

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : January 2014

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

Labor force status	2013				2014
	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan
Persons over 15 years	54.18	54.22	54.58	54.62	54.65
1. Total labor force	38.21	38.67	38.76	38.97	38.43
1.1 employed	37.65	38.19	38.40	38.64	37.79
1.2 unemployed	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.36
1.3 seasonally	0.28	0.24	0.09	0.07	0.28
2. Not in labor force	15.97	15.55	15.82	15.65	16.22

Unit : million

The results of Labor Force Survey in January 2014 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 54.65 million persons. Of these 38.43 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.79 million were employed, 0.36 million were unemployed and 0.28 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 16.22 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

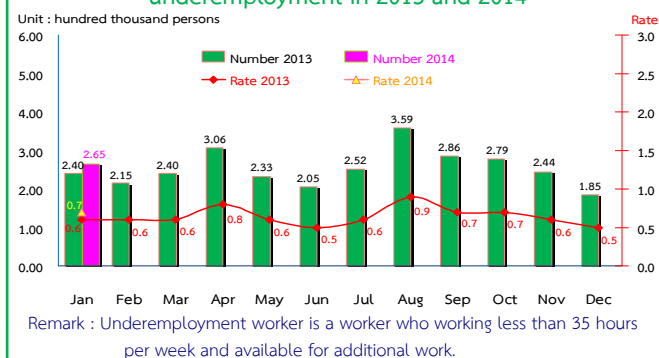
Table 2 Comparison of number of employed persons by industry

Industry	2013				2014
	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan
Total	37.65	38.19	38.40	38.64	37.79
1. Agricultural	11.59	11.99	14.02	14.15	11.71
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11.59	11.99	14.02	14.15	11.71
2. Non-Agricultural	26.06	26.20	24.38	24.49	26.08
- Manufacturing	6.41	6.60	6.04	6.33	6.30
- Construction	2.46	2.55	2.11	2.12	2.18
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.65	6.37	5.82	6.07	6.71
- Transportation and storage	1.26	1.22	1.26	1.08	1.28
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.77	2.73	2.52	2.46	2.69
- Financial and insurance activities	0.50	0.48	0.63	0.50	0.59
- Real estate activities	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.17
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.61	1.70	1.49	1.53	1.65
- Education	1.22	1.24	1.18	1.14	1.16
- Human health and social work activities	0.60	0.66	0.68	0.61	0.64
- Other service activities	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.75
- Others	1.68	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.96

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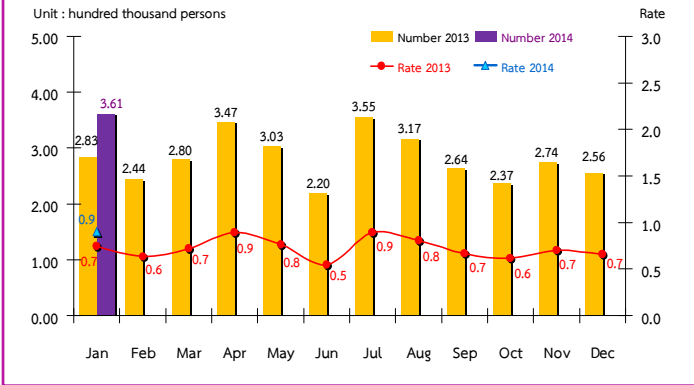
There were 37.79 million employed persons, which 11.71 and 26.08 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with January in 2013, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector increased by 0.12 million and non-agriculture sector increased by 20 thousand. This increment was found in various industries e.g. 90 thousand in financial and insurance activities, 60 thousand in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 40 thousand in public administration defence and compulsory social security, in human health and social work activities and in other service activities and 2 thousand in transportation and storage. However, a decrease in some other industries was found e.g., 0.28 million in construction, 0.11 million in manufacturing, 80 thousand in accommodation and food service activities and 60 thousand in education and the rest shared in the other industries.

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



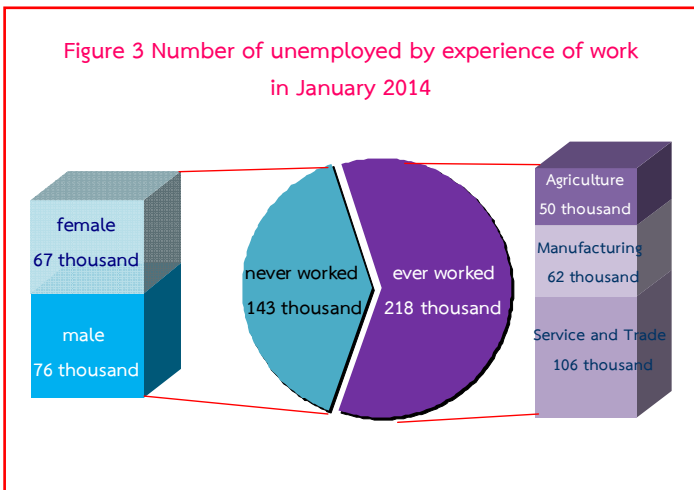
Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.27 million or 0.7% of the total employed persons.

