The results of Labor Force Survey in April 2017 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.89 million persons. Of these 37.89 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.09 million were employed, 473 thousand were unemployed and 324 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force), while 18.00 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

**Labor Force Employment**

Employment

There were 37.09 million employed persons, which 10.55 million were in agriculture and 26.54 million were in non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with April in 2016, it was showned that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector increased by 0.69 million (from 9.86 million to 10.55 million) but non-agriculture sector decreased by 0.83 million (from 27.37 million to 26.54 million). This decreased was found in various industries e.g. 0.74 million in manufacturing, 0.47 million in construction, 80 thousand in financial and insurance activities, 50 thousand in transportation and storage, 20 thousand in other service activities. However, a increased in some other industries was found e.g., 0.22 million in wholesale and retail trade repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 60 thousand in education, 30 thousand in real estate activities and public administration defence and compulsory social security and the rest shared in the other industries.

**Underemployment workers**

Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 248 thousand or 0.7% of the total employed persons. Underemployment worker is a worker who working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work.
When considered underemployment rate by sex, it was shown that the overall underemployment rate of male was higher than female.

In April 2017, number of underemployment of male was higher than female (135 thousand and 113 thousand respectively).

And underemployment rate of male was 0.7% and female was 0.7%.

Unemployment

**Number and Rate of unemployed**

In April 2017, the total number of unemployed persons were 473 thousand or 1.2% of the total labor force and increased of about 77 thousand (from 396 thousand to 473 thousand), when comparing the same period as in 2016. And, showed a decreased of 23 thousand (from 496 thousand to 473 thousand) in March 2017.

Comparing to the unemployment rate to the same period as in 2016 increased from 1.0% to 1.2% and decreased from 1.3% to 1.2% comparing to March in 2017.

Unemployment rate by sex

Considered unemployment rate by sex in April 2017, it was found that unemployment rate of male was higher than female (1.4% and 1.1% respectively).
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 6.9% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.6% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 5.1% to 6.9%, Comparing to the same period as in 2016, and increased from 6.4% to 6.9% comparing to March in 2017. In adults group decreased from 0.7% to 0.6% comparing to March in 2017.

For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in April 2017, it was found that most of them had higher level (192 thousand or 2.3%), followed by those with upper secondary level (108 thousand or 1.7%), lower secondary level (89 thousand or 1.4%), primary level (60 thousand or 0.7%), and no schooling and incomplete primary level (22 thousand or 0.3%).

Comparing to the same period in 2016, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with upper secondary level increased of 28 thousand, higher level of 26 thousand, primary level of 19 thousand, lower secondary level of 8 thousand, and no schooling and incomplete primary level decreased of 4 thousand.

Out of 473 thousand, there were 260 thousand having never worked (121 thousand were female and 139 thousand were male) and 213 thousand had ever, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 9 thousand (from 204 thousand to 213 thousand), comparing to the same period as in 2016. It was found that 213 thousand distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 105 thousand in services and trade, 85 thousand in manufacturing and 23 thousand in agriculture.
The number of unemployed persons who never worked 260 thousand, it was found that most of them had higher level of 144 thousand, followed by those with upper secondary level of 56 thousand, lower secondary level of 39 thousand, primary level of 20 thousand and no schooling and incomplete primary level of 1 thousand.

The number of unemployed persons who ever worked 213 thousand, it was found that most of them had upper secondary level of 52 thousand, lower secondary level of 50 thousand, higher level of 48 thousand, primary level of 40 thousand and no schooling and incomplete primary level of 21 thousand.

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 (128 thousand or 1.1%), followed by the Northeast (117 thousand or 1.2%), the South (102 thousand or 2.0%), the North (76 thousand or 1.2%) and Bangkok (50 thousand or 1.0%).

Comparing to the same period as in April 2016, the unemployment of the whole kingdom increased of 77 thousand. However, concerning by region, it increased in the Northeast, the South, the Central, the North and Bangkok.