In December 2017, of these 37.72 million were in the labor force (37.19 million were employed, 364 thousand were unemployed and 162 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force). Comparing to the labor force rate to the same period as in 2016 decreased of 169 thousand (from 37.36 million to 37.19 million), unemployed increased 61 thousand (from 303 thousand to 364 thousand).

### Number of employed persons by industry

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### Unemployment rate by region

- North: 718 thousand (0.8%)
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- Central: 893 thousand (0.8%)
- South: 106 thousand (2.1%)
- Bangkok: 372 thousand (0.7%)
- North: 598 thousand (1.0%)

Concerning the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the South was the highest with (106 thousand or 2.1%), followed by the Central (893 thousand or 0.8%), the Northeast (718 thousand or 0.8%), the North (598 thousand or 1.0%) and Bangkok (372 thousand or 0.7%).

### Unemployed

- Total labor force: 37.72 million
- Employed: 37.19 million
- Unemployed: 364 thousand
- Seasonally inactive: 162 thousand
- Housework: 5.61 million
- Study: 4.26 million
- Others: 8.52 million

### Level educational attainment

- Higher bachelor degree: 0.2%
- Bachelor degree: 1.7%
- Post-secondary: 1.5%
- Upper secondary: 1.5%
- Lower secondary: 1.0%
- Primary: 0.9%
- No schooling/ Incomplete primary: 0.2%

Rate of unemployment by level education = number of unemployment by level education x 100
total labor force by level education

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