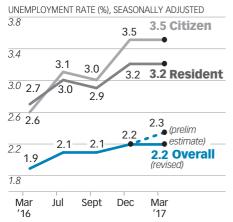
Toil, and trouble?

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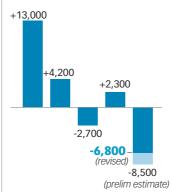


Unemployment

Measures unutilised labour supply







Q3

Q4

Job vacancy

Measures number of unfilled posts which a firm is actively recruiting employees from outside

RATIO OF JOB VACANCIES TO UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 1.2 1.05 1.0 0.90 0.92 0.81 0.8 0.77 0.6 Mar Iul Dec Sept Mar

Redundancies

Comprises retrenchment and early release of contract workers due to redundancy. Should not be confused with persons unemployed

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