

Employment and Vacancies Statistics for March 2008 (Friday, 20 June 2008)

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

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in March 2008 was 153100. It represented a decrease of 3.6% or 5600 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in March 2007 was 158700.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in March 2008 was 50500. It represented an increase of 0.3% or 100 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in March 2007 was 50400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in March 2008 was 65900. It represented a decrease of 1.3% or 800 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in March 2007 was 66700.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in March 2008 was 236800. It represented an increase of 3.3% or 7700 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in March 2007 was 229100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in March 2008 was 521300. It represented an increase of 0.1% or 500 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in March 2007 was 520800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in March 2008 was 205600. It represented an increase of 2.2% or 4400 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in March 2007 was 201200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2008 was 31200. It represented an increase of 2.4% or 700 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2007 was 30500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in March 2008 was 163500. It represented an increase of 4.9% or 7600 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in March 2007 was 155900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in March 2008 was 30500. It represented an increase of 0.7% or 200 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in March 2007 was 30300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in March 2008 was 183300. It represented an increase of 9.0% or 15200 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in March 2007 was 168100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in March 2008 was 105200. It represented an increase of 5.9% or 5900 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in March 2007 was 99300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in March 2008 was 235300. It represented an increase of 4.8% or 10700 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in March 2007 was 224600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in March 2008 was 59500. It represented a decrease of 2.5% or 1500 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in March 2007 was 61000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in March 2008 was 147300. It represented an increase of 4.0% or 5600 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in March 2007 was 141700.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in March 2008 was 87900. It represented an increase of 6.6% or 5400 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in March 2007 was 82500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in March 2008 was 64000. It represented an increase of less than 0.05% or less than 50 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in March 2007 was 64000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in March 2008 was 118500. It represented an increase of 3.0% or 3400 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in March 2007 was 115100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in March 2008 was 7900. It represented a decrease of 1.2% or 100 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in March 2007 was 8000.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in March 2008 was 2467200. It represented an increase of 2.5% or 59400 persons when compared with March 2007.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in March 2007 was 2407800.

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.
3. Other industry sectors include the mining and quarrying sector and the electricity and gas sector.
4. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in March 2008 was 2310. It represented a decrease of 2% or 60 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in March 2007 was 2370.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in March 2008 was 40. It showed no change when compared with March 2007. Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, March 2008.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in March 2007 was 40.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in March 2008 was 980. It represented a decrease of 9% or 100 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in March 2007 was 1080.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in March 2008 was 5860. It represented an increase of 15% or 780 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in March 2007 was 5080.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in March 2008 was 8960. It represented a decrease of 4% or 350 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in March 2007 was 9310.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in March 2008 was 4570. It represented an increase of 28% or 1000 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in March 2007 was 3570.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2008 was 760. It represented an increase of 11% or 70 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in March 2007 was 690.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in March 2008 was 2450. It represented an increase of 12% or 270 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in March 2007 was 2180.

The number of vacancies for the communications in March 2008 was 930. It represented an increase of 18% or 140

when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the communications in March 2007 was 790.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in March 2008 was 5200. It represented an increase of 3% or 150 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in March 2007 was 5050.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in March 2008 was 3540. It represented a decrease of 4% or 160 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in March 2007 was 3700.

The number of vacancies for the business services in March 2008 was 6970. It represented an increase of 19% or 1100 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the business services in March 2007 was 5870.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in March 2008 was 900. It represented an increase of 96% or 440 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in March 2007 was 460.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in March 2008 was 2450. It represented an increase of 20% or 400 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in March 2007 was 2050.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in March 2008 was 2420. It represented an increase of 42% or 720 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in March 2007 was 1700.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in March 2008 was 2080. It represented an increase of 17% or 310 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in March 2007 was 1770.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in March 2008 was 5810. It represented an increase of 60% or 2180 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in March 2007 was 3630.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in March 2008 was 30. It represented an increase of 867% or 30 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in March 2007 was less than 5.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in March 2008 was 56250. It represented an increase of 14% or 6920 when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in March 2007 was 49330.

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

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in March 2008 was 1400. It represented an increase of 11% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in March 2007 was 1260.

The number of vacancies for professionals in March 2008 was 4870. It represented an increase of 11% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for professionals in March 2007 was 4370.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in March 2008 was 17010. It represented an increase of 6% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in March 2007 was 16120.

The number of vacancies for clerks in March 2008 was 11430. It represented an increase of 16% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for clerks in March 2007 was 9820.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in March 2008 was 12160. It represented an increase of 14% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in March 2007 was 10700.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in March 2008 was 1060. It represented a decrease of 5% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in March 2007 was 1110.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in March 2008 was 760. It represented a decrease of 12% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in March 2007 was 860.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in March 2008 was 7550. It represented an increase of 48% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in March 2007 was 5090.

The number of vacancies in March 2008 was 56250. It represented an increase of 14% when compared with March 2007.

The number of vacancies in March 2007 was 49330.

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

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2008 was +0.5% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.7% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in March 2008 was +17.0% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and -3.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in December 2007 was +0.9% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in December 2007 was -8.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +9.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in September 2007 was +0.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.4% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in September 2007 was +14.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +9.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in June 2007 was +1.0% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.7% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in June 2007 was -7.0% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and -1.2% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2007 was +0.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.4% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in March 2007 was +27.9% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +5.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

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.