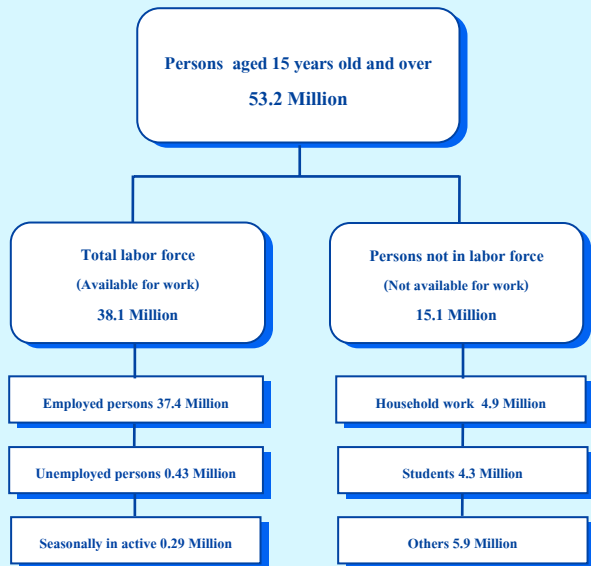


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHART OF THE NUMBER OF POPULATION BY LABOR FORCE

THE LABOR FORCE SURVEY , QUARTER 1 : 2010



Some major findings of Labor Force Survey in the first quarter of 2010, conducted by NSO showed that for people aged 15 years and over of 53.2 million persons, 38.1 million were in the labor force (37.4 million were employed, 0.43 million were unemployed and 0.29 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 15.1 million were not in the labor force.

Comparing to the same period of 2009, the number of persons employed increased by 0.93 million persons. (from 36.50 million to 37.43 million) or about 2.5%. Considering by industry, it was found that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector increased about 0.24 million persons (from 12.90 million to 13.14 million). Those in non-agriculture sector increased about 0.69 million (from 23.60 million to 24.29 million). This increment was found in various industries, i.e. Hotel and restaurants (about 0.28 million), Wholesale and retail trade (about 0.17 million), Construction and Public administration with the same (about 10 thousand). However, in Transport, there was a decrease of about 30 thousand and manufacturing sector decrease about 20 thousand.

FIGURE 1 COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS BETWEEN QUARTER 1 OF 2009 AND 2010 BY INDUSTRY

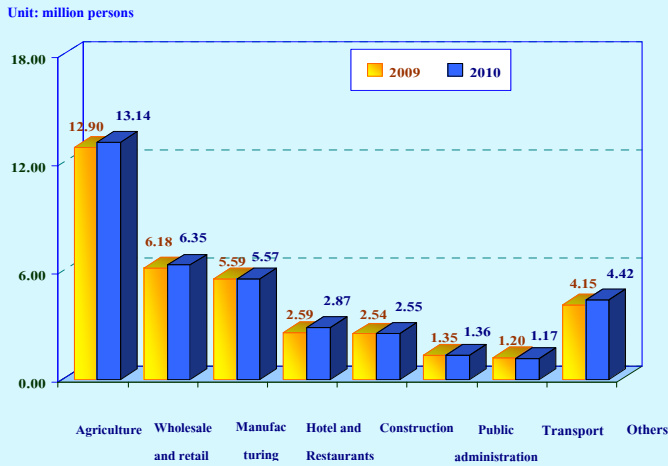
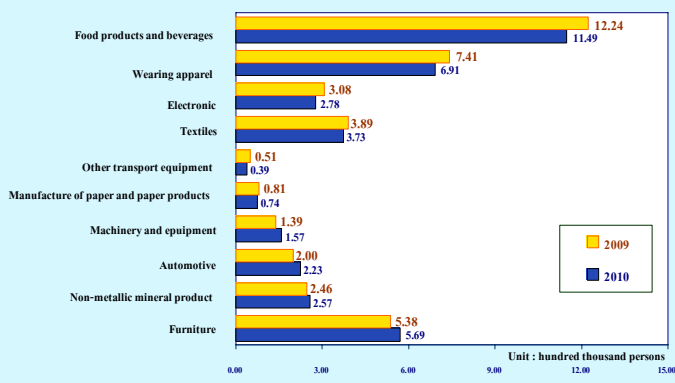
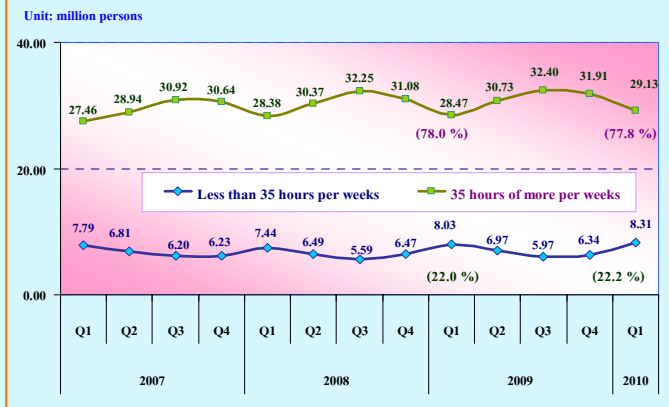


