

2016 Foreigner Labour Force Survey

- ☐ As of May 2016, the number of foreigners aged 15 and more who resided in Korea was 1,425 thousand persons. This figure rose by 51 thousand persons (3.7 percent) from the previous year.
- ☐ The employed foreigners amounted to 962 thousand persons, which grew by 25 thousand persons (2.6 percent) from 2015.
- ☐ The employment-population ratio for foreigners stood at 67.6 percent, down 0.7%p from 2015. The unemployment rate of foreigners stood at 4.2 percent, down 0.7%p from 2015.

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* The drop in the employment-population ratio was caused by the increase in 'Overseas Koreans' (35 thousand persons) and 'Students' (13 thousand persons) whose employment-population ratios were relatively low, and the decrease in 'Non-professional employment' (-3 thousand persons) and 'Working visit' (-19 thousand persons) whose employment-population ratios were high.

< Economic activities of foreigners >

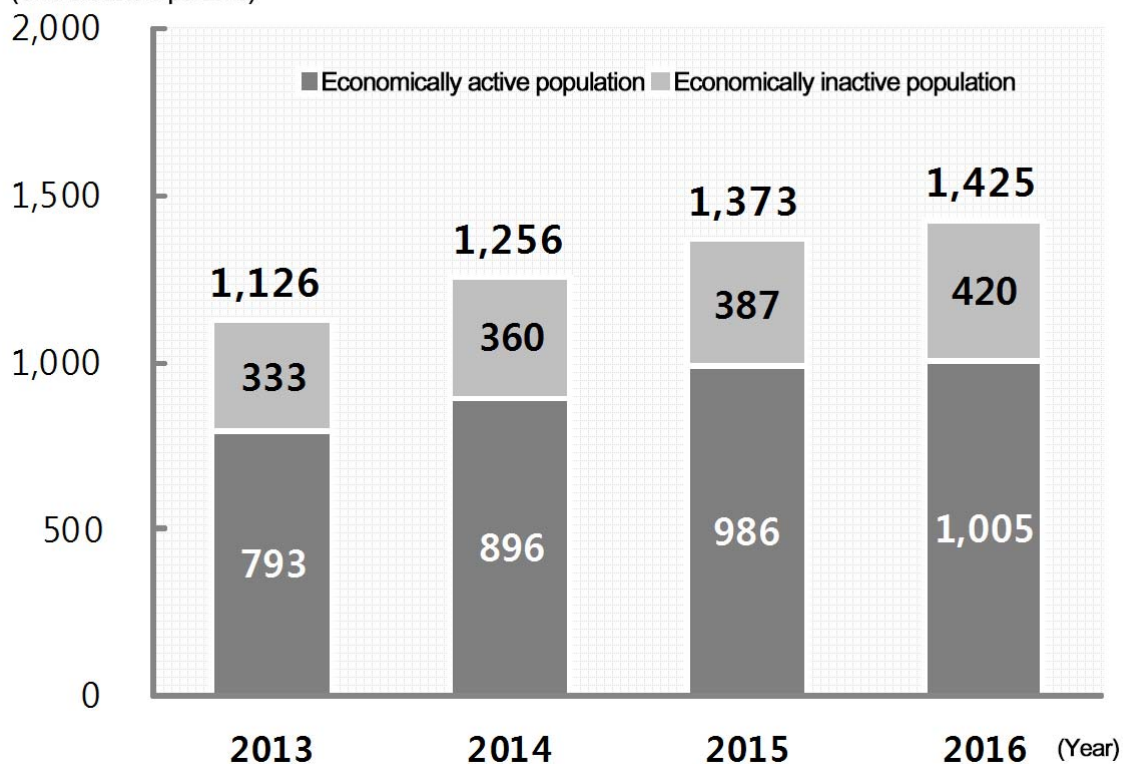
(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

Classification		Population aged 15 and more	Economically active population	Employed persons	Unemployed persons
Foreigner Labour Force Survey	May 2015 (A)	1,373	986	938	48
	May 2016 (B)	1,425	1,005	962	43
	Change (B-A)	51	19	25	-5
	Percent change	3.7%	1.9%	2.6%	-11.3%
Economically Active Population Survey ¹⁾	May 2015	42,975	27,211	26,189	1,022
	May 2016	43,387	27,455	26,450	1,005
Classification		Economically inactive population	Labour force participation rate (% , %p)	Employment-population ratio (% , %p)	Unemployment rate (% , %p)
Foreigner Labour Force Survey	May 2015 (A)	387	71.8%	68.3%	4.9%
	May 2016 (B)	420	70.5%	67.6%	4.2%
	Change (B-A)	32	-1.3%p	-0.7%p	-0.7%p
	Percent change	8.3%			
Economically Active Population Survey ¹⁾	May 2015	15,764	63.3	60.9	3.8
	May 2016	15,932	63.3	61.0	3.7

1) Source: Economically Active Population Survey in May 2016, which was released on June 15th, 2016 by Statistics Korea

