

Manpower Survey Results in February 2014

- **Total employment decreased by 17,000(-0.16%) in February to 11,019,000, however, it increased by 104,000(+0.95%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector, and the services-providing sector decreased by 2,000(-0.39%), 4,000(-0.10%), and 11,000(-0.18%) respectively in February.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector, and the services-providing sector increased by 4,000(+0.74%), 33,000(+0.84%), and 67,000(+1.04%) respectively in February.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in February 2014

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	19 658	11 489	58.44	11 019	470	4.09	4.05	8 169
Male	9 624	6 425	66.76	6 134	291	4.54	4.44	3 199
Female	10 033	5 063	50.46	4 885	178	3.52	3.55	4 970

- **The unemployment rate rose by 0.07 percentage point to 4.09 percent in February, in contrast, the seasonally adjusted unemployment was down by 0.02 percentage point to 4.05 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.15 and 0.13 percentage point respectively in February.

--The number of unemployed persons in February was 470,000, an increase of 8,000(+1.70%) from the previous month, but a decline of 13,000(-2.75%) from that of the previous year.

- **Labor force participation rate in February was 58.44 percent, down by 0.08 percentage point from the previous month, however, it was up by 0.12 percentage point 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., 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	57.90	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
Feb.	19 544	11 398	10 915	483	8 146	58.32	4.24	12.99	4.30	2.41
Mar.	19 555	11 396	10 921	475	8 159	58.28	4.17	12.68	4.29	2.31
Apr.	19 564	11 392	10 929	464	8 171	58.23	4.07	12.55	4.19	2.23
May	19 573	11 401	10 939	463	8 171	58.25	4.06	12.34	4.26	2.14
June	19 583	11 432	10 959	473	8 151	58.38	4.14	12.82	4.28	2.22
July	19 592	11 471	10 984	487	8 121	58.55	4.25	13.39	4.32	2.27
Aug.	19 602	11 498	11 000	497	8 104	58.66	4.33	14.06	4.30	2.36
Sept.	19 611	11 466	10 980	486	8 145	58.47	4.24	13.95	4.27	2.24
Oct.	19 620	11 483	10 996	487	8 138	58.52	4.24	13.89	4.34	2.16
Nov.	19 630	11 497	11 019	478	8 133	58.57	4.16	13.56	4.24	2.16
Dec.	19 639	11 498	11 029	469	8 141	58.55	4.08	13.10	4.18	2.16
Ave., 2014	19 653	11 493	11 027	466	8 160	58.48	4.05	12.79	4.17	2.22
Jan.	19 649	11 498	11 036	462	8 151	58.52	4.02	12.69	4.13	2.20
Feb.	19 658	11 489	11 019	470	8 169	58.44	4.09	12.89	4.22	2.24
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.04	-0.08	-0.16	1.70	0.22	(-0.08)	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.09)	(0.04)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.58	0.79	0.95	-2.75	0.28	(0.12)	(-0.15)	(-0.10)	(-0.08)	(-0.17)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.59	0.78	0.94	-2.72	0.33	(0.11)	(-0.15)	(0.03)	(-0.11)	(-0.16)

