

## Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : February 2013

**Table 1 Comparison of the population aged 15 years and over by labor force status**

Labor force status	2012			2013	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.
	<i>Unit : million</i>				
Persons over 15 years	54.28	54.32	54.37	54.79	54.83
<b>1. Total labor force</b>	<b>38.62</b>	<b>38.80</b>	<b>38.96</b>	<b>38.75</b>	<b>39.34</b>
1.1 employed	37.92	38.06	38.19	38.08	38.81
1.2 unemployed	0.32	0.26	0.29	0.32	0.25
1.3 seasonally	0.38	0.48	0.48	0.35	0.28
<b>2. Not in labor force</b>	<b>15.66</b>	<b>15.52</b>	<b>15.41</b>	<b>16.04</b>	<b>15.49</b>

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

The results of Labor Force Survey of February in 2013 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 54.83 million persons. Of these 39.34 million were in the labor force or available for work (38.81 million were employed, 0.25 million were unemployed and 0.28 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 15.49 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

**Table 2 Comparison of the number of employed persons by industry**

Industry	2012			2013	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.
	<i>Unit : million</i>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.92</b>	<b>38.06</b>	<b>38.19</b>	<b>38.08</b>	<b>38.81</b>
<b>1. Agricultural</b>	<b>13.39</b>	<b>13.45</b>	<b>13.51</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>13.78</b>
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	13.39	13.45	13.51	13.33	13.78
<b>2. Non-Agricultural</b>	<b>24.53</b>	<b>24.61</b>	<b>24.68</b>	<b>24.75</b>	<b>25.03</b>
- Manufacturing	5.86	5.98	6.12	5.87	6.03
- Construction	2.40	2.54	2.95	2.66	2.78
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.17	6.11	5.96	6.41	6.18
- Transportation and storage	0.99	1.05	1.02	1.13	1.07
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.33	2.36	2.25	2.51	2.53
- Financial and insurance activities	0.49	0.43	0.41	0.46	0.40
- Real estate activities	0.13	0.10	0.15	0.16	0.13
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.74	1.68	1.67	1.61	1.72
- Education	1.26	1.28	1.13	1.21	1.29
- Human health and social work activities	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.60	0.66
- Other service activities	0.73	0.72	0.77	0.63	0.66
- Others	1.77	1.72	1.62	1.50	1.58

There were 38.81 million employed persons, which 13.78 and 25.03 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with February in 2012, it was showed that the number of employed persons in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors increased by 0.33 million and 0.42 million, respectively. This increment was found in various industries e.g. 0.24 million in construction, 0.17 million in accommodation and food service activities, 70 thousand in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 50 thousand in manufacture, 40 thousand in public administration and defence and 30 thousand in real estate activities. However, it was found that a decrease in some other industries e.g. 60 thousand in other service activities (health service activities, pets care service and laundry & dry cleaning service) and 30 thousand in financial and insurance activities. The rest shared in the other industries.

Considering the number of the underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.27 million or 0.7% of the total employed persons.

**Figure 1 Comparison of the number and rate of underemployment in 2012 and 2013**

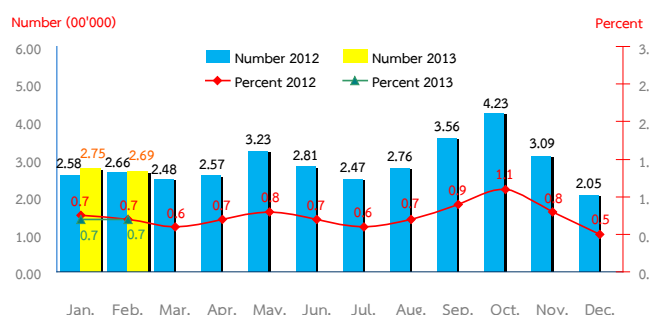
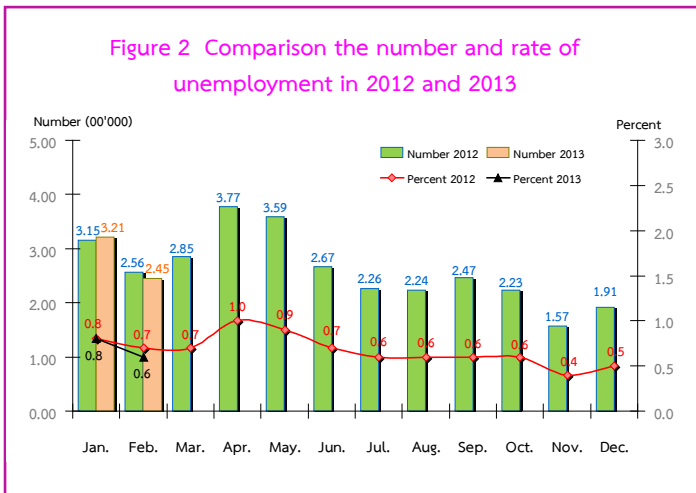