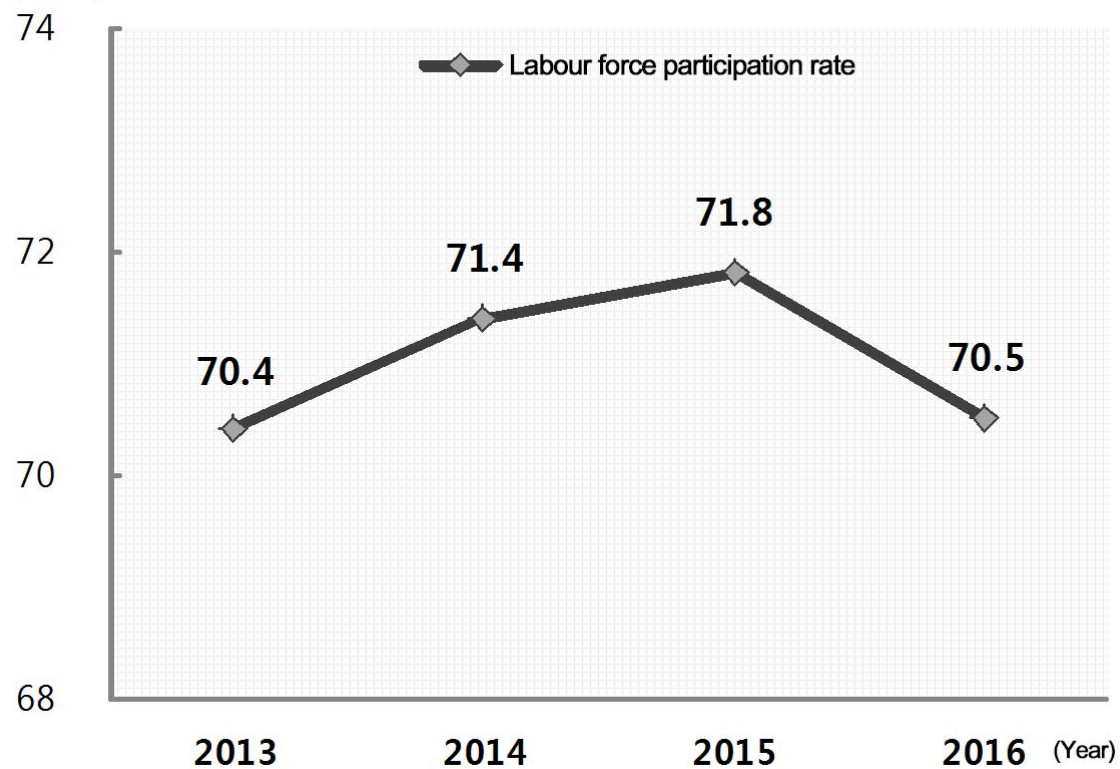
< Foreigners aged 15 and more who resided in Korea >

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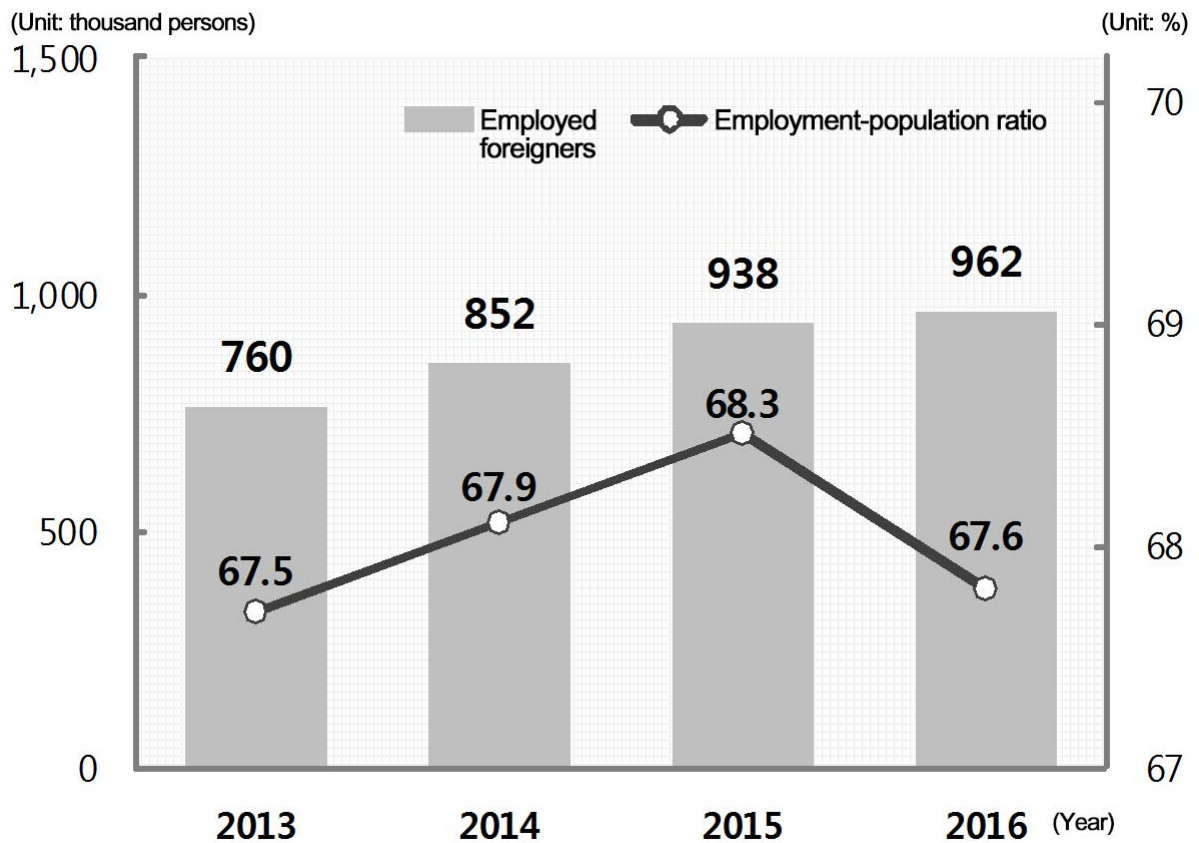


