

Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand : February 2016

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

Unit : million persons					
Labor force status	2015			2016	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb
Persons 15 years and over	55.06	55.09	55.12	55.44	55.47
1. Total labor force	38.01	38.52	38.37	38.13	38.42
1.1 employed	37.36	37.93	37.62	37.58	37.87
1.2 unemployed	0.40	0.32	0.38	0.35	0.34
1.3 seasonally	0.25	0.27	0.37	0.20	0.21
2. Not in labor force	17.05	16.57	16.75	17.31	17.05

Structure of the Labor force

The results of Labor Force Survey in February 2016 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.47 million persons. Of these 38.42 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.87 million were employed, 0.34 million were unemployed and 0.21 million were seasonally inactive labor force), while 17.05 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

employed persons Table 2 Comparison of number of by industry

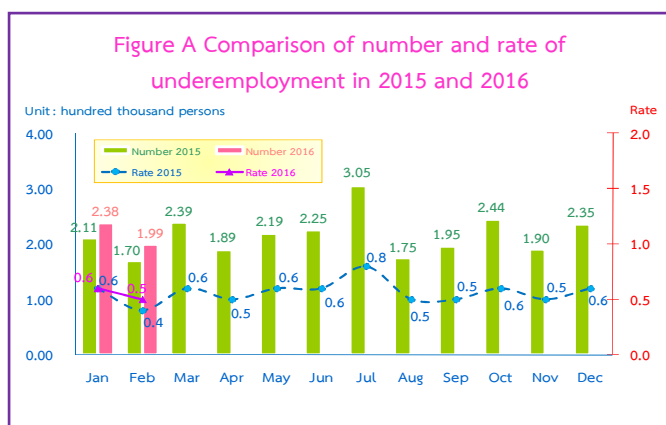
Unit : Million persons					
Industry	2015			2016	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb
Total	37.36	37.93	37.62	37.58	37.87
1. Agricultural	11.23	11.36	11.63	10.82	11.19
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11.23	11.36	11.63	10.82	11.19
2. Non-Agricultural	26.13	26.57	25.99	26.76	26.68
- Manufacturing	6.65	6.57	6.60	6.58	6.60
- Construction	2.28	2.56	2.52	2.42	2.69
- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.29	6.17	6.14	6.37	6.31
- Transportation and storage	1.21	1.33	1.16	1.33	1.28
- Accommodation and food service activities	2.64	2.73	2.64	2.86	2.71
- Financial and insurance activities	0.53	0.59	0.51	0.55	0.54
- Real estate activities	0.21	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.19
- Public administration defence and compulsory social security	1.63	1.66	1.52	1.65	1.62
- Education	1.17	1.20	1.22	1.28	1.23
- Human health and social work activities	0.67	0.77	0.66	0.76	0.65
- Other service activities	0.72	0.78	0.78	0.81	0.84
- Others	2.13	2.02	2.08	1.99	2.02

Employed of the Labor force

-Employed

There were 37.87 million employed persons, which 11.19 and 26.68 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with February in 2015, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector decreased by 0.17 million, but non-agriculture sector increased by 0.11 million (from 26.57 million to 26.68 million). This increment was found in various industries e.g. 0.14 million in wholesale and retail trade repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 0.13 million in construction, 60 thousand in other service activities, However, a decrease in some other industries was found e.g., 0.12 million in human health and social work activities, 50 thousand in transportation and storage and financial and insurance activities, 40 thousand in public administration defence and compulsory social security and the rest shared in the other industries.

Figure A Comparison of number and rate of underemployment in 2015 and 2016

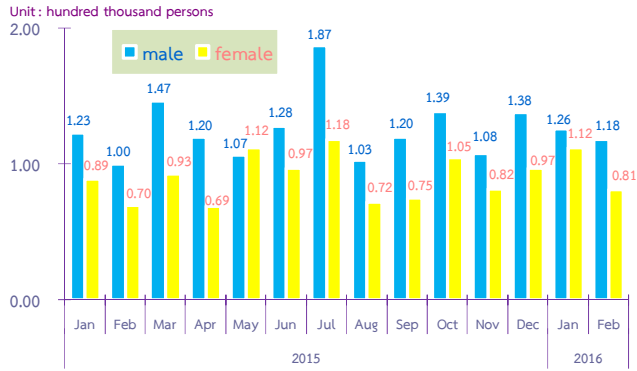


Remark : Underemployment worker is a worker who working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work.

