



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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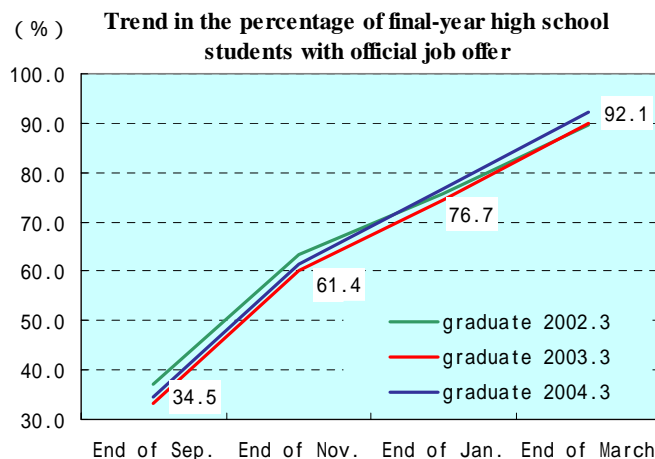
[Friday, May 7 – Tuesday, June 1]

Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offer for New Graduate in Mar.2004 (Senior and Junior High School) (End of March)

Thursday, May 13, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offer was 92.1%, increased for the second straight year by 2.1 points from a year earlier.

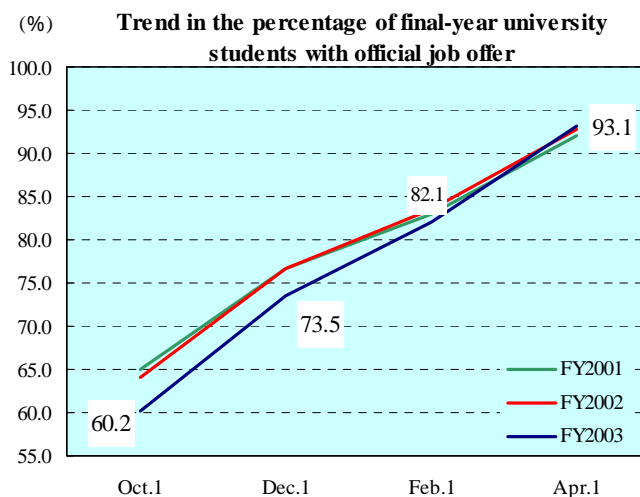


Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offer for New Graduate in Mar.2004 (University, etc.) (April 1)

Thursday, May 13, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare,

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

The ratio of final-year university students with preliminary job offer was 93.1%, increased by 0.3 points from a year earlier. The ratio of final-year university students willing to be hired was 63.5%, decreased by 2.0 points from a year earlier.

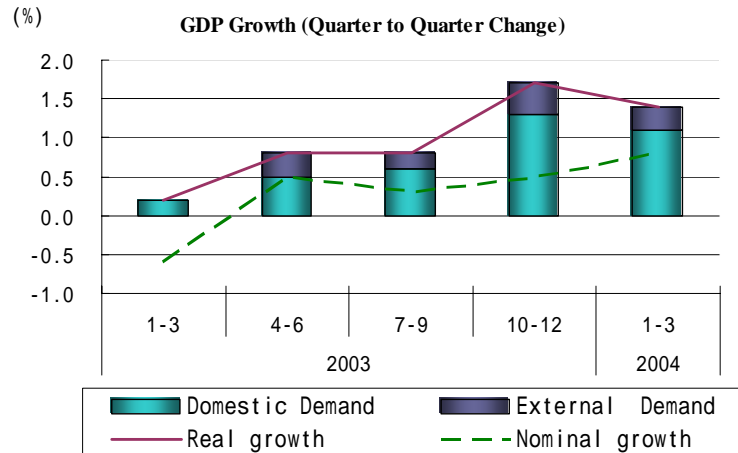


National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jan.-Mar.)

Tuesday, May 18, released by Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (seasonally adjusted) was 1.4% from the previous quarter (5.6% on annual basis).

Of real GDP growth rate, 1.1% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.3% by external demand.



Consultation States of Individual Labor Dispute Resolution System(FY2003)

Wednesday, April 19, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The total of 140,822 cases of labor consultations regarding civil individual labor disputes were brought to General Labor Consultation Desks in FY2003.

Wage Survey on Forestry Workers by Occupation (2003)

Thursday, May 20, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Daily contractual cash earnings (total occupation) was 12,330 yen, decreased by 0.2% from a year earlier.