< Labour force participation rate for foreigners >

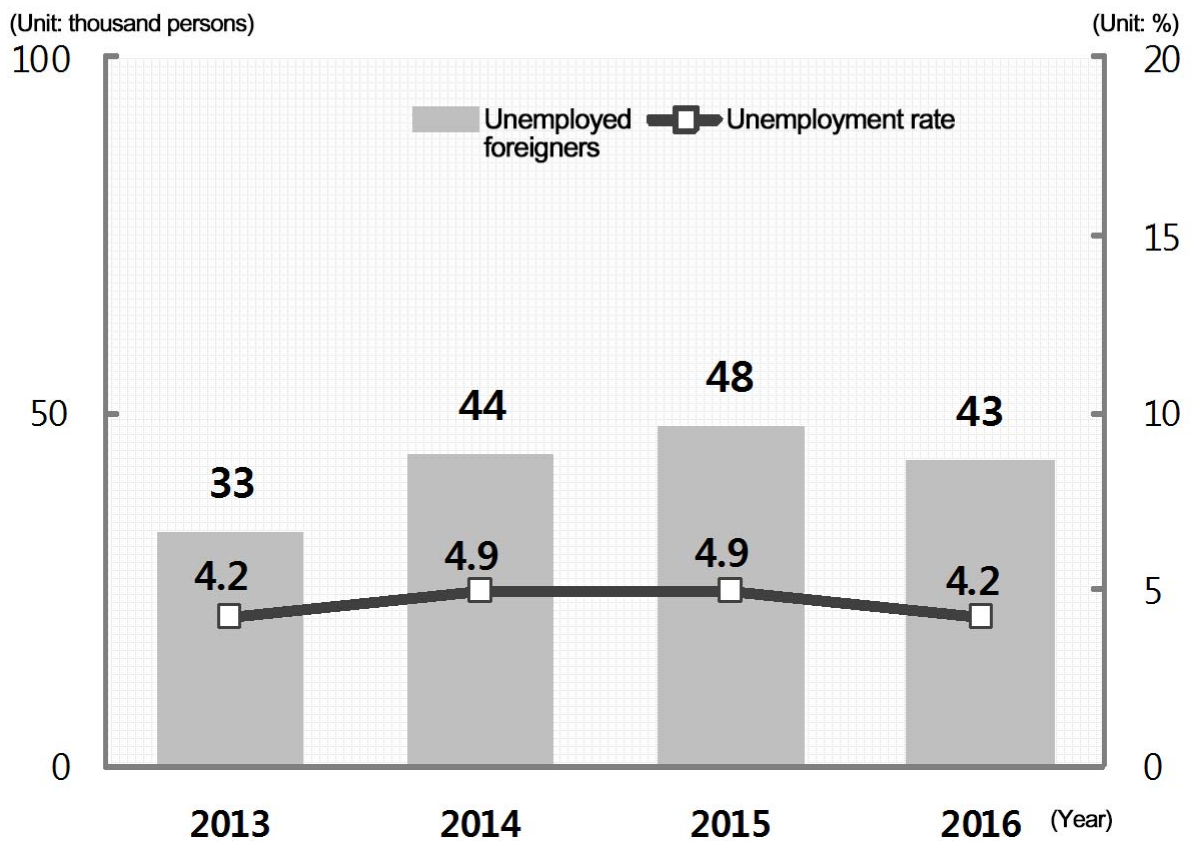
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< Employed foreigners and employment-population ratio >



< Unemployed foreigners and unemployment rate >



< Major characteristics of employed foreigners >

○ (Employed foreigners by sex)

Among the total employed foreigners (962 thousand persons), males amounted to 638 thousand persons, which took up 66.3 percent of the total employed foreigners. Females amounted to 324 thousand persons, which took up 33.7 percent of the total employed foreigners.

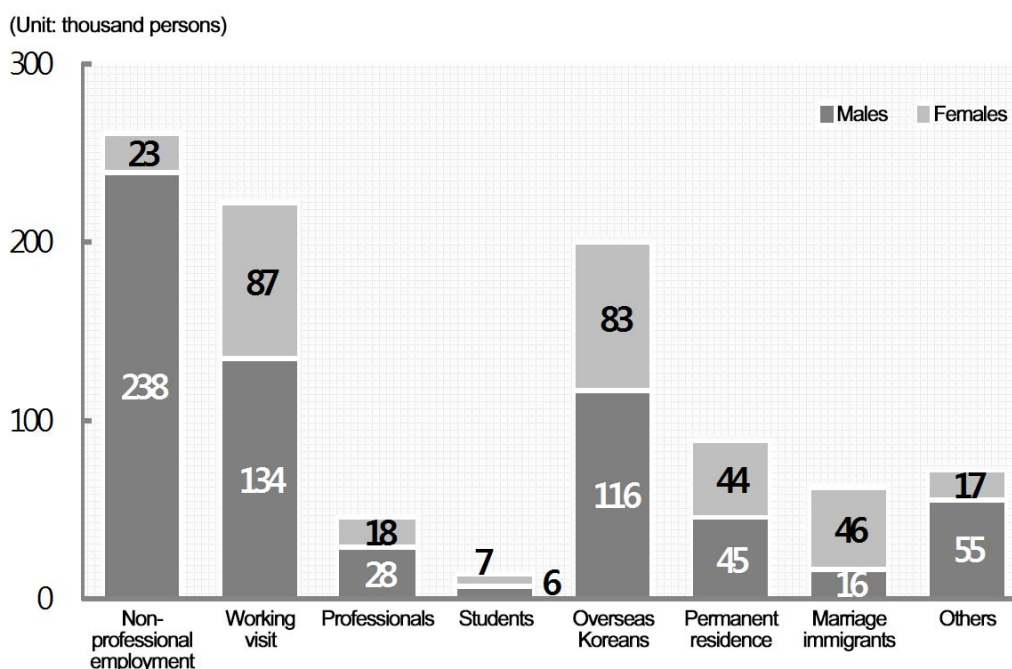
- Compared to 2015, male and female employed foreigners increased by 12 thousand persons (1.9 percent) and 12 thousand persons (4.0 percent), respectively.

○ (Employed foreigners by status of sojourn)

As for employed foreigners by status of sojourn, 'Non-professional employment' recorded the highest figure of 261 thousand persons (27.1 percent). This figure was followed by 'Working visit' (221 thousand persons, 23.0 percent), 'Overseas Koreans' (199 thousand persons, 20.7 percent) and 'Permanent residence' (88 thousand persons, 9.2 percent).

