

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : November 2013

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

Labor force status	2012			2013	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov
	Unit : million				
Persons over 15 years	54.66	54.70	54.74	55.17	55.21
1. Total labor force	39.49	40.17	39.82	39.03	39.63
1.1 employed	39.21	39.97	39.55	38.67	39.25
1.2 unemployed	0.22	0.16	0.19	0.24	0.28
1.3 seasonally	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.10
2. Not in labor force	15.17	14.53	14.92	16.14	15.58

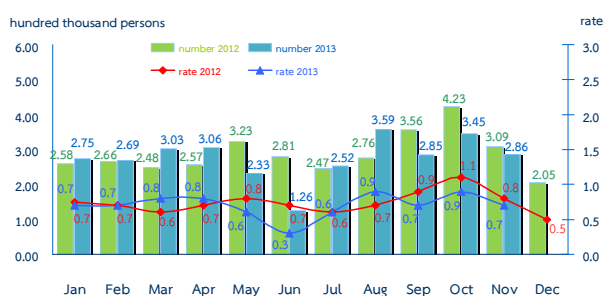
The results of Labor Force Survey in November 2013 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.21 million persons. Of these 39.63 million were in the labor force or available for work (39.25 million were employed, 0.28 million were unemployed and 0.10 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 15.58 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	2012			2013	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov
	Unit : Million				
Total	39.21	39.97	39.55	38.67	39.25
1. Agricultural	14.87	16.83	16.31	14.84	16.48
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	14.87	16.83	16.31	14.84	16.48
2. Non-Agricultural	24.34	23.14	23.24	23.83	22.77
- Manufacturing	5.72	5.41	5.59	5.88	5.35
- Construction	2.56	2.20	2.25	2.55	2.19
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.13	6.12	5.83	6.03	5.62
- Transportation and storage	0.92	0.97	0.94	1.01	1.09
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.51	2.38	2.33	2.20	2.30
- Financial and insurance activities	0.46	0.38	0.42	0.45	0.52
- Real estate activities	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.13
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.71	1.56	1.71	1.68	1.51
- Education	1.15	1.31	1.15	1.10	1.17
- Human health and social work activities	0.66	0.63	0.65	0.58	0.69
- Other service activities	0.67	0.54	0.61	0.58	0.62
- Others	1.71	1.53	1.62	1.62	1.58

There were 39.25 million employed persons, which 16.48 and 22.77 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with November in 2012, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased by 0.35 million and non-agriculture sector decreased by 0.37 million. This decrement was found in various industries e.g. 0.14 million in education, 80 thousand in accommodation and food service activities, 60 thousand in manufacturing, 50 thousand in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles and in public administration defence and compulsory social security and 10 thousand in construction. However, an increase in some other industries was found e.g., 0.14 million in financial and insurance activities, 0.12 million in transportation and storage, 80 thousand in other service activities, 60 thousand in human health and social work activities and 20 thousand in real estate activities and the rest shared in the other industries.

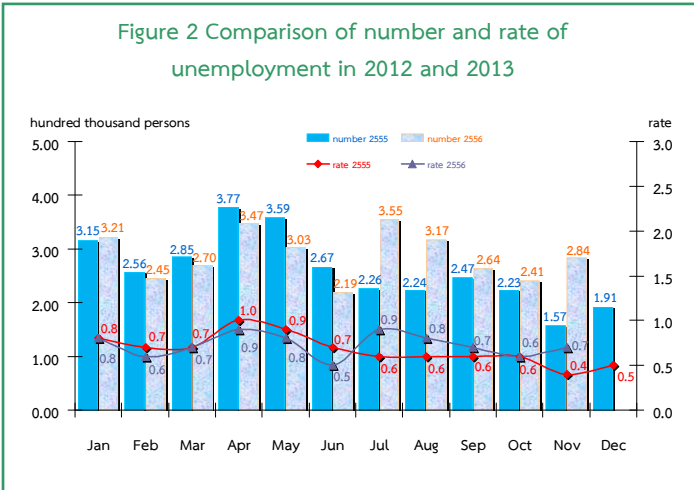
Figure 1 Comparison of number and rate of underemployment in 2012 and 2013



Remark : Underemployment worker is a worker who working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work.

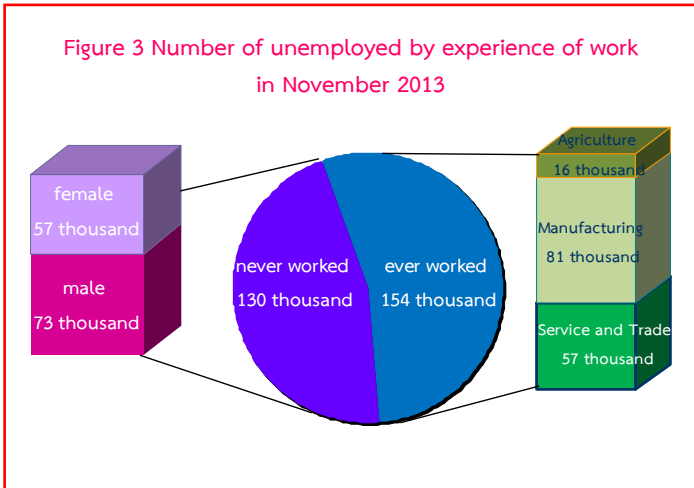
Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.29 million or 0.7% of the total employed persons.

