

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

<u>Selected major sector</u>	<u>Sep 2007</u>	<u>Sep 2008</u>	<u>Year-on-Year Change in</u>	
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Percentage(%)</u>
Manufacturing	156 000	151 200	-4 800	-3.0
Construction sites (manual workers only)	49 200	48 100	-1 100	-2.1
Wholesale	66 600	65 400	-1 200	-1.8
Retail	233 100	241 100	+8 000	+3.4
Import and export trade	519 900	518 100	-1 800	-0.3
Restaurants	206 100	210 500	+4 400	+2.2
Hotels and boarding houses	31 200	32 700	+1 500	+4.8
Transport and storage	160 000	164 900	+4 900	+3.1
Communications	29 800	31 300	+1 500	+5.0
Financing and insurance	176 500	186 800	+10 300	+5.8
Real estate	102 600	105 900	+3 300	+3.2
Business services	230 100	240 300	+10 200	+4.4
Sanitary and similar services	58 100	59 200	+1 100	+1.9
Education services and research institutes	142 700	150 700	+8 000	+5.7
Medical, health and related services	84 500	88 800	+4 300	+5.1
Welfare and community services	62 900	64 000	+1 100	+1.8
Recreational and other personal services	117 200	121 800	+4 600	+3.9
Others ^	8 000	7 900	-100	-1.8
All above industry sectors ^^	2 434 500	2 488 900	+54 400	+2.2

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 total due to rounding.

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

Selected major sector	Sep 2007	Sep 2008	Year-on-Year Change in	
			No.	Percentage(%)
Manufacturing	2 130	1 810	-320	-15
Construction sites # (manual workers only)	30	40	+10	+58
Wholesale	1 350	1 190	-160	-12
Retail	5 130	5 630	+500	+10
Import and export trade	7 460	6 150	-1 310	-18
Restaurants	5 790	4 760	-1 030	-18
Hotels and boarding houses	820	570	-250	-30
Transport and storage	2 330	2 000	-330	-14
Communications	1 010	730	-280	-28
Financing and insurance	5 220	3 840	-1 380	-26
Real estate	3 200	2 770	-430	-14
Business services	6 420	5 800	-620	-10
Sanitary and similar services	590	860	+270	+47
Education services and research institutes	2 870	2 730	-140	-5
Medical, health and related services	1 330	2 060	+730	+55
Welfare and community services	2 230	1 960	-270	-12
Recreational and other personal services	4 410	4 860	+450	+10
Others ^	@	20	+20	+600
All above industry sectors ^^	52 310	47 760	-4 550	-9

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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, September 2008.

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

Major occupation category	<u>Number of vacancies</u>		<u>Percentage change(%)</u>
	<u>Sep 2007</u>	<u>Sep 2008</u>	Sep 2008 over <u>Sep 2007</u>
Managers and administrators	1 240	890	-29
Professionals	5 050	4 380	-13
Associate professionals	15 500	13 200	-15
Clerks	9 540	8 600	-10
Service workers and shop sales workers	12 020	11 610	-3
Craft and related workers	950	1 070	+13
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	800	930	+16
Elementary occupations	7 210	7 090	-2
Total ^^	52 310	47 760	-9

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

<u>Month/Year</u>	Quarter-to-quarter percentage change <u>in employment (%)</u>		Quarter-to-quarter percentage change <u>in vacancies (%)</u>	
	Not seasonally <u>adjusted</u>	Seasonally <u>adjusted</u>	Not seasonally <u>adjusted</u>	Seasonally <u>adjusted</u>
September 2007	+0.1	+0.4	+14.1	+9.9
December 2007	+0.9	+0.6	-8.1	+8.0
March 2008	+0.5	+0.7	+17.0	-3.7
June 2008	+0.6	+0.4	-8.3	-1.2
September 2008	+0.3	+0.6	-7.4	-11.2

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

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