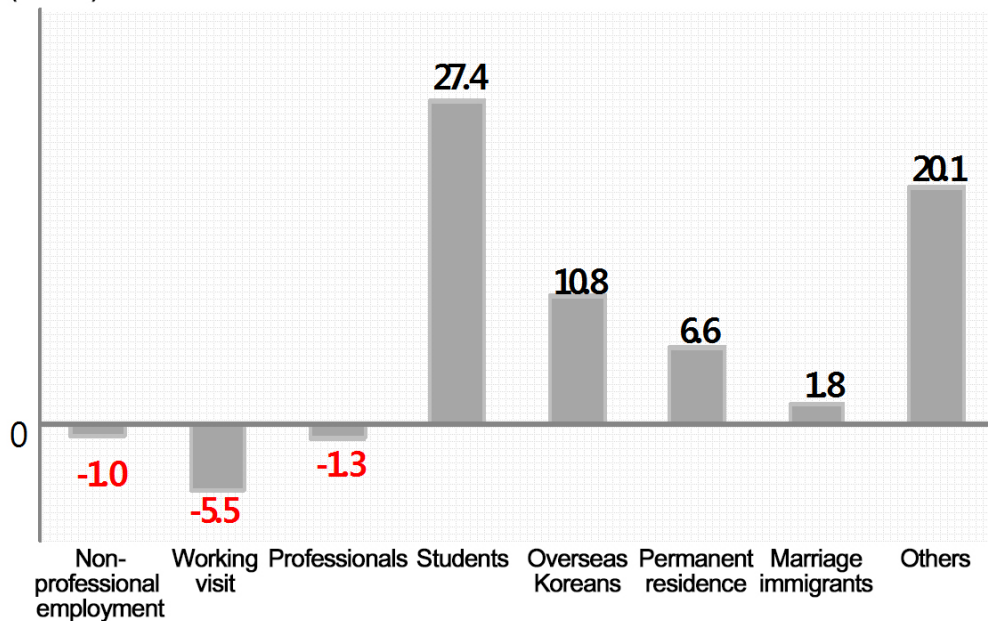
- Compared to 2015, 'Working visit' dropped by 13 thousand persons (-5.5 percent). In the meantime, 'Overseas Koreans' and 'Permanent residence' rose by 19 thousand persons (10.8 percent) and 5 thousand persons (6.6 percent), respectively.

< Employed foreigners by status of sojourn and sex >



< Percent change of employed foreigners by status of sojourn >

(Unit: %)



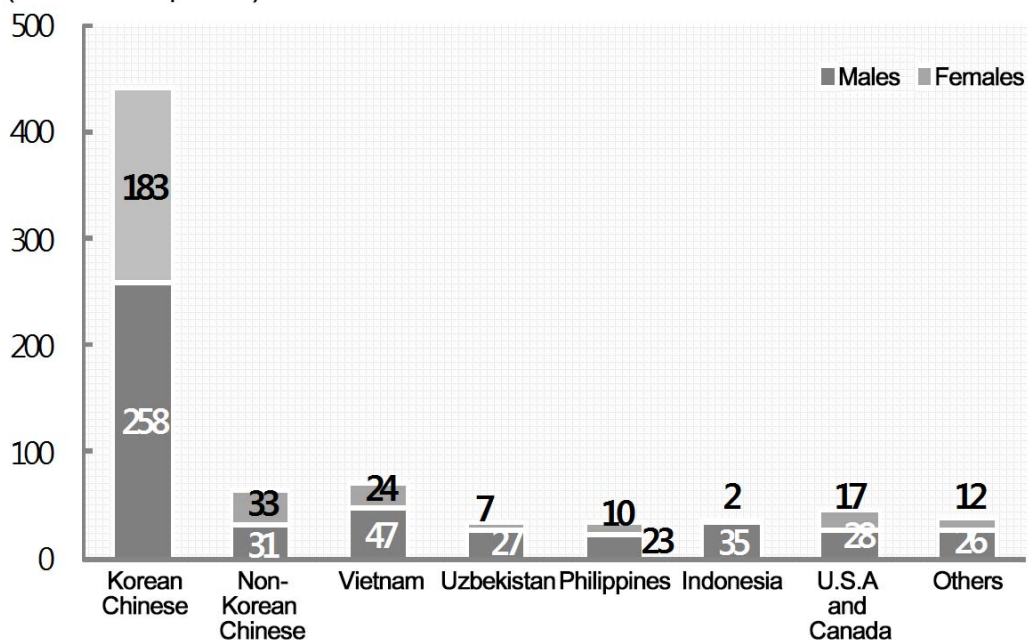
○ (Employed foreigners by nationality)

As for employed foreigners by nationality, 'Korean Chinese' totaled 441 thousand persons (45.9 percent). This figure was followed by 'Vietnam' (72 thousand persons, 7.4 percent), 'Non-Korean Chinese' (64 thousand persons, 6.6 percent) and 'U.S.A & Canada' (45 thousand persons, 4.7 percent).