Underemployment workers

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

Figure B Comparison of number and underemployment rate by sex in 2015-2016

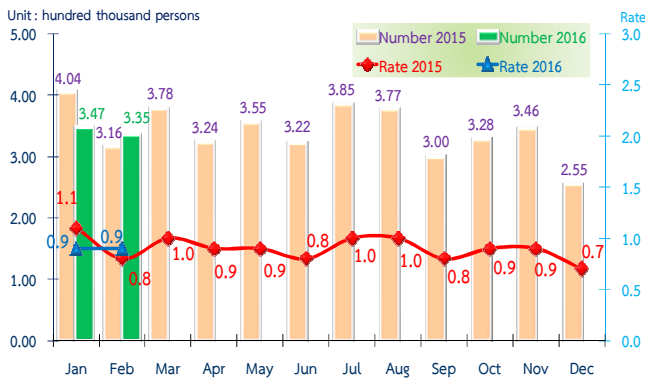


Considered underemployment rate by sex, it was shown that the overall underemployment rate of male was higher than female.

In February 2016, number of underemployment of male was higher than female (0.12 million and 81 thousand respectively).

And underemployment rate of male was 0.6% and female was 0.5%.

Figure C Comparison of number and rate of unemployment in 2015 and 2016



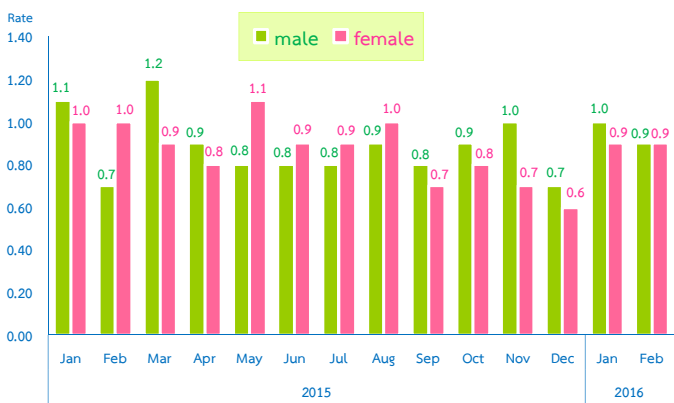
Unemployment

-Number and Rate of unemployment

In February 2016, the total number of unemployed persons were 0.34 million or 0.9% of the total labor force and increased of 19 thousand (from 316 thousand to 335 thousand) comparing to the same period as in 2015. And, showed a decreased of 12 thousand (from 347 thousand to 335 thousand) in January 2016.

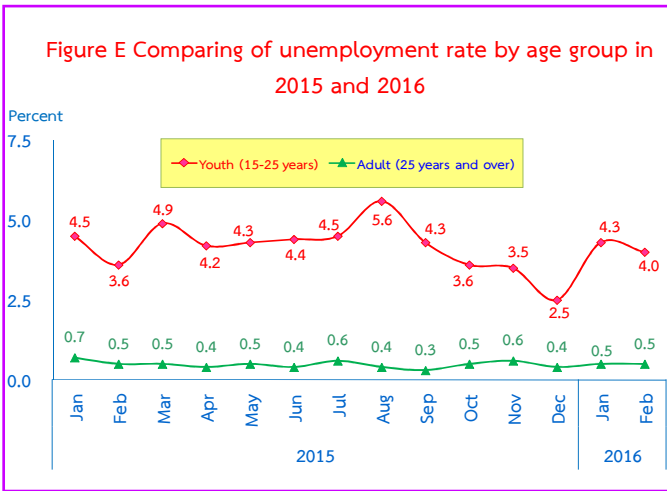
Comparing to the unemployment rate to the same period as in 2015 increased from 0.8% to 0.9%

Figure D Comparison of unemployment rate by sex in 2015-2016



Unemployment rate by sex

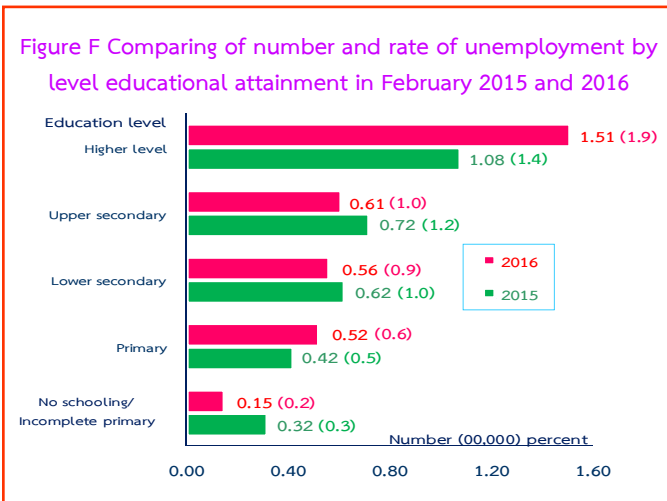
Comparing to the unemployment rate by sex in February 2016, it was found that, unemployment rate of male and female equal to 0.9%



Unemployment rate by age group

Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 4.0% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.5% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

