7 495	57.34	4.99	11.44	4.47	3.76
Ave., 2004	17 760	10 240	9 786	454	7 520	57.66	4.44	10.85	3.97	3.20
Ave., 2005	17 949	10 371	9 942	428	7 578	57.78	4.13	10.59	3.78	2.79
Ave., 2006	18 166	10 522	10 111	411	7 644	57.92	3.91	10.31	3.79	2.31
Ave., 2007	18 392	10 713	10 294	419	7 679	58.25	3.91	10.65	3.86	2.24
Ave., 2008	18 623	10 853	10 403	450	7 770	58.28	4.14	11.81	4.02	2.54
Ave., 2009	18 855	10 917	10 279	639	7 937	57.9	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
Jan.	19 359	11 280	10 808	472	8 079	58.27	4.18	11.64	4.34	2.45
Feb.	19 372	11 270	10 790	479	8 102	58.18	4.25	12.08	4.41	2.45
Mar.	19 385	11 276	10 806	470	8 109	58.17	4.17	12.22	4.35	2.30
Apr.	19 399	11 281	10 818	463	8 118	58.15	4.10	11.75	4.32	2.28
May	19 413	11 300	10 834	466	8 113	58.21	4.12	11.76	4.40	2.21
June	19 428	11 331	10 854	477	8 097	58.32	4.21	12.36	4.36	2.38
July	19 442	11 372	10 883	490	8 070	58.49	4.31	12.96	4.44	2.32
Aug.	19 456	11 403	10 901	502	8 053	58.61	4.40	13.61	4.50	2.30
Sept.	19 471	11 369	10 878	491	8 102	58.39	4.32	13.57	4.44	2.21
Oct.	19 487	11 391	10 897	493	8 097	58.45	4.33	13.57	4.42	2.29
Nov.	19 503	11 405	10 918	487	8 098	58.48	4.27	13.41	4.35	2.28
Dec.	19 518	11 408	10 931	477	8 110	58.45	4.18	12.82	4.27	2.29
Ave., 2013										
Jan.	19 531	11 410	10 935	475	8 121	58.42	4.16	12.54	4.26	2.34
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.07	0.02	0.04	-0.39	0.14	(-0.03)	(-0.02)	(-0.28)	(-0.01)	( 0.05)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.89	1.15	1.18	0.61	0.53	( 0.15)	(-0.02)	( 0.90)	(-0.08)	(-0.11)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.89	1.15	1.18	0.61	0.53	( 0.15)	(-0.02)	( 0.90)	(-0.08)	(-0.11)

