

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : January 2013

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

Labor force status	2012				2013
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Persons over 15 years	54.28	54.32	54.70	54.74	54.79
1. Total labor force	38.62	38.80	40.17	39.82	38.75
1.1 employed	37.92	38.06	39.97	39.55	38.08
1.2 unemployed	0.32	0.26	0.16	0.19	0.32
1.3 seasonally	0.38	0.48	0.04	0.08	0.35
2. Not in labor force	15.66	15.52	14.53	14.92	16.04

The results of Labor Force Survey of January in 2013 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 54.79 million persons. Of these 38.75 million were in the labor force or available for work (38.08 million were employed, 0.32 million were unemployed and 0.35 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 16.04 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

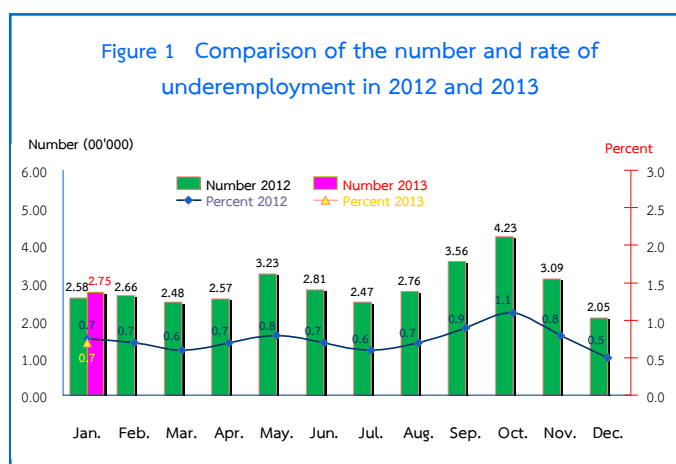
Table 2 Comparison of the number of employed persons by industry

Industry	2012				2013
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Total	37.92	38.06	39.97	39.55	38.08
1. Agricultural	13.39	13.45	16.83	16.31	13.33
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	13.39	13.45	16.83	16.31	13.33
2. Non-Agricultural	24.53	24.61	23.14	23.24	24.75
- Manufacturing	5.86	5.98	5.41	5.59	5.87
- Construction	2.40	2.54	2.20	2.25	2.66
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.17	6.11	6.12	5.83	6.41
- Transportation and storage	0.99	1.05	0.97	0.94	1.13
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.33	2.36	2.38	2.33	2.51
- Financial and insurance activities	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.42	0.46
- Real estate activities	0.13	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.16
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.74	1.68	1.56	1.71	1.61
- Education	1.26	1.28	1.31	1.15	1.21
- Human health and social work activities	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.60
- Other service activities	0.73	0.72	0.54	0.61	0.63
- Others	1.77	1.72	1.53	1.62	1.50

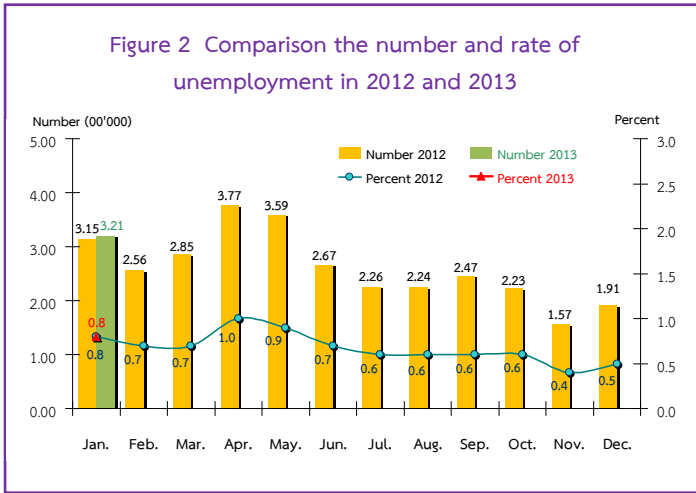
There were 38.08 million employed persons, which 13.33 and 24.75 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with January in 2012, it showed that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased of 60 thousand while in non-agriculture sector increased of 0.22 million. This increment was found in various industries e.g. 0.26 million in construction, 0.24 million in wholesale and Retail trade, Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 0.18 million in accommodation and food service activities and 0.14 million in transportation and storage. However, it was found a decrease in some other industries e.g. 0.13 million in public administration and defense, 0.10 million in other service activities (Health service activities, Pets care service and Laundry & Dry cleaning service), 60 thousand in human health and social work and 50 thousand in Education. The rest shared in the other industries.

Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.28 million or 0.7% of the total employed persons.

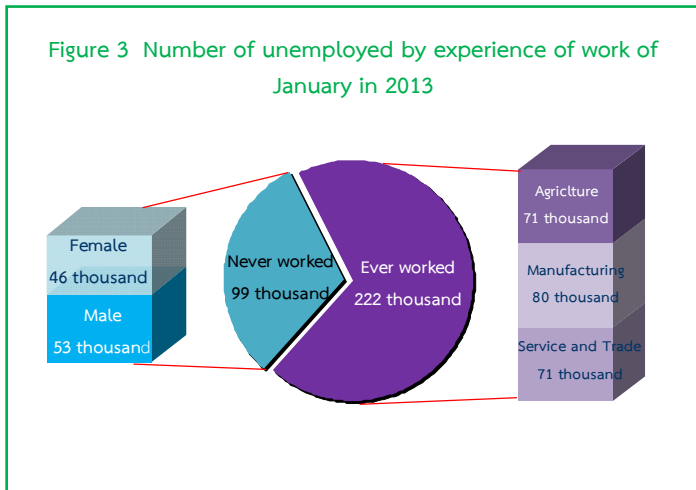
Figure 1 Comparison of the number and rate of underemployment in 2012 and 2013