Figure 2 Comparison of number and rate of unemployment in 2013 and 2014



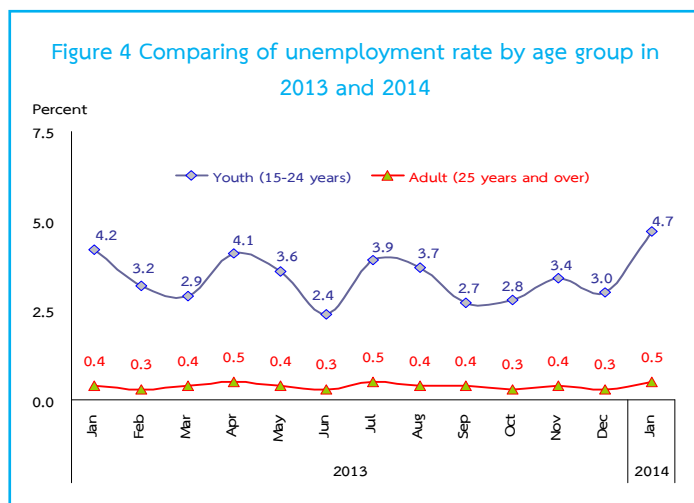
In January 2014, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.36 million or 0.9% of the total labor force and increased of 78 thousand (from 0.28 million to 0.36 million) comparing to the same period as in 2013. And, it showed an increase of 0.10 million (from 0.26 million to 0.36 million) in December 2013.

Figure 3 Number of unemployed by experience of work in January 2014



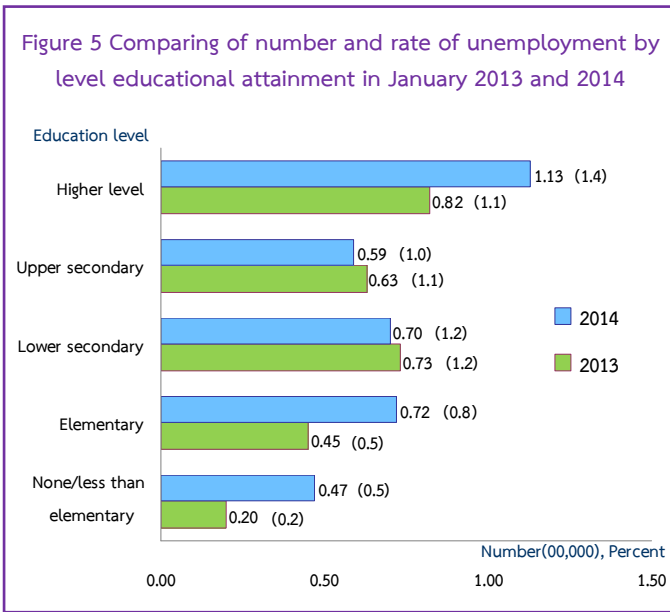
Out of 0.36 million, there were 0.14 million having never worked (76 thousand were male and 67 thousand were female) and 0.22 million had ever worked, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 38 thousand (from 0.18 million to 0.22 million), comparing to the same period as in 2013. It was found that 0.22 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 0.11 million in trade and services, 62 thousand in manufacturing and 50 thousand in agriculture.

Figure 4 Comparing of unemployment rate by age group in 2013 and 2014



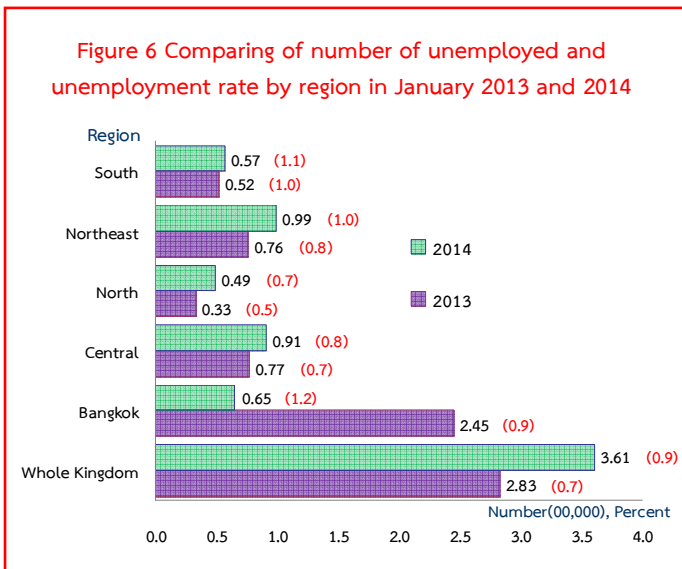
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 4.7% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.5% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 4.2% to 4.7% comparing to the same period as in 2013, and increased from 3.0% to 4.7% comparing to December in 2013.



For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in January 2014, it was found that most of them had higher level (0.11 million or 1.4%), followed by those with primary level (72 thousand or 0.8%), lower secondary level (70 thousand or 1.2%), upper secondary level (59 thousand or 1.0%) and illiterate and less than primary level (47 thousand or 0.5%).

Comparing to the same period in 2013, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level increased of 31 thousand, illiterate and less than primary level and primary level of 27 thousand. However, those with upper secondary level and lower secondary level decreased of 4 thousand and 3 thousand, respectively.



Concerning the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in Bangkok was the highest with 1.2%, the South (1.1%), the Northeast (1.0%), the Central (0.8%) and the North (0.7%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2013, the unemployment rate of the whole kingdom increased. And, concerning by region, it increases in all regions.