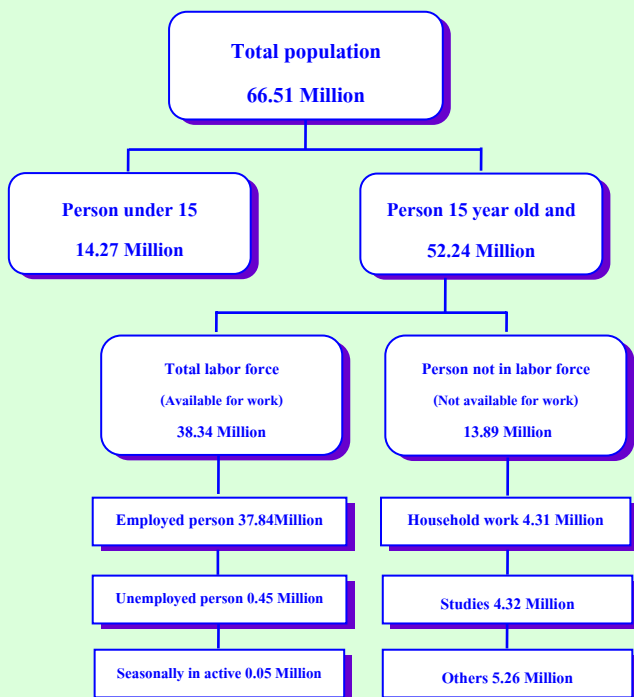


## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

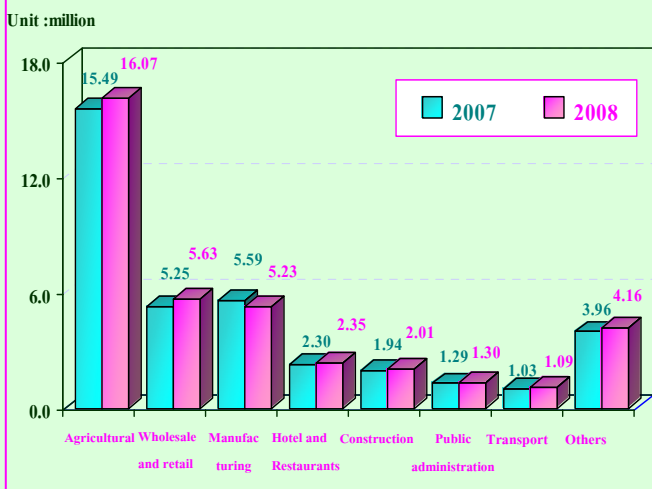
CHART OF POPULATION BY LABOR FORCE  
THE LABOR FORCE SURVEY , QUARTER 3 : 2008

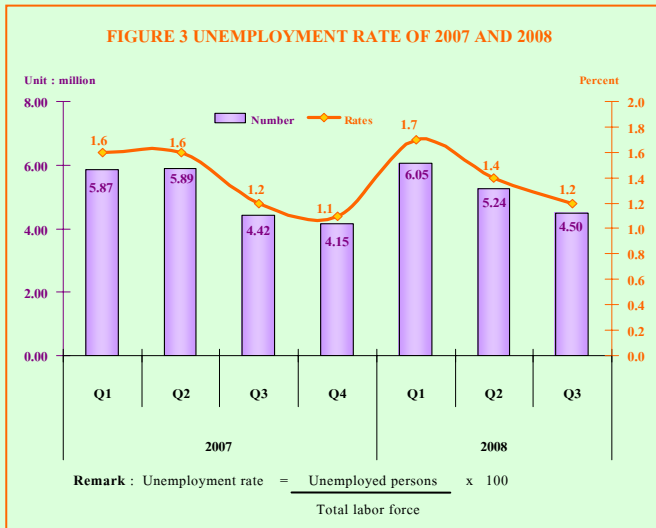


The National Statistical Office has been surveyed the labor force in quarter 3: 2008 found 52.24 million persons 15 years old and over, 38.34 million were in the total labor force (37.84 million were employed, 0.45 million were unemployed and 0.05 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 13.89 million were not in the labor force.

The labor force survey conducted in quarter 3: 2008, 36.86 million were employed. In the same period the labor force were employed increase 0.72 million (from 37.12 million to 37.84 million) when considering each important industry found that the number of the employed persons in agriculture sector were increased about 0.58 million ( from 15.49 million to 16.07 million). The number of the employed persons in non-agriculture sector were increased about 0.14 million (from 21.63 million to 21.77 million) wholesale and retail trade 0.38 million, construction sector 0.07 million, transport 0.06 million, hotel and restaurants 0.05 million and public administration and defense 0.01 million. For manufacturing sector were decreased 0.36 million and the rest were in the other sector.

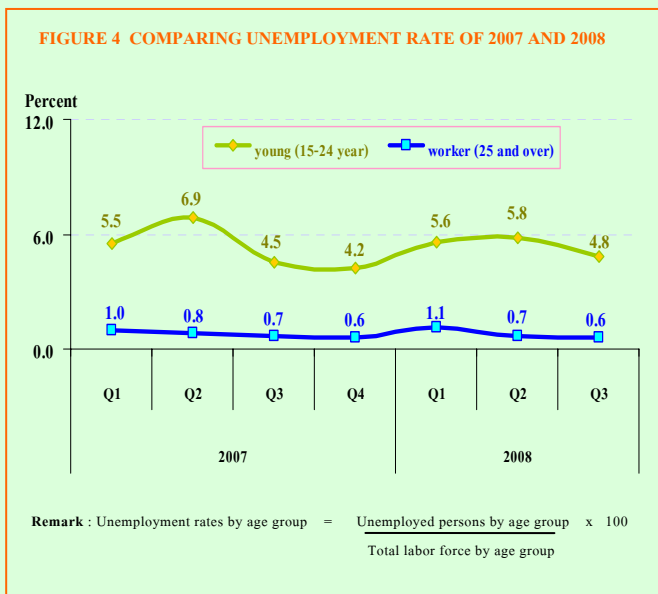
FIGURE 1 COMPARING NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS BETWEEN  
QUARTER 3 OF 2007 AND QUARTER 3 OF 2008 BY INDUSTRY





