

# Employment and vacancies statistics for September 2022

According to the figures released today (December 20) by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), total employment in the private sector surveyed decreased by 1.1% or 28 600 persons in September 2022 compared with a year earlier. The total number of vacancies was 74 840, representing an increase of 37% or 20 280 over the preceding year.

## Employment statistics

In September 2022, the selected industries as a whole employed 2 686 900 persons. The import and export trade engaged 379 900 persons, followed by professional and business services (excluding cleaning and similar services) engaging 297 600 persons, retail trade 245 200 persons, financing and insurance 232 500 persons, and food and beverage services 222 000 persons.

Movements in the employment in different surveyed industries varied when compared with a year earlier. Decreases in employment were mainly recorded in the industries of accommodation services (covering hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short term accommodation) (-9.0% or -3 300 persons); manufacturing (-5.1% or -4 000 persons); arts, entertainment, recreation and other services (-3.7% or -4 400 persons); and financing and insurance (-3.2% or -7 600 persons). On the other hand, employment increased mainly in the industries of wholesale (6.1% or 3 000 persons), construction sites (manual workers only) (3.2% or 3 400 persons), and human health services (2.4% or 3 500 persons). Employment figures for selected major industries are shown in Table 1.

## Vacancies statistics

Among the 74 840 private sector vacancies in September 2022, 9 380 were from the industry of human health services; 7 910 from education; 7 520 from transportation, storage, postal and courier services; 6 580 from financing and insurance; and 6 100 from professional and business services (excluding cleaning and similar services).

Vacancies increased in all the selected industries except the import and export trade industry in September 2022 over a year earlier. More distinct increases were observed in the industries of transportation, storage, postal and courier services (4 940 or 192%); human health services (4 540 or 94%); education (2 120 or 36%); food and beverage services (1 160 or 26%); arts, entertainment, recreation and other services (1 060 or 39%); and financing and insurance (1 050 or 19%). Job vacancies figures for selected major industries are shown in Table 2.

Analysed by major occupation category, private sector vacancies were observed mainly in the categories of service and sales workers (24 750

vacancies), professionals (14 890 vacancies), and associate professionals (14 100 vacancies). Job vacancies figures by major occupation category are shown in Table 3.

### Seasonally adjusted statistics

For discerning the latest trend in employment and vacancies in the private sector, it is useful to look at changes over a three-month period in the respective seasonally adjusted figures. Compared with June 2022, the seasonally adjusted total employment and total vacancies in the surveyed industries increased by 0.2% and 14.7% respectively in September 2022. The changes over three-month periods in the seasonally adjusted series of employment and vacancies are shown in Table 4.

### Other information

The above employment and vacancies statistics were obtained from the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies and the Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites conducted by the C&SD. In the former survey, some economic activities (e.g. those dominated by self-employment, including taxi operators and hawkers) are not covered. Therefore, the respective employment and vacancies figures relate only to those selected industries included in the survey. In the latter survey on construction sites, employment and vacancies figures relate to manual workers only.

A detailed breakdown of the above statistics is published in the following reports:

"Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies Statistics, September 2022"  
([www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1050003&scode=452](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1050003&scode=452))

"Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, September 2022"

([www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1050004&scode=452](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1050004&scode=452))

Users can download these publications at the website of the C&SD.

Enquiries on more detailed employment and vacancies statistics can be directed to the Employment Statistics and Central Register of Establishments Section of the C&SD (Tel: 2582 5076 or email: [employment@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:employment@censtatd.gov.hk)).