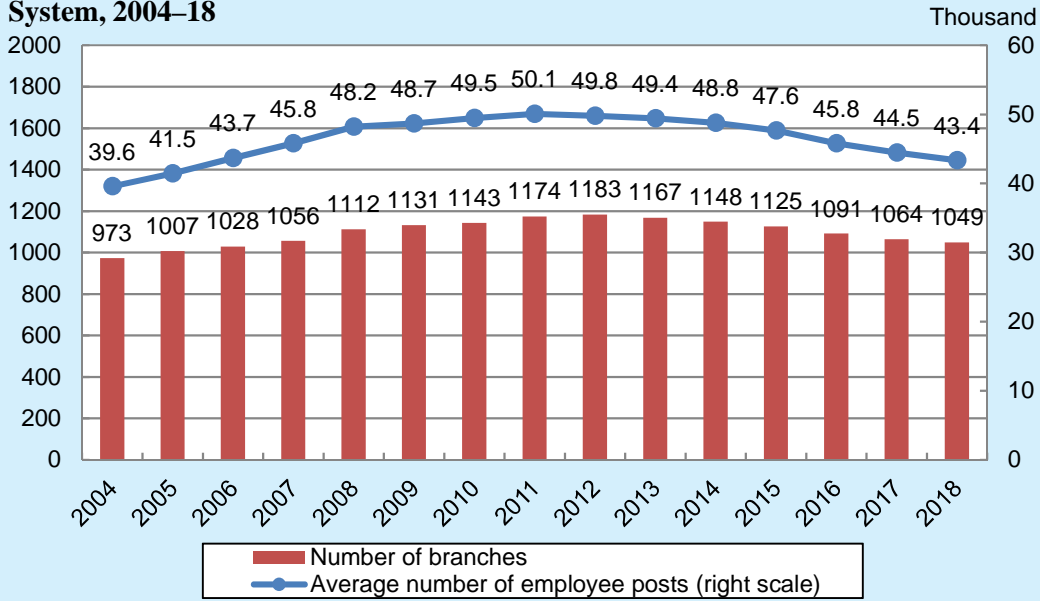


The banks continued lowering their manpower contingents and number of branches this year.

Figure 1.10
Average Number of Employee Posts, and Number of Branches, Total Banking System, 2004–18



SOURCE: Based on published financial statements and reports to the Banking Supervision Department.