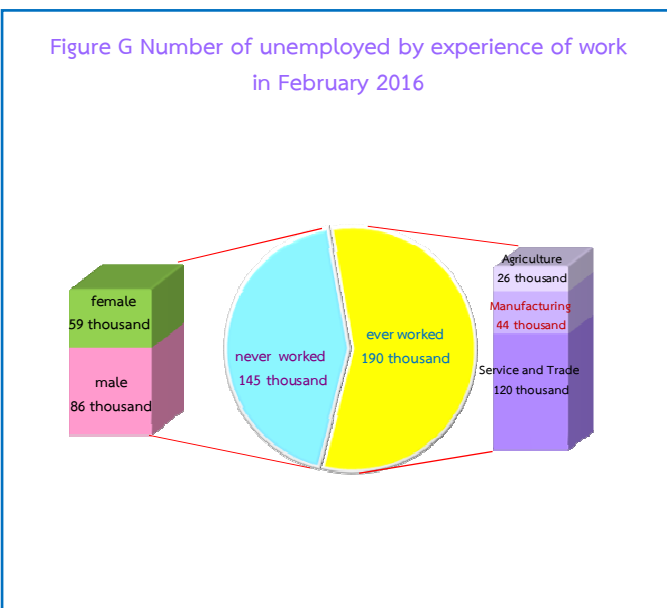
The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 3.6% to 4.0% comparing to the same period as in 2015, and decreased from 4.3% to 4.0% comparing to January in 2016. In adults group did not change comparing to the same period as in 2015.



Number and Rate of unemployment by level educational attainment

For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in February 2016, it was found that most of them had higher level (1 5 1 thousand or 1.9%), followed by those with upper secondary level (6 1 thousand or 1.0%), lower secondary level (56 thousand or 0.9%), primary level (52 thousand or 0.6%) and no schooling and incomplete primary level (1 5 thousand or 0.2%).

Comparing to the same period in 2015, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level increased of 43 thousand, primary level of 10 thousand. However, those with no schooling and incomplete primary decreased of 17 thousand, upper secondary level of 11 thousand and lower secondary level of 6 thousand.



Number of unemployed by experience of work

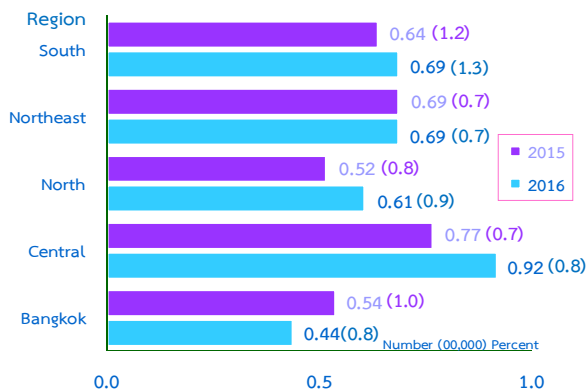
Out of 335 thousand, there were 145 thousand having never worked (86 thousand were male and 59 thousand were female) and 190 thousand had ever worked, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 26 thousand (from 164 thousand to 190 thousand), comparing to the same period as in 2015. It was found that 190 thousand distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 120 thousand in services and trade, 44 thousand in manufacturing and 26 thousand in agriculture.

Unemploy persons Table 3 Number of by experience of work and level educational attainment in February 2016			
Unit : hundred thousand persons			
level education attainment	Total	Ever worked	Never worked
Total	3.35	1.90	1.45
1. No schooling/Incomplete primary	0.06	0.05	0.01
2. Primary	0.09	0.09	-
3. Lower secondary	0.52	0.32	0.20
4. Upper secondary	0.56	0.38	0.18
5. Higher level	2.12	1.06	1.06
- academic	1.52	0.75	0.77
- vocational	0.45	0.29	0.16
- academic studies	0.15	0.02	0.13
6. Others	0.00	0.00	-

The number of unemployed persons who never worked 145 thousand, it was found that most of them had higher level of 106 thousand, followed by those with lower secondary level of 20 thousand, upper secondary level of 18 thousand, and no schooling/incomplete primary level of 1 thousand.

Thousand number of unemployed persons who ever worked 190 thousand, it was found that most of them had higher level of 106 thousand, followed by those with upper secondary level of 38 thousand, lower secondary level of 32 thousand, primary level of 9 thousand and no schooling and incomplete primary level of 5 thousand.

Figure H Comparing of number of unemployed and unemployment rate by region in February 2015 and 2016



Number of unemployed and unemployment rate by region

Concerning the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the Central was the highest with (92 thousand or 0.8%), followed by the Northeast (69 thousand or 0.7%), the South (69 thousand or 1.3%), the North (61 thousand or 0.9%) and Bangkok (44 thousand or 0.8%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2015, the unemployment of the whole kingdom increased of 19 thousand. However, concerning by region, it increases in the Central, the North, and the South. But decrease in Bangkok. While the employed rate did not change in the Northeast.