

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : February 2014

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

Labor force status	2013			2014	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb
	Unit : million				
Persons over 15 years	54.18	54.22	54.26	54.65	54.69
1. Total labor force	38.21	38.67	38.71	38.43	38.31
1.1 employed	37.65	38.19	38.15	37.79	37.74
1.2 unemployed	0.28	0.24	0.28	0.36	0.33
1.3 seasonally	0.28	0.24	0.28	0.28	0.24
2. Not in labor force	15.97	15.55	15.55	16.22	16.38

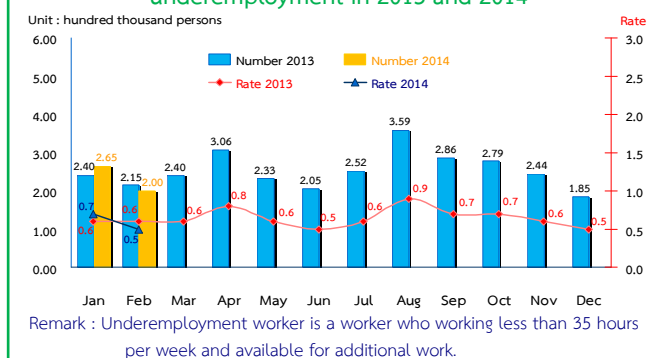
The results of Labor Force Survey in February 2014 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 54.69 million persons. Of these 38.31 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.74 million were employed, 0.33 million were unemployed and 0.24 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 16.38 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

Table 2 Comparison of number of employed persons by industry

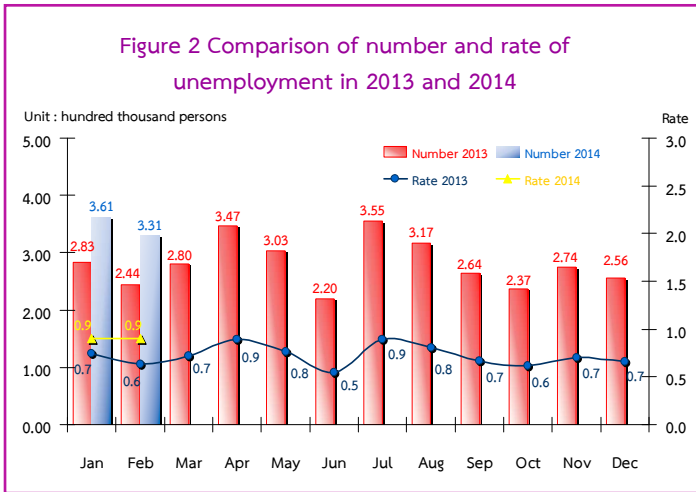
Industry	2013			2014	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb
	Unit : Million				
Total	37.65	38.19	38.15	37.79	37.74
1. Agricultural	11.59	11.99	11.83	11.71	11.84
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11.59	11.99	11.83	11.71	11.84
2. Non-Agricultural	26.06	26.20	26.32	26.08	25.90
- Manufacturing	6.41	6.60	6.73	6.30	6.60
- Construction	2.46	2.55	2.75	2.18	2.41
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.65	6.37	6.40	6.71	6.24
- Transportation and storage	1.26	1.22	1.16	1.28	1.18
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.77	2.73	2.51	2.69	2.66
- Financial and insurance activities	0.50	0.48	0.49	0.59	0.58
- Real estate activities	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.19
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.61	1.70	1.61	1.65	1.56
- Education	1.22	1.24	1.19	1.16	1.17
- Human health and social work activities	0.60	0.66	0.54	0.64	0.74
- Other service activities	0.71	0.69	0.72	0.75	0.74
- Others	1.68	1.80	2.05	1.96	1.83

There were 37.74 million employed persons, which 11.84 and 25.90 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with February in 2013, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased by 0.15 million and non-agriculture sector decreased by 0.30 million. This decrement was found in various industries e.g. 0.14 million in construction and in public administration defence and compulsory social security, 0.13 million in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 70 thousand in accommodation and food service activities and in education and 40 thousand in transportation and storage. However, an increase in some other industries was found e.g., 0.10 million in financial and insurance activities, 80 thousand in human health and social work activities, 50 thousand in other service activities and 30 thousand in real estate activities, while the employed persons did not change in manufacturing and the rest shared in the other industries.

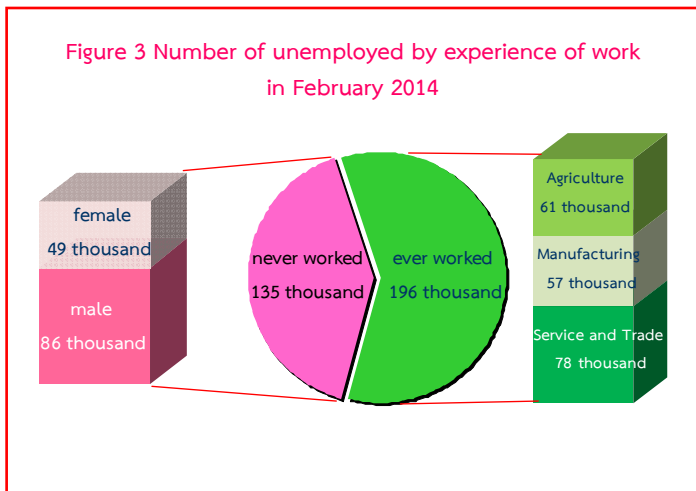
Figure 1 Comparison of number and rate of underemployment in 2013 and 2014



