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Table 71 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex

Age Group (Years)	Total			Chinese			Malays			Indians			Others		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	68,121	36,855	31,266	16,476	8,134	8,342	10,699	4,233	6,466	2,217	980	1,237
15 - 19	3,166	578	2,588	1,331	230	1,100	1,409	296	1,112	358	39	320	69	13	56
20 - 24	11,981	5,286	6,695	6,927	3,041	3,886	3,176	1,543	1,633	1,643	598	1,044	235	103	132
25 - 29	12,503	6,597	5,906	8,716	4,977	3,739	2,018	959	1,059	1,628	610	1,018	142	52	90
30 - 34	10,933	4,896	6,037	7,217	3,420	3,797	1,715	882	833	1,612	442	1,170	388	152	237
35 - 39	11,423	5,429	5,994	7,433	3,824	3,609	2,202	978	1,224	1,451	544	908	337	83	254
40 - 44	12,319	5,974	6,345	8,847	4,530	4,317	2,019	928	1,091	1,110	384	726	344	133	210
45 - 49	12,799	6,712	6,087	9,764	5,112	4,653	1,748	998	750	1,073	475	598	213	127	86
50 - 54	10,673	6,443	4,231	8,548	5,154	3,394	991	598	393	904	507	397	230	183	47
55 & Over	11,715	8,287	3,428	9,338	6,567	2,771	1,198	951	247	920	634	286	259	135	124

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Table 72 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Marital Status and Sex

Age Group (Years)	Total			Single			Married			Widowed			Divorced/Separated		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	39,379	22,267	17,112	51,715	25,379	26,336	1,513	425	1,087	4,906	2,131	2,776
15 - 19	3,166	578	2,588	3,089	578	2,511	77	-	77	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	11,981	5,286	6,695	10,702	5,094	5,608	1,141	135	1,007	17	-	17	121	57	64
25 - 29	12,503	6,597	5,906	8,120	5,628	2,492	4,165	892	3,273	-	-	-	218	77	141
30 - 34	10,933	4,896	6,037	4,558	2,932	1,626	5,926	1,809	4,117	26	13	13	423	142	281
35 - 39	11,423	5,429	5,994	3,605	2,433	1,172	6,981	2,777	4,204	102	-	102	735	219	516
40 - 44	12,319	5,974	6,345	3,098	1,926	1,172	8,271	3,687	4,584	128	39	89	821	322	499
45 - 49	12,799	6,712	6,087	2,742	1,642	1,099	8,765	4,516	4,249	205	52	153	1,087	503	584
50 - 54	10,673	6,443	4,231	1,784	1,055	729	7,806	4,892	2,914	307	77	230	776	418	358
55 & Over	11,715	8,287	3,428	1,681	978	703	8,582	6,672	1,911	727	245	482	725	392	332

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Table 73 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Highest Qualification Attained and Sex

Age Group (Years)	Total			Below Secondary			Secondary			Post-Secondary*			University			Number
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	35,190	20,437	14,753	24,304	11,976	12,327	23,247	11,568	11,679	14,772	6,221	8,552	
15 - 19	3,166	578	2,588	1,193	328	866	1,152	219	933	820	31	789	-	-	-	
20 - 24	11,981	5,286	6,695	1,704	978	726	3,149	1,717	1,433	5,142	2,173	2,969	1,987	418	1,569	
25 - 29	12,503	6,597	5,906	2,072	1,140	932	2,207	1,276	932	4,231	2,455	1,776	3,992	1,726	2,266	
30 - 34	10,933	4,896	6,037	2,142	1,171	971	2,820	1,410	1,410	2,991	1,330	1,661	2,980	985	1,995	
35 - 39	11,423	5,429	5,994	3,517	1,976	1,541	3,122	1,450	1,672	2,706	1,177	1,529	2,078	826	1,253	
40 - 44	12,319	5,974	6,345	5,356	2,922	2,434	3,289	1,247	2,042	2,148	1,089	1,059	1,525	716	810	
45 - 49	12,799	6,712	6,087	6,545	3,611	2,934	3,256	1,385	1,872	2,152	1,184	968	845	533	313	
50 - 54	10,673	6,443	4,231	5,444	3,167	2,277	2,734	1,608	1,126	1,722	1,142	580	773	525	248	
55 & Over	11,715	8,287	3,428	7,217	5,144	2,072	2,573	1,665	908	1,335	985	350	591	492	98	

*Comprises Upper Secondary, Polytechnic and Other Diploma.