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
Feb., 1985	7 666	2.53	7 501	3.17	60.18	59.80	165	2.15	2.35
Feb., 1986	7 841	2.29	7 580	1.05	60.04	59.91	261	3.33	3.28
Feb., 1987	8 139	3.79	7 946	4.82	60.96	61.10	193	2.37	2.15
Feb., 1988	8 164	0.31	8 025	1.00	60.07	60.15	139	1.70	1.83
Feb., 1989	8 372	2.55	8 215	2.37	60.31	60.63	157	1.88	1.92
Feb., 1990	8 298	-0.89	8 165	-0.61	58.82	59.33	133	1.60	1.51
Feb., 1991	8 423	1.50	8 309	1.76	58.48	58.91	114	1.35	1.46
Feb., 1992	8 643	2.62	8 510	2.42	58.97	59.45	133	1.54	1.57
Feb., 1993	8 744	1.17	8 628	1.39	58.40	58.84	116	1.32	1.36
Feb., 1994	8 861	1.35	8 714	1.00	57.97	58.33	147	1.66	1.66
Feb., 1995	9 164	3.42	9 008	3.37	58.82	59.28	156	1.70	1.43
Feb., 1996	9 327	1.77	9 131	1.37	58.82	58.97	195	2.10	2.27
Feb., 1997	9 356	0.32	9 078	-0.58	58.20	58.40	278	2.97	2.99
Feb., 1998	9 488	1.41	9 245	1.83	58.01	58.27	243	2.57	2.44
Feb., 1999	9 599	1.17	9 337	1.00	57.92	58.05	262	2.73	2.88
Feb., 2000	9 688	0.92	9 406	0.73	57.41	57.58	282	2.91	2.96
Feb., 2001	9 758	0.72	9 394	-0.13	57.07	57.24	364	3.73	3.75
Feb., 2002	9 928	1.75	9 420	0.28	57.34	57.49	508	5.12	5.12
Feb., 2003	10 019	0.91	9 500	0.85	57.24	57.39	518	5.17	5.18
Feb., 2004	10 154	1.35	9 686	1.95	57.38	57.47	468	4.61	4.63
Feb., 2005	10 316	1.59	9 874	1.94	57.71	57.83	441	4.28	4.24
Feb., 2006	10 414	0.95	10 006	1.33	57.60	57.82	408	3.92	3.67
Feb., 2007	10 646	2.23	10 243	2.37	58.14	58.19	402	3.78	3.85
Feb., 2008	10 773	1.20	10 349	1.03	58.11	58.25	424	3.94	3.82
Feb., 2009	10 848	0.69	10 224	-1.21	57.79	57.97	624	5.75	5.55
Feb., 2010	11 007	1.47	10 373	1.46	57.96	58.07	634	5.76	5.67
Feb., 2011	11 123	1.05	10 601	2.20	57.98	58.09	522	4.69	4.59
Feb., 2012	11 270	1.32	10 790	1.78	58.18	58.26	479	4.25	4.18
Feb., 2013	11 398	1.14	10 915	1.15	58.32	58.42	483	4.24	4.18
Feb., 2014	11 489	0.79	11 019	0.95	58.44	58.53	470	4.09	4.05

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. , 2011	4.39	4.39	3.4	4.6	3.4	2.0	2.9	9.0	7.5	6.0	8.0	9.6
Ave. , 2012	4.24	4.24	3.3	4.4	3.2	2.0	2.8	8.1	7.2	5.5	7.9	10.2
Ave. , 2013	4.18	4.18	3.3	4.0	3.1	1.9	2.8	7.4	7.1	5.3	...	10.8
Feb.	4.24	4.18	3.4	4.3	3.4	...	...	7.7	7.0	5.4	7.7	10.8
Mar.	4.17	4.19	3.5	4.1	3.1	1.9	2.8	7.5	7.3	5.4	7.7	10.8
Apr.	4.07	4.18	3.5	4.1	3.1	...	...	7.5	7.2	5.4	7.7	10.8
May	4.06	4.18	3.4	4.1	3.2	...	...	7.5	7.1	5.3	7.7	10.7
June	4.14	4.18	3.3	3.9	3.1	2.1	2.9	7.5	7.1	5.3	7.6	10.8
July	4.25	4.19	3.3	3.9	3.2	...	...	7.3	7.2	5.3	7.7	10.9
Aug.	4.33	4.18	3.3	4.1	3.1	...	...	7.2	7.1	5.3	7.6	10.8
Sept.	4.24	4.18	3.3	4.0	3.0	1.8	2.6	7.2	6.9	5.2	7.4	10.9
Oct.	4.24	4.18	3.3	4.0	3.0	...	...	7.2	7.0	5.2	7.2	10.8
Nov.	4.16	4.15	3.3	3.9	3.0	...	...	7.0	6.9	5.1	7.2	10.8
Dec.	4.08	4.14	3.2	3.7	3.1	1.8	2.7	6.7	7.2	5.1	...	10.8
Ave. , 2014												
Jan.	4.02	4.07	3.1	3.7	3.2	...	...	6.6	7.0	5.0	...	10.9
Feb.	4.09	4.05	3.1	...	...	...	...	6.7	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 3.9% in Feb., 2014 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.