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



In January 2013, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.32 million or 0.8% of the total labor force and increased of 6 thousand comparing to the same period as in 2012. Moreover, it showed an increase of 0.13 million (from 0.19 million to 0.32 million) in December 2012. Out of 0.32 million, there were 99 thousand having never worked and 0.22 million ever, among these, the number of unemployed persons who have ever worked increased of 11 thousand (from 0.21 million to 0.22 million), comparing to the same period as in 2012. It was found that 0.22 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 80 thousand in Manufacturing and 71 thousand in Trade and Services as well as in Agriculture (figure 3)



Regarding the unemployment rate by age groups, there were 4.2% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.4% in adult group (aged 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 2.9% to 4.2% comparing to the same period as in 2012 and increased from 1.6% to 4.2% comparing to December in 2012.

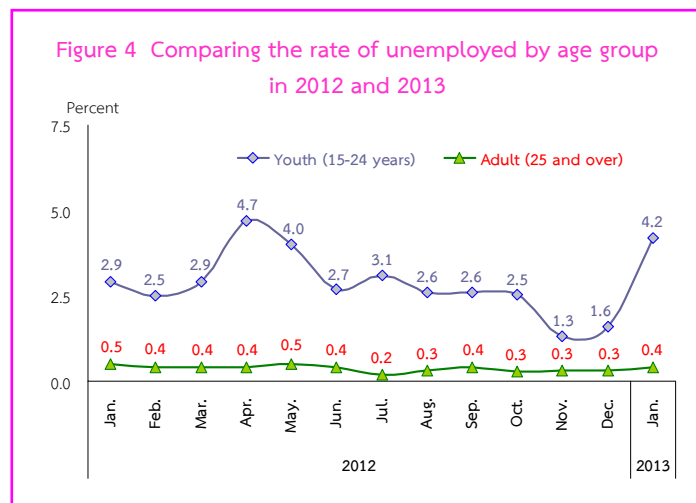
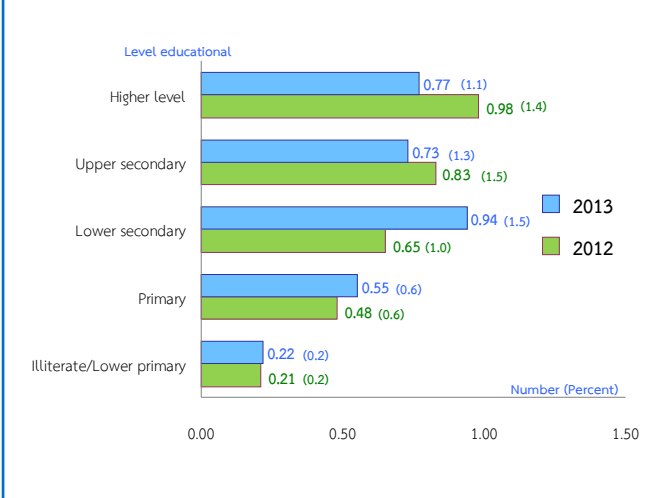


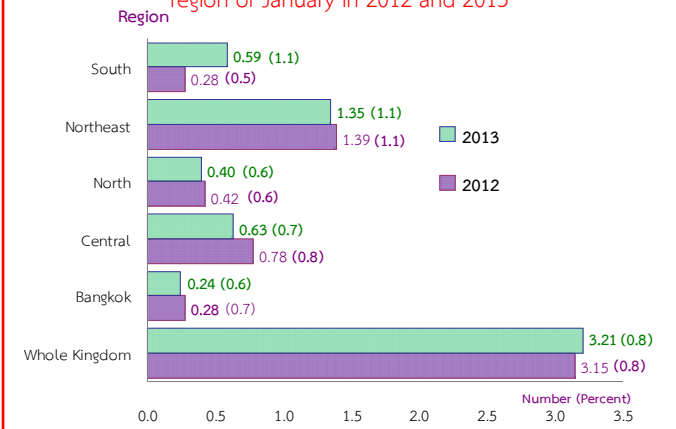
Figure 5 Comparing the number and rate of unemployment by level educational attainment of December in 2012 and 2013



For education level attainment of the unemployed persons in January 2013, it was found that most of the unemployed persons were with Lower secondary level (94 thousand or 1.5%), followed by those with Higher level (77 thousand or 1.1%), Upper secondary level (73 thousand or 1.3%), Primary level (55 thousand or 0.6%) and Illiterate and Less than primary level (22 thousand or 0.2%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2012, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with Higher level decreased of 21 thousand and Upper secondary level of 10 thousand. However, those with Lower secondary level increased of 29 thousand, Primary level of 7 thousand and Illiterate and Less than primary level of 1 thousand.

Figure 6 Comparing the number and the unemployment rate by region of January 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 1.1%, followed by those in the Central (0.7%), Bangkok and the North with the same proportion (0.6%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2012, the unemployment rate of the whole kingdom did not change. However, considering by region, it changed in some regions such as, an increase in the South, a decrease in Bangkok and the Central.