

KOREA

Table 2. Participation rates and unemployment rates by age and sex

Annual average estimates, percentage

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Participation rates | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 6.5 |
| 20-24 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 42.2 | 44.4 | 46.1 | 45.8 | 45.1 | 42.6 | 44.6 | 42.0 |
| 25-34 | 84.8 | 84.9 | 85.1 | 85.9 | 85.7 | 85.5 | 84.0 | 84.3 | 83.3 | 81.1 |
| 35-44 | 94.3 | 94.3 | 94.2 | 94.9 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 94.8 | 94.3 | 93.5 | 92.3 |
| 45-54 | 91.7 | 92.2 | 92.3 | 92.8 | 92.5 | 92.7 | 93.1 | 92.5 | 91.8 | 90.8 |
| 55-59 | 83.8 | 84.7 | 85.5 | 87.4 | 86.7 | 86.8 | 87.6 | 87.7 | 86.6 | 86.6 |
| 60-64 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 73.1 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.7 | 76.1 | 75.0 | 74.3 | 73.9 |
| 15-24 | 21.0 | 21.9 | 22.2 | 24.4 | 25.7 | 25.8 | 26.1 | 24.4 | 26.0 | 24.6 |
| 25-54 | 90.5 | 90.7 | 90.8 | 91.4 | 91.1 | 91.2 | 91.0 | 90.7 | 89.8 | 88.3 |
| 55-64 | 78.9 | 79.6 | 80.4 | 82.1 | 81.8 | 81.7 | 82.7 | 82.1 | 81.1 | 80.6 |
| 65 and over | 40.9 | 41.7 | 42.4 | 42.9 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 42.3 | 43.7 | 44.9 |
| 15-64 | 77.5 | 77.7 | 77.8 | 78.9 | 78.9 | 78.9 | 79.3 | 79.1 | 78.8 | 77.9 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 8.0 |
| 20-24 | 52.3 | 53.5 | 52.2 | 54.5 | 56.3 | 56.6 | 55.3 | 54.1 | 52.1 | 49.3 |
| 25-34 | 62.9 | 63.3 | 64.3 | 65.8 | 66.6 | 68.0 | 69.0 | 70.9 | 71.8 | 70.7 |
| 35-44 | 60.8 | 60.2 | 60.0 | 60.5 | 60.6 | 61.5 | 61.7 | 62.4 | 62.9 | 62.0 |
| 45-54 | 64.5 | 65.1 | 66.0 | 67.9 | 68.9 | 68.6 | 69.4 | 69.3 | 69.2 | 67.5 |
| 55-59 | 54.1 | 54.9 | 56.1 | 57.9 | 58.7 | 59.0 | 60.9 | 61.8 | 62.9 | 62.4 |
| 60-64 | 42.3 | 44.1 | 45.1 | 46.4 | 48.3 | 49.0 | 49.3 | 48.3 | 50.2 | 51.5 |
| 15-24 | 29.8 | 30.7 | 30.3 | 32.3 | 33.8 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 33.7 | 32.9 | 31.4 |
| 25-54 | 62.7 | 62.8 | 63.4 | 64.8 | 65.4 | 65.9 | 66.6 | 67.4 | 67.8 | 66.6 |
| 55-64 | 49.0 | 50.3 | 51.5 | 53.2 | 54.3 | 54.8 | 55.9 | 55.8 | 57.0 | 57.2 |
| 65 and over | 22.0 | 23.0 | 23.2 | 23.8 | 23.2 | 23.5 | 24.1 | 24.7 | 26.7 | 28.0 |
| 15-64 | 54.9 | 55.2 | 55.6 | 57.1 | 57.8 | 58.3 | 59.0 | 59.4 | 60.0 | 59.1 |
| All persons | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 26.4 | 28.4 | 29.9 | 30.2 | 30.3 | 29.3 | 29.6 | 28.2 |
| 25-54 | 76.8 | 77.0 | 77.3 | 78.3 | 78.5 | 78.8 | 79.1 | 79.3 | 79.1 | 77.8 |
| 55-64 | 63.7 | 64.7 | 65.8 | 67.4 | 67.9 | 68.1 | 69.1 | 68.8 | 68.9 | 68.8 |
| 65 and over | 29.7 | 30.7 | 31.2 | 31.8 | 31.1 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 32.2 | 34.0 | 35.3 |
| 15-64 | 66.2 | 66.5 | 66.8 | 68.0 | 68.4 | 68.7 | 69.2 | 69.3 | 69.5 | 68.6 |
| Unemployment rates | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 12.1 | 9.5 | 11.3 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.8 |
| 20-24 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 |
| 25-34 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| 35-44 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 45-54 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 55-59 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| 60-64 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| 15-24 | 12.0 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| 25-54 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 55-64 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| 65 and over | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| 15-64 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Total | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 6.6 | 7.1 |
| 20-24 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 |
| 25-34 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| 35-44 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| 45-54 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| 55-59 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| 60-64 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| 15-24 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 10.1 |
| 25-54 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| 55-64 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| 65 and over | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| 15-64 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| Total | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| All persons | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.5 |
| 25-54 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 55-64 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| 65 and over | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 15-64 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.0 |

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