Worker's Accident Compensation for Cerebral/Cardiac and Mental Disease (FY2003)

Tuesday, June 25, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The acknowledged cases for worker's accident compensation for cerebral/cardiac disease etc. numbered 312, decreased 5 from a year earlier. Among them, 157 cases were identified as "Karoshi"(death from overwork) , decreased 3 from a year earlier.

Wage Survey on Outdoor Workers by Occupation (2003)

Tuesday, May 25, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Daily contractual cash earnings (construction industry, total occupation) were 13,360 yen, decreased by 1.2% from a year earlier.

Survey on Industrial Accidents (2003)

Wednesday, May 26, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Both the frequency rate and the intensity rate of industrial accidents unchanged from a year earlier.

Comprehensive Survey of Living Condition of the People on Health and Welfare (2003)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

53.9% of households felt living condition was "financially strapped" or "financially a little strapped" while 41.8% of them felt "mean".

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report in April)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Industrial production index (seasonally adjusted) increased for the second straight months by 3.3% from the previous month. The index is expected to increase in May and decrease in June.

Consumer Price Index (April)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,
Posts and Telecommunications

Consumer price index decreased by 0.4% from a year earlier, and that for Ku-areas of Tokyo in May decreased by 0.3%.

Labor Force Survey (April)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,
Posts and Telecommunications

Report on Employment Service (April)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

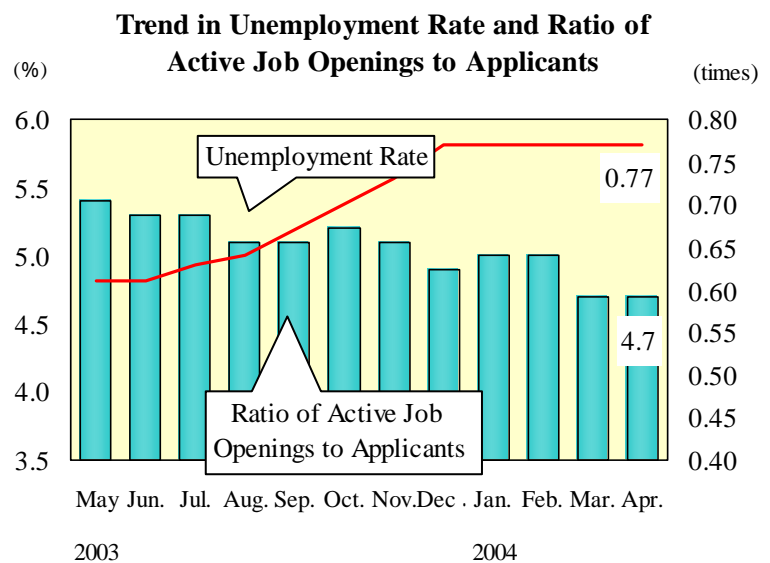
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.7%, the same as the previous month.

That for men was unchanged 4.9%, while that for women increased by 0.1 point to 4.5%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.77, the same as the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.7% from the previous month, marking the second straight rise.

The number of unemployed persons was 3.35million, decreased for the 11nd straight month.



Labor Force Survey : Detailed Analysis (Provisional Report Jan.-Mar.)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,
Posts and Telecommunications

The ratio of non-regular employees to employees except the board members was 31.5%, increased by 1.2 points from a year earlier.

By duration of unemployed period, 1.12 million of the unemployed people remained out of work for more than a year, followed by 1.11 million remained out of work for less than 3 months.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (April)

Friday, May 28, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,

Posts and Telecommunications

Monthly living expenditure per workers' household jumped by 7.2% in real terms compared with a year earlier.

Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report in April)

Tuesday, June 1, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.3% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.1%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) decreased for the third consecutive month, by 0.9% from the previous month.

Regular workers (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased for the first time in 6 years by 0.4%.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (May)

Friday, May 21, released by Cabinet Office

The economy continues recovering steadily with improvement in the corporate sector spreading.

- * Exports are rising, and industrial production is also increasing.
- * Corporate profits are improving in many industries and business investment is increasing.
- * Private consumption is picking up.
- * The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.

As for short-term prospects, the economic recovery in Japan is expected to continue as the world economy recovers and the domestic corporate sector improves. Furthermore, an improvement in the employment situation is a factor to sustain the economic recovery. On the other hand, attention should be given to the effects on overseas economies of developments of oil prices in particular.

Monthly Labor Economy Report (May)

Friday, May 21, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation is improving though some severe aspects remain

White Paper on the National Lifestyle (2004)

Friday, May 21, released by Cabinet Office

We have also compiled the "Main Labor Economics Indicators", which summarizes indexes Related to the labor economy. Please go to "<https://www.jil.go.jp/english/estatis/eindex.html>"

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