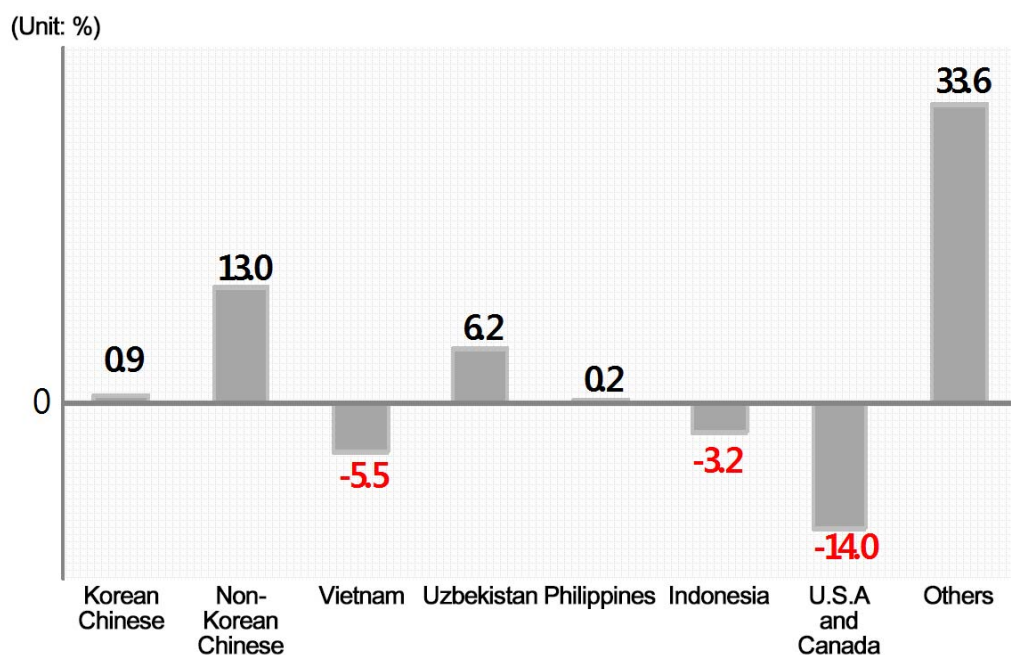
- Compared to 2015, 'U.S.A & Canada' and Vietnam fell by 7 thousand persons (-14.0 percent) and 4 thousand persons (-5.5 percent), respectively. Whereas, non-Korean Chinese and Korean Chinese rose by 7 thousand persons (13.0 percent) and 4 thousand persons (0.9 percent), respectively.

< Employed foreigners by nationality and sex >

(Unit: thousand persons)



< Percent change of employed foreigners by nationality >

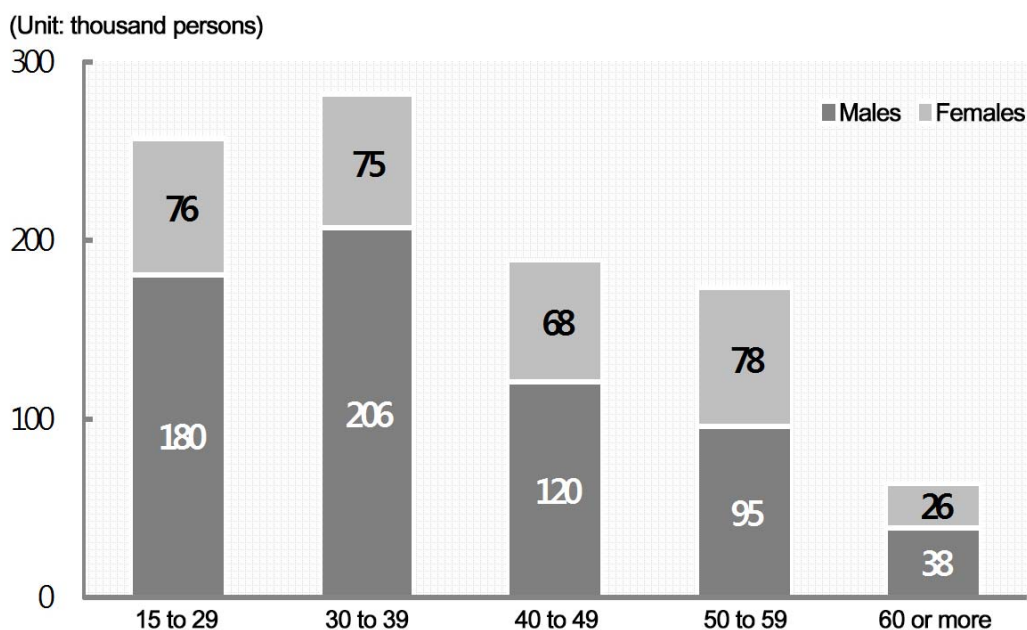


○ (Employed foreigners by age group)

As for employed foreigners by age group, the employed foreigners aged 30 to 39 recorded the highest figure of 281 thousand persons (29.2 percent). This figure was followed by those aged 15 to 29 (256 thousand persons, 26.6 percent), those aged 40 to 49 (188 thousand persons, 19.5 percent) and those aged 50 to 59 (173 thousand persons, 18.0 percent).

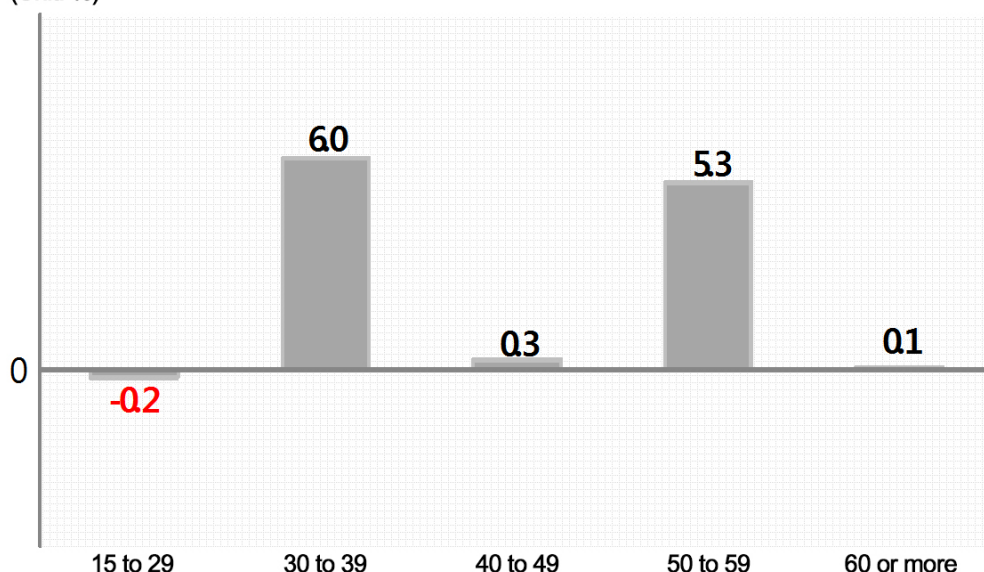
- Compared to 2015, the employed foreigners aged 15 to 29 fell by 1 thousand persons (-0.2 percent). Whereas, those aged 30 to 39 and those aged 50 to 59 rose by 16 thousand persons (6.0 percent) and 9 thousand persons (5.3 percent), respectively.