Figure 2 Comparison of number and rate of unemployment in 2012 and 2013



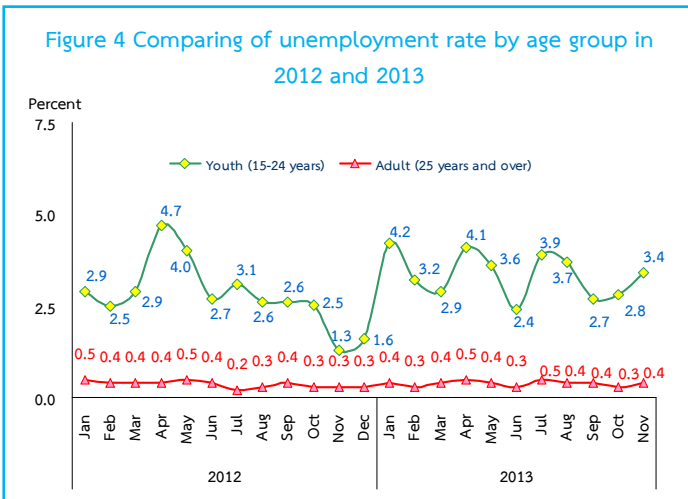
In November 2013, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.28 million or 0.7% of the total labor force and increased of 0.13 million (from 0.16 million to 0.28 million) comparing to the same period as in 2012. and, it showed a increase of 43 thousand (from 0.24 million to 0.28 million) in October 2013.

Figure 3 Number of unemployed by experience of work in November 2013



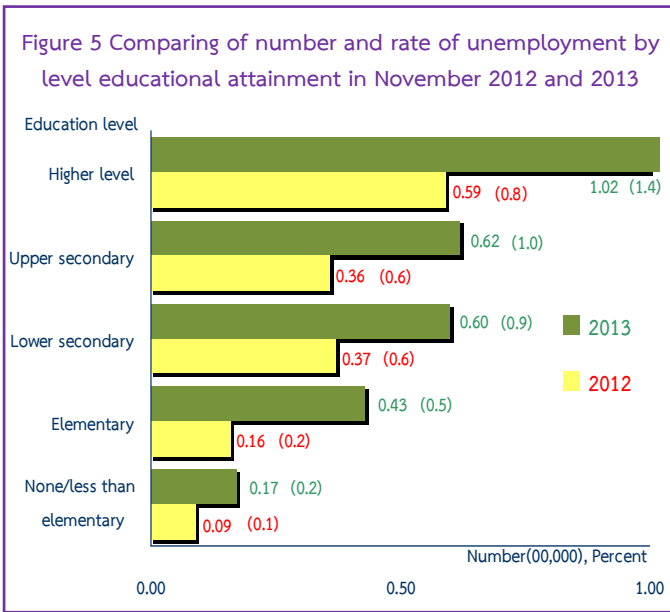
Out of 0.28 million, there were 130 thousand having never worked (73 thousand were male and 57 thousand were female) and 154 thousand had ever worked, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 53 thousand (from 0.10 million to 0.15 million), comparing to the same period as in 2012. It was found that 0.15 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 81 thousand in manufacturing, 57 thousand in services and trade and 16 thousand in agriculture.

Figure 4 Comparing of unemployment rate by age group in 2012 and 2013



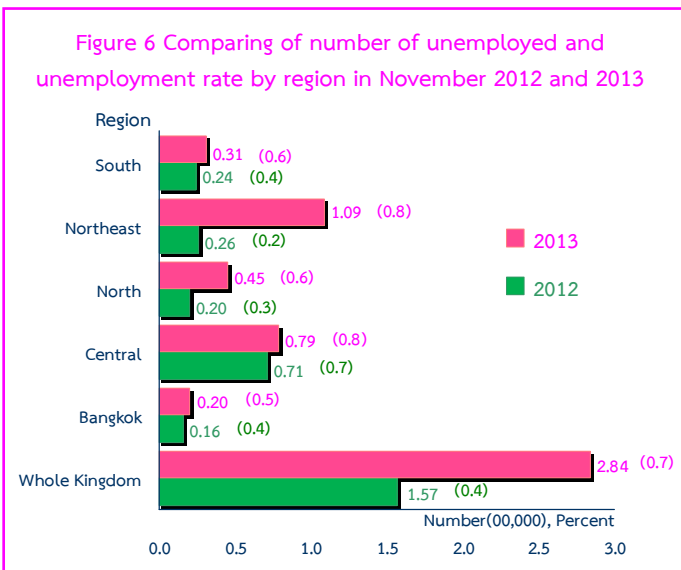
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 3.4% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.4% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 1.3% to 3.4% comparing to the same period as in 2012, and increased from 2.8% to 3.4% comparing to October in 2013.



For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in November 2013, it was found that most of them had higher level (0.10 million or 1.4%), followed by those with upper secondary level (62 thousand or 1.0%), lower secondary level (60 thousand or 0.9%), primary level (43 thousand or 0.5%), and illiterate and less than primary level (17 thousand or 0.2%).

Comparing to the same period in 2012, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level increased of 43 thousand, primary level of 27 thousand, upper secondary level of 26 thousand, lower secondary level of 23 thousand and illiterate and less than primary level of 8 thousand.



Concerning the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the Central and the Northeast was the highest with 0.8%, followed by those in the North and the South (0.6%) and Bangkok (0.5%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2012, the unemployment rate of the whole kingdom increased. However, concerning by region, it increased in all regions.