Summary of the labor force survey in Thailand

July : 2017
Data collection 1-12 July – 2017

The results of Labor Force Survey in July 2017 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.98 million persons. Of these 38.50 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.98 million were employed, 476 thousand were unemployed and 486 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force), while 17.48 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

### Employed

**Employed persons 37.98 million**

#### Region
- **1. Service and Trade**
  - July 2016: 17.23 million
  - July 2017: 17.28 million
  - Increased: 50 thousand
- **2. Agricultural**
  - July 2016: 12.43 million
  - July 2017: 12.50 million
  - Increased: 70 thousand
- **3. Manufacturing**
  - July 2016: 8.73 million
  - July 2017: 8.19 million
  - Decreased: 540 thousand

There were 37.98 million employed persons, which 17.28 million were in service and trade, 12.50 million in agricultural and 8.19 million in manufacturing.

### Unemployed

**Unemployed persons 476 thousand**

#### Region
- **North**
  - 73 thousand (1.1%)
- **Northeast**
  - 98 thousand (1.0%)
- **Central**
  - 145 thousand (1.2%)
- **Bangkok**
  - 74 thousand (1.4%)
- **South**
  - 86 thousand (1.7%)

Concerning the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate by region, it was found that those in the Central was the highest with (145 thousand or 1.2%), followed by the Northeast (98 thousand or 1.0%), the South (86 thousand or 1.7%), Bangkok (74 thousand or 1.4%) and the North (73 thousand or 1.1%).

### Level education attainment

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For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons, it was found that most of them bachelor degree 178 thousand, followed by those with lower secondary level 99 thousand, upper secondary level 74 thousand, post-secondary level 65 thousand and the rest shared in the other educations.

### Unemployed by experience

Out of 476 thousand, there were 292 thousand having never work and 184 thousand had ever. It was found that distributed in 3 sectors i.e. service and trade, manufacturing and agriculture.

- **Service and Trade**: 106 thousand
- **Manufacturing**: 72 thousand
- **Agriculture**: 6 thousand

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