< Employed foreigners by age group and sex >



< Percent change of employed foreigners by age group >

(Unit: %)



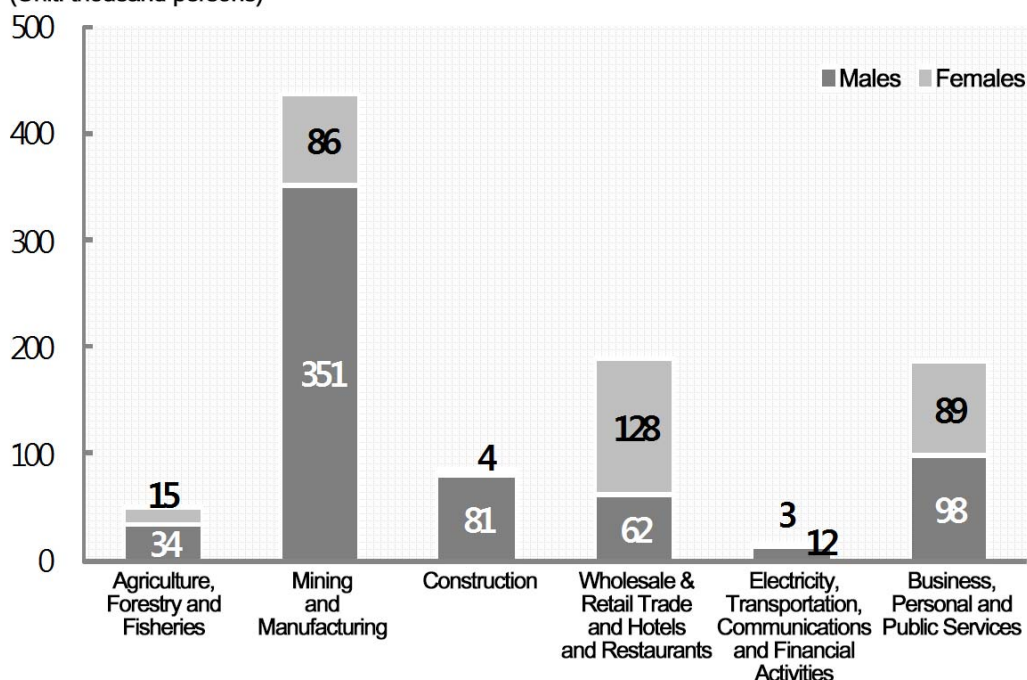
○ (Employed foreigners by industry)

The employed foreigners in 'Mining and Manufacturing' recorded the highest figure of 437 thousand persons (45.4 percent). This figure was followed by 'Wholesale & Retail Trade and Hotels and Restaurants' (190 thousand persons, 19.7 percent) and 'Business, Personal and Public Services' (187 thousand persons, 19.4 percent).

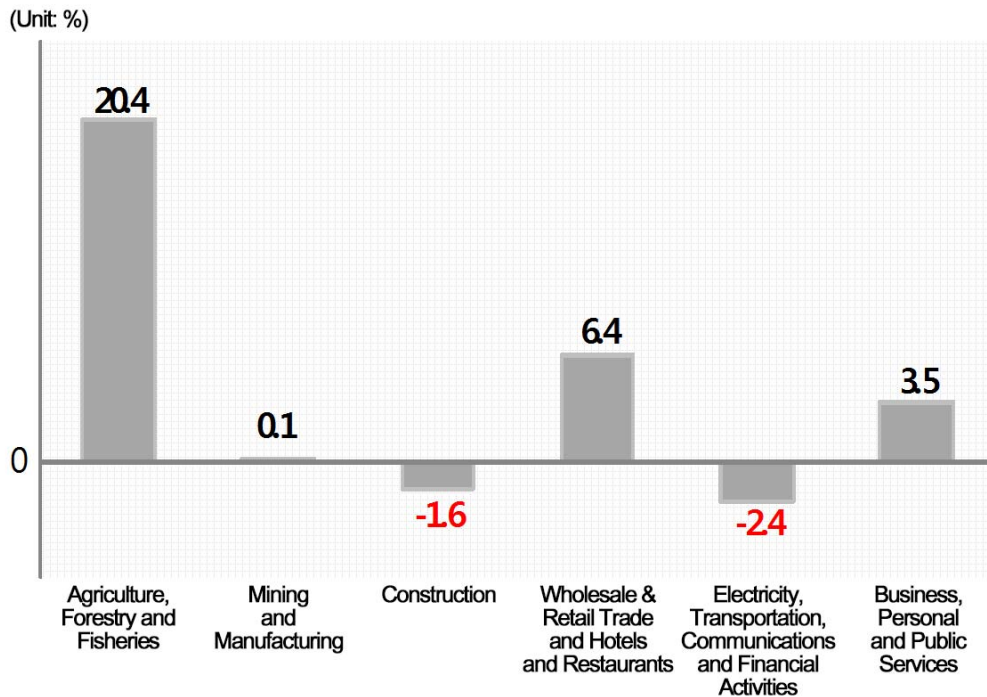
- Compared to 2015, the employed foreigners in 'Wholesale & Retail Trade and Hotels and Restaurants', 'Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' and 'Business, Personal and Public Services' grew by 11 thousand persons (6.4 percent), 8 thousand persons (20.4 percent) and 6 thousand persons (3.5 percent), respectively.

