

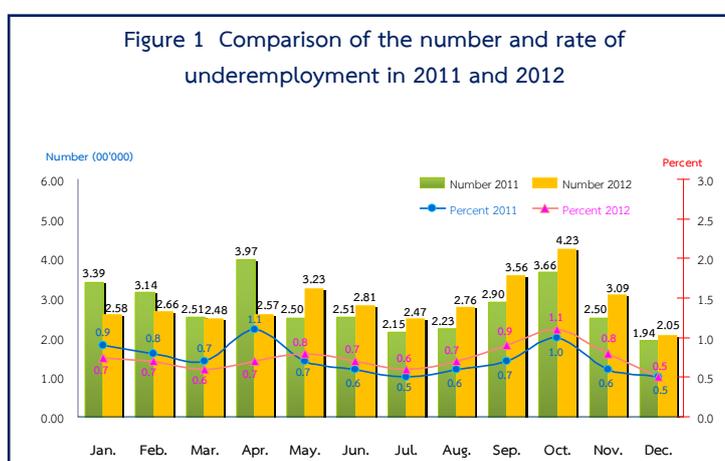
Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : December 2012

Labor force status	2011		2012		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.
Persons over 15 years	54.19	54.24	54.28	54.70	54.74
1. Total labor force	39.45	39.78	38.62	40.17	39.82
1.1 employed	38.98	39.49	37.92	39.97	39.55
1.2 unemployed	0.32	0.17	0.32	0.16	0.19
1.3 seasonally	0.15	0.12	0.38	0.04	0.08
2. Not in labor force	14.74	14.46	15.66	14.53	14.92

The results of Labor Force Survey of December in 2012, it was found that for population aged 15 years and over of 54.74 million persons. 39.82 million were in the labor force or available for work (39.55 million were employed, 0.19 million were unemployed and 82 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force). While 14.92 million were not in the labor force or not available for work such as housewives, students or seniors.

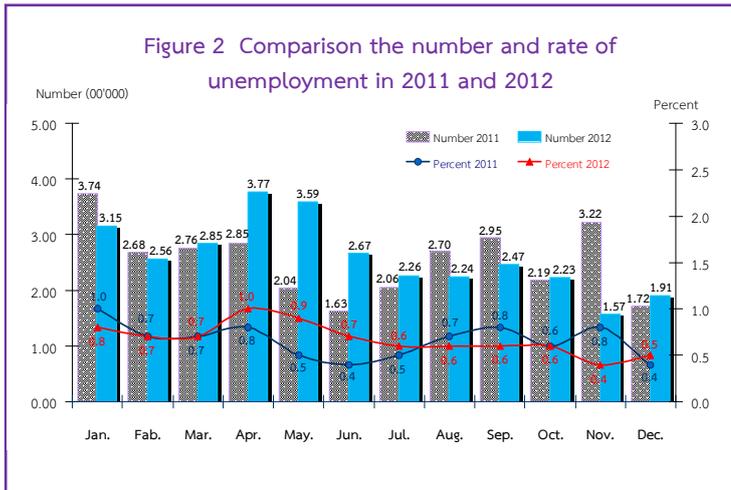
Industry	2011		2012		
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	38.98	39.49	37.92	39.97	39.55
1. Agricultural	15.53	16.80	13.39	16.83	16.31
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15.53	16.80	13.39	16.83	16.31
2. Non-Agricultural	23.45	22.69	24.53	23.14	23.24
- Manufacturing	5.15	5.21	5.86	5.41	5.59
- Construction	2.05	1.82	2.40	2.20	2.25
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.26	5.93	6.17	6.12	5.83
- Transportation and storage	0.96	0.90	0.99	0.97	0.94
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.23	2.66	2.33	2.38	2.33
- Financial and insurance activities	0.44	0.38	0.49	0.38	0.42
- Real estate activities	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.14
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.80	1.54	1.74	1.56	1.71
- Education	1.37	1.33	1.26	1.31	1.15
- Human health and social work activities	0.65	0.63	0.66	0.63	0.65
- Other service activities	0.75	0.68	0.73	0.54	0.61
- Others	1.70	1.51	1.77	1.53	1.62

