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◆ In the second quarter of 2023, the number of employment positions of wage workers grew by 379 thousand compared to the second quarter of 2022. The year-on-year increase rate of employment positions in the second quarter of 2023 was lower compared to the previous quarter.

◆ As for employment positions by industry, ‘Human health and social work activities’* and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’** recorded a year-on-year increase.

* ‘Social work activities’ and ‘Human health activities’ marked a year-on-year increase.

** ‘Food and beverage service activities’ and ‘Accommodation’ marked a year-on-year increase.

Overview

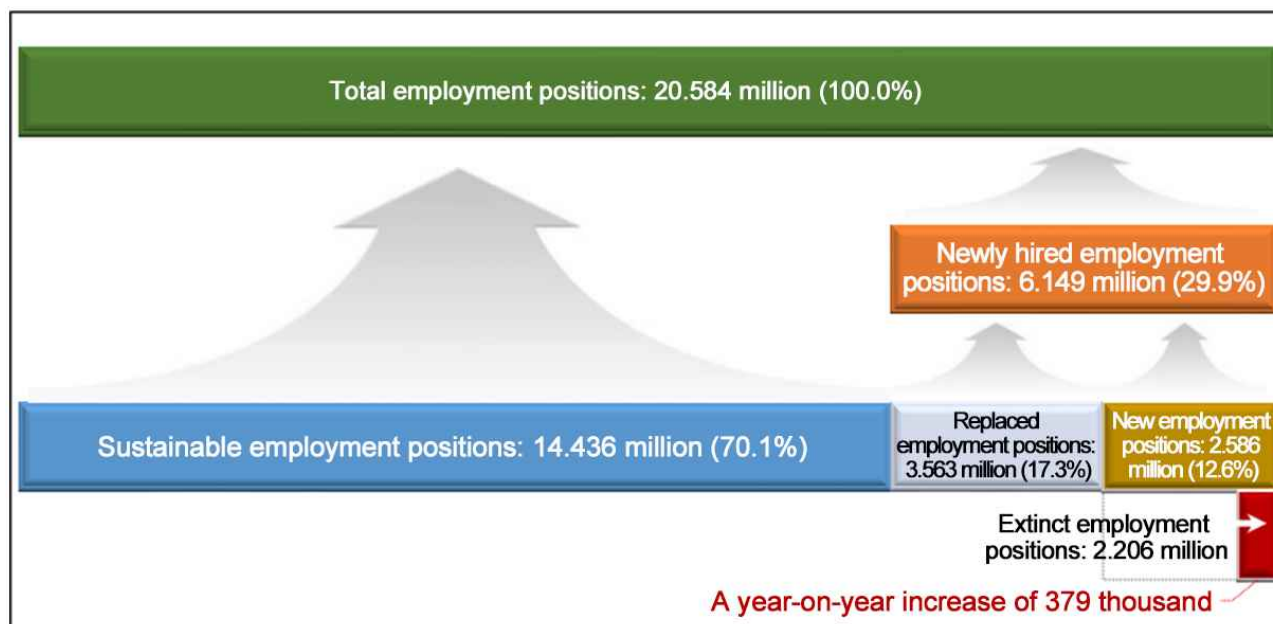
- In the second quarter of 2023, the number of employment positions of wage workers was 20.584 million, which increased by 379 thousand compared to the second quarter of 2022.
- The number of sustainable employment positions, which the same workers occupied in the same quarter of the previous year, was 14.436 million. This figure accounted for 70.1% of the total employment positions. The number of replaced employment positions, which resulted from retirement or job change, was 3.563 million. This figure accounted for 17.3% of the total employment positions.
- The number of new employment positions, which resulted from enterprise foundation or business expansion, marked 2.586 million. This figure occupied 12.6% of the total employment positions. The number of extinct employment positions, which resulted from enterprise closure or business reduction, marked 2.206 million.

