

Manpower Survey Results in July 2010

- **Total employment increased by 55,000(+0.52%) in July to 10,538,000, and it also increased by 280,000(+2.72%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture decreased by 3,000(-0.58%) in July, in contrast, the goods-producing sector and the services- providing sector increased by 13,000(+0.36%) and 44,000(+0.72%) respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture, the goods-producing sector and the services-providing sector increased by 8,000(+1.42%), 107,000(+2.91%) and 164,000(+2.72%) respectively in July.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in July 2010

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	Unemployment Rate (%)	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%)	
Total	19069	11116	58.29	10538	578	5.20	5.17	7953
Male	9387	6251	66.59	5894	357	5.71	5.71	3136
Female	9682	4865	50.25	4644	221	4.55	4.48	4817

- **The unemployment rate was up by 0.04 percentage points in July to 5.20 percent, in contrast, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 0.03 percentage points to 5.17 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.87 and 0.84 percentage points respectively in July.

--The number of unemployed persons in July was 578,000, an increase of 8,000(+1.47%) but a decrease of 85,000(-12.80%) from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate increased by 0.27 percentage points to 58.29 percent, and it also rose by 0.39 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 participati on rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Unemployed persons, by age		
		Total	Employed persons	Unemployed persons				15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years
Ave. , 1997	16170	9432	9176	256	6738	58.33	2.72	89	133	34
Ave. , 1998	16448	9546	9289	257	6902	58.04	2.69	92	131	34
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	57.9	5.85	127	372	139
June	18844	10891	10244	647	7953	57.79	5.94	128	375	143
July	18863	10922	10258	663	7942	57.9	6.07	136	385	143
Aug.	18882	10957	10285	672	7925	58.03	6.13	140	390	141
Sept.	18900	10939	10278	661	7961	57.88	6.04	135	388	137
Oct.	18921	10963	10310	653	7958	57.94	5.96	129	386	138
Nov.	18940	11014	10369	645	7926	58.15	5.86	127	378	141
Dec.	18959	11016	10384	632	7942	58.11	5.74	120	371	141
Ave. , 2010	19022	11033	10434	599	7989	58.00	5.43	112	354	133
Jan.	18976	11014	10388	626	7962	58.04	5.68	116	368	142
Feb.	18992	11007	10373	634	7985	57.96	5.76	114	375	144
Mar.	19007	11008	10384	624	7999	57.92	5.67	113	371	139
Apr.	19021	11007	10414	593	8014	57.87	5.39	108	356	129
May	19037	11026	10459	567	8011	57.92	5.14	106	338	123
June	19052	11053	10483	570	7999	58.02	5.16	111	332	126
July	19069	11116	10538	578	7953	58.29	5.20	117	337	125
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.09	0.57	0.52	1.47	-0.57	(0.27)	(0.04)	5.32	1.27	-1.10
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	1.09	1.78	2.72	-12.8	0.15	(0.39)	(-0.87)	-13.89	-12.58	-12.38
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	1.14	1.46	1.84	-4.7	0.69	(0.18)	(-0.35)	-10.00	-3.00	-4.53