< Employed foreigners by industry and sex >

(Unit: thousand persons)



< Percent change of employed foreigners by industry >

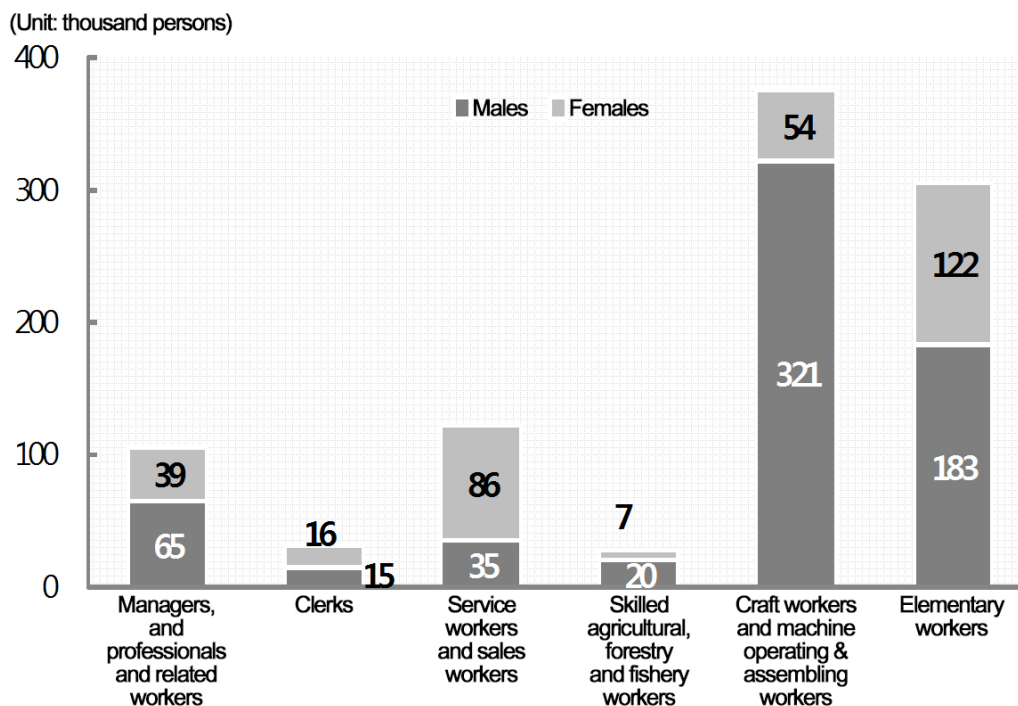


○ (Employed foreigners by occupation)

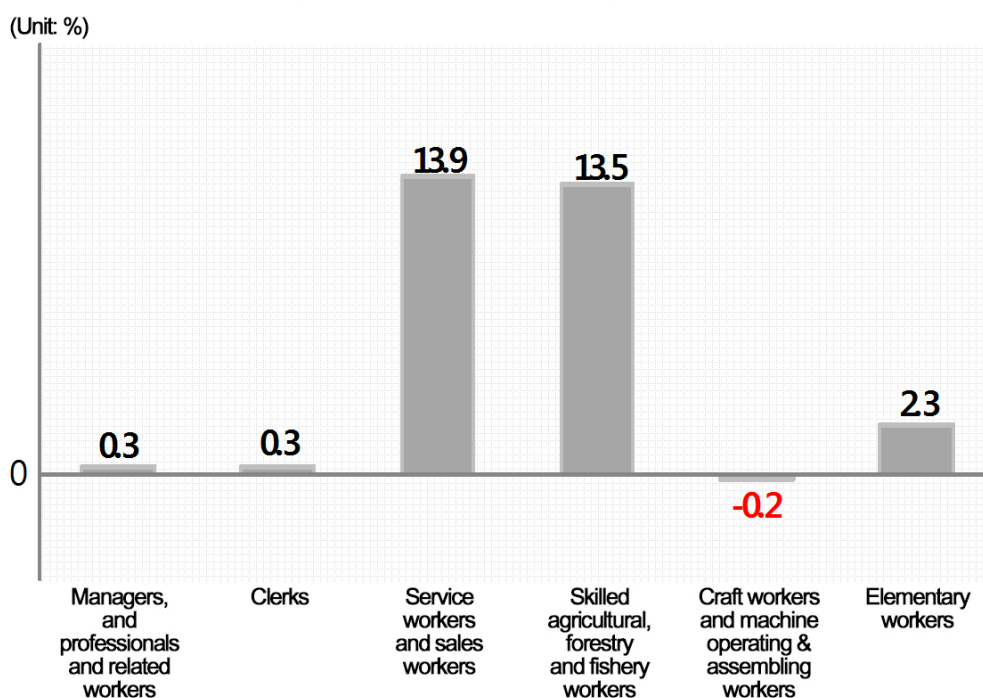
As for employed foreigners by occupation, 'Craft workers and machine operating & assembling workers' marked the highest figure of 375 thousand persons (39.0 percent). This figure was followed by 'Elementary workers' (305 thousand persons, 31.7 percent), 'Service workers and sales workers' (121 thousand persons, 12.6 percent) and 'Managers, and professionals and related workers' (104 thousand persons, 10.8 percent).

- Compared to 2015, 'Service workers and sales workers', 'Elementary workers' and 'Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers' grew by 15 thousand workers (13.9 percent), 7 thousand workers (2.3 percent) and 3 thousand workers (13.5 percent), respectively.

