

55. Trends in Number of Labor Unions, Members and Organization Rate (Unit Unions)

労働組合数、組合員数、組織率の推移（単位労働組合）

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2009	2010	2011	2012
Labor Unions ¹⁾										
労働組合数	29,144	41,561	60,954	72,693	72,202	68,737	56,347	55,910	55,148	54,773
Members ¹⁾ (1,000 persons)										
労働組合員数 (千人)	5,774	7,662	11,605	12,369	12,265	11,539	10,078	10,054	9,961	9,892
Estimated Organization Rate ²⁾										
推定組織率 (%)	46.2	32.2	35.4	30.8	25.2	21.5	18.5	18.5	18.1 ³⁾	17.9

Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, *Basic Survey on Labour Unions, 2012*

- Notes: 1) "Unit unions" are locally organized unions with no lower-level chapters. Statistics for unit unions are based on data from unit unions and from the lowest-level chapters of individually organized unions.
 2) These numbers are calculated by dividing the number of union members by the number of employees (Labor Force Survey of June each year by the Statistic Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications).
 3) Because of the Great East Japan Earthquake, estimated organization rate in 2011 is calculated by figures for reference purpose.