< Total employment positions of wage workers >

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

	2Q 2022	Change	1Q 2023	Change	2Q 2023	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions	2,020.5	62.8	2,020.7	45.7	2,058.4	37.9	1.9

< 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: ten thousand)

	Employment positions of wage workers					Change (Year-on-year)
	Total	Sustainable employment positions	Replaced employment positions	New employment positions	Extinct employment positions	
2Q 2022	2,020.5	1,396.7	342.0	281.8	219.0	62.8
3Q 2022	2,019.6	1,398.9	342.5	278.1	218.4	59.7
4Q 2022	2,045.6	1,417.6	356.4	271.7	222.5	49.1
1Q 2023	2,020.7	1,416.2	344.4	260.0	214.3	45.7
2Q 2023	2,058.4	1,443.6	356.3	258.6	220.6	37.9

Employment positions by industry

- As for employment positions by industry section, 'Human health and social work activities', 'Accommodation and food service activities' and 'Manufacturing' rose by 108 thousand, 51 thousand and 49 thousand, respectively, compared to the second quarter of 2022.
- As for employment positions by industry division of 'Human health and social work activities', 'Social work activities' and 'Human health activities' grew by 70 thousand and 37 thousand, respectively.
- As for employment positions by industry division of 'Accommodation and food service activities', 'Food and beverage service activities' and 'Accommodation' grew by 46 thousand and 5 thousand, respectively.

□ As for the employment positions by industry division of 'Manufacturing', which occupied the highest share of the total employment positions, 'Manufacture of other transport equipment', 'Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers' and 'Manufacture of fabricated metal products' grew by 11 thousand, 8 thousand and 7 thousand, respectively. Whereas, 'Manufacture of textiles' and 'Manufacture of rubber and plastics products' dropped by 5 thousand, 4 thousand and 2 thousand, respectively.

* As for employment positions by industry group of 'Manufacturing', 'Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles (new products)', 'Manufacture of communication and broadcasting apparatuses' and 'Manufacture of batteries and accumulators' grew by 7 thousand, 7 thousand and 7 thousand, respectively, compared to the second quarter of 2022.

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

(Unit: ten 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	246.0	165.3	52.6	28.1	17.9	10.8
Accommodation and food service activities	92.8	45.9	22.0	24.9	19.8	5.1
Manufacturing	428.6	333.9	53.1	41.6	37.6	4.9

< Employment positions of wage workers by industry section¹⁾ >

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

	2Q 2022		1Q 2023		2Q 2023			
		Change		Change	Compo- sition	Change	Percent change	
○ Total employment positions	2,020.5	62.8	2,020.7	45.7	2,058.4	100.0	37.9	1.9
A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	7.8	-0.2	7.7	0.3	8.0	0.4	0.2	3.2
B. Mining and quarrying	1.2	0.0	1.1	-0.1	1.2	0.1	0.0	-3.4
C. Manufacturing	423.7	7.3	427.7	5.4	428.6	20.8	4.9	1.2
D. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	8.0	0.1	8.0	0.0	8.0	0.4	0.0	-0.5
E. Water supply; sewage, waste management, materials recovery	10.6	0.3	10.9	0.3	11.0	0.5	0.3	3.0
F. Construction	195.9	10.2	189.2	9.2	197.8	9.6	1.9	1.0
G. Wholesale and retail trade	215.3	4.6	215.5	0.9	216.2	10.5	0.9	0.4
H. Transportation and storage	70.1	0.1	70.7	0.2	72.3	3.5	2.2	3.2

I. Accommodation and food service activities	87.7	4.7	90.3	4.6	92.8	4.5	5.1	5.8
J. Information and communication	84.0	6.8	86.6	4.6	87.0	4.2	3.0	3.5
K. Financial and insurance activities	56.2	0.7	56.5	0.3	56.7	2.8	0.4	0.8
L. Real estate activities	45.7	1.6	45.5	0.4	45.5	2.2	-0.2	-0.5
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	102.3	6.6	105.3	5.1	106.9	5.2	4.6	4.5
N. Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities	138.2	1.7	138.5	2.2	141.0	6.8	2.8	2.0
O. Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	138.2	0.7	132.4	-0.2	138.0	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
P. Education	134.8	4.7	127.9	1.2	134.3	6.5	-0.5	-0.3
Q. Human health and social work activities	235.3	10.6	241.7	8.7	246.0	12.0	10.8	4.6
R. Arts, sports and recreation related services	15.5	0.6	15.5	0.9	16.1	0.8	0.6	4.1
S. Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	48.8	1.8	48.5	1.8	49.9	2.4	1.1	2.3
Others ²⁾	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.1