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Table 74 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Action Taken to Look for Work and Sex

Age Group (Years)	Number														
	Total			Answered Advertisements			Asked Friends/Relatives			Registered with Employment Agencies			Others		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	57,163	28,163	29,000	21,887	12,734	9,154	6,946	2,823	4,123	11,517	6,482	5,034
15 - 19	3,166	578	2,588	1,991	282	1,709	671	245	426	345	39	307	158	13	145
20 - 24	11,981	5,286	6,695	8,446	3,531	4,916	1,460	913	547	1,156	379	777	919	462	456
25 - 29	12,503	6,597	5,906	8,503	4,563	3,941	1,381	773	608	1,089	470	620	1,529	792	738
30 - 34	10,933	4,896	6,037	7,172	3,174	3,998	1,563	816	747	817	232	585	1,381	674	707
35 - 39	11,423	5,429	5,994	7,024	3,217	3,807	2,075	1,221	854	990	354	636	1,334	637	697
40 - 44	12,319	5,974	6,345	7,443	3,459	3,984	2,740	1,420	1,320	631	256	375	1,505	839	666
45 - 49	12,799	6,712	6,087	6,926	3,587	3,340	3,649	1,969	1,681	636	282	354	1,587	875	712
50 - 54	10,673	6,443	4,231	4,867	2,969	1,898	3,461	1,982	1,479	762	464	299	1,583	1,028	555
55 & Over	11,715	8,287	3,428	4,789	3,382	1,408	4,886	3,395	1,492	519	348	171	1,520	1,162	358

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Table 75 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Highest Qualification Attained, Action Taken to Look for Work and Sex

Highest Qualification Attained	Number														
	Total			Answered Advertisements			Asked Friends/Relatives			Registered with Employment Agencies			Others		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	57,163	28,163	29,000	21,887	12,734	9,154	6,946	2,823	4,123	11,517	6,482	5,034
No Qualification	9,256	5,707	3,549	3,715	2,235	1,480	4,484	2,752	1,732	223	142	81	834	578	256
Primary	11,364	6,550	4,813	5,436	3,007	2,429	4,398	2,674	1,724	449	206	243	1,081	663	418
Lower Secondary	14,571	8,180	6,391	8,435	4,427	4,008	3,931	2,414	1,517	810	425	384	1,395	913	482
Secondary	24,304	11,976	12,327	15,005	7,229	7,776	4,861	2,652	2,209	1,750	573	1,178	2,687	1,523	1,164
Upper Secondary	10,668	5,422	5,246	6,401	3,221	3,179	1,847	1,074	773	1,077	425	652	1,343	702	641
Polytechnic	7,752	3,955	3,797	5,118	2,542	2,575	823	558	265	896	354	542	915	501	414
Other Diploma	4,827	2,190	2,637	3,046	1,324	1,722	509	334	175	562	186	376	710	346	364
University	14,772	6,221	8,552	10,007	4,177	5,831	1,036	276	759	1,179	512	667	2,550	1,255	1,295

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Table 76 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Duration of Unemployment and Age Group

Duration of Unemployment (Weeks)	Number									
	Total	15 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 29 Years	30 - 34 Years	35 - 39 Years	40 - 44 Years	45 - 49 Years	50 - 54 Years	55 Years & Over
Total	97,513	3,166	11,981	12,503	10,933	11,423	12,319	12,799	10,673	11,715
Under 5	26,575	1,269	5,123	4,415	3,171	2,929	2,895	2,753	2,050	1,969
5 - 9	12,061	581	1,667	2,115	1,558	1,441	1,442	1,349	866	1,041
10 - 14	10,622	445	1,468	1,320	1,238	1,475	1,328	1,202	1,266	880
15 - 24	21,264	576	2,364	2,709	2,643	2,604	2,828	2,911	2,248	2,382
25 & Over	26,990	295	1,360	1,944	2,323	2,973	3,825	4,584	4,243	5,443

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Table 77 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over by Duration of Unemployment, Highest Qualification Attained and Sex

Duration of Unemployment (Weeks)	Total			Below Secondary			Secondary			Post-Secondary*			University		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total	97,513	50,202	47,311	35,190	20,437	14,753	24,304	11,976	12,327	23,247	11,568	11,679	14,772	6,221	8,552
Under 5	26,575	12,174	14,400	8,653	4,720	3,933	6,352	2,905	3,447	7,212	3,106	4,106	4,358	1,443	2,915
5 - 9	12,061	5,826	6,236	3,892	2,105	1,787	3,068	1,493	1,575	3,058	1,518	1,541	2,043	710	1,333
10 - 14	10,622	5,186	5,437	3,960	2,125	1,836	2,665	1,287	1,378	2,526	1,125	1,401	1,471	648	823
15 - 24	21,264	10,919	10,345	7,815	4,414	3,401	4,963	2,374	2,589	5,070	2,588	2,481	3,416	1,543	1,874
25 & Over	26,990	16,097	10,893	10,869	7,073	3,796	7,256	3,917	3,339	5,381	3,230	2,151	3,484	1,876	1,607

*Comprises Upper Secondary, Polytechnic and Other Diploma.

