

Employment Survey

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Total labour force was 331 000 in October-December 2010, with 322 000 being employed and 8 900 being unemployed. Among the unemployed, 10.5% were fresh labour force entrants searching for their first job.

Labour Force Participation Rate, Unemployment Rate and Underemployment Rate (%)

Indicator	October - December / 2009	September - November / 2010	October - December / 2010
Labour force participation rate	71.0	71.2	71.4
Male	77.5	77.8	78.2
Female	65.1	65.3	65.4
Unemployment rate	3.1	2.8	2.7
Underemployment rate	1.9	1.7	1.7

Labour force participation rate was 71.4%, up by 0.2 and 0.4 percentage point respectively over the previous period (September-November 2010) and the corresponding period of 2009.

The unemployment rate was 2.7%, a decrease of 0.1 and 0.4 percentage point respectively when compared with the previous period and the same period of 2009.

The underemployment rate remained unchanged from the previous period at 1.7%, but down by 0.2 percentage point year-on-year.

Concepts:

Labour force: Individuals aged 16 or over who are available to participate in the production of goods and/or services during the reference period. It comprises the employed population and unemployed population.

Labour force participation rate: The proportion of the economically active population to the Macao population aged 16 or over.

Unemployment rate: Percentage share of the number of the unemployed to the total labour force.

Underemployment rate: Percentage share of the number of the underemployed to the total labour force.

Please contact the Statistics and Census Service for other definitions and concepts.

Coverage:

The survey covers all land-based population living in domestic living quarters in the Macao Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane, excluding those in collective living quarters such as military camp, hospital, prison, dormitory and elderly home.