FIGURE 2 COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS BETWEEN QUARTER 1 OF 2009 AND 2010 BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



As there was a decrease in manufacturing sector of about 20 thousand persons, the decreased number were found in many industries, i.e. Food products and beverages (75 thousand person), Wearing apparel (50 thousand persons), Electronic (30 thousand persons), Textiles (16 thousand persons), Other transport equipment (12 thousand persons), Paper and paper products (7 thousand persons). There were some industries with the increased number of employed persons, such as Furniture (31 thousand persons), Non-metallic mineral products (29 thousand persons), Automotive (23 thousand persons) and Machinery and equipment (18 thousand persons).

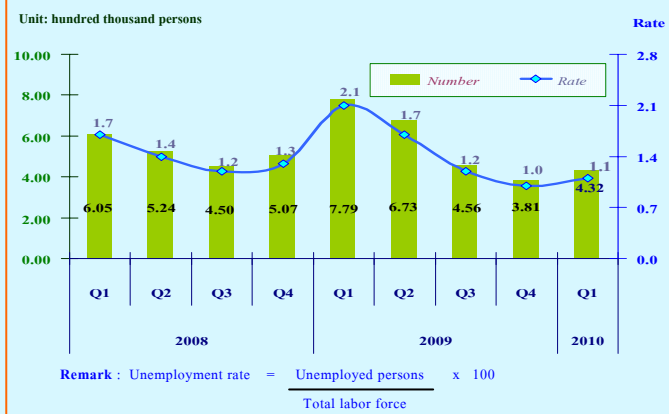
FIGURE 3 COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS BETWEEN QUARTER 1 OF 2007 to 2010 BY HOURS WORKED



Regarding working hours per week of employed persons in the first quarter of 2010, the results showed that about 29.13 million persons or 77.8% of the total employed persons worked more than 35 hours per week. On the other hand, about 8.30 million persons or 22.2% of total employed persons worked less than 35 hours per week.

Comparing to the same period of the last year, the results revealed that the employed persons working more than 35 hours per week or full time worker decreased by 0.66 million, however those working less than 35 hours per week or part time worker increased by about 0.27 million.

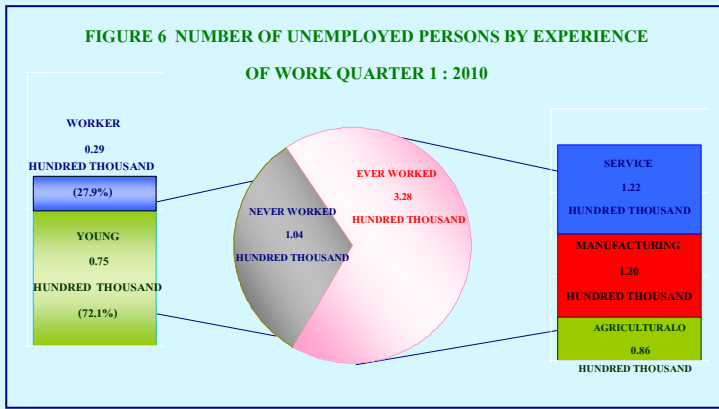
FIGURE 4 THE NUMBER AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BETWEEN QUARTER 1 OF 2008 AND 2010



