

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LABOR FORCE SURVEY IN THE 2nd QUARTER OF 2010

CHART OF THE NUMBER OF POPULATION BY LABOR FORCE

THE LABOR FORCE SURVEY , QUARTER 2 : 2010



Some major findings of Labor Force Survey in the second quarter of 2010, conducted by NSO showed that for people aged 15 years and over of 53.39 million persons, 38.38 million were in the labor force (37.51 million were employed, 0.51 million were unemployed and 0.36 million were seasonally inactive labor force) and 15.01 million were not in the labor force.

Comparing to the same period of 2009, the number of persons employed decrease by 0.19 million persons. (from 37.70 million to 37.51 million) or about 0.5%. Employed persons in agriculture sector decrease about 1.07 million persons (from 14.48 million to 13.41 million). Those in non-agriculture sector increased about 0.88 million persons (from 23.22 million to 24.10 million). This increment was found in various industries, Wholesale and retail trade about 0.31 million persons, Construction about 0.25 million persons, Manufacturing sector and Public administration with the same about 90 thousand persons, Hotel and restaurants about 80 thousand persons and Transport about 30 thousand persons.

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

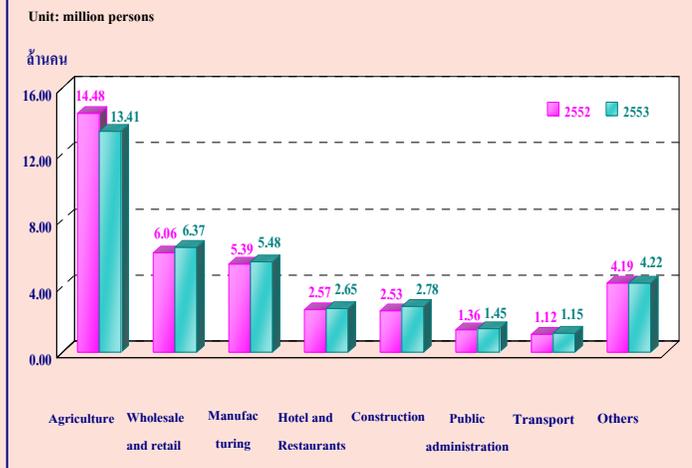
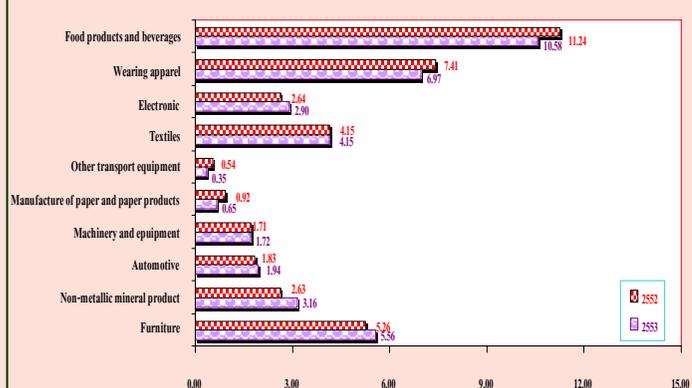


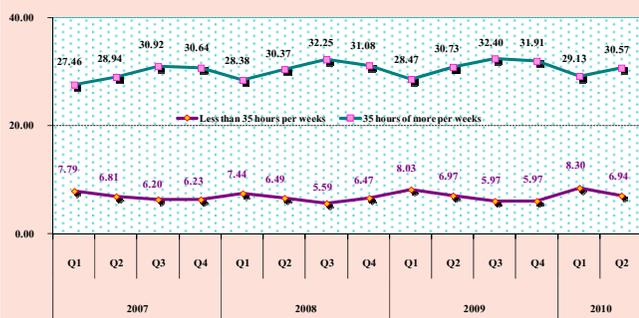
FIGURE 2 COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS BETWEEN QUARTER 2 OF 2009 AND 2010 BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



Industrial production in the second quarter of 2010 compared with the same period of 2009 to increase the number of workers and decrease in activity that is important decrease in i.e. Food products and beverages (66 thousand persons), Wearing apparel (44 thousand persons), Paper and paper products (27 thousand persons), and Other transport equipment (19 thousand persons). There were some industries with the increased number of employed persons, such as Non-metallic mineral products (53 thousand persons), Furniture (30 thousand persons), Electronic (26 thousand persons), Automotive (11 thousand persons) and Machinery and equipment (1 thousand persons), and no change for the Textiles .

**FIGURE 3 THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS
OF 2007 TO 2010 BY HOURS WORKED**

Unit: million persons



Regarding working hours per week of employed persons in the second quarter of 2010, the results showed that about 30.57 million persons or 81.5% of the total employed persons worked more than 35 hours per week. On the other hand, about 6.94 million persons or 18.5% 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 0.16 million persons and those working less than 35 hours per week or part time worker also decreased by about 30 thousand persons.