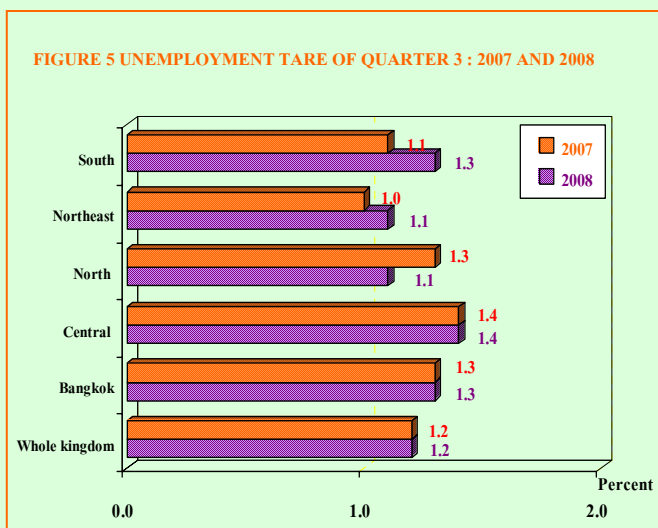
In quarter 3 : 2008 the total number of unemployed persons were 0.45 million or 1.2 per cent of the unemployment rate. Considering for unemployed in each age group found that there were 0.25 million in youth group (15 – 24 years old) or 4.8 per cent of the unemployment rate and there were 0.2 million in worker group (25 years old and over) or 0.6 per cent of the unemployment rate.

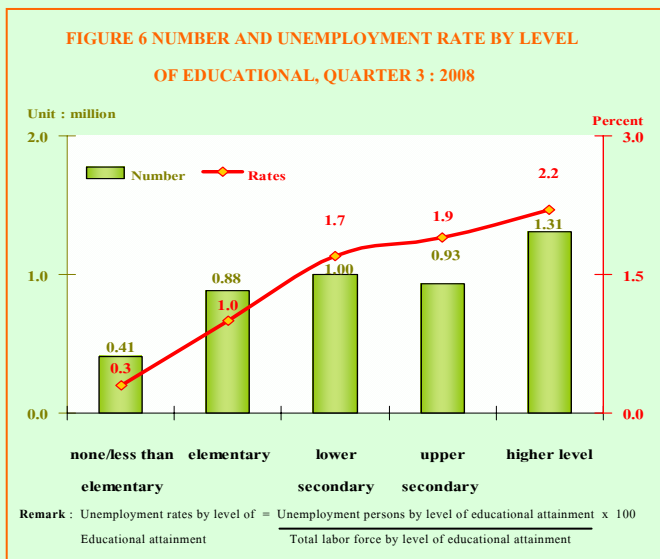
The report represent the unemployed persons in youth group had more than each group because the highest proportion of youth group just graduate the opportunities to get in work were less than other and had less experience to get in work.



Compare with the same period last year found that the unemployment rate increased in youth group. (from 4.5 per cent to 4.8 per cent) For unemployment rate were decreased in worker group. (from 0.7 per cent to 0.6 per cent)

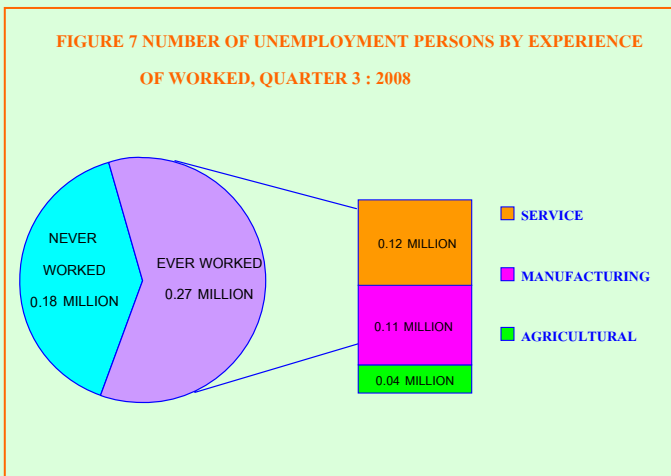
To compare in each region, in the Central had highest unemployment rate 1.4 per cent followed by the Bangkok and South equally 1.3 per cent, North and the Northeast show equally the same 1.1 per cent.





For level of educational attainment of the unemployed persons found that the unemployment rate of persons attained higher level highest were 0.13 million followed by the lower secondary level 0.10 million, upper secondary level 93,000 person, elementary level 88,000 person and less than elementary and none 41,000 person respectively.

As for unemployed person by experience in work in quarter 3 : 2008 found that from the total unemployed 0.45 million were never worked 0.18 million and had ever worked 0.27 million. The unemployed persons who had ever worked were in agriculture sector 40,000 and non – agriculture 0.23 million, were produce sector 0.11 million and service sector 0.12 million.



Therefore the labor force in quarter 3 : 2008, there were employed persons 37.84 million, 0.72 million were increase or 1.9 per cent compare in the same period last year, non-agriculture sector 21.77 million or 57.5 per cent and agriculture sector 16.07 million or 42.5 per cent. There were the employed persons who work less than 7 hour per day 5.59 million for 14.8 per cent for employed person compare with the same period last year Remark unemployment rate of persons attained higher level highest other level.