

Recent Statistical Survey Reports

July 2014

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Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (April)

Wednesday, July 9, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of households of welfare recipients in April was 1,600,241 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,159,847.

Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions (2013)

Tuesday, July 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of aged household was 23.2%.

The average annual income per household in 2012 was 5,372 thousand yen.

As for family life consciousness, 59.9% says their lives are "hard" (very much or a little bit).

Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in May)

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

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.6% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.4% from a year earlier (regular employees 0.8%, part-time workers 0.6%).

Special cash earnings increased by 8.0% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings unchanged and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 4.0% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) decreased by 3.8% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers decreased by 0.9% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indexes of Business Conditions May 2014 (Revised Release)

Tuesday, July 22, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in May was 111.3, an increase of 0.2 points. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.60 points, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.08 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Weakening" (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 104.8, a decrease of 1.7 points, and the Lagging Index was 117.8, a decrease of 0.1 points.

Consumer Price Index (June)

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

The consumer price index for Japan in June 2014 was 103.4(2010=100), up 3.6% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.4, up 3.3% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in July 2014(preliminary) was 101.8(2010=100), up 2.8% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 102.0, up 2.8% over the year.

Labour Force Survey (June)

Tuesday, July 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.7%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month. That for men was 3.8%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.5%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.44 million, increased by 110 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) was 55.95 million, increased by 140 thousand from the previous month.

Employment Referrals for General Workers (June) Tuesday, July 29, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

(%)

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.10, increased by 0.01 point from the previous month. Monthly active job openings (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.3% from the previous month and monthly active applications (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 0.1% from the previous month/

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.67, increased by 0.03 point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.68, increased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

5.5 1.20 Ratio of Active Job Openings to Applicants 1.10 5.0 1.10 1.00 0.90 4.5 0.80 Unemployment Rate 4.0 0.70 3.7 0.60 3.5 0,50 0 0 Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. 2013 2014

Trend in Unemployment Rate and Ratio of Active Job

Openings to Applicants (seasonally adjusted)

(Times)

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (June)

Tuesday, July 29, 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 6.6% in real terms from the same month a year before.

With regard to change over the year of wages & salaries, household heads was -5.2% in real terms from the previous year, spouse of household was -8.0% in real terms from the previous year and other household members was -20.9% in real terms from the previous year.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 4.5% in real terms from the same month a year before.

Conditions Relating to Claim and Result of Spring Wage Negotiation

(major business establishments) (2014)

Tuesday, July 29, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The average pay raise agreed upon of 314 major business establishments with the capital one billion yen or more and the labour union belonged by 1,000 employees or more was 6,711 yen, increased by 1,233 yen from a year earlier (5,478 yen). The wage increase percentage was 2.19%, increased by 0.39 points from a year earlier (1.80%).

Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in May)

Tuesday, July 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in May 2014 was 28.2 trillion yen, an increase of 1.6 % 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 28,530 thousand person, an increase of 1.2% from the same month the year before.

Indices of Industrial Production (June)

Wednesday, July 30, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) decreased by 3.3% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in July and August. The Synthetic judgment is "Industrial Production has weakened." (In the previous month, "Industrial Production appears to be flat.")

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in June)

Thursday, July 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.4% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.4% (regular employees 0.6%, part-time workers 0.4%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 0.3% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.3% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.9%. Real wage (total) decreased by 3.8%, from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 3.3% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Abridged Life Tables For Japan 2013

Thursday, July 31, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

In the abridged life tables 2013, life expectancy at birth was 80.21 years for males and 86.61 for females.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (July)

Friday, July 17, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery trend and a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase is easing. (In the previous month, "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.")

*Private consumption shows movements of picking up, while some weakness remains. (In the previous month, "Private consumption shows weakness, but some movements of picking up can be seen.")

* Business investment shows some weak movements recently, while it is on the increasing. (In the previous month, "Business investment is increasing.")

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

* Industrial production is in a weak tone with a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase. (The same as the previous month)

* Corporate profits are improving. Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows cautiousness, while signs of improvement can be seen. (In the previous month, "Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows cautiousness lately. However, the judgment about the immediate future is improving.")

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

* Consumer prices are rising moderately. (The same as the previous month)

Monthly Economic Labour Report (July)

Friday, July 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" EDITED BY Research and Statistical Information Analysis Department, The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training