

## Manpower Survey Results in March 2021

- **Total employment increased by 7,000(+0.06%) in March to 11,521,000; moreover, it also increased by 8,000(+0.08%) when compared with that of the previous year.**

--Employment in agriculture and the services-providing sector increased by 1,000(+0.17%) and 7,000(+0.10%), respectively; by contrast, the good-producing sector decreased by 1,000(-0.02%) in March.

--Compared with that of the previous year, employment in agriculture and the good-producing sector decreased by 7,000(-1.27%) and 11,000(-0.27%), respectively; by contrast, the services-providing sector increased by 27,000(+0.39%) in March.

### Important Indicators Based on Manpower Survey Results in March 2021

Unit: persons in thousand

|        | Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over | Labor Force |                                    | Employed Persons | Unemployed Persons    |   |      | Not in Labor Force |
|--------|--|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---|------|--------------------|
|        |  |             | Labor Force Participation Rate (%) |                  | Unemployment Rate (%) | Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment rate (%) |      |                    |
| Total  | 20 223                                   | 11 960      | 59.14                              | 11 521           | 439                   | 3.67                                      | 3.72 | 8 263              |
| Male   | 9 867                                    | 6 626       | 67.15                              | 6 376            | 250                   | 3.77                                      | 3.79 | 3 241              |
| Female | 10 356                                   | 5 334       | 51.51                              | 5 145            | 189                   | 3.55                                      | 3.62 | 5 022              |

- **The unemployment rate declined by 0.03 percentage points to 3.67 percent in March; moreover, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also declined by 0.01 percentage points to 3.72 percent.**

--Compared with that of the previous year, the unemployment rate declined by 0.05 percentage points in March.

--The number of unemployed persons was 439,000 in March, a decrease of 4,000(-0.85%) and 6,000(-1.29%) from the previous month and that of the previous year, respectively.

