

Labour Force Survey: Quarter 1, 2013

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Key figures

	Q1 2012	Q4 2012	Q1 2013
Labour force (000s)	51 978	52 788	52 989
Employment (000s)	50 998	51 931	51 910
Labour force participation rate (%)	76.4	76.7	77.3
Underemployment rate (%)	3.09	2.71	3.12
Unemployment rate (%)	2.08	1.81	2.27
Youth unemployment rate, aged 15-24 (%)	5.68	5.29	6.15
Share of wage workers in total employment (%)	34.7	35.3	34.7

Note: Quarter-to-quarter comparisons may be limited due to seasonal variations. Aged 15+, except youth (aged 15-24).

Key trends (year-on-year)

- Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the labour force increased by 1010 thousand (or 1.94%) and the labour force participation rate increased slightly to 77.3%.
- Employment expanded by 912 thousand (or 1.79%) with the majority of job growth concentrated in the services sector and agriculture, forestry and fishery sector.
- The underemployment rate increased slightly from 3.09% to 3.12%.
- The unemployment rate increased slightly from 2.08% to 2.27%, and unemployment among young people aged 15-24 increased from 5.68% to 6.15%.
- The share of wage workers in total employment remained unchanged at 34.7%.

Next release

The next scheduled release of the Labour Force Survey of Quarter 2 of 2013 is 1st August 2013.

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Selected indicators of the labour force

	Q1 2012	Q4 2012	Q1 2013
Population, aged 15+ (000s)	68 011	68 822	68 510
Male	33 038	33 450	33 197
Female	34 972	35 372	35 313
Labour force (000s)	51 978	52 788	52 989
Male	26 701	27 169	27 178
Female	25 278	25 619	25 811
Labour force participation rate (%)	76.4	76.7	77.3
Male	80.8	81.2	81.9
Female	72.3	72.4	73.1
Employment (000s)	50 998	51 931	51 910
Male	26 234	26 774	26 613
Female	24 763	25 157	25 297
Economic sector			
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24 320	24 275	24 671
Industry and construction	10 502	11 210	10 705
Services	16 146	16 432	16 529
Not stated	30	14	5
Employment status			
Employer	1 505	1 465	1 446
Own-account worker	23 013	23 308	23 566
Unpaid family worker	8 728	8 781	8 868
Wage worker	17 699	18 333	18 009
Member of cooperative	11	17	14
Not stated	42	27	7
Underemployment rate (%)	2.93	2.55	3.00
Male	3.16	2.75	3.45
Female	2.69	2.34	2.52
Urban	2.10	1.41	1.93
Rural	3.28	3.05	3.44
Underemployment rate, in the statutory working age (%)	3.09	2.71	3.12
Urban	2.14	1.44	1.95
Rural	3.51	3.29	3.63
Unemployment rate (%)	1.89	1.62	2.04
Male	1.75	1.46	2.08
Female	2.03	1.80	1.99
Urban	3.24	2.67	3.53
Rural	1.30	1.16	1.39
Unemployment rate, in the statutory working age (%)	2.08	1.81	2.27
Urban	3.46	2.88	3.80
Rural	1.46	1.32	1.58
Youth unemployment rate, aged 15-24 (%)	5.68	5.29	6.15
Urban	9.55	8.73	11.28
Rural	4.40	4.12	4.55
Average monthly earnings of wage workers (000s VND)	3 905	3 805	4 316
Male	4 073	3 952	4 481
Female	3 667	3 586	4 086
Urban	4 803	4 469	5 319
Rural	3 157	3 257	3 515

Note: Quarter-to-quarter comparisons may be limited due to seasonal variations. Aged 15+, except the statutory working age (15-59 for men and 15-54 for women) and youth (aged 15-24).