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1. consumer vs. manufacturer - According to Korea Consumer Agency, the number of Consumers' counsels received in 2008 increased by 5.5% compared to the figures in 2007, and the total was 278,187. 2. employment = According to Korea National Statistical Office, the employment rate in February, 2009 was 96.1%, and it has been decreasing since September, 2008. Also, the rate in February, 2009 was the lowest from 2004 to now. 3. arts and culture = According to Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, from 2007 to 2008, the number of events about the public performances declined by 9.3%, and the number of times about the public performances declined by 5.5%.