- **Labor force participation rate rose by 0.03 percentage points to 59.14 percent in March; moreover, it also rose by 0.03 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., 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        |
| Ave., 2017   | 20 049                                   | 11 795      | 11 352           | 443                | 8 254              | 58.83                              | 3.76                  | 11.92       | 3.93        | 1.99        |
| Ave., 2018   | 20 129                                   | 11 874      | 11 434           | 440                | 8 254              | 58.99                              | 3.71                  | 11.54       | 3.86        | 2.00        |
| Ave., 2019   | 20 189                                   | 11 946      | 11 500           | 446                | 8 243              | 59.17                              | 3.73                  | 11.88       | 3.87        | 1.94        |
| Ave., 2020   | 20 231                                   | 11 964      | 11 504           | 460                | 8 267              | 59.14                              | 3.85                  | 11.61       | 3.94        | 2.30        |
| Mar.   | 20 229                                   | 11 957      | 11 513           | 445                | 8 272              | 59.11                              | 3.72                  | 11.16       | 3.89        | 2.10        |
| Apr.   | 20 229                                   | 11 948      | 11 467           | 481                | 8 281              | 59.06                              | 4.03                  | 11.15       | 4.17        | 2.55        |
| May  | 20 230                                   | 11 948      | 11 462           | 486                | 8 282              | 59.06                              | 4.07                  | 11.21       | 4.21        | 2.61        |
| June   | 20 230                                   | 11 950      | 11 477           | 473                | 8 280              | 59.07                              | 3.96                  | 11.52       | 3.97        | 2.58        |
| July   | 20 233                                   | 11 977      | 11 498           | 479                | 8 256              | 59.20                              | 4.00                  | 11.82       | 3.95        | 2.64        |
| Aug.   | 20 234                                   | 11 985      | 11 507           | 478                | 8 249              | 59.23                              | 3.99                  | 12.04       | 3.99        | 2.51        |
| Sept.  | 20 234                                   | 11 962      | 11 504           | 458                | 8 273              | 59.12                              | 3.83                  | 11.89       | 3.90        | 2.25        |
| Oct.   | 20 235                                   | 11 965      | 11 510           | 455                | 8 270              | 59.13                              | 3.80                  | 11.97       | 3.85        | 2.25        |
| Nov.   | 20 235                                   | 11 970      | 11 520           | 449                | 8 265              | 59.15                              | 3.75                  | 11.75       | 3.86        | 2.16        |
| Dec.   | 20 236                                   | 11 967      | 11 527           | 440                | 8 268              | 59.14                              | 3.68                  | 11.74       | 3.76        | 2.11        |
| Ave., 2021   | 20 228                                   | 11 961      | 11 521           | 440                | 8 267              | 59.13                              | 3.68                  | 11.52       | 3.76        | 2.16        |
| Jan.   | 20 232                                   | 11 965      | 11 527           | 438                | 8 267              | 59.14                              | 3.66                  | 11.56       | 3.72        | 2.16        |
| Feb.   | 20 229                                   | 11 957      | 11 514           | 443                | 8 272              | 59.11                              | 3.70                  | 11.52       | 3.79        | 2.19        |
| Mar.   | 20 223                                   | 11 960      | 11 521           | 439                | 8 263              | 59.14                              | 3.67                  | 11.48       | 3.78        | 2.12        |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the previous month                  | -0.03                                    | 0.03        | 0.06             | -0.85              | -0.11              | ( 0.03)                            | (-0.03)               | (-0.04)     | (-0.01)     | (-0.07)     |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the same month of previous year     | -0.03                                    | 0.03        | 0.08             | -1.29              | -0.11              | ( 0.03)                            | (-0.05)               | ( 0.32)     | (-0.11)     | ( 0.02)     |
| Change in percent (percentage points) from the cumulative average year-on-year | 0.01                                     | -0.04       | -0.03            | -0.26              | 0.08               | (-0.03)                            | (-0.01)               | ( 0.11)     | (-0.11)     | ( 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 |
| Mar., 1992   | 8 654                                | 2.53    | 8 535                                | 2.54    | 58.97                          | 59.37               | 119                                   | 1.38              | 1.49                |
| Mar., 1993   | 8 776                                | 1.41    | 8 659                                | 1.44    | 58.52                          | 58.88               | 118                                   | 1.34              | 1.47                |
| Mar., 1994   | 9 036                                | 2.96    | 8 899                                | 2.77    | 59.00                          | 59.30               | 138                                   | 1.52              | 1.67                |
| Mar., 1995   | 9 139                                | 1.14    | 8 999                                | 1.13    | 58.57                          | 58.80               | 139                                   | 1.53              | 1.62                |
| Mar., 1996   | 9 234                                | 1.04    | 9 027                                | 0.31    | 58.20                          | 58.49               | 207                                   | 2.24              | 2.35                |
| Mar., 1997   | 9 385                                | 1.64    | 9 123                                | 1.07    | 58.30                          | 58.45               | 262                                   | 2.79              | 2.87                |
| Mar., 1998   | 9 519                                | 1.42    | 9 296                                | 1.89    | 58.10                          | 58.28               | 223                                   | 2.34              | 2.46                |
| Mar., 1999   | 9 547                                | 0.29    | 9 275                                | -0.22   | 57.52                          | 57.75               | 271                                   | 2.84              | 2.88                |
| Mar., 2000   | 9 704                                | 1.65    | 9 430                                | 1.66    | 57.43                          | 57.64               | 274                                   | 2.83              | 2.90                |
| Mar., 2001   | 9 758                                | 0.56    | 9 378                                | -0.55   | 57.02                          | 57.23               | 380                                   | 3.89              | 3.97                |
| Mar., 2002   | 9 929                                | 1.76    | 9 416                                | 0.41    | 57.29                          | 57.52               | 513                                   | 5.16              | 5.25                |
| Mar., 2003   | 10 023                               | 0.95    | 9 514                                | 1.04    | 57.23                          | 57.41               | 509                                   | 5.08              | 5.17                |
| Mar., 2004   | 10 168                               | 1.44    | 9 715                                | 2.12    | 57.41                          | 57.55               | 452                                   | 4.45              | 4.51                |
| Mar., 2005   | 10 305                               | 1.35    | 9 877                                | 1.66    | 57.61                          | 57.73               | 428                                   | 4.15              | 4.19                |
| Mar., 2006   | 10 434                               | 1.25    | 10 029                               | 1.54    | 57.65                          | 57.78               | 404                                   | 3.87              | 3.90                |
| Mar., 2007   | 10 664                               | 2.21    | 10 244                               | 2.14    | 58.20                          | 58.30               | 420                                   | 3.94              | 3.86                |
| Mar., 2008   | 10 797                               | 1.25    | 10 380                               | 1.33    | 58.18                          | 58.32               | 417                                   | 3.86              | 3.83                |
| Mar., 2009   | 10 850                               | 0.49    | 10 220                               | -1.54   | 57.75                          | 57.87               | 630                                   | 5.81              | 5.74                |
| Mar., 2010   | 11 008                               | 1.45    | 10 384                               | 1.60    | 57.92                          | 58.04               | 624                                   | 5.67              | 5.59                |
| Mar., 2011   | 11 128                               | 1.09    | 10 629                               | 2.37    | 57.97                          | 58.10               | 499                                   | 4.48              | 4.49                |
| Mar., 2012   | 11 276                               | 1.33    | 10 806                               | 1.66    | 58.17                          | 58.29               | 470                                   | 4.17              | 4.20                |
| Mar., 2013   | 11 396                               | 1.06    | 10 921                               | 1.07    | 58.28                          | 58.39               | 475                                   | 4.17              | 4.21                |
| Mar., 2014   | 11 490                               | 0.83    | 11 027                               | 0.97    | 58.42                          | 58.53               | 463                                   | 4.03              | 4.07                |
| Mar., 2015   | 11 593                               | 0.90    | 11 162                               | 1.22    | 58.55                          | 58.64               | 431                                   | 3.72              | 3.75                |
| Mar., 2016   | 11 692                               | 0.85    | 11 237                               | 0.67    | 58.64                          | 58.73               | 455                                   | 3.89              | 3.94                |
| Mar., 2017   | 11 758                               | 0.57    | 11 313                               | 0.68    | 58.73                          | 58.81               | 445                                   | 3.78              | 3.83                |
| Mar., 2018   | 11 836                               | 0.66    | 11 403                               | 0.79    | 58.87                          | 58.94               | 433                                   | 3.66              | 3.70                |
| Mar., 2019   | 11 916                               | 0.68    | 11 478                               | 0.66    | 59.06                          | 59.14               | 438                                   | 3.68              | 3.72                |
| Mar., 2020   | 11 957                               | 0.35    | 11 513                               | 0.30    | 59.11                          | 59.19               | 445                                   | 3.72              | 3.77                |
| Mar., 2021   | 11 960                               | 0.03    | 11 521                               | 0.08    | 59.14                          | 59.20               | 439                                   | 3.67              | 3.72                |