< Employed foreigners by occupation and sex >



< Percent change of employed foreigners by occupation >

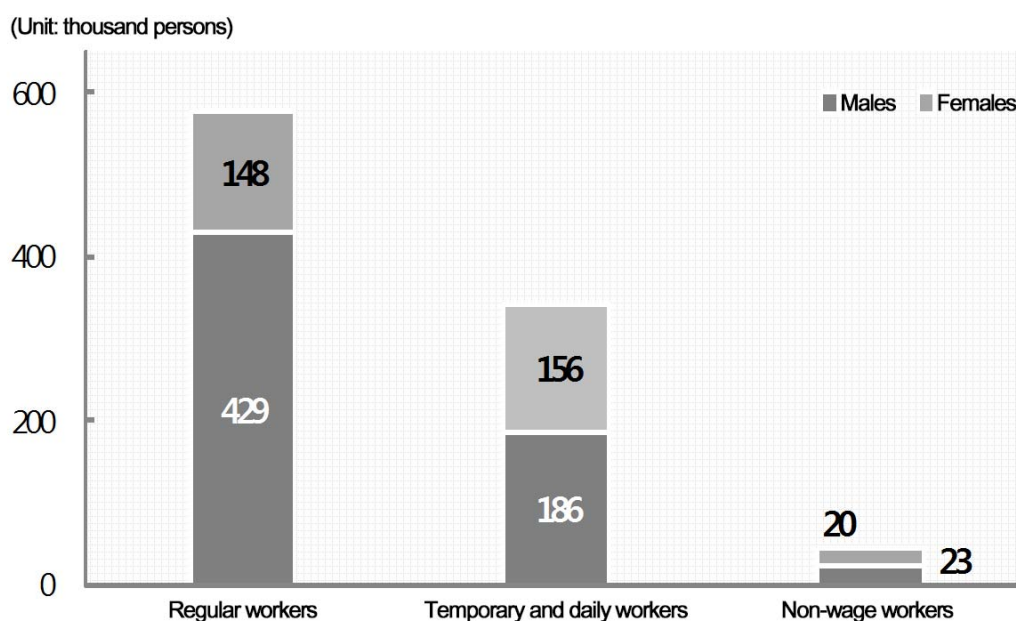


○ (Employed foreigners by status of worker)

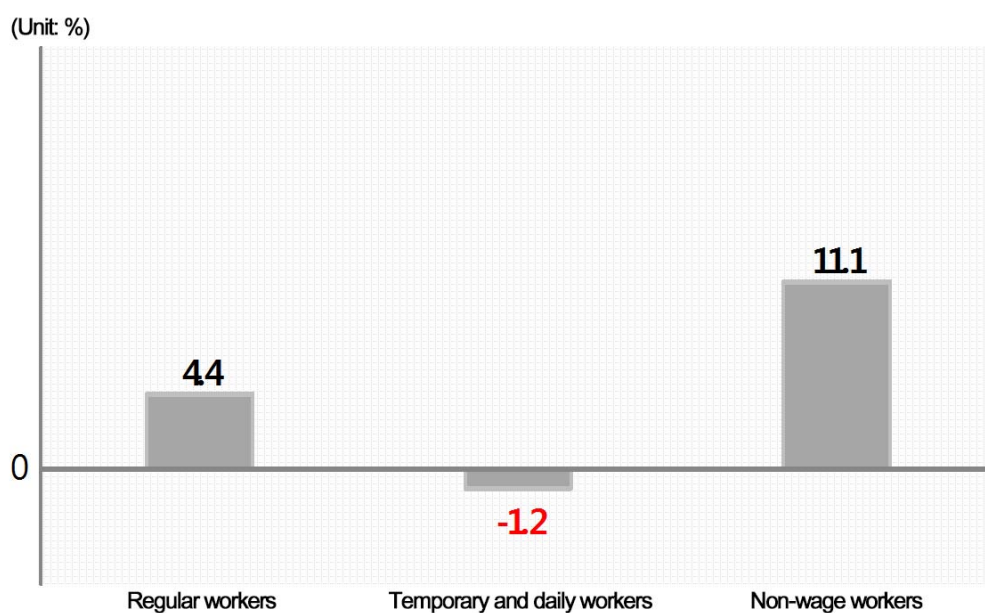
As for employed foreigners by status of worker, 'Regular workers' occupied the largest share (577 thousand persons, 60.0 percent), which was followed by 'Temporary and daily workers' (342 thousand persons, 35.6 percent) and 'Non-wage workers' (43 thousand persons, 4.5 percent).

- Compared to 2015, 'Regular workers' and 'Non-wage workers' grew by 24 thousand persons (4.4 percent) and 4 thousand persons (11.1 percent), respectively. In the meantime, 'Temporary and daily workers' fell by 4 thousand persons (-1.2 percent).

< Employed foreigners by status of worker and sex >



< Percent change of employed foreigners by status of worker >



□ Unemployed foreigners amounted to 43 thousand persons, which declined by 5 thousand persons (-11.3 percent) from 2015.

○ The unemployment rate of foreigners recorded 4.2 percent, down 0.7%p from 2015.

< Unemployed foreigners and unemployment rate of foreigners >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

Classification	Total		Males		Females	
	Unemployed persons (Share)	Unemployment rate	Unemployed persons (Share)	Unemployment rate	Unemployed persons (Share)	Unemployment rate
May 2015 (A)	48(100.0)	4.9	26(54.8)	4.0	22(45.2)	6.5
May 2016 (B)	43(100.0)	4.2	21(49.2)	3.2	22(50.8)	6.3
Change (B-A)	-5	-0.7	-5	-0.8	-0	-0.2
Percent change ((B-A)/A)	-11.3	-	-20.4	-	-0.2	-

□ The economically inactive foreigners amounted to 420 thousand persons in 2016, which increased by 32 thousand persons (8.3 percent) from 2015.