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Table 78 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Age Group and Previous Industry

Age Group (Years)	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Hotels & Restaurants	Transport & Storage	Information & Communications	Financial Services	Business Services	Number	
										Community, Social & Personal Services	Others*
Total	85,539	15,386	5,091	17,163	8,997	6,890	3,010	4,615	10,866	11,927	1,592
15 - 19	1,627	281	13	363	508	103	26	38	128	141	26
20 - 24	7,944	883	116	1,872	1,246	540	425	570	871	1,357	64
25 - 29	10,267	1,596	313	2,452	701	630	598	681	1,485	1,625	186
30 - 34	10,132	1,636	533	2,205	519	777	628	693	1,423	1,550	167
35 - 39	10,881	1,927	667	1,926	820	944	490	591	1,676	1,659	180
40 - 44	12,010	2,711	961	2,336	1,272	887	336	619	1,329	1,285	275
45 - 49	12,457	2,549	899	2,511	1,424	1,164	224	411	1,382	1,610	283
50 - 54	10,347	2,111	856	1,950	1,215	899	218	558	1,193	1,127	218
55 & Over	9,874	1,691	734	1,549	1,292	946	64	455	1,379	1,571	193

*Includes Agriculture, Fishing, Quarrying and Utilities.

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Table 79 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Age Group and Previous Occupation

Age Group (Years)	Total	Senior Officials & Managers	Professionals	Associate Professionals & Technicians	Clerical Workers	Service & Sales Workers	Agricultural & Fishery Workers	Production Craftsmen & Related Workers	Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	Cleaners, Labourers & Related Workers	Number
											Workers Not Classifiable by Occupation
Total	85,539	5,753	5,063	12,614	17,074	17,081	64	6,479	11,435	8,763	1,212
15 - 19	1,627	-	-	-	345	769	-	26	256	205	26
20 - 24	7,944	78	86	1,404	2,144	2,500	-	283	544	620	284
25 - 29	10,267	293	1,132	2,731	2,233	2,054	-	219	863	490	255
30 - 34	10,132	671	1,179	2,193	2,285	1,677	-	499	1,027	483	116
35 - 39	10,881	867	933	1,715	2,506	1,807	-	731	1,373	896	51
40 - 44	12,010	1,040	620	1,538	2,306	2,004	13	1,130	1,878	1,347	133
45 - 49	12,457	936	393	1,255	2,353	2,422	13	1,151	2,228	1,578	129
50 - 54	10,347	999	319	974	1,461	1,917	13	1,273	1,900	1,363	128
55 & Over	9,874	868	403	803	1,440	1,929	26	1,166	1,368	1,780	90

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Table 80 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Previous Occupation and Previous Industry

Previous Occupation	Number										
	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Hotels & Restaurants	Transport & Storage	Information & Communications	Financial Services	Business Services	Community, Social & Personal Services	Others*
Total	85,539	15,386	5,091	17,163	8,997	6,890	3,010	4,615	10,866	11,927	1,592
Senior Officials & Managers	5,753	815	514	1,726	527	256	356	380	768	387	26
Professionals	5,063	833	226	340	13	77	863	460	921	1,304	26
Associate Professionals & Technicians	12,614	1,646	313	1,708	236	686	822	1,689	2,300	3,072	142
Clerical Workers	17,074	2,302	666	3,868	715	1,615	714	1,730	2,270	2,931	265
Service & Sales Workers	17,081	270	90	6,670	5,334	569	56	95	2,080	1,879	38
Agricultural & Fishery Workers	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	52
Production Craftsmen & Related Workers	6,479	2,394	2,319	487	64	167	121	26	258	488	155
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	11,435	6,197	392	1,556	155	2,214	39	108	414	232	129
Cleaners, Labourers & Related Workers	8,763	931	571	809	1,954	1,306	38	129	1,857	937	232
Workers Not Classifiable by Occupation	1,212	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	683	529

*Includes Agriculture, Fishing, Quarrying and Utilities.