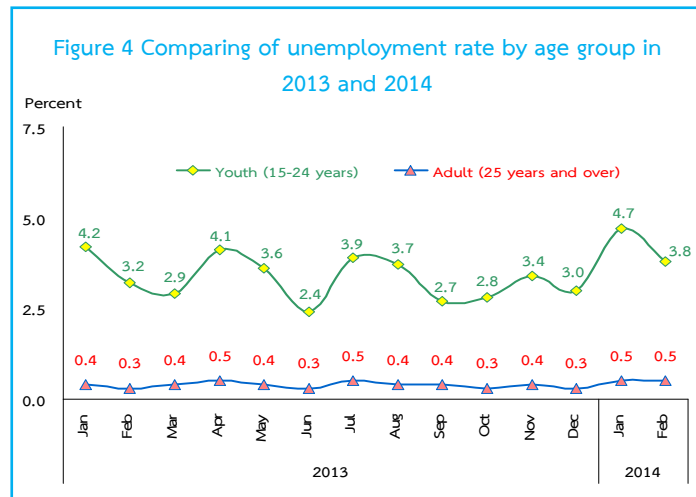
Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.20 million or 0.5% of the total employed persons.



In February 2014, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.33 million or 0.9% of the total labor force and increased of 87 thousand (from 0.24 million to 0.33 million) comparing to the same period as in 2013. But, it showed a decrease of 30 thousand (from 0.36 million to 0.33 million) in January 2013.

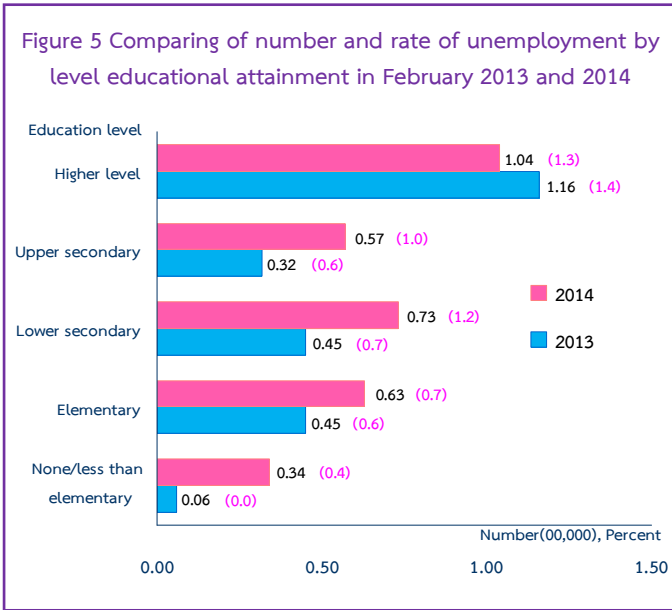


Out of 0.33 million, there were 0.13 million having never worked (86 thousand were male and 49 thousand were female) and 0.20 million had ever, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 62 thousand (from 0.13 million to 0.20 million), comparing to the same period as in 2013. It was found that 0.20 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 78 thousand in trade and services, 61 thousand in agriculture and 57 thousand in manufacturing.



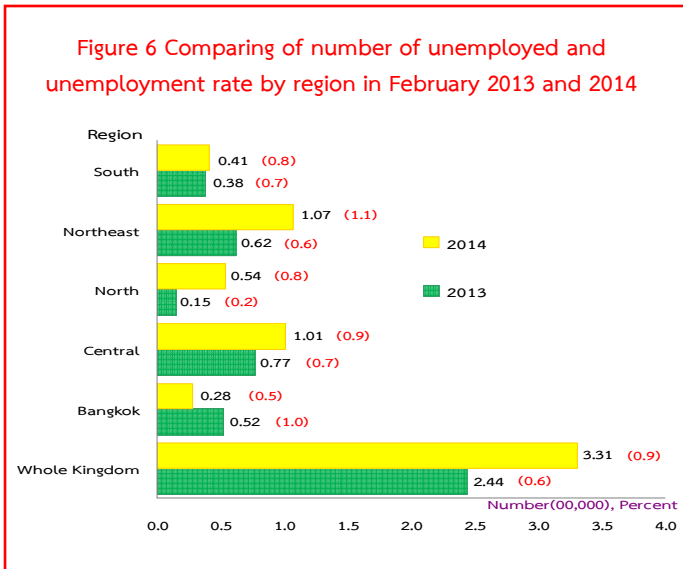
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 3.8% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.5% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 3.2% to 3.8% comparing to the same period as in 2013, but decreased from 4.7% to 3.8% comparing to January in 2014.



For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in February 2014, it was found that most of them had higher level (0.10 million or 1.3%), followed by those with lower secondary level (73 thousand or 1.2%), primary level (63 thousand or 0.7%), upper secondary level (57 thousand or 1.0%) and illiterate and less than primary level (34 thousand or 0.4%).

Comparing to the same period in 2013, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with lower secondary level and illiterate and less than primary level increased of 28 thousand, upper secondary level of 25 thousand and primary level of 18 thousand. However, those with higher level decreased of 12 thousand.



Concerning the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the Northeast was the highest with 1.1%, the Central (0.9%), the North and the South (0.8%) and Bangkok (0.5%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2013, the unemployment rate of the whole kingdom increased. However, concerning by region, it changes in some regions such as, an increase in the North, the Northeast, the Central and the South, but a decrease in Bangkok.