

Manpower Survey Results in August 2017

- **Total employment increased by 17,000(+0.15%) in August to 11,377,000, moreover, it increased by 87,000(+0.77%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture slightly increased by 1,000(0.19%) in August ; moreover, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 4,000(+0.11%) and 12,000(+0.17%) respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture decreased by 1,000(-0.24%), the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 20,000(+0.49%) and 69,000(+1.02%) in August, respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in August 2017

Unit: persons in thousand

	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Labor Force		Employed	Unemployed			Not in the Labor Force
			Labor Force Participation Rate (%)			Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	
Total	20 059	11 838	59.01	11 377	461	3.89	3.76	8 222
Male	9 788	6 584	67.26	6 314	270	4.10	4.01	3 204
Female	10 271	5 254	51.15	5 063	191	3.63	3.44	5 018

- **The unemployment rate increased by 0.05 percentage points to 3.89 percent in August, but the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.02 percentage points to 3.76 percent .**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate fell by 0.19 percentage points in August.

--The number of unemployed persons was 461,000 in August, it increased by 7,000(1.54%) but decreased by 19,000(-4.05%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate was 59.01 percent in August, which increased by 0.10 and 0.08 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 (%)			
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons			Total	15~24 Years	25~44 Years	45~64 Years
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
Ave., 2014	19 705	11 535	11 079	457	8 170	58.54	3.96	12.63	4.13	2.09
Ave., 2015	19 842	11 638	11 198	440	8 204	58.65	3.78	12.05	3.95	1.99
Ave., 2016	19 962	11 727	11 267	460	8 235	58.75	3.92	12.12	4.08	2.15
Aug.	19 972	11 770	11 290	480	8 202	58.93	4.08	12.82	4.17	2.26
Sept.	19 979	11 745	11 276	469	8 234	58.79	3.99	12.52	4.13	2.17
Oct.	19 988	11 755	11 291	464	8 233	58.81	3.95	12.44	4.10	2.12
Nov.	19 996	11 762	11 307	455	8 234	58.82	3.87	12.31	4.02	2.05
Dec.	20 003	11 761	11 315	446	8 242	58.80	3.79	12.10	3.97	1.96
Ave., 2017	20 034	11 779	11 334	445	8 256	58.79	3.78	12.03	3.94	2.00
Jan.	20 011	11 765	11 320	445	8 246	58.79	3.78	12.01	3.95	1.99
Feb.	20 017	11 760	11 307	453	8 257	58.75	3.85	12.18	4.01	2.07
Mar.	20 022	11 758	11 313	445	8 264	58.73	3.78	12.01	3.95	2.02
Apr.	20 030	11 757	11 325	432	8 273	58.70	3.67	11.62	3.87	1.92
May	20 038	11 762	11 331	431	8 276	58.70	3.66	11.49	3.89	1.92
June	20 045	11 777	11 337	440	8 268	58.75	3.74	11.91	3.90	1.98
July	20 052	11 813	11 360	454	8 239	58.91	3.84	12.41	3.96	2.04
Aug.	20 059	11 838	11 377	461	8 222	59.01	3.89	12.60	4.00	2.06
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.04	0.20	0.15	1.54	-0.20	(0.10)	(0.05)	(0.19)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	0.44	0.57	0.77	-4.05	0.25	(0.08)	(-0.19)	(-0.22)	(-0.17)	(-0.20)
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	0.44	0.57	0.72	-3.28	0.25	(0.07)	(-0.15)	(0.02)	(-0.15)	(-0.19)

