



Employment Positions of Wage Workers in the First Quarter of 2022

- ◆ In the first quarter of 2022, the number of employment positions of wage workers grew by 752 thousand compared to the first quarter of 2021. The year-on-year increase rate of employment positions in the first quarter of 2022 was higher compared to the fourth quarter of 2021.
- ◆ As for employment positions by industry, 'Human health and social work activities'* and 'Construction'** recorded a year-on-year increase.
 - * 'Social work activities' and 'Human health activities' marked a year-on-year rise.
 - ** 'Specialized construction activities' and 'General construction' recorded a year-on-year increase.

Overview

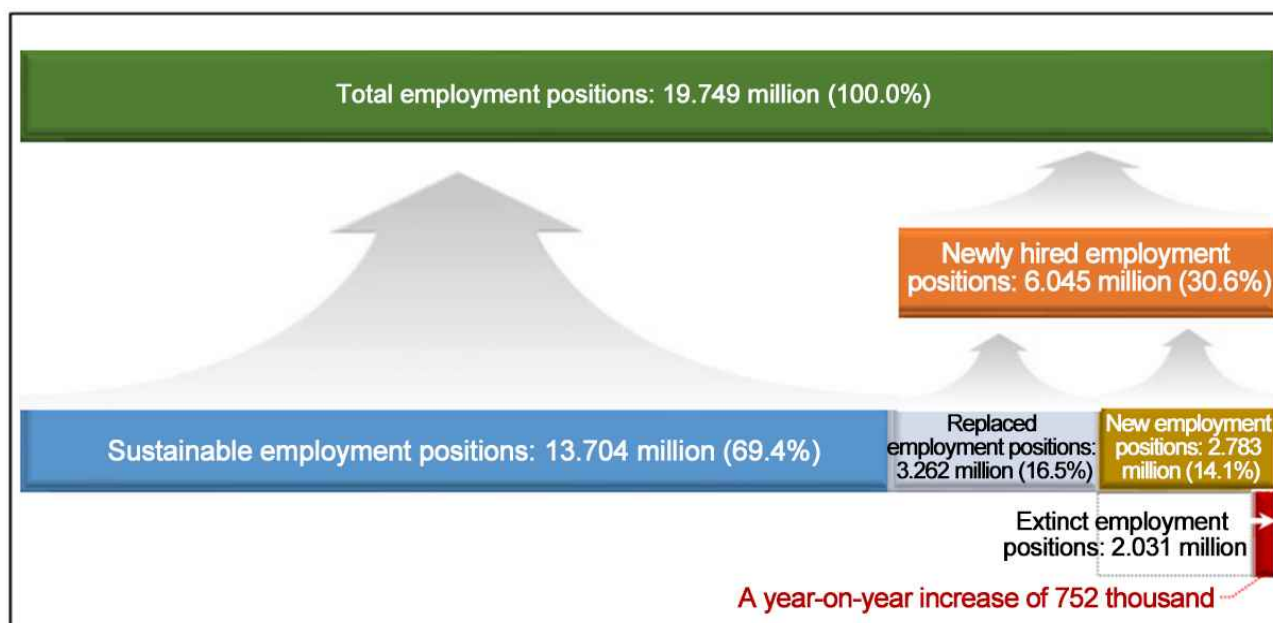
- In the first quarter of 2022, the number of employment positions of wage workers was 19.749 million, which increased by 752 thousand compared to the first quarter of 2021.
- The number of sustainable employment positions, which the same workers occupied in the same quarter of the previous year, was 13.704 million. This figure accounted for 69.4% of the total employment positions. The number of replaced employment positions, which resulted from retirement or job change, was 3.262 million. This figure accounted for 16.5% of the total employment positions.
- The number of new employment positions, which resulted from enterprise foundation or business expansion, marked 2.783 million. This figure occupied 14.1% of the total employment positions. The number of extinct employment positions, which resulted from enterprise closure or business reduction, marked 2.031 million.

< Total employment positions of wage workers >

(Unit: 10 thousand, %, year-on-year)

	1Q 2021	Change	4Q 2021	Change	1Q 2022	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions	1,899.7	32.1	1,996.5	37.6	1,974.9	75.2	4.0

< Employment positions of wage workers by type >



Note: The figures in parentheses represent the share among the total employment positions.