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 |      |           |       |             |           |               |        |         |                |        |
| Ave.,2018    | 3.71                | 3.71 | 2.8       | 2.4   | 3.8         | 2.9       | 3.9           | 5.8    | 3.4     | 4.1            | 9.0    |
| Ave.,2019    | 3.73                | 3.73 | 2.9       | 2.4   | 3.8         | 3.1       | 3.7           | 5.7    | 3.2     | 3.8            | 8.5    |
| Ave.,2020    | 3.85                | 3.85 | ...       | 2.8   | 4.0         | 4.1       | 8.1           | 9.6    | 4.2     | ...            | 8.0    |
| Feb.         | 3.70                | 3.72 | 3.7       | 2.4   | 3.4         | -         | 3.5           | 5.7    | 3.6     | 4.0            | 7.7    |
| Mar.         | 3.72                | 3.77 | 4.2       | 2.5   | 3.8         | 3.5       | 4.4           | 7.9    | 3.8     | 4.0            | 7.4    |
| Apr.         | 4.03                | 4.10 | 5.2       | 2.6   | 3.8         | -         | 14.8          | 13.1   | 4.0     | 4.1            | 7.4    |
| May          | 4.07                | 4.13 | 5.9       | 2.8   | 4.3         | -         | 13.3          | 13.7   | 4.2     | 4.1            | 6.8    |
| June         | 3.96                | 3.95 | 6.2       | 2.8   | 4.2         | 3.9       | 11.1          | 12.5   | 4.3     | 4.3            | 7.3    |
| July         | 4.00                | 3.89 | 6.1       | 2.9   | 4.1         | -         | 10.2          | 10.9   | 4.4     | 4.5            | 8.8    |
| Aug          | 3.99                | 3.83 | 6.1       | 3.0   | 3.3         | -         | 8.4           | 10.2   | 4.5     | 4.8            | 9.3    |
| Sept.        | 3.83                | 3.78 | 6.4       | 3.0   | 4.0         | 4.8       | 7.8           | 9.2    | 4.5     | 4.9            | 9.3    |
| Oct.         | 3.80                | 3.76 | 6.4       | 3.1   | 4.2         | -         | 6.9           | 9.0    | 4.5     | 5.0            | 8.5    |
| Nov.         | 3.75                | 3.76 | 6.3       | 3.0   | 4.2         | -         | 6.7           | 8.6    | 4.6     | 5.1            | 8.1    |
| Dec.         | 3.68                | 3.75 | 6.6       | 3.0   | 4.5         | 4.4       | 6.7           | 8.8    | 4.6     | 5.0            | 7.8    |
| Ave.,2021    |                     |      |           |       |             |           |               |        |         |                |        |
| Jan.         | 3.66                | 3.75 | 7.0       | 2.9   | 5.4         | -         | 6.3           | 9.4    | 4.6     | ...            | 7.9    |
| Feb.         | 3.70                | 3.73 | 7.2       | 2.9   | 4.0         | -         | 6.2           | 8.2    | 4.5     | ...            | 8.0    |
| Mar.         | 3.67                | 3.72 | ...       | ...   | 3.9         | ...       | 6.0           | 7.5    | ...     | ...            | ...    |

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