

Manpower Survey Results in January 2011

- **Total employment increased by 10,000(+0.09%) in January to 10,623,000, and it also increased by 235,000(+2.26%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture decreased by 5,000(-0.77%) in January, in contrast, the goods-producing sector and the services- providing sector increased by 10,000(+0.27%) and 3,000(+0.05%) respectively.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture remain the same, however, the goods- producing sector and the services- providing sector increased by 157,000(+4.25%) and 77,000(+1.25%) respectively.

Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in January 2011

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	19169	11140	58.11	10623	517	4.64	4.71	8030
Male	9421	6271	66.56	5954	317	5.06	5.05	3150
Female	9748	4869	49.94	4669	200	4.11	4.28	4880

- **The unemployment rate was down by 0.03 percentage points in January to 4.64 percent, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also slightly dropped 0.01 percentage points to 4.71 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 1.04 and 0.97 percentage points respectively in January.

--The number of unemployed persons in January was 517,000, a decrease of 3,000(-0.54%) and 109,000(-17.37%) from the previous month and that of the previous year respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate decreased by 0.02 percentage points to 58.11 percent, in contrast, it rose by 0.07 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. , 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	57.90	5.85	127	372	139
Ave. , 2010	19062	11070	10493	577	7992	58.07	5.21	114	337	125
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
Aug.	19085	11146	10570	576	7939	58.40	5.17	123	334	118
Sept.	19100	11091	10531	560	8008	58.07	5.05	125	320	115
Oct.	19118	11106	10560	546	8012	58.09	4.92	119	312	115
Nov.	19136	11132	10605	527	8004	58.17	4.73	112	300	114
Dec.	19153	11133	10613	520	8020	58.13	4.67	106	300	114
Ave. , 2011										
Jan.	19169	11140	10623	517	8030	58.11	4.64	107	303	107
Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month	0.08	0.06	0.09	-0.54	0.12	(-0.02)	(-0.03)	0.36	1.12	-5.62
Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year	1.02	1.14	2.26	-17.37	0.85	(0.07)	(-1.04)	-8.09	-17.55	-24.47
Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year	1.02	1.14	2.26	-17.37	0.85	(0.07)	(-1.04)	-8.09	-17.55	-24.47

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
Jan. , 1982	6949	2.67	6855	2.26	58.40	57.58	94	1.36	1.55
Jan. , 1983	7263	4.52	7064	3.06	59.85	59.00	198	2.73	2.91
Jan. , 1984	7552	3.99	7376	4.41	60.70	59.73	177	2.34	2.65
Jan. , 1985	7695	1.89	7539	2.21	60.58	59.76	156	2.03	2.23
Jan. , 1986	7928	3.03	7728	2.51	60.83	60.02	200	2.53	2.81
Jan. , 1987	8207	3.51	8049	4.16	61.56	60.92	158	1.92	2.27
Jan. , 1988	8291	1.03	8145	1.19	61.08	60.59	146	1.77	1.97
Jan. , 1989	8405	1.38	8292	1.81	60.63	60.24	113	1.35	1.62
Jan. , 1990	8317	-1.06	8208	-1.01	59.05	58.87	109	1.31	1.57
Jan. , 1991	8455	1.67	8340	1.61	58.79	58.73	116	1.37	1.54
Jan. , 1992	8686	2.73	8567	2.73	59.34	59.24	119	1.37	1.63
Jan. , 1993	8853	1.92	8744	2.07	59.23	59.14	109	1.23	1.41
Jan. , 1994	8973	1.35	8865	1.38	58.80	58.68	108	1.20	1.40
Jan. , 1995	9219	2.75	9092	2.56	59.25	59.12	127	1.38	1.65
Jan. , 1996	9292	0.79	9103	0.12	58.68	58.52	189	2.03	2.16
Jan. , 1997	9432	1.51	9180	0.84	58.76	58.51	252	2.68	2.89
Jan. , 1998	9557	1.33	9333	1.67	58.50	58.32	224	2.35	2.58
Jan. , 1999	9617	0.63	9352	0.21	58.10	57.94	265	2.76	2.88
Jan. , 2000	9761	1.49	9494	1.52	57.92	57.73	267	2.74	2.95
Jan. , 2001	9812	0.52	9483	-0.12	57.45	57.31	329	3.35	3.50
Jan. , 2002	9959	1.50	9447	-0.38	57.58	57.49	512	5.14	5.27
Jan. , 2003	10028	0.69	9524	0.81	57.34	57.21	504	5.03	5.25
Jan. , 2004	10157	1.29	9697	1.81	57.44	57.37	460	4.53	4.64
Jan. , 2005	10320	1.60	9901	2.11	57.78	57.73	419	4.06	4.18
Jan. , 2006	10435	1.12	10038	1.39	57.76	57.75	397	3.80	3.95
Jan. , 2007	10643	1.99	10239	2.00	58.17	58.18	403	3.79	3.82
Jan. , 2008	10802	1.49	10391	1.48	58.32	58.28	411	3.80	3.87
Jan. , 2009	10881	0.73	10303	-0.85	58.02	58.01	578	5.31	5.37
Jan. , 2010	11014	1.22	10388	0.82	58.04	58.04	626	5.68	5.68
Jan. , 2011	11140	1.14	10623	2.26	58.11	58.04	517	4.64	4.71

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	5.4	5.1	3.6	3.0	4.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.7	...
Dec.	5.74	5.79	5.1	5.2	3.6	2.3	3.3	9.9	8.4	7.8	7.8	5.5
Ave. ,2010	5.21	5.21	...	5.1	3.7	2.2	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.7	...	...
Jan.	5.68	5.68	4.9	4.9	4.8	...	...	9.7	8.3	8.6	7.8	5.3
Feb.	5.76	5.66	4.6	4.9	4.4	...	...	9.7	8.2	8.7	7.9	5.3
Mar.	5.67	5.58	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	...	...	9.8	8.1	8.1	7.9	5.4
May	5.14	5.24	4.6	5.2	3.2	...	...	9.6	8.1	7.7	7.8	5.2
June	5.16	5.19	4.6	5.3	3.5	2.2	3.2	9.5	7.9	7.5	7.8	5.1
July	5.20	5.15	4.3	5.2	3.7	...	...	9.5	8.0	7.6	7.8	5.3
Aug.	5.17	5.07	4.2	5.1	3.4	...	...	9.6	8.1	7.6	7.7	5.1
Sept.	5.05	5.05	4.2	5.0	3.7	2.1	3.1	9.6	8.0	7.2	7.7	5.1
Oct.	4.92	4.96	4.2	5.1	3.6	...	...	9.7	7.9	7.0	7.9	5.4
Nov.	4.73	4.83	4.1	5.1	3.2	...	...	9.8	7.6	7.0	7.9	5.2
Dec.	4.67	4.72	4.0	4.9	3.5	2.2	3.1	9.4	7.6	7.2	7.9	5.0
Ave. ,2011												
Jan.	4.64	4.71	3.8	...	3.6	...	...	9.0	7.8	7.9	...	5.0

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