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
July, 1981	6947	1.84	6844	1.89	59.35	58.06	103	1.48	1.31
July, 1982	7044	1.39	6888	0.65	58.62	57.54	155	2.21	2.05
July, 1983	7349	4.34	7138	3.62	59.91	58.99	212	2.88	2.71
July, 1984	7607	3.51	7416	3.89	60.64	59.85	192	2.52	2.30
July, 1985	7744	1.79	7477	0.83	60.18	59.5	267	3.44	3.21
July, 1986	8106	4.67	7868	5.23	61.56	60.98	237	2.93	2.68
July, 1987	8285	2.21	8118	3.17	61.68	61.2	167	2.02	1.76
July, 1988	8260	-0.29	8100	-0.21	60.29	59.89	160	1.94	1.67
July, 1989	8389	1.55	8241	1.74	60.08	59.73	148	1.76	1.50
July, 1990	8467	0.94	8301	0.73	59.5	59.19	166	1.96	1.71
July, 1991	8656	2.22	8498	2.37	59.7	59.43	158	1.82	1.56
July, 1992	8793	1.59	8638	1.66	59.49	59.23	154	1.76	1.48
July, 1993	8877	0.96	8725	1.00	58.79	58.58	152	1.71	1.47
July, 1994	9122	2.76	8953	2.61	59.21	59.03	169	1.85	1.62
July, 1995	9256	1.46	9075	1.36	58.96	58.83	180	1.95	1.74
July, 1996	9302	0.50	9026	-0.54	58.35	58.25	276	2.97	2.77
July, 1997	9434	1.41	9164	1.53	58.34	58.26	269	2.85	2.69
July, 1998	9551	1.25	9271	1.16	58	57.91	280	2.93	2.76
July, 1999	9715	1.71	9413	1.53	58.18	58.09	302	3.11	2.95
July, 2000	9811	1.00	9511	1.04	57.8	57.67	300	3.06	2.90
July, 2001	9855	0.45	9370	-1.48	57.34	57.20	485	4.92	4.77
July, 2002	9991	1.38	9468	1.05	57.44	57.28	523	5.23	5.07
July, 2003	10115	1.24	9593	1.32	57.55	57.38	522	5.16	4.99
July, 2004	10305	1.88	9829	2.46	58.01	57.86	476	4.62	4.46
July, 2005	10390	0.83	9941	1.14	57.87	57.73	449	4.32	4.17
July, 2006	10562	1.65	10134	1.94	58.12	58.00	428	4.05	3.92
July, 2007	10754	1.82	10321	1.84	58.45	58.34	433	4.03	3.92
July, 2008	10878	1.15	10436	1.12	58.39	58.30	442	4.06	3.98
July, 2009	10922	0.40	10258	-1.70	57.9	57.82	663	6.07	6.01
July, 2010	11116	1.78	10538	2.72	58.29	58.20	578	5.20	5.17

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., 2006	3.91	3.91	4.8	4.1	3.5	2.7	3.6	4.6	6.3	10.8	5.4	4.8
Ave., 2007	3.91	3.91	4.0	3.9	3.2	2.1	3.0	4.6	6.0	9.0	5.3	4.4
Ave., 2008	4.14	4.14	3.6	4.0	3.2	2.2	3.2	5.8	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.2
Ave., 2009												
May	5.85	5.85	5.4	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.7	...
June	5.94	5.92	5.3	5.3	3.9	3.2	4.5	9.5	8.6	8.1	7.8	5.8
July	6.07	6.01	5.4	5.6	3.7	...	...	9.4	8.6	8.2	7.9	5.7
Aug.	6.13	6.04	5.5	5.4	3.7	...	...	9.7	8.7	8.3	7.9	5.8
Sept.	6.04	6.02	5.4	5.3	3.6	3.3	4.8	9.8	8.4	8.0	7.9	5.7
Oct.	5.96	6.01	5.3	5.2	3.5	...	...	10.1	8.6	7.7	7.9	5.8
Nov.	5.86	5.93	5.2	5.3	3.6	...	...	10.0	8.5	7.6	7.8	5.6
Dec.	5.74	5.77	5.1	5.2	3.6	2.3	3.3	10.0	8.4	7.8	7.8	5.5
Ave., 2010												
Jan.	5.68	5.73	4.9	4.9	4.8	...	...	9.7	8.3	8.6	7.8	5.3
Feb.	5.76	5.65	4.6	4.9	4.4	...	...	9.7	8.2	8.7	7.9	5.3
Mar.	5.67	5.64	4.4	5.0	3.8	2.2	3.2	9.7	8.2	8.5	8.0	5.4
Apr.	5.39	5.43	4.4	5.1	3.7	...	...	9.9	8.1	8.1	7.9	5.4
May	5.14	5.22	4.6	5.2	3.2	...	...	9.7	8.1	7.7	7.8	5.2
June	5.16	5.20	4.6	5.3	3.5	2.3	3.3	9.5	7.9	7.5	7.8	5.1
July	5.20	5.17	4.3	...	3.7	...	...	9.5	8.0	7.6	...	5.3

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