



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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October 2014

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### Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (July)

**Wednesday, October 8, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of households of welfare recipients in July was 1,608,994 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,163,716.

### Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in August)

**Friday, October 17, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.9% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.3% from a year earlier (regular employees 0.6%, part-time workers -0.7%).

Special cash earnings increased by 13.4% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.2% from a year earlier and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.2% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) decreased by 3.1% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers decreased by 2.3% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

### Indexes of Business Conditions August 2014 (Revised Release)

**Monday, October 20, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in August was 108.3, a decrease of 1.6 points. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.90 points, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.90 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Signaling a possible turning point" (In the previous month, "Weakening")

The Leading Index was 104.4, a decrease of 1.1 points, and the Lagging Index was 117.7, a decrease of 0.4 points.

### Indices of Industrial Production (September)

**Wednesday, October 29, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) increased by 2.7% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to decrease in October and increase in November. The Synthetic judgment is "Industrial Production fluctuates indecisively." (In the previous month, "Industrial Production has weakened.")

### Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in August)

**Thursday, October 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in August 2014 was 28.8 trillion yen, an increase of 0.8 % 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 28,500 thousand person, an increase of 0.7% from the same month the year before.

## Family Income and Expenditure Survey (September)

**Friday, October 31, 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 6.0% 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 -10.0% in real terms from the previous year and other household members was -20.6% in real terms from the previous year.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 7.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

## Consumer Price Index (September)

**Friday, October 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in September 2014 was 103.9(2010=100), up 3.2% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.5, up 3.0% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in October 2014(preliminary) was 102.2(2010=100), up 2.5% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 102.2, up 2.5% over the year.

## Labour Force Survey (September)

**Friday, October 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.6%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month. That for men was 3.7%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.4%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.37 million, increased by 70 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 56.36 million, increased by 610 thousand from the previous month.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 33.27 million, increased by 360 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 19.70 million, increased by 300 thousand from the previous year.

## Employment Referrals for General Workers (September)

**Friday, October 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.09, decreased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 1.0% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 0.2% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.67, increased by 0.05 point from the previous month.

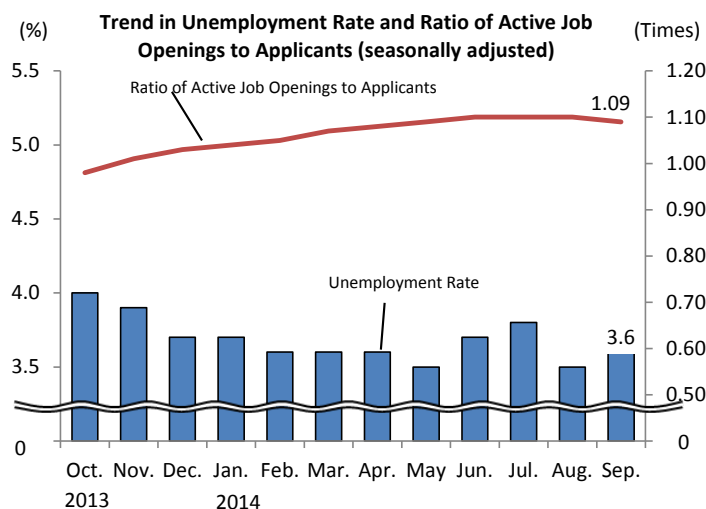
Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.67, decreased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

## Report on Employment Situations of Elderly Persons (2014)

**Friday, October 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

98.1% of the companies with 31 or more employees implemented employment securing measures for elderly persons.

The ratio of the companies whose employees can work up to they become 65 years old or longer if they hope was 71.0%, an increase of 4.5 point from the previous year.



The ratio of the companies whose employees can work up to they become 70 years old or longer if they hope was 19.0%, an increase of 0.8 point from the previous year.

### **Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in September, Summer Bonus in 2014)**

**Wednesday, November 5, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.8% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.6% (regular employees 0.8%, part-time workers -0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 11.5% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.5% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.6%. Real wage (total) decreased by 2.9%, from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 1.9% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

The average amount of summer bonus in 2014 was 370,550 yen, an increase of 3.1% from the previous year.

### **Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (August)**

**Wednesday, November 5, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of households of welfare recipients in August was 1,609,830 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,163,152.

## **Other Reports**

### **Monthly Economic Report (October)**

**Tuesday, October 21, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery, while weakness can be seen recently. (In the previous month, “The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery, while weakness can be seen in some areas.”)

\* Private consumption appears to be pausing recently, while it remains in picking up. (The same as the previous month)

\* Business investment shows some weak movements recently, while it is on the increasing. (The same as the previous month)

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

\* Industrial production is decreasing recently with a reaction after a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase. (In 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.”)

\* Corporate profits improvement appears to be pausing. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is cautious, while it shows a small improvement in large manufacturers. (In the previous month, “Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows cautiousness, while signs of improvement can be seen.”)

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

\* Consumer prices are rising at a slower tempo recently. (In the previous month, “Consumer prices are rising moderately.”)

### **Monthly Economic Labour Report (September)**

**Friday, October 24, 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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