

# **EMPLOYMENT SURVEY**

## DECEMBER/2021 - FEBRUARY/2022

- Both the general unemployment rate (3.3%) and the unemployment rate of local residents (4.3%) increased by 0.1 percentage point from the previous period (November 2021-January 2022). Meanwhile, the underemployment rate dropped by 0.3 percentage points to 2.9%.
- The general labour force participation rate stood at 69.3% and the labour force participation rate of local residents was 63.5%, down by 0.6 and 0.7 percentage points respectively over the previous period.
- The labour force living in Macao totalled 386,300. Total employment was 373,600 and the number of employed residents totalled 281,000, down by 5,400 and 3,500 respectively from the previous period. Number of the unemployed increased by 400 to 12,800.
- According to the preliminary estimates from the movement records, an average of about 86,600 Macao residents and non-resident workers worked in Macao but lived outside the territory during the reference period; when including these individuals, total labour force was 472,900, a decrease of 5,100 from the previous period.

#### **Principal Indicators**

	Current period	Previous period	Difference (p.p.)
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	3.2	0.1
Labour force participation rate (%)	69.3	69.9	- 0.6
Male	73.1	73.9	- 0.8
Female	66.0	66.5	- 0.5
Underemployment rate (%)	2.9	3.2	- 0.3

## Labour Force

	Current period	Previous period	Change (%)	
Total ('000)	386.3	391.4	- 1.3	
Employed population	373.6	379.0	- 1.4	
Underemployed population	11.1	12.6	- 11.9	
Unemployed population	12.8	12.4	2.8	

## Employment by Principal Industries

	Current period	Previous period	Change (%)
Gaming & Junket Activities ('000)	73.8	75.0	- 1.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	46.8	45.6	2.7
Construction	30.9	33.4	- 7.3
Hotels & Similar Activities	25.5	25.6	- 0.2
Restaurants & Similar Activities	22.1	23.7	- 6.9

## **Principal Indicators of Local Residents**

	Current period	Previous period	Change
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	4.2	0.1 p.p.
Labour force participation rate (%)	63.5	64.2	- 0.7 p.p.
Underemployment rate (%)	3.6	4.0	-0.4 p.p.
Resident labour force ('000)	293.8	296.9	- 1.1 %
Employed residents ('000)	281.0	284.5	- 1.2 %
Underemployed residents ('000)	10.5	11.9	- 12.3 %

## Historical Data

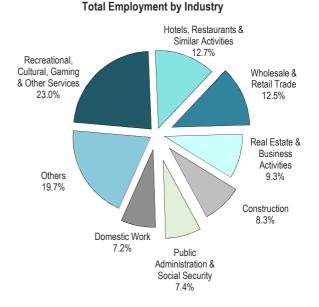
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	Dec/2016 -Feb/2017	Dec/2017 -Feb/2018	Dec/2018 -Feb/2019	Dec/2019 -Feb/2020	Dec/2020 -Feb/2021
Unemployment rate	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.9
Labour force participation rate	70.9	70.2	70.8	70.5	70.2
Underemployment rate	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	4.5

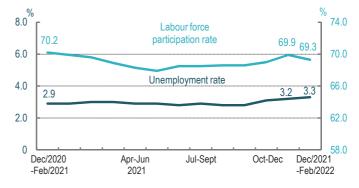
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## Unemployment Rate and Labour Force Participation Rate



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