



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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Statistical Survey Reports

The 9th Longitudinal Survey of Middle and Elderly Persons

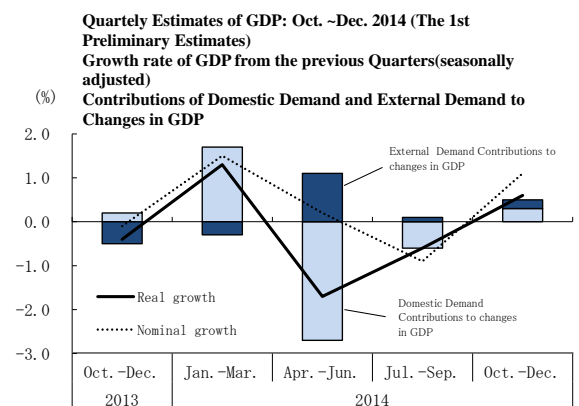
Thursday, February 12, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates Oct.-Dec. 2014)

Monday, February 16, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) at Oct.-Dec.2014 was 0.6% (2.2% on annual basis). Of real GDP growth rate, 0.3% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.2% by external demand.

Compensation of Employees (real) was 0.1% and compensation of Employees (nominal) was 0.4% (changes from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted)).



Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Senior High School Graduates (End of December, 2014)

Monday, February 16,

released by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers at the end of December, 2014, was 88.8%, an increase of 3.5 points from the previous year.

Labor Force Survey: Detailed Tabulation (Oct.-Dec. 2014 and 2014)

Tuesday, February 17, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Of the total 52.85 million employed persons (average, in the Oct. - Dec. 2014), the number of the regular employees (excluding board members) decreased by 20 thousand from the previous year to 32.81 million. The number of non-regular employees of the employees was 20.03 million, increased by 380 thousand from the previous year.

Of the total 2.20 million unemployed persons, the number of persons who had been unemployed for 1 year or more was 860 thousand, a decrease of 160 thousand from the previous year.

The average number of regular employees in 2014 was 32.78 million decreased by 160 thousand from the previous year. The number of non-regular employees was 19.62 million, an increase of 560 thousand.

The number of unemployed persons in 2014 was 2.36 million. Among them, persons who left the previous job in the past 1 year totaled 890 thousand, decreased by 150 thousand from the previous year.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (2014 Yearly Average)

Tuesday, February 17, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The yearly average of monthly income per household for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was down 3.9% in real terms from the previous year.

The yearly average of monthly consumption expenditures per household was down 3.3% in real terms from the previous year.

Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in December and 2014)

Wednesday, February 18, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 1.3% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.3% (full-time employees 0.8%, part-time employees -0.6%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 2.1% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.2% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.5%. Real wage (total) decreased by 1.7%, from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 0.3% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Total amount of cash earnings in 2014 increased by 0.8% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.3% (regular employees 0.7%, part-time workers 0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 3.3% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings unchanged, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 3.1%. Real wage (total) decreased by 2.5% from the previous year.

The number of total hours worked in 2014 decreased by 0.3% from the previous year.

The number of regular employees in 2014 increased by 1.5% from the previous year. Among them, the number of full-time employees increased by 0.9% and the number of part-time employees increased by 2.8%.

Basic Survey on Wage Structure (2014)

Thursday, February 19, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The average scheduled cash earning for general employees was 299,600yen (an increase of 1.3% from the previous year), that for men was 329,600yen (an increase of 1.1% from the previous year) and that for women was 238,000yen (an increase of 2.3% from the previous year).

Hourly wages of part-time employees for men was 1,120yen (an increase of 2.3% from the previous year), that for women was 1,012yen (an increase of 0.5% from the previous year).

Indexes of Business Conditions December 2014 (Revised Release)

Thursday, February 19, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in December was 110.7, an increase of 1.5 points. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 0.46 points, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.04 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Improving", but recent increases of the three-month backward moving average is small" (In the previous month, "Signaling a possible turning point")

The Leading Index was 105.6, an increase of 1.9 points, and the Lagging Index was 119.8, a decrease of 0.7 points.

Labour Force Survey (January)

Friday, February 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.6%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month. That for men was 3.8%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.3%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.35 million, increased by 70 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 56.11 million, increased by 630 thousand from the previous month.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 32.73 million, increased by 310 thousand from the

previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 19.89 million, increased by 330 thousand from the previous year.

Employment Referrals for General Workers (January)

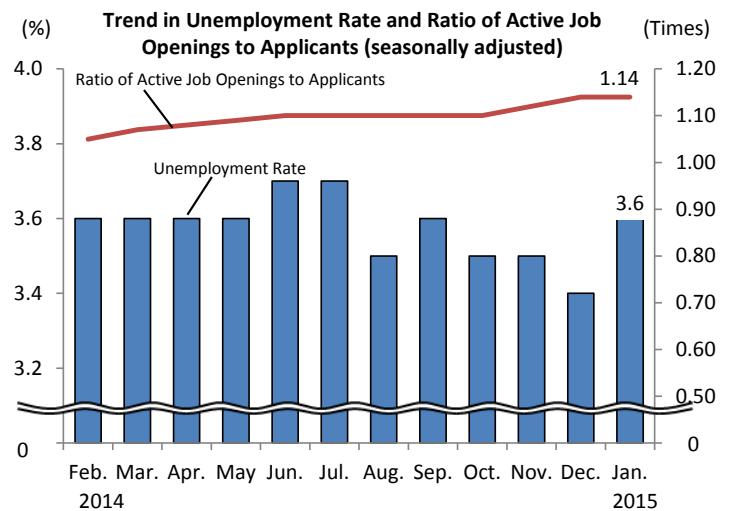
Friday, February 27, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.14, unchanged from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.6% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.2% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.77, unchanged from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.70, decreased by 0.01 point from the previous month.



Family Income and Expenditure Survey (January)

Friday, February 27, 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 2.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

With regard to change over the year of wages & salaries, household heads was -2.9% in real terms from the previous year, spouse of household was 0.0% in real terms from the previous year and other household members was -5.4% 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 4.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

Consumer Price Index (January)

Friday, February 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in January 2015 was 103.1(2010=100), up 2.4% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 102.6, up 2.2% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in February 2015(preliminary) was 101.6(2010=100), up 2.3% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.3, up 2.2% over the year.

Indices of Industrial Production (January)

Friday, February 27, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) increased by 4.0% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in February and decrease in March. The Synthetic judgment is "Industrial Production shows signs of increase at a moderate pace." (The same as the previous month)

Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in December)

Friday, February 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in December 2014 was 30.9 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 28,600 thousand person, an increase of 0.8% from the same month the year before.

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in January)

Tuesday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 1.3% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.9% (full-time employees 0.8%, part-time employees -0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 10.8% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.8% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 2.6%. Real wage (total) decreased by 1.5%, from a year earlier.

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Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (February)

Thursday, February 19, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery, while weakness can be seen in private consumption. (The same as the previous month)

* Private consumption holds firm, while weakness can be seen in consumer sentiment recently. (The same as the previous month)

* Business investment is almost flat. (The same as the previous month)

* Exports show movements of picking up recently. (In the previous month, "Exports are flat.")

* Industrial production is showing movements of picking up. (The same as the previous month)

* Corporate profits remain almost flat as a whole, while showing an improvement in large manufacturers. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is almost flat. (The same as the previous month)

* The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement. (In the previous month, "The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement, while an increase in job offers to applicant ratio appears to be pausing.")

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

Monthly Economic Labour Report (February)

Monday, February 23, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement. (In the previous month, "The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement, while an increase in job offers to applicant ratio appears to be pausing.")

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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