The results of Labor Force Survey in March 2017 showed that there are population, aged 15 years and over, of about 55.86 million persons. Of these 38.32 million were in the labor force or available for work (37.46 million were employed, 49.6 thousand were unemployed and 364 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force), while 17.54 million were not in the labor force or not available for work, such as housewives, students or elderly.

Employed of the Labor force

There were 37.46 million employed persons, which 11.34 and 26.12 million were in agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, respectively. Comparing with March in 2016, it was shown that the number of employed persons in agriculture sector increased by 90 thousand and non-agriculture sector decreased by 0.24 million (from 26.36 million to 26.12 million). This decrement was found in various industries e.g. 0.28 million in construction, 0.10 million in wholesale and retail trade repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, 90 thousand in financial and insurance activities and 30 thousand in manufacturing. However, an increase in some other industries was found e.g., 0.20 million in transportation and storage, 50 thousand in accommodation and food service activities, 40 thousand in public administration defence and compulsory social security and human health and social work activities and 30 thousand in other service activities and the rest shared in the other industries.

Underemployment workers

Considering the number of underemployed workers and available for additional work, there were 181 thousand or 0.5% of the total employed persons.
Considered underemployment rate by sex, it was shown that the overall underemployment rate of male was higher than female.

In March 2017, number of underemployment of male was higher than female (106 thousand and 75 thousand respectively).

And underemployment rate of male was 0.5% and female was 0.4%.

Unemployment

-Number and Rate of unemployment

In March 2017, the total number of unemployed persons were 496 thousand or 1.3% of the total labor force and increased of 99 thousand (from 397 thousand to 496 thousand) comparing to the same period as in 2016. And, showed an increase of 66 thousand (from 430 thousand to 496 thousand) in February 2017.

Comparing to the unemployment rate to the same period as in 2016 increased from 1.0% to 1.3% and increased from 1.1% to 1.3% comparing to February in 2017.

Unemployment rate by sex

Considered unemployment rate by sex in March 2017, it was found that, unemployment rate of male was higher than female (1.4% and 1.2% respectively).
Regarding the unemployment rates by age groups, there were 6.4% in a youth group (aged 15-24 years) and 0.7% in adults group (age 25 years and over).

The unemployment rate in the youth group increased from 5.2% to 6.4% comparing to the same period as in 2016, and increased from 5.3% to 6.4% comparing to February in 2017. In adults group increased from 0.6% to 0.7% comparing to February in 2017.

For level of educational attainment of unemployed persons in March 2017, it was found that most of them had higher level (169 thousand or 2.1%), followed by those with upper secondary level (127 thousand or 2.0%), lower secondary level (88 thousand or 1.4%), primary level (81 thousand or 0.9%) and no schooling and incomplete primary level (30 thousand or 0.3%). Comparing to the same period in 2016, the result showed that the number of unemployed persons with higher level increased of 56 thousand, primary level of 34 thousand, upper secondary level of 24 thousand and no schooling incomplete primary level did not change. But lower secondary level decreased of 16 thousand.

Out of 496 thousand, there were 222 thousand having never worked (96 thousand were female and 126 thousand were male) and 274 thousand had ever, among these, the number of unemployed persons who ever worked increased by 49 thousand (from 225 thousand to 274 thousand), comparing to the same period as in 2016. It was found that 274 thousand distributed in 3 sectors i.e. 125 thousand in services and trade, 105 thousand in manufacturing and 44 thousand in agriculture.
The number of unemployed persons who never worked 222 thousand, it was found that most of them had higher level of 127 thousand, followed by those with upper secondary level of 50 thousand, lower secondary level of 33 thousand, primary level of 11 thousand and no schooling and incomplete primary level less than 5 hundred.

The number of unemployed persons who ever worked 274 thousand, it was found that most of them had upper secondary level of 77 thousand, followed by those with primary level of 70 thousand, lower secondary level of 55 thousand, higher level of 42 thousand and no schooling and incomplete primary level of 30 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 (1 5 1 thousand or 1.3%), followed by the Northeast (147 thousand or 1.6%), the North (73 thousand or 1.2%), Bangkok (66 thousand or 1.2%) and the South (59 thousand or 1.1%).

Comparing to the same period as in 2016, the unemployment of the whole kingdom increased of 99 thousand. However, concerning by region, it increases in the Northeast, Bangkok, the South, the North and the Central.