

Table 1 : Employment (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

<u>Selected major sector</u>	<u>Mar 2007</u>	<u>Mar 2008</u>	<u>Year-on-Year Change in</u>	
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Percentage(%)</u>
Manufacturing	158 700	153 100	-5 600	-3.6
Construction sites (manual workers only)	50 400	50 500	+100	+0.3
Wholesale	66 700	65 900	-800	-1.3
Retail	229 100	236 800	+7 700	+3.3
Import and export trade	520 800	521 300	+500	+0.1
Restaurants	201 200	205 600	+4 400	+2.2
Hotels and boarding houses	30 500	31 200	+700	+2.4
Transport and storage	155 900	163 500	+7 600	+4.9
Communications	30 300	30 500	+200	+0.7
Financing and insurance	168 100	183 300	+15 200	+9.0
Real estate	99 300	105 200	+5 900	+5.9
Business services	224 600	235 300	+10 700	+4.8
Sanitary and similar services	61 000	59 500	-1 500	-2.5
Education services and research institutes	141 700	147 300	+5 600	+4.0
Medical, health and related services	82 500	87 900	+5 400	+6.6
Welfare and community services	64 000	64 000	+@	+§
Recreational and other personal services	115 100	118 500	+3 400	+3.0
Others ^	8 000	7 900	-100	-1.2
All above industry sectors ^^	2 407 800	2 467 200	+59 400	+2.5

Notes: (1) Figures relate only to those industries covered in the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies and the Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites.

(2) All figures are not seasonally adjusted.

^ "Others" include the mining and quarrying sector and the electricity and gas sector.

^^ Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

@ Less than 50.

§ Less than 0.05%.

Table 2 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

Selected major sector	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Year-on-Year Change in	
			No.	Percentage(%)
Manufacturing	2 370	2 310	-60	-2
Construction sites # (manual workers only)	40	40	0	0
Wholesale	1 080	980	-100	-9
Retail	5 080	5 860	+780	+15
Import and export trade	9 310	8 960	-350	-4
Restaurants	3 570	4 570	+1 000	+28
Hotels and boarding houses	690	760	+70	+11
Transport and storage	2 180	2 450	+270	+12
Communications	790	930	+140	+18
Financing and insurance	5 050	5 200	+150	+3
Real estate	3 700	3 540	-160	-4
Business services	5 870	6 970	+1 100	+19
Sanitary and similar services	460	900	+440	+96
Education services and research institutes	2 050	2 450	+400	+20
Medical, health and related services	1 700	2 420	+720	+42
Welfare and community services	1 770	2 080	+310	+17
Recreational and other personal services	3 630	5 810	+2 180	+60
Others ^	@	30	+30	+867
All above industry sectors ^^	49 330	56 250	+6 920	+14

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# Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, March 2008.

@ Less than 5.

Table 3 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by major occupation category

<u>Major occupation category</u>	<u>Number of vacancies</u>		<u>Percentage change(%)</u>
	<u>Mar 2007</u>	<u>Mar 2008</u>	Mar 2008 over <u>Mar 2007</u>
Managers and administrators	1 260	1 400	+11
Professionals	4 370	4 870	+11
Associate professionals	16 120	17 010	+6
Clerks	9 820	11 430	+16
Service workers and shop sales workers	10 700	12 160	+14
Craft and related workers	1 110	1 060	-5
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	860	760	-12
Elementary occupations	5 090	7 550	+48
Total ^^	49 330	56 250	+14

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Table 4 : Quarterly changes of employment and vacancies  
(other than those in the Civil Service)

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Quarter-to-quarter percentage change in employment</u>		<u>Quarter-to-quarter percentage change in vacancies</u>	
	<u>Not seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Not seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted</u>
March 2007	+0.1	+0.4	+27.9	+5.6
June 2007	+1.0	+0.7	-7.0	-1.2
September 2007	+0.1	+0.4	+14.1	+9.5
December 2007	+0.9	+0.6	-8.1	+9.1
March 2008	+0.5	+0.7	+17.0	-3.5

Notes: (1) Figures relate only to those industries covered in the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies and the Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites.

(2) The seasonally adjusted data series is subject to routine revision when more up-to-date figures become available.

(3) Starting from March 2008, seasonal adjustment of the number of persons engaged and vacancies are performed using the X-12 ARIMA method to replace the previous X-11 ARIMA method. Seasonally adjusted figures for earlier quarters have also been revised using the X-12 ARIMA method. The X-12 ARIMA method is an update to the X-11 ARIMA method with enhanced modelling and diagnostic capabilities. The X-12 ARIMA method has now been a standard method used by statistical offices for performing seasonal adjustment of statistical series in many countries/territories.