**FIGURE 4 THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 2008 TO 2010**

Unit: hundred thousand persons



Remark : $\text{Unemployment rate} = \frac{\text{Unemployed persons}}{\text{Total labor force}} \times 100$

From the 2nd quarter of 2010, there were 0.51 million unemployed persons or the unemployment rate was 1.3%. Comparing to the same period of the last year, the number of unemployment decreased by 0.16 million persons (from 0.67 million persons to 0.51 million persons). Considering by age group, there were 0.26 million unemployed persons in a youth group (15 – 24 years old) or the unemployment rate was 5.1% and 0.25 million 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 0.11 million persons (from 0.37 million persons to 0.26 million persons) for a youth group and decreased by 59 thousand persons for adult group (from 0.31 million persons to 0.25 million persons).

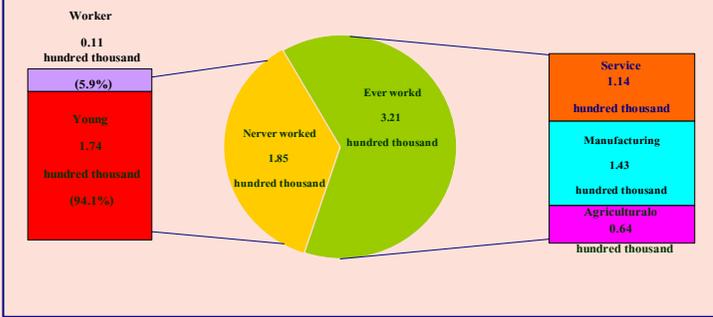
**FIGURE 5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 2007 TO 2010
BY AGE GROUP**

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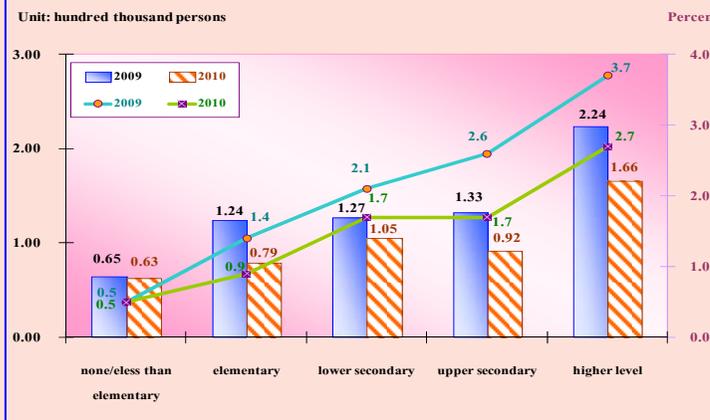
Remark : $\text{Unemployment rates by age group} = \frac{\text{Unemployed persons by age group}}{\text{Total labor force by age group}} \times 100$

FIGURE 6 NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY EXPERIENCE OF WORK QUARTER 2 : 2010



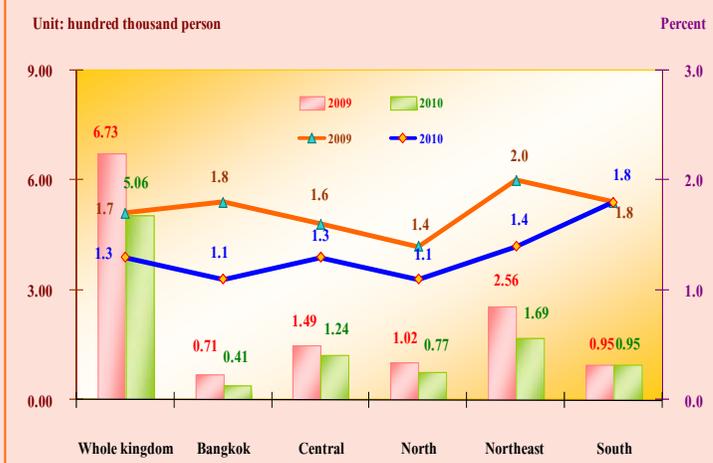
Concerning unemployed persons by experience of work, about 0.18 million persons had never worked. With this number 0.17 million persons from the youth group, and 11 thousand persons from the adult group. About 0.32 million persons had ever worked. There were unemployed persons from manufacturing 0.14 million persons, from service sector was 0.11 million persons and the least was from the agriculture sector, of about 64 thousand persons.

FIGURE 7 COMPARISON NUMBER AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, BETWEEN QUARTER 2 : OF 2009 AND 2010



For level of educational attainment of the unemployed persons, it showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level was highest 0.17 million persons, followed by the lower secondary level 92 thousand persons and elementary level 79 thousand persons. Unemployed persons with less than elementary and no education were about 63 thousand persons.

FIGURE 8 COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYMENT BETWEEN QUARTER 2 OF 2009 AND 2010 BY REGION



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 87 thousand persons, followed by Bangkok 30 thousand persons, the Central 26 thousand persons, the North 25 thousand persons and no change for the South.

Concerning unemployment rate, it showed that the overall unemployment rates decreased by 0.4 percentage point, Bangkok had the highest decreased in unemployment rate decreased by 0.8 percentage point, the Northeast decreased by 0.7 percentage point, the Central and the North decreased by 0.3 percentage point.