

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : September 2013

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

Labor force status	2012			2013	
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Aug	Sep
	Unit : million				
Persons over 15 years	54.58	54.62	54.66	55.09	55.13
1. Total labor force	39.80	39.44	39.49	39.31	39.32
1.1 employed	39.54	39.15	39.21	38.95	39.00
1.2 unemployed	0.22	0.25	0.22	0.32	0.26
1.3 seasonally	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.06
2. Not in labor force	14.78	15.18	15.17	15.78	15.81

Table 2 Comparison of number of employed persons by industry

Industry	2012			2013	
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Aug	Sep
	Unit : Million				
Total	39.54	39.15	39.21	38.95	39.00
1. Agricultural	16.46	15.69	14.87	16.22	15.68
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16.46	15.69	14.87	16.22	15.68
2. Non-Agricultural	23.08	23.46	24.34	22.73	23.32
- Manufacturing	5.68	5.72	5.72	5.55	5.81
- Construction	2.30	2.50	2.56	2.08	2.44
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	5.76	5.65	6.13	5.59	5.75
- Transportation and storage	1.07	1.00	0.92	0.96	0.92
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.22	2.37	2.51	2.22	2.21
- Financial and insurance activities	0.37	0.37	0.46	0.41	0.43
- Real estate activities	0.13	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.14
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.59	1.73	1.71	1.62	1.53
- Education	1.20	1.09	1.15	1.11	1.07
- Human health and social work activities	0.61	0.64	0.66	0.75	0.66
- Other service activities	0.59	0.66	0.67	0.57	0.69
- Others	1.56	1.62	1.71	1.74	1.67

The results of Labor Force Survey in September 2013 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.13 million persons. Of these 39.32 million were in the labor force or available for work (39.00 million were employed, 0.26 million were unemployed and 0.06 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 15.81 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

There were 39.00 million employed persons, which 15.68 and 23.32 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with September in 2012, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased by 10 thousand and non-agriculture sector decreased by 0.14 million. This decrement was found in various industries e.g. 0.20 million in public administration defence and compulsory social security, 0.16 million in accommodation and food service activities, 80 thousand in transportation and storage and 60 thousand in construction. However, a increase in some other industries was found e.g., 0.10 million in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 90 thousand in manufacturing, 60 thousand in financial and insurance activities and 30 thousand in real estate activities and other service activities and the rest shared in the other industries.

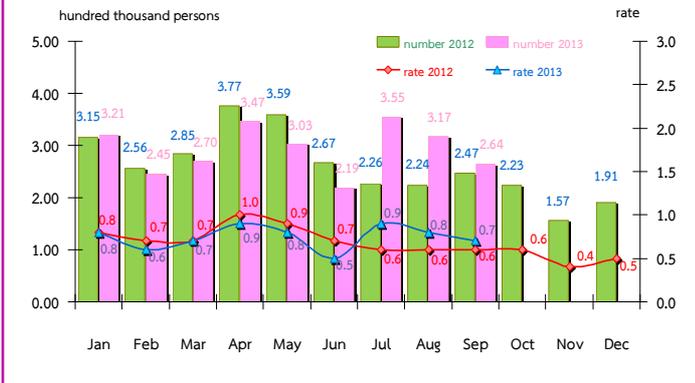
Figure 1 Comparison of number and rate of underemployment in 2012 and 2013



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

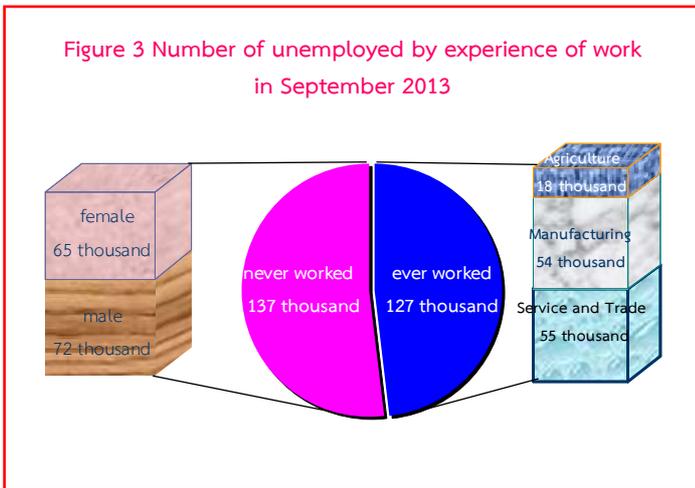
Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 0.28 million or 0.7% of the total employed persons.