The number of employed persons 39.55 million were in agriculture sector 16.31 million and non-agriculture sector 23.24 million. Comparing with December in 2011, it was showed that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased by 0.49 million but non-agriculture sector increased by 0.55 million. This increment was found in various industries, Construction by 0.43 million, followed by Manufacture 0.38 million, Public administration and defence 0.17 million, Transportation and storage, Financial and insurance activities and Real estate activities 40 thousand. While various industries were decreased, Accommodation and food service activities 0.33 million, Education 0.18 million, Wholesale and Retail trade, Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles 0.1 million, Other service activities (Health service activities, Pets care service and Laundry & Dry cleaning service) 70 thousand. The rest shared in the other industries.

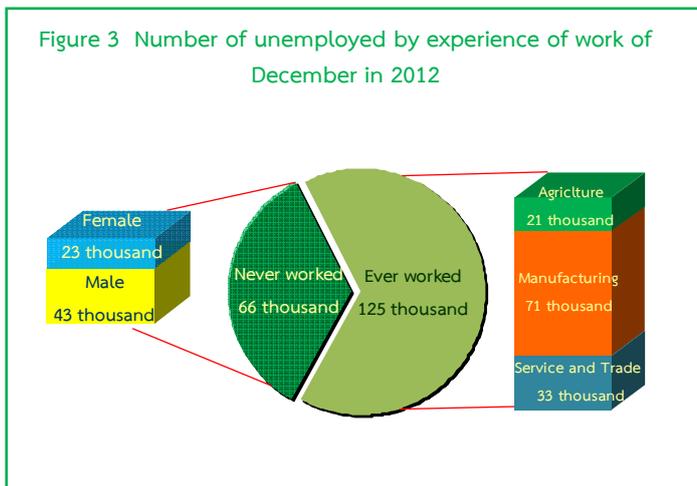


Considering the number of the employed persons who don't effectively work and available for additional work, that called this group is the underemployment worker (0.21 million or about 0.5% of the total employed persons). Although this group is employed persons but they have enough free time and available for additional work for more earning.

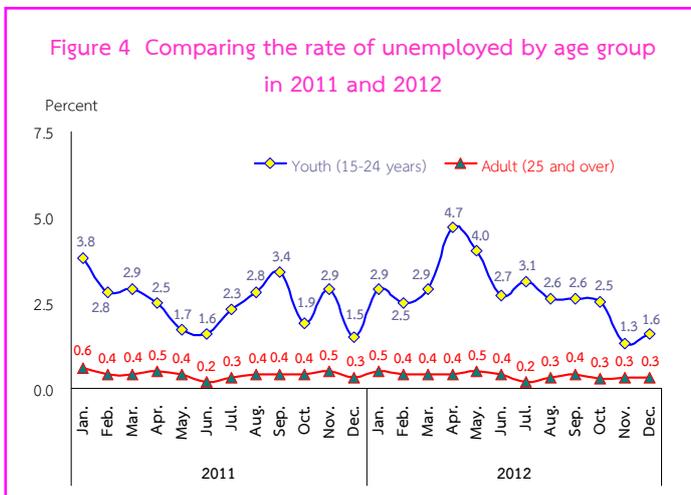
Remark : Underemployment worker is a worker who working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work.



In December 2012, there were the total number of unemployed persons 0.19 million or 0.5%. Comparing to the same period of 2011, the number of unemployed persons increased by 19 thousand (from 0.17 million to 0.19 million). And comparison with November in 2012, the number of unemployed persons increased by 34 thousand (from 0.16 million to 0.19 million).

