



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

August 2015

[Wednesday, August 5 – Friday, September 4]

Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (May)

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

The number of households of welfare recipients in May was 1,622,525 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,161,442.

School Basic Survey (FY2015)

Thursday, August 6, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The percentage of new graduates entering employment of upper secondary school was 17.8% (an increase of 0.3point from the previous year) and that of university was 72.6% (an increase of 2.8 point from the previous year).

Basic Survey of Gender Equality in Employment Management in FY2014 (Final Report)

Friday, August 7, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Business establishment survey

The ratio of the child-care leave taken by female was 86.6 (83.3% in the survey of FY2013) and that of male was 2.30% (2.03% in the survey of FY2013).

Labor Force Survey: Detailed Tabulation (Apr.-Jun. 2015)

Tuesday, August 11, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Of the total 52.67 million employed persons (average, in the Apr. - Jun. 2015), the number of the regular employees (excluding board members) increased by 110 thousand from the previous year to 33.14 million. The number of non-regular employees of the employees was 19.53 million, increased by 310 thousand from the previous year.

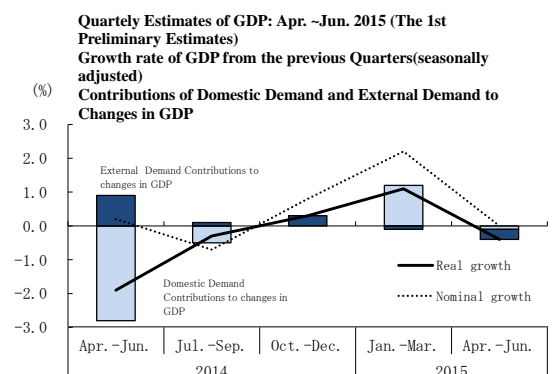
Of the total 2.27 million unemployed persons, the number of persons who had been unemployed for 1 year or more was 740 thousand, a decrease of 200 thousand from the previous year.

National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates Apr.-Jun. 2015)

Monday, August 17, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) at Apr.-Jun.2015 was -0.4% (-1.6% on annual basis). Of real GDP growth rate, -0.1% was contributed by domestic demand and -0.3% by external demand.

Compensation of Employees (real) was -0.2% and compensation of Employees (nominal) was 0.2% (changes from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted)).



Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in June)

Friday, August 21, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings decreased by 2.5% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.3% (full-time employees 0.8%, part-time employees -0.1%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 6.7% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.4% and non-scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.2%. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 3.0% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased by 0.1% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 1.0% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indexes of Business Conditions June 2015 (Revised Release)

Monday, August 24, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in June was 112.3, an increase of 1.0 point. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 0.47 point, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.07 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Weakening" (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 106.5, an increase of 0.5 point, and the Lagging Index was 115.6, an increase of 0.2 point.

Survey on Labour Disputes (2014)

Tuesday, August 25, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

There were 495 cases of "total disputes" (507 cases for the previous year), a reduction for the fourth consecutive year, and a record low since 1957 where comparable data is available.

The number of cases, total participants, and active participants all increased overall compared to the previous year.

Number of cases 80 cases (previously 71 cases)

Total participants 74,438 persons (previously 52,350 persons)

Active participants 27,919 persons (previously 12,910 persons)

The number of strikes for half a day or longer increased compared to the previous year, while the number of active participants and working days lost decreased.

Number of cases 27 cases (previously 31 cases)

Total participants 14,989 persons (previously 1,683 persons)

Active participants 19,932 days (previously 7,035 days)

Survey on Employment Trends (2014)

Thursday, August 27, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The hiring rate (the ratio of hired employees to regular employees at the beginning of the new year) was 17.3%, increased by 1.0 point from the previous year, and the separation rate (the ratio of separated employees to regular employees at the beginning of the new year) was 15.5%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous year.

Looking at the wage of hired employees who changed occupations, those who admit 36.6% of them cited that the wage was "increased from the previous occupation" (increased by 4.8 point from the previous year), and 31.6% cited "decreased" (decreased by 2.2 point from the previous year).

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (July)

Friday, August 28, 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 increased by 5.4% in real terms from the same month a year before.

The change over the year of wages & salaries was 5.7% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: 3.8% in real terms, spouse of household: 23.5% in real terms).

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was increased by 0.7% in real terms from the same month a year before.

Consumer Price Index (July)

Friday, August 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in July 2015 was 103.7(2010=100), up 0.2% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.4, unchanged from the previous year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in August 2015(preliminary) was 102.1(2010=100), up 0.1% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 102.0, down 0.1% over the year.

Labour Force Survey (July)

Friday, August 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.3%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month. That for men was 3.5%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.2%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.20 million, decreased by 20 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 56.32 million, increased by 320 thousand from the previous month.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 33.36 million, increased by 290 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 19.56 million, increased by 170 thousand from the previous year.

Employment Referrals for General Workers (July)

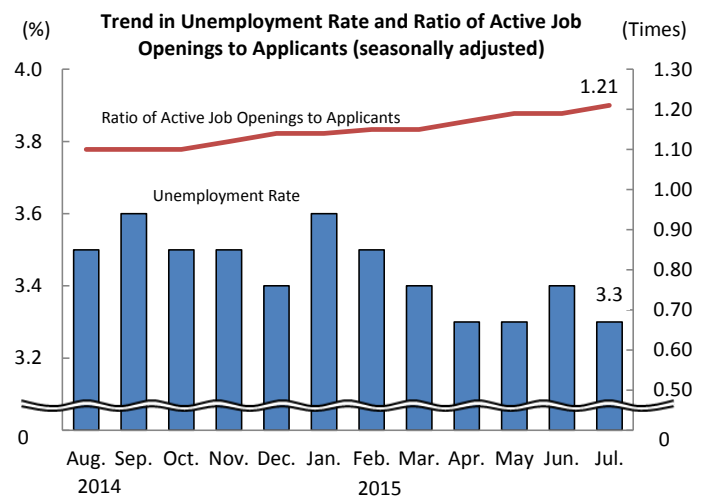
Friday, August 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.21, increased by 0.02 point from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 1.5% 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 1.83, increased by 0.05 point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.75, unchanged from the previous month.



Survey on the Trends in Wage Hikes at Enterprises 2015

Friday, August 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Survey on the Employment Situation of Small and Medium Enterprises 2015

Friday, August 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Indices of Industrial Production (July)

Monday, August 31, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) decreased by 0.6% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in August and decrease in September.

Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in June)

Monday, August 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in June 2015 was 28.8 trillion yen, an increase of 2.5 % 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 28,640 thousand person, an increase of 0.7% from the same month the year before.

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (June)

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

The number of households of welfare recipients in June was 1,625,941 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,163,128.

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in July)

Friday, September 4, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.6% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.6% (full-time employees 0.7%, part-time employees -0.1%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 0.3% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.6% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.6%. Real wage (total cash earnings) increased by 0.3% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) increased by 0.3% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 1.8% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (August)

Wednesday, August 26, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery, while variation in tempo of improvement can be seen in some areas. (In the previous month, "The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery.")

* Private consumption holds firm as a whole. (In the previous month, "Private consumption is showing signs of picking up.")

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

* Exports are in a weak tone recently. (In the previous month, "Exports are almost flat.")

* Industrial production is flat recently. (The same as the previous month)

* Corporate profits generally show a trend toward improvement. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is almost flat, while signs of improvement can be seen in some areas. (The same as the previous month)

* The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement. (The same as the previous month)

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

Monthly Economic Labour Report (August)

Monday, August 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation shows a trend toward improvement. (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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