Figure 2 Comparison the number and rate of unemployment in 2012 and 2013



In February 2013, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.25 million or 0.6% of the total labor force and decreased of 11 thousand comparing to the same period as in 2012. Moreover, it showed a decrease of 76 thousand (from 0.32 million to 0.25 million) in January 2013. Out of 0.25 million, there were 0.10 million having never worked and 0.14 million ever worked, among these, the number of unemployed persons who have ever worked decreased of 30 thousand (from 0.17 million to 0.14 million), comparing to the same period as in 2012. It was found that 0.14 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 76 thousand in manufacturing, 49 thousand in trade and services sector and 18 thousand in agriculture. (figure3)

Figure 3 Number of unemployed by experience of work of February in 2013



Regarding the unemployment rate by age groups, there were 3.2% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.3% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

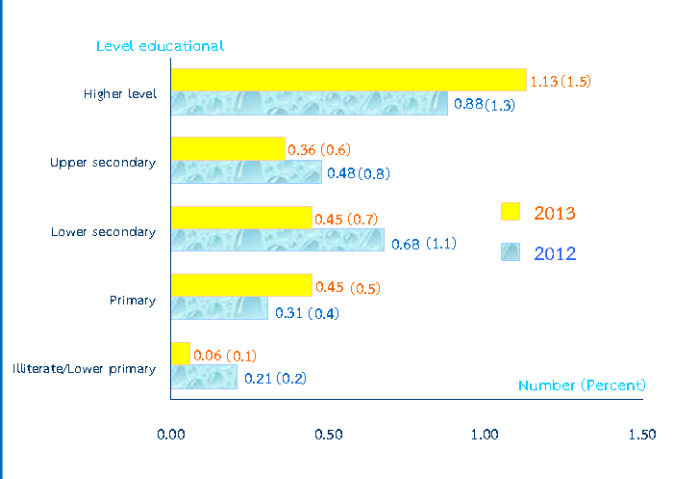
The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 2.5% to 3.2% comparing to the same period as in 2012, but decreased from 4.2% to 3.2% comparing to January in 2013.

Figure 4 Comparing the rate of unemployed by age group in 2012 and 2013





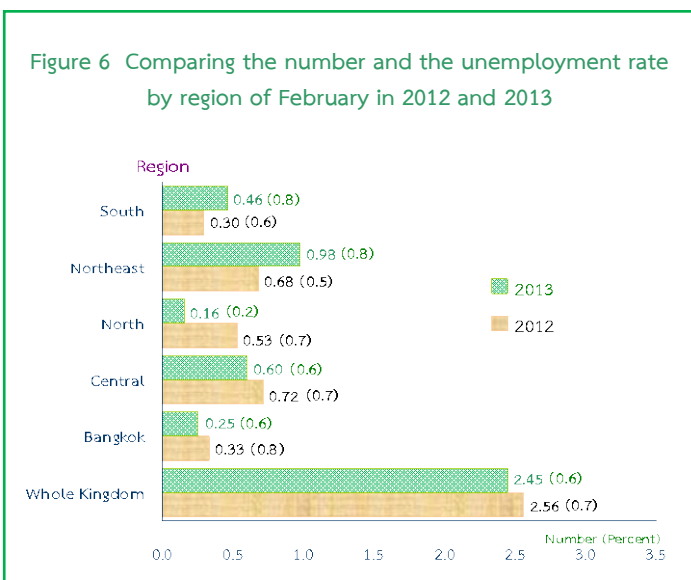
Figure 5 Comparing the number and rate of unemployment by level educational attainment of February in 2012 and 2013



For education level attainment of the unemployed persons in February 2013, it was found that most of the unemployed persons were with Higher level (113 thousand or 1.5%), followed by those with Lower secondary level (45 thousand or 0.7%), Primary level (45 thousand or 0.5%), Upper secondary level (36 thousand or 0.6%) and Illiterate and Less than primary level (6 thousand or 0.1%).

Comparing to the same period in 2012, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with Lower secondary level decreased of 23 thousand, Illiterate and Less than primary level of 15 thousand and Upper secondary level of 12 thousand. However, those with Higher level increased of 25 thousand and Primary level of 14 thousand.

Figure 6 Comparing the number and the unemployment rate by region of February in 2012 and 2013



Concerning the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the Northeast and the South were the highest with 0.8%, followed by those in Bangkok and the Central with the same proportion (0.6%) and the North (0.2%).

Comparing to the same period of 2012, the unemployment rate of whole kingdom decreased. However, concerning by region, it changed in some

regions such as, a decrease in the North, Bangkok and the Central, an increase in the Northeast and the South.