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
Aug., 1988	8 345	0.41	8 189	0.62	60.79	60.03	156	1.87	1.57
Aug., 1989	8 514	2.03	8 355	2.03	60.91	60.04	159	1.87	1.57
Aug., 1990	8 615	1.19	8 435	0.96	60.42	59.55	181	2.10	1.74
Aug., 1991	8 689	0.86	8 534	1.18	59.84	59.03	155	1.78	1.45
Aug., 1992	8 876	2.15	8 705	2.00	59.93	59.22	171	1.92	1.55
Aug., 1993	9 035	1.80	8 863	1.82	59.75	59.14	172	1.90	1.52
Aug., 1994	9 239	2.25	9 055	2.16	59.85	59.34	184	1.99	1.62
Aug., 1995	9 278	0.43	9 084	0.32	59.01	58.58	194	2.09	1.72
Aug., 1996	9 293	0.16	8 996	-0.97	58.23	57.90	297	3.19	2.71
Aug., 1997	9 458	1.77	9 171	1.94	58.41	58.19	287	3.03	2.71
Aug., 1998	9 579	1.28	9 287	1.26	58.09	57.88	292	3.05	2.70
Aug., 1999	9 743	1.71	9 429	1.53	58.26	58.05	313	3.22	2.92
Aug., 2000	9 842	1.02	9 531	1.07	57.91	57.68	311	3.16	2.92
Aug., 2001	9 896	0.55	9 384	-1.54	57.51	57.23	512	5.17	4.87
Aug., 2002	10 010	1.15	9 474	0.96	57.49	57.20	536	5.35	5.07
Aug., 2003	10 142	1.32	9 613	1.47	57.65	57.36	529	5.21	4.95
Aug., 2004	10 318	1.73	9 836	2.32	58.04	57.73	481	4.67	4.43
Aug., 2005	10 427	1.06	9 972	1.38	58.02	57.74	454	4.36	4.15
Aug., 2006	10 604	1.70	10 170	1.99	58.29	58.03	434	4.09	3.92
Aug., 2007	10 795	1.80	10 353	1.79	58.61	58.36	442	4.09	3.96
Aug., 2008	10 916	1.13	10 464	1.07	58.53	58.28	452	4.14	4.04
Aug., 2009	10 957	0.37	10 285	-1.71	58.03	57.78	672	6.13	6.01
Aug., 2010	11 146	1.72	10 570	2.77	58.40	58.16	576	5.17	5.06
Aug., 2011	11 284	1.24	10 782	2.01	58.54	58.30	502	4.45	4.33
Aug., 2012	11 403	1.06	10 901	1.11	58.61	58.37	502	4.40	4.28
Aug., 2013	11 498	0.83	11 000	0.91	58.66	58.43	497	4.33	4.19
Aug., 2014	11 583	0.74	11 110	1.00	58.73	58.52	473	4.08	3.95
Aug., 2015	11 686	0.89	11 230	1.08	58.85	58.65	456	3.90	3.77
Aug., 2016	11 770	0.72	11 290	0.53	58.93	58.74	480	4.08	3.94
Aug., 2017	11 838	0.57	11 377	0.77	59.01	58.83	461	3.89	3.76

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.,2014	3.96	3.96	3.3	3.6	3.5	2.0	2.7	6.2	6.9	5.0	6.1	10.3
Ave.,2015	3.78	3.78	3.3	3.4	3.6	1.9	2.8	5.3	6.9	4.6	5.3	10.4
Ave.,2016	3.92	3.92	3.4	3.1	3.7	2.1	3.0	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.8	10.1
July	4.02	3.95	3.4	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.9	7.0	4.2	4.8	9.9
Aug.	4.08	3.94	3.4	3.1	3.8	...	...	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.7	10.0
Sept.	3.99	3.91	3.4	3.0	3.9	2.1	2.9	4.9	7.0	4.1	4.8	9.9
Oct.	3.95	3.88	3.4	3.0	3.8	...	...	4.8	7.0	4.0	4.7	10.0
Nov.	3.87	3.84	3.4	3.1	3.6	...	...	4.6	6.8	4.0	4.7	10.0
Dec.	3.79	3.83	3.3	3.1	3.5	2.2	3.2	4.7	6.9	3.9	4.6	9.9
Ave.,2017												
Jan.	3.78	3.84	3.3	3.0	3.6	...	...	4.8	6.8	3.9	4.6	9.7
Feb.	3.85	3.83	3.3	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.7	6.6	3.9	4.5	9.6
Mar.	3.78	3.84	3.2	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.2	4.5	6.7	3.9	4.5	9.6
Apr.	3.67	3.78	3.2	2.8	4.0	...	...	4.4	6.5	3.9	4.4	9.5
May	3.66	3.79	3.2	3.1	3.6	...	...	4.3	6.6	3.8	4.4	9.6
June	3.74	3.78	3.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	3.1	4.4	6.5	3.8	...	9.6
July	3.84	3.78	3.1	2.8	3.6	...	...	4.3	6.3	3.7	...	9.8
Aug.	3.89	3.76	...	...	...	...	...	4.4	6.2	...	...	...

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 3.8% in Aug., 2017 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.