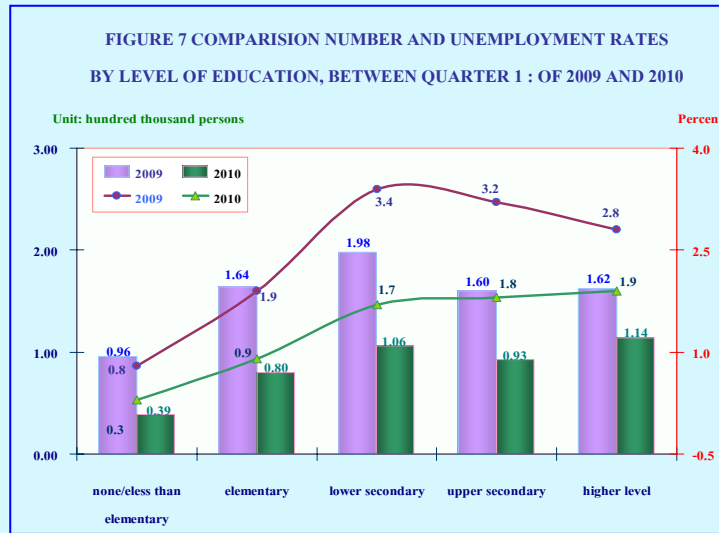
From the 1st quarter of 2010, there were 0.43 million unemployed persons or the unemployment rate was 1.1%. Comparing to the same period of the last year, the number of unemployment decreased by 3.47 hundred thousand persons (from 7.79 hundred thousand persons to 4.32 hundred thousand persons). Considering by age group, there were 1.93 hundred thousand unemployed persons in a youth group (15 – 24 years old) or the unemployment rate was 3.9% and 2.39 hundred thousand unemployed persons in adult group (25 years and over) or the unemployment rate was 0.7%. Comparing to the same period of 2009, the unemployed persons decreased by 1.70 hundred thousand persons (from 3.63 hundred thousand persons to 1.93 hundred thousand persons) for a youth group and 1.77 hundred thousand persons for adult group (from 4.16 hundred thousand persons to 2.39 hundred thousand persons).

FIGURE 5 COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BETWEEN QUARTER 1 OF 2007 AND 2010 BY AGE GROUP

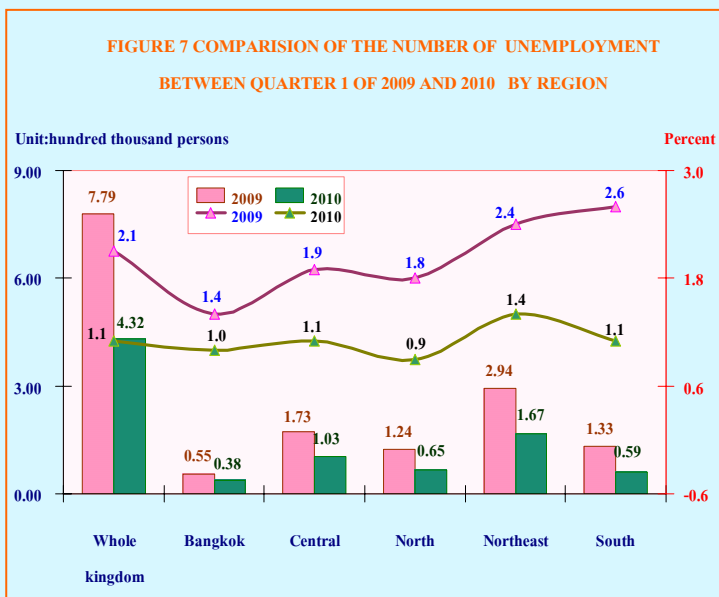




Concerning unemployed persons by experience of work, about 1.04 hundred thousand persons had never worked. With this number, 75 thousand persons were from the youth group and 29 thousand persons from the adult group. About 3.28 hundred thousand persons had ever worked. There were unemployed persons from manufacturing 1.20 hundred thousand persons, from service sector was 1.22 hundred thousand persons and the least was from the agriculture sector, of about 86 thousand persons.



For level of educational attainment of the unemployed persons, it showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level was highest (1.14 hundred thousand persons), followed by the lower secondary level (1.06 hundred thousand persons), upper secondary level (93 thousand persons) and elementary level (80 thousand persons). Unemployed persons with less than elementary and no education were about 39 thousand persons.



Comparing the number of unemployment by region with the same period of the last year, it was found that it decreased in all regions. The most reduction was observed in the Northeast (127 thousand persons), followed by the South (74 thousand persons), the Central (70 thousand persons), the North (59 thousand persons) and Bangkok (17 thousand persons).

Concerning unemployment rate, it showed that the overall unemployment rates decreased by 1.0 percentage point, followed by the south (decreased by 1.5 percentage point), the Northeast (decreased by 1.0 percentage point), the North (decreased by 0.9 percentage point), the Central (decreased by 0.8 percentage point) and Bangkok (decreased by 0.4 percentage point)