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 149 thousand and 230 thousand, respectively, compared to the second quarter of 2022.
- The employment positions of males showed a year-on-year increase in 'Manufacturing' (41 thousand), 'Professional, scientific and technical activities' (24 thousand) and 'Accommodation and food service activities' (21 thousand).
- The employment positions of females showed a year-on-year increase in 'Human health and social work activities' (91 thousand), 'Accommodation and food service activities' (30 thousand) and 'Professional, scientific and technical activities' (22 thousand).

< Employment positions by sex >

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

		2Q 2022			1Q 2023			2Q 2023			
		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change	
○ Total employment positions		2,020.5	100.0	62.8	2,020.7	100.0	45.7	2,058.4	100.0	37.9	1.9
By sex	Males	1,149.9	56.9	26.2	1,146.5	56.7	20.6	1,164.7	56.6	14.9	1.3
	Females	870.6	43.1	36.6	874.2	43.3	25.2	893.7	43.4	23.0	2.6

- As for employment positions by age group, 'Workers aged 29 or less' dropped by 68 thousand year-on-year. Whereas, 'Workers aged 60 or more', 'Workers aged 50 ~ 59', 'Workers aged 30 ~ 39' and 'Workers aged 40 ~ 49' rose by 290 thousand, 97 thousand, 56 thousand and 3 thousand, respectively, year-on-year.
- The employment positions of 'Workers aged 60 or more' marked a year-on-year increase in 'Human health and social work activities' (76 thousand), 'Manufacturing' (47 thousand) and 'Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities' (31 thousand).
- The employment positions of 'Workers aged 29 or less' marked a year-on-year decrease in 'Wholesale and retail trade' (24 thousand), 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' (14 thousand) and 'Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities' (13 thousand).

< Employment positions by age group >

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

		2Q 2022			1Q 2023			2Q 2023			
		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change	
○ Total employment positions		2,020.5	100.0	62.8	2,020.7	100.0	45.7	2,058.4	100.0	37.9	1.9
By age group	Workers aged 29 or less	326.0	16.1	2.1	318.9	15.8	-6.1	319.2	15.5	-6.8	-2.1
	Workers aged 30 ~ 39	432.7	21.4	2.5	433.1	21.4	3.8	438.4	21.3	5.6	1.3
	Workers aged 40 ~ 49	479.3	23.7	7.8	476.7	23.6	3.5	479.6	23.3	0.3	0.1
	Workers aged 50 ~ 59	459.2	22.7	20.9	460.4	22.8	14.1	469.0	22.8	9.7	2.1
	Workers aged 60 or more	323.2	16.0	29.5	331.6	16.4	30.5	352.3	17.1	29.0	9.0

- As for employment positions by type of legal organization, ‘Incorporated companies’, ‘Non-business corporations’, ‘Government and unincorporated associations’ and ‘Sole proprietorship’ grew by 269 thousand, 73 thousand, 27 thousand and 9 thousand, respectively, year-on-year.

< Employment positions by type of legal organization >

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

		2Q 2022			1Q 2023			2Q 2023			
			Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change		Compo- sition	Change	Percent change
○ Total employment positions		2,020.5	100.0	62.8	2,020.7	100.0	45.7	2,058.4	100.0	37.9	1.9
By type of legal organization	Incorporated company	1,132.5	56.1	40.6	1,144.0	56.6	35.1	1,159.5	56.3	26.9	2.4
	Non-business corporation	269.1	13.3	8.2	266.6	13.2	7.1	276.4	13.4	7.3	2.7
	Government & unincorporated association	293.3	14.5	7.8	287.2	14.2	3.5	296.0	14.4	2.7	0.9
	Sole proprietorship	325.6	16.1	6.1	322.9	16.0	0.0	326.5	15.9	0.9	0.3