< Size and change in employment positions of wage workers >

(Unit: 10 thousand)

	Employment positions of wage workers					Change (Year-on-year)
	Total	Sustainable employment positions	Replaced employment positions	New employment positions	Extinct employment positions	
1Q 2021	1,899.7	1,350.0	285.0	264.7	232.6	32.1
2Q 2021	1,957.7	1,362.6	306.4	288.6	220.5	68.1
3Q 2021	1,959.9	1,363.9	313.5	282.5	233.4	49.1
4Q 2021	1,996.5	1,380.6	333.3	282.6	245.1	37.6
1Q 2022	1,974.9	1,370.4	326.2	278.3	203.1	75.2

Employment positions by industry

- ☐ As for employment positions by industry section, 'Human health and social work activities', 'Construction' and 'Professional, scientific and technical activities' rose by 161 thousand, 95 thousand and 70 thousand, respectively, compared to the first quarter of 2021.
- ☐ As for employment positions by industry division of 'Human health and social work activities', 'Social work activities' and 'Human health activities' grew by 118 thousand and 43 thousand, respectively.
- ☐ As for employment positions by industry division of 'Construction', 'Specialized construction activities' and 'General construction' rose by 84 thousand and 11 thousand, respectively.
- ☐ As for the employment positions by industry division of 'Manufacturing', which occupied the highest share of the total employment positions, 'Manufacture of electronic components, computer; visual, sounding and communication equipment' and 'Manufacture of other machinery and equipment' grew by 20 thousand and 9 thousand, respectively. Whereas, 'Manufacture of textiles' and 'Manufacture of wearing apparel, clothing accessories and fur articles' dropped by 2 thousand and 1 thousand, respectively.

* As for employment positions by industry group of 'Manufacturing', 'Manufacture of electronic components', 'Manufacture of semiconductor' and 'Manufacture of basic iron and steel' grew by 11 thousand, 8 thousand and 6 thousand, respectively, compared to the first quarter of 2021.

< Size and change in employment positions of wage workers by industry >

(Unit: 10 thousand)

	Employment positions of wage workers					Change (Year-on-year)
	Total	Sustainable employment positions	Replaced employment positions	New employment positions	Extinct employment positions	
Human health and social work activities	233.0	153.2	47.5	32.3	16.8	16.1
Construction	180.0	84.1	47.3	48.7	39.3	9.5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	100.2	70.2	15.1	14.9	8.0	7.0

< Employment positions of wage workers by industry section¹⁾ >

(Unit: 10 thousand, %, year-on-year)

	1Q 2021		4Q 2021		1Q 2022			
		Change		Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions	1,899.7	32.1	1,996.5	37.6	1,974.9	100.0	75.2	4.0
A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	7.4	-0.1	8.0	-0.2	7.5	0.4	0.1	0.8
B. Mining and quarrying	1.2	-0.1	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.5
C. Manufacturing	415.5	-2.8	420.5	6.2	422.3	21.4	6.8	1.6
D. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	7.8	0.1	8.0	0.2	8.0	0.4	0.2	2.1
E. Water supply; sewage, waste management, materials recovery	10.2	0.2	10.5	0.2	10.6	0.5	0.3	3.0
F. Construction	170.5	5.0	189.4	2.6	180.0	9.1	9.5	5.6
G. Wholesale and retail trade	208.3	3.9	214.2	6.2	214.6	10.9	6.3	3.0
H. Transportation and storage	70.3	-1.0	69.9	-0.5	70.5	3.6	0.2	0.3
I. Accommodation and food service activities	79.3	-7.2	84.2	0.6	85.7	4.3	6.4	8.0
J. Information and communication	75.3	3.9	81.2	7.1	82.0	4.2	6.7	8.9
K. Financial and insurance activities	55.1	0.6	56.4	0.9	56.2	2.8	1.1	2.1
L. Real estate activities	43.3	0.8	45.0	1.4	45.0	2.3	1.8	4.1
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	93.2	5.6	99.8	5.6	100.2	5.1	7.0	7.5
N. Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities	135.1	-1.4	138.7	-1.1	136.3	6.9	1.2	0.9
O. Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	127.9	7.0	139.2	-12.3	132.6	6.7	4.7	3.7
P. Education	123.0	2.4	133.1	5.9	126.7	6.4	3.8	3.1
Q. Human health and social work activities	216.9	14.8	232.2	13.8	233.0	11.8	16.1	7.4
R. Arts, sports and recreation related services	14.1	-1.0	15.1	0.0	14.6	0.7	0.5	3.2
S. Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	43.9	1.2	48.5	1.1	46.7	2.4	2.8	6.3
Others ²⁾	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.0	-1.4