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
Jan., 1984	7 552	3.99	7 376	4.41	60.70	59.76	177	2.34	2.56
Jan., 1985	7 695	1.89	7 539	2.21	60.58	59.71	156	2.03	2.25
Jan., 1986	7 928	3.03	7 728	2.51	60.83	60.00	200	2.53	2.77
Jan., 1987	8 207	3.51	8 049	4.16	61.56	60.86	158	1.92	2.29
Jan., 1988	8 291	1.03	8 145	1.19	61.08	60.57	146	1.77	2.01
Jan., 1989	8 405	1.38	8 292	1.81	60.63	60.26	113	1.35	1.57
Jan., 1990	8 317	-1.06	8 208	-1.01	59.05	58.85	109	1.31	1.60
Jan., 1991	8 455	1.67	8 340	1.61	58.79	58.72	116	1.37	1.60
Jan., 1992	8 686	2.73	8 567	2.73	59.34	59.28	119	1.37	1.59
Jan., 1993	8 853	1.92	8 744	2.07	59.23	59.15	109	1.23	1.41
Jan., 1994	8 973	1.35	8 865	1.38	58.80	58.68	108	1.20	1.41
Jan., 1995	9 219	2.75	9 092	2.56	59.25	59.05	127	1.38	1.72
Jan., 1996	9 292	0.79	9 103	0.12	58.68	58.49	189	2.03	2.21
Jan., 1997	9 432	1.51	9 180	0.84	58.76	58.51	252	2.68	2.85
Jan., 1998	9 557	1.33	9 333	1.67	58.50	58.27	224	2.35	2.62
Jan., 1999	9 617	0.63	9 352	0.21	58.10	57.90	265	2.76	2.92
Jan., 2000	9 761	1.49	9 494	1.52	57.92	57.73	267	2.74	2.90
Jan., 2001	9 812	0.52	9 483	-0.12	57.45	57.30	329	3.35	3.51
Jan., 2002	9 959	1.50	9 447	-0.38	57.58	57.48	512	5.14	5.30
Jan., 2003	10 028	0.69	9 524	0.81	57.34	57.24	504	5.03	5.18
Jan., 2004	10 157	1.29	9 697	1.81	57.44	57.40	460	4.53	4.64
Jan., 2005	10 320	1.60	9 901	2.11	57.78	57.75	419	4.06	4.18
Jan., 2006	10 435	1.12	10 038	1.39	57.76	57.73	397	3.80	4.00
Jan., 2007	10 643	1.99	10 239	2.00	58.17	58.18	403	3.79	3.86
Jan., 2008	10 802	1.49	10 391	1.48	58.32	58.30	411	3.80	3.83
Jan., 2009	10 881	0.73	10 303	-0.85	58.02	58.00	578	5.31	5.38
Jan., 2010	11 014	1.22	10 388	0.82	58.04	58.04	626	5.68	5.70
Jan., 2011	11 140	1.14	10 623	2.26	58.11	58.08	517	4.64	4.66
Jan., 2012	11 280	1.26	10 808	1.75	58.27	58.26	472	4.18	4.19
Jan., 2013	11 410	1.15	10 935	1.18	58.42	58.41	475	4.16	4.20

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	Australia
	Seasonally adjusted					Resident						
Ave. , 2010	5.21	5.21	4.3	5.1	3.7	2.2	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.1	7.8	5.2
Ave. , 2011	4.39	4.39	3.4	4.6	3.4	2.0	2.9	9.0	7.5	6.0	8.0	5.1
Ave. , 2012	4.24	4.24	3.3	4.4	3.2	2.0	2.8	8.1	7.2	5.5	...	5.2
Jan.	4.18	4.19	3.2	4.6	3.2	...	...	8.3	7.5	5.6	8.2	5.1
Feb.	4.25	4.16	3.4	4.5	3.7	...	...	8.3	7.4	5.6	8.1	5.2
Mar.	4.17	4.19	3.4	4.5	3.4	2.1	3.0	8.2	7.2	5.6	8.1	5.2
Apr.	4.10	4.21	3.3	4.6	3.4	...	...	8.1	7.3	5.5	7.9	5
May	4.12	4.25	3.2	4.4	3.2	...	...	8.2	7.3	5.5	7.9	5.2
June	4.21	4.27	3.2	4.3	3.2	2.0	2.8	8.2	7.2	5.5	7.9	5.3
July	4.31	4.26	3.2	4.3	3.1	...	...	8.2	7.3	5.5	7.8	5.2
Aug.	4.40	4.27	3.2	4.2	3.1	...	...	8.1	7.3	5.4	7.8	5.1
Sept.	4.32	4.28	3.3	4.2	3.1	1.9	2.8	7.8	7.3	5.4	7.8	5.5
Oct.	4.33	4.28	3.4	4.2	3.0	...	...	7.9	7.4	5.4	7.8	5.4
Nov.	4.27	4.24	3.4	4.1	3.0	...	...	7.8	7.2	5.3	...	5.3
Dec.	4.18	4.21	3.3	4.2	3.0	1.8	2.6	7.8	7.1	5.3	...	5.4
Ave. , 2013												
Jan.	4.16	4.20	3.4	...	...	...	...	7.9	7.0	...	...	...

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. The unemployment rate marked 3.2% in Jan., 2013 by Statistics Korea.

4. Sources: figures of R.O.C., Hong Kong and Singapore referred to governmental press releases, others referred to OECD harmonised unemployment rates.