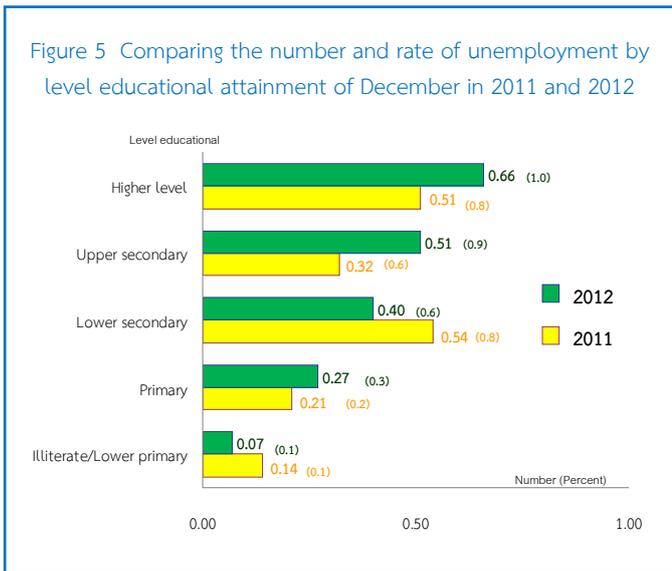


Regarding the unemployed persons by experience of work, it was found that 66 thousand had never worked and 125 thousand had ever worked. Comparing to the same period of 2011, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 2 thousand (from 123 thousand to 125 thousand). There were 71 thousand from Manufacturing sector, 33 thousand from Trade and Services sector and 21 thousand from Agriculture sector.



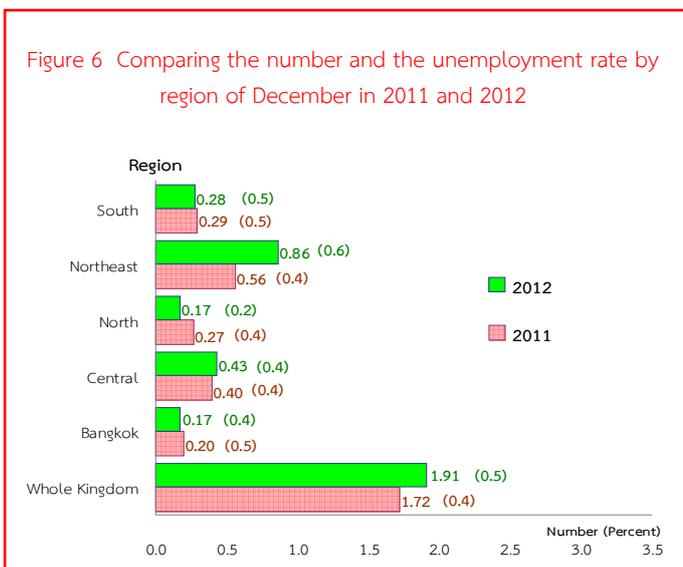
The unemployment rates by age groups, there were 1.6% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) which unemployment rate was high in this group and 0.3% in adults group (age 25 years and over). Comparing to the same period of 2011, the youth group increased from 1.5% to 1.6% and comparing with November in 2012, the youth group increased from 1.3% to 1.6%.

Figure 5 Comparing the number and rate of unemployment by level educational attainment of December in 2011 and 2012



Education level attainment of the unemployed persons of December in 2012, it was found that the number of unemployed persons with Higher level was the highest 66 thousand (1.0%), followed by Upper secondary level 51 thousand (0.9%), Lower secondary level 40 thousand (0.6%), Primary level 27 thousand (0.3%) and Illiterate and Less than primary level 7 thousand (0.1%). Comparing to the same period of 2011, it was showed that the number of unemployed persons in Lower secondary level decreased by 14 thousand, Illiterate and Less than primary level 7 thousand. While Upper secondary level increased by 19 thousand, Higher level 15 thousand and Primary level 6 thousand.

Figure 6 Comparing the number and the unemployment rate by region of December in 2011 and 2012



Concerning the unemployment rates by region, it was found that the Northeast was the highest at 0.6%, followed by the South (0.5%), Bangkok and the Central (0.4%) and the North (0.2%). Comparing to the same period of 2011, the unemployment rates of whole kingdom increased, when concerning by region, it was showed that the Northeast increased. While the North and Bangkok decreased. For the Central and the South unchanged.

