



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

October 2004

[Tuesday, October 5 – Monday, November 1]

Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Actual Status of Disabled Persons' Employment (2003)

Tuesday, October 19, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

What physically handicapped persons wanted most from their workplaces are “recognition and promotion in accordance with their abilities” and “improvement of communication means/system”(29.8% each), while mentally-disabled persons wanted their workplaces to “allow their easy staying away from work when they felt below par”(44.4%).

Awareness Survey on Livelihood

Tuesday, October 19, released by Bank of Japan

27.8% of the employees felt substantial anxiety for their employment or position at their companies, and 51.9% have anxiety to some degree.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report in September)

Thursday, October 28, released by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 0.7% from the previous month. The index is expected to increase in October and November.

Labor Force Survey (September)

Friday, October 29, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (September)

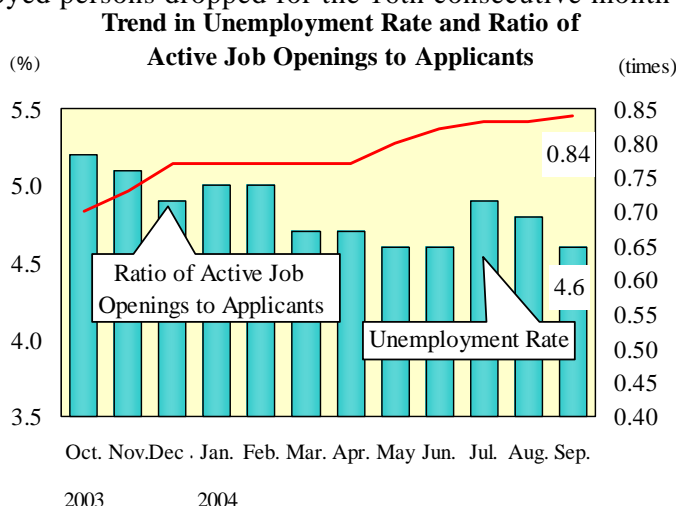
Friday, October 29, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.6%, decreased by 0.2 points from the previous month. That for men decreased by 0.1 point to 4.8% while that for women decreased by 0.4 points to 4.2%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.84, rose by 0.01 point from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) decreased for the first time in 3 months by 0.3% from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons dropped for the 16th consecutive month from a year earlier to 3.09 million.



Family Income and Expenditure Survey (September)

Friday, October 29, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' household increased by 0.3% in real values from a year earlier.

Consumer Price Index (September)

Friday, October 29, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Consumer Price Index unchanged from a year earlier.

Consumer Price Index in Ward-areas of Tokyo in October increased by 0.3% from a year earlier, while the Index excluding fresh food decreased by 0.3%.

