



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

April 2014

[Wednesday, April 2 – Friday, May 2]

Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (January)

Wednesday, April 2, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of households of welfare recipients in January was 1,599,186 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,167,927.

Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in February)

Friday, April 18, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings decreased by 0.1% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.1% from a year earlier (regular employees 0.3%, part-time workers 0.3%).

Special cash earnings increased by 0.5% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.5% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 4.5% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) decreased by 2.0% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers decreased by 0.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indexes of Business Conditions February 2014 (Revised Release)

Tuesday, April 22, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in February was 113.0, a decrease of 1.9 points. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 0.60 points, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.67 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Improving” (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 108.9, a decrease of 4.6 points, and the Lagging Index was 117.0, an increase of 0.9 points.

Consumer Price Index (March and FY2012)

Friday, April 25, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in March 2014 was 101.0(2010=100), up 1.6% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 100.8, up 1.3% over the year.

The consumer price index for Japan in FY 2013 was 100.4(2010=100), up 0.9% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 100.4, up 0.8% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in April 2014(preliminary) was 101.7(2010=100), up 2.9% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.7, up 2.7% over the year.

Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in March)

Wednesday, April 30, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.7% and contractual cash earnings unchanged (regular employees unchanged, part-time workers -0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 14.8% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.4% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 4.8%. Real wage (total) decreased by 1.3%, from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 2.7% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indices of Industrial Production (March)

Wednesday, April 30, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) increased by 0.3% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to decrease in April and increase in May. The Synthetic judgment is “Industrial Production continues to show an upward movement.” (The same as the previous month)

Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in February)

Wednesday, April 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in February 2014 was 27.1 trillion yen, an increase of 1.9 % from the same month the year before. The total number of persons working at the location of establishment in the industry by industry of establishment and enterprise, etc. was 28,360 thousand person, an increase of 1.1% from the same month the year before.

Labour Force Survey (March and FY2013)

Friday, May 2, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.6%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 3.7%, unchanged from the previous month and that for women was 3.4%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.36 million, increased by 30 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) was 55.86 million, increased by 270 thousand from the previous month.

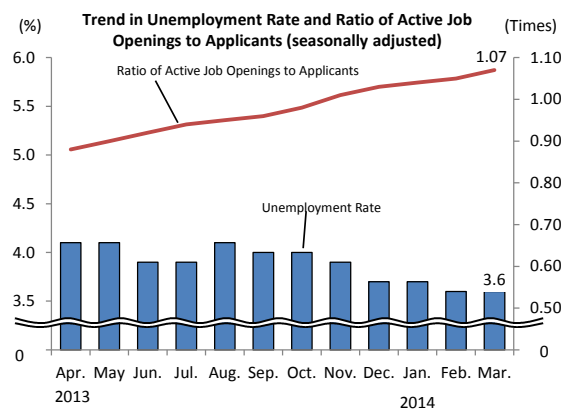
The unemployment rate in FY2013 was 3.9%, decreased by 0.4 point from the previous fiscal year.

Report on Employment Service (March and FY2013)

Friday, May 2, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 1.07, increased by 0.02 point from the previous month.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants in FY2013 was 0.97, increased by 0.15 point from the previous fiscal year.



Family Income and Expenditure Survey (March)

Friday, May 2, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The average monthly income for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 3.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

With regard to change over the year of wages & salaries, household heads was -3.3% in real terms from the previous year, spouse of household was -1.1% in real terms from the previous year and other household members was -28.6% in real terms from the previous year.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was increased by 7.5% in real terms from the same month a year before.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (April)

Thursday, April 17, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery trend, while some weak movements are seen lately due to a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase. (In the previous month, “The Japanese economy is recovering at a moderate pace. A last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase is intensifying.”)

* Private consumption shows weakness lately due to a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase. (In the previous month, “Private consumption is increasing with a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase.”)

* Business investment is picking up. (The same as the previous month)

* Exports are flat. (The same as the previous month)

* Industrial production is almost flat with a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase. (In the previous month, “Industrial production is increasing with a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase.”)

* Corporate profits are improving. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is broadly improving. However, firms are cautious about the immediate future. (In the previous month, “Corporate profits are improving. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is broadly improving.”)

* The employment situation is improving steadily. (The same as the previous month)

* Consumer prices are rising moderately. (In the previous month, “Prices are rising moderately.”)

Monthly Economic Labour Report (April)

Friday, April 18, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation is improving steadily. (The same as the previous month)

We have also compiled the "Main Labor Economics Indicators", which summarizes indexes relating to the labour economy. Please go to "<https://www.jil.go.jp/english/estatis/esaikin/esaikin.html>"

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