Key labor force indicators

Month/Year	Persons in	Seasonally	Unemployed	Under-	Under-	Unemploy-	Labor force	Persons in	Seasonally	Unemployed	Under-	Under-	Unemploy-	Labor force	Persons in	Seasonally	Unemployed	Under-	Under-	Unemploy-	Labor force
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				worker	worker	Rates	Rates					worker	worker	Rates	Rates				worker	worker	Rates
	Number ('000)																				
	Total							Male							Female						
Dec. 2009	38,947.7	60.6	350.0	369.1	1.0	0.9	73.3	21,021.7	25.1	197.8	212.1	1.0	0.9	81.4	17,926.0	35.5	152.2	157.0	0.9	0.8	65.7
Dec. 2010	39,499.7	38.8	268.0	257.0	0.7	0.7	73.5	21,160.9	20.0	169.7	144.1	0.7	0.8	81.0	18,338.8	18.8	98.3	122.9	0.6	0.5	66.4
2011																					
Nov.	39,452.7	152.1	322.0	250.8	0.6	0.8	72.8	21,199.7	64.6	186.4	149.4	0.7	0.9	80.5	18,253.0	87.5	135.6	101.4	0.6	0.7	65.5
Dec.	39,784.9	119.6	171.7	194.0	0.5	0.4	73.4	21,415.1	61.8	91.8	111.6	0.5	0.4	81.3	18,369.8	57.8	79.8	82.4	0.5	0.4	65.9
2012																					
Jan.	38,619.2	377.8	314.5	258.2	0.7	0.8	71.1	21,123.8	182.6	197.9	139.8	0.7	0.9	80.1	17,495.4	195.2	116.6	118.4	0.7	0.7	62.7
Feb.	38,798.1	484.2	256.3	266.8	0.7	0.7	71.4	21,128.1	246.9	159.1	142.7	0.7	0.8	80.1	17,670.1	237.2	97.2	124.1	0.7	0.6	63.3
Mar.	38,955.1	475.4	284.7	248.2	0.6	0.7	71.7	21,288.8	247.3	169.6	152.6	0.7	0.8	80.6	17,666.3	228.1	115.1	95.7	0.6	0.7	63.2
Apr.	38,909.3	389.0	376.5	257.5	0.7	1.0	71.5	21,302.6	163.0	203.0	138.7	0.7	1.0	80.6	17,606.7	226.0	173.6	118.9	0.7	1.0	62.9
May.	39,007.0	379.5	359.0	323.6	0.8	0.9	71.6	21,233.8	176.4	199.6	199.4	1.0	0.9	80.3	17,773.2	203.1	159.5	124.2	0.7	0.9	63.5
Jun.	39,883.2	87.1	266.9	281.4	0.7	0.7	73.2	21,535.2	32.9	156.5	162.2	0.8	0.7	81.3	18,348.0	54.2	110.3	119.2	0.7	0.6	65.5
Jul.	40,097.6	17.8	226.0	247.5	0.6	0.6	73.5	21,571.9	6.6	127.1	142.3	0.7	0.6	81.4	18,525.7	11.2	98.8	105.3	0.6	0.5	66.1
Aug.	39,800.8	33.5	224.2	275.7	0.7	0.6	72.9	21,474.7	12.8	122.5	146.4	0.7	0.6	81.0	18,326.1	20.6	101.8	129.2	0.7	0.6	65.3
Sep.	39,438.8	39.2	247.0	356.5	0.9	0.6	72.2	21,384.9	27.0	150.7	207.3	1.0	0.7	80.6	18,053.9	12.3	96.3	149.1	0.8	0.5	64.3
Oct.	39,489.7	58.3	222.5	422.9	1.1	0.6	72.2	21,372.9	30.5	126.5	286.3	1.3	0.6	80.5	18,116.8	27.7	96.0	136.6	0.8	0.5	64.4
Nov.	40,170.9	40.2	157.6	309.1	0.8	0.4	73.4	21,492.8	16.9	94.3	195.0	0.9	0.4	80.9	18,678.1	23.3	63.3	114.1	0.6	0.4	66.4
Dec.	39,821.0	81.9	190.6	205.1	0.5	0.5	72.7	21,524.2	44.1	106.0	132.3	0.6	0.5	81.0	18,296.9	37.8	84.6	72.9	0.4	0.5	65.0

Source : The labor force survey of December in 2012

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: Underemployment worker rate means (The total underemployment worker / The total employed persons)x100