

Table 1: Employees in the non-government sector by industry and type of employees

Industry	Number of “Continuous contract” employees (‘000)	Number of “Short duration or working hours” ⁽¹⁾ employees (‘000)
Manufacturing	117.6	3.7
Construction	187.4	37.9
Import/export trade and wholesale	444.1	11.3
Retail, accommodation and food services	469.3	33.3
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	308.8	9.4
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	526.2	16.0
Public administration, social and personal services	658.9	36.2
Others	12.6	* ⁽²⁾
Overall	2724.9	148.3

Notes: There may be a slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total as shown in the table owing to rounding.

- (1) “Short duration or working hours” employees refer to those employees in the non-government sector who worked for less than four weeks continuously for their employers at the time of enumeration and/or did not work at least 18 hours per week. They also include those who have worked continuously for their employers for four weeks or more and usually worked at least 18 hours per week (but not continuously) in their present job at the time of enumeration. It should be noted that these “Short duration or working hours” employees are classified as such according to the length of service with their employers and hours

of work per week in their present jobs at the time of enumeration. Some of them might subsequently have continued to work for their employers and become “continuous contract” employees afterwards. In that particular survey, there were 50 200 employees who usually worked 18 hours or more per week but for less than four weeks in the present job at the time of enumeration, and they expected that they would work continuously for four weeks or more in the present job. Despite this, these 50 200 employees were not classified as “continuous contract” employees in this enquiry as they had not worked in the present job for at least four weeks at the time of enumeration. These 50 200 employees would become “continuous contract” employees if they have completed four weeks’ service with at least 18 hours per week in their present jobs.

- (2) Estimates less than 1 000 (including zero figures) and related statistics derived based on such estimates (e.g. percentages and rates) are not released due to very large sampling errors.

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