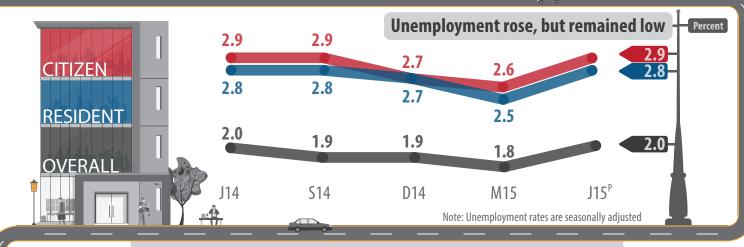
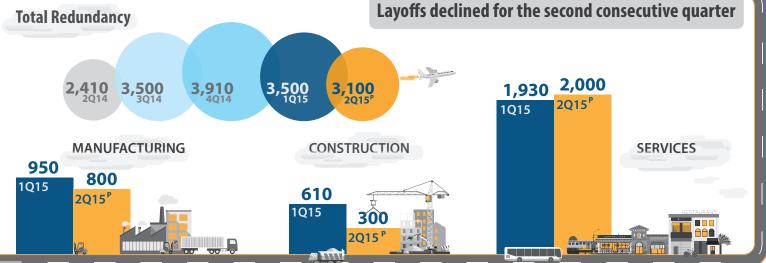
## Employment grew at a moderate pace, unemployment edged up slightly amid softer economic conditions 2.9 2.9 2.9 Unemployment



## Employment rose, reflecting increases in construction and services





Note: Data pertain to private establishment each with at least 25 employees & the public sector