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



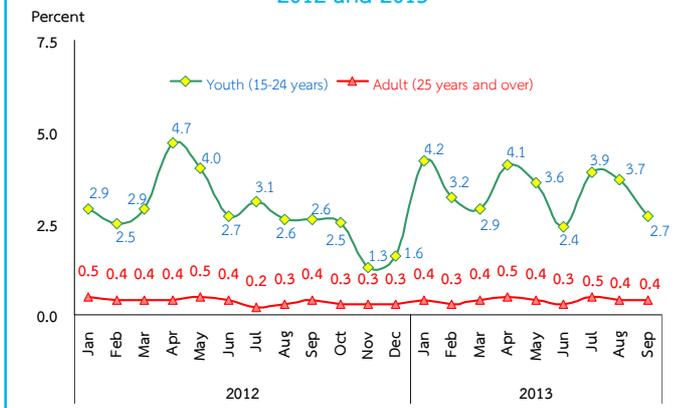
In September 2013, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.26 million or 0.7% of the total labor force and increased of 17 thousand (from 0.25 million to 0.26 million) comparing to the same period as in 2012. But, it showed a decrease of 53 thousand (from 0.32 million to 0.26 million) in August 2013.

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



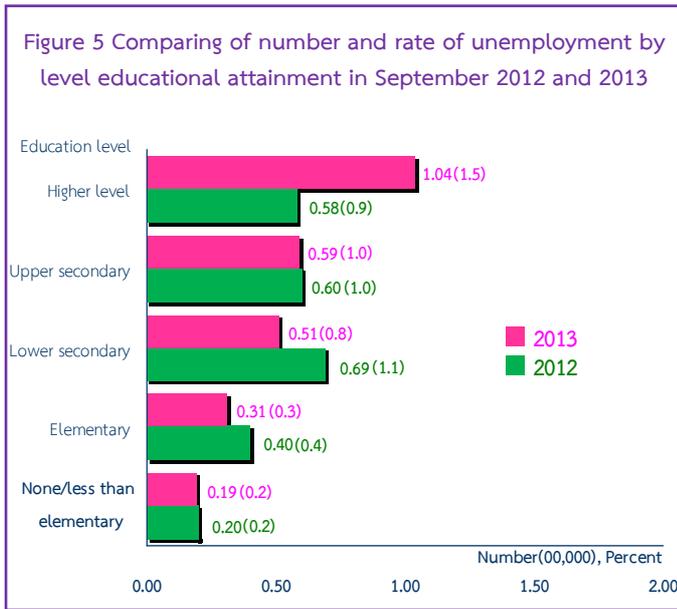
Out of 0.26 million, there were 0.14 million having never worked (72 thousand were male and 65 thousand were female) and 0.13 million had ever worked, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked decreased by 13 thousand (from 0.14 million to 0.13 million), comparing to the same period as in 2012. It was found that 0.13 million distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 55 thousand in trade and services, 54 thousand in manufacturing and 18 thousand in agriculture.

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



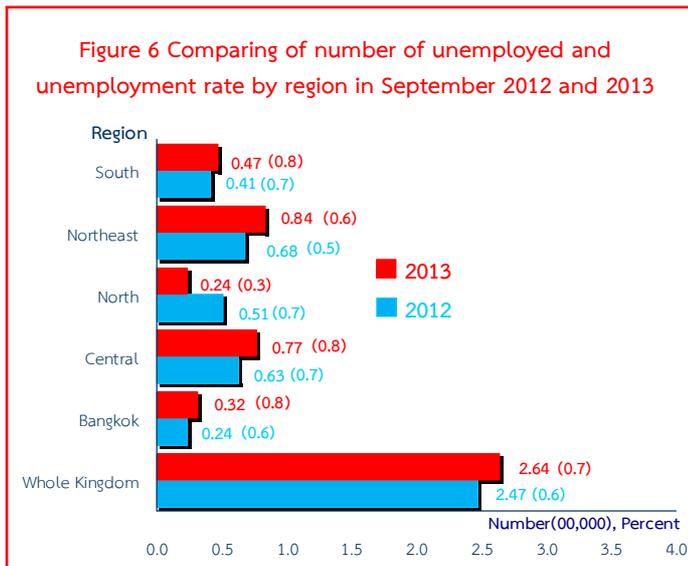
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 2.7% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.4% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 2.6% to 2.7% comparing to the same period as in 2012, but decreased from 3.7% to 2.7% comparing to August in 2013.



For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in September 2013, it was found that most of them had higher level (0.10 million or 1.5%), followed by those with upper secondary level (59 thousand or 1.0%), lower secondary level (51 thousand or 0.8%), primary level (31 thousand or 0.3%), and illiterate and less than primary level (19 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 46 thousand. However, those with lower secondary level decreased of 18 thousand, primary level of 9 thousand and illiterate and less than primary level and upper secondary level of 1 thousand.



Concerning the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in Bangkok, the Central and the South was the highest with 0.8%, followed by those in the Northeast (0.6%) and the North (0.3%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2012, the unemployment rate of the whole kingdom increased. However, concerning by region, it changes in some regions such as, an increase in Bangkok, the Central, the Northeast, and the South, a decrease in the North.