Note 1) Refer to the Korean Standard Industrial Classification

2) Including 'T. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods-and services-producing activities of households for own use' and 'U. Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies'

Employment positions by characteristics of workers and enterprises

- As for employment positions by sex, the employment positions of males and females grew by 298 thousand and 454 thousand, respectively, compared to the first quarter of 2021.
- The employment positions of males showed a year-on-year increase in 'Construction' (64 thousand), 'Manufacturing' (39 thousand) and 'Professional, scientific and technical activities' (37 thousand).
- The employment positions of females showed a year-on-year increase in 'Human health and social work activities' (130 thousand), 'Accommodation and food service activities' (41 thousand) and 'Wholesale and retail trade' (36 thousand).

< Employment positions by sex >

(Unit: 10 thousand, %, year-on-year)

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		1Q 2021			4Q 2021			1Q 2022			
			Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions		1,899.7	100.0	32.1	1,996.5	100.0	37.6	1,974.9	100.0	75.2	4.0
By sex	Males	1,096.1	57.7	10.4	1,139.7	57.1	12.3	1,125.9	57.0	29.8	2.7
	Females	803.6	42.3	21.7	856.8	42.9	25.3	849.0	43.0	45.4	5.6

- As for employment positions by age group, the employment positions of 'Workers aged 60 or more', 'Workers aged 50 ~ 59', 'Workers aged 29 or less', 'Workers aged 40 ~ 49' and 'Workers aged 30 ~ 39' rose by 378 thousand, 209 thousand, 77 thousand, 69 thousand and 19 thousand, respectively.
- The employment positions of 'Workers aged 60 or more' marked a year-on-year increase in 'Human health and social work activities' (109 thousand), 'Manufacturing' (54 thousand) and 'Construction' (53 thousand).
- The employment positions of 'Workers aged 30 ~ 39' marked a year-on-year increase in 'Information and communications' (16 thousand), 'Professional, scientific and technical activities' (12 thousand) and 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' (11 thousand).

< Employment positions by age group >

(Unit: 10 thousand, %, year-on-year)

		1Q 2021			4Q 2021			1Q 2022			
			Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions		1,899.7	100.0	32.1	1,996.5	100.0	37.6	1,974.9	100.0	75.2	4.0
By age group	Workers aged 29 or less	317.2	16.7	-3.5	325.9	16.3	1.9	324.9	16.5	7.7	2.4
	Workers aged 30 ~ 39	427.5	22.5	-6.3	433.9	21.7	-0.5	429.4	21.7	1.9	0.4
	Workers aged 40 ~ 49	466.3	24.5	1.0	476.2	23.9	1.3	473.2	24.0	6.9	1.5
	Workers aged 50 ~ 59	425.4	22.4	11.7	451.4	22.6	14.3	446.3	22.6	20.9	4.9
	Workers aged 60 or more	263.3	13.9	29.2	309.0	15.5	20.5	301.1	15.2	37.8	14.4

- As for employment positions by type of legal organization, 'Incorporated companies', 'Non-business corporations', 'Government and unincorporated associations' and 'Sole proprietorships' grew by 393 thousand, 134 thousand, 115 thousand and 111 thousand, respectively, year-on-year.

< Employment positions by type of legal organization >

(Unit: 10 thousand, %, year-on-year)

		1Q 2021			4Q 2021			1Q 2022			
			Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions		1,899.7	100.0	32.1	1,996.5	100.0	37.6	1,974.9	100.0	75.2	4.0
By type of legal organization	Incorporated company	1,069.7	56.3	8.5	1,112.9	55.7	29.4	1,108.9	56.2	39.3	3.7
	Non-business corporation	246.1	13.0	16.1	265.7	13.3	5.3	259.5	13.1	13.4	5.4
	Government & unincorporated association	272.1	14.3	12.0	294.1	14.7	-2.6	283.6	14.4	11.5	4.2
	Sole proprietorship	311.9	16.4	-4.4	323.8	16.2	5.4	322.9	16.4	11.1	3.5