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Table 81 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Duration of Unemployment and Previous Industry

Duration of Unemployment (Weeks)	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Hotels & Restaurants	Transport & Storage	Information & Communications	Financial Services	Business Services	Number	
										Community, Social & Personal Services	Others*
Total	85,539	15,386	5,091	17,163	8,997	6,890	3,010	4,615	10,866	11,927	1,592
Under 5	23,041	3,742	1,182	4,931	2,774	1,670	828	1,056	3,257	3,241	362
5 - 9	10,566	1,786	405	2,233	1,230	948	322	482	1,479	1,540	142
10 - 14	9,269	1,587	534	1,680	1,178	739	391	455	1,135	1,326	244
15 - 24	18,510	3,385	1,359	3,465	1,864	1,451	720	1,148	2,300	2,500	317
25 & Over	24,153	4,886	1,612	4,855	1,951	2,083	749	1,474	2,695	3,320	528

*Includes Agriculture, Fishing, Quarrying and Utilities.

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Table 82 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Duration of Unemployment and Previous Occupation

Duration of Unemployment (Weeks)	Total	Senior Officials & Managers	Professionals	Associate Professionals & Technicians	Clerical Workers	Service & Sales Workers	Agricultural & Fishery Workers	Production Craftsmen & Related Workers	Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	Cleaners, Labourers & Related Workers	Number
											Workers Not Classifiable by Occupation
Total	85,539	5,753	5,063	12,614	17,074	17,081	64	6,479	11,435	8,763	1,212
Under 5	23,041	1,051	1,317	3,605	4,657	5,050	13	1,408	2,758	2,761	422
5 - 9	10,566	612	633	1,684	2,061	2,277	-	712	1,377	1,107	103
10 - 14	9,269	574	548	1,145	1,821	2,193	26	564	1,299	918	180
15 - 24	18,510	1,221	1,227	2,928	3,508	3,343	13	1,698	2,479	1,883	210
25 & Over	24,153	2,295	1,339	3,252	5,027	4,217	13	2,097	3,522	2,095	296

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**Table 83 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by
Main Reason for Leaving Last Job and Highest Qualification Attained**

Main Reason for Leaving Last Job	Number				
	Total	Below Secondary	Secondary	Post-Secondary*	University
Total	85,539	31,530	22,130	19,785	12,093
Retirement	2,308	946	617	515	230
Completion of Contract/Job	8,515	3,381	1,730	2,165	1,240
Retrenchment	14,131	5,855	4,013	2,980	1,284
Cessation of Business	6,404	3,000	1,710	1,073	621
Dismissal	1,630	849	520	261	-
Illness/Injury/Accident	3,164	1,726	829	506	103
Pay Too Low	2,823	1,334	652	623	214
Poor Career Prospects	7,673	1,458	1,677	2,715	1,823
Long Hours/Work Too Demanding	4,165	1,709	1,132	891	434
No Interest In Job	3,006	1,003	858	653	492
Making Preparation To Start Own Business	2,010	258	446	545	762
On Course/Further Study	2,266	26	215	1,018	1,007
Housework/Childcare	9,231	3,159	2,964	1,672	1,437
Other reasons	18,212	6,828	4,767	4,168	2,447

*Comprises Upper Secondary, Polytechnic and Other Diploma.

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**Table 84 Resident Unemployed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Before by Main Reason for Leaving Last Job
and (a) Sex and (b) Age Group**

Main Reason for Leaving Last Job	Number							
	Total	Sex		Age Group (Years)				
		Males	Females	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 & Over
Total	85,539	44,810	40,729	9,570	20,399	22,891	22,804	9,874
Retirement	2,308	1,737	572	-	-	-	486	1,823
Completion of Contract/Job	8,515	5,128	3,387	1,856	2,080	1,888	2,008	683
Retrenchment	14,131	9,120	5,011	382	1,850	3,657	5,839	2,403
Cessation of Business	6,404	4,036	2,368	115	767	1,900	2,501	1,120
Dismissal	1,630	1,088	542	218	270	529	408	206
Illness/Injury/Accident	3,164	1,940	1,224	141	427	805	1,139	653
Pay Too Low	2,823	1,854	969	492	806	839	493	193
Poor Career Prospects	7,673	4,236	3,437	1,312	3,631	1,636	914	180
Long Hours/Work Too Demanding	4,165	1,864	2,301	497	1,082	1,168	1,014	404
No Interest In Job	3,006	1,584	1,422	793	1,050	675	360	129
Making Preparation To Start Own Business	2,010	1,380	630	66	625	588	589	142
On Course/Further Study	2,266	823	1,443	941	951	291	83	-
Housework/Childcare	9,231	77	9,154	209	2,213	4,143	2,325	341
Other reasons	18,212	9,943	8,268	2,547	4,648	4,772	4,646	1,598