Summary of the Labor Force Survey in Thailand

Data collection 1-12 March 2020

In February 2020, of these 38.21 million were in the labor force (37.33 million were employed, 392 thousand were unemployed and 490 thousand were seasonally inactive labor force). 18.56 million were in the outside labor force.

Comparing the labor force situation with the same period as in 2019 decreased of 440 thousand (from 37.77 million to 37.33 million), unemployed increased 46 thousand (from 346 thousand to 392 thousand) and outside labor force increased 570 thousand (from 17.99 million to 18.56 million).

Employment

37.33 million persons

1. Work for 1 hour or more. (Receive wages, salaries, profits, dividends, compensation)
2. Not working or working for less than 1 hour (those who normally have regular jobs), including not yet receiving compensation or having work to return to work.
3. Working since 1 hour or more (Not receiving wages in an enterprise or farm field of the head of households or members of households)

Unemployment

3.2 thousand persons (1.0 %)

1. Not working and without a regular job but finding a job, applying for a job, or waiting for a job to be filled during 30 days before the interview date.
2. Not working and without a regular job and not looking for work during the 30 day before the interview date but ready to work in the survey week.

Experience of work

Underemployment 248 thousand

Male 140 thousand
Female 108 thousand

Considering the number of underemployed workers (persons who were working less than 35 hours per week and available for additional work), there were 248 thousand persons or 0.7 % of the total employed persons.

Hours worked

About 84.3 % of the employed persons worked 35 hours or more per week and they might be classified as fully employed. While 13.8 % worked less than 35 hours per week. Employed persons, with regular job but did not work during the survey week (0 hour), accounted only 1.9 %

Level educational attainment

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

Underemployment workers

Work experience of unemployed persons, Out of 392 thousand, there were 187 thousand having ever worked and 205 thousand have never worked.
Looking at the distribution of unemployed persons who ever worked, it was found that worked in service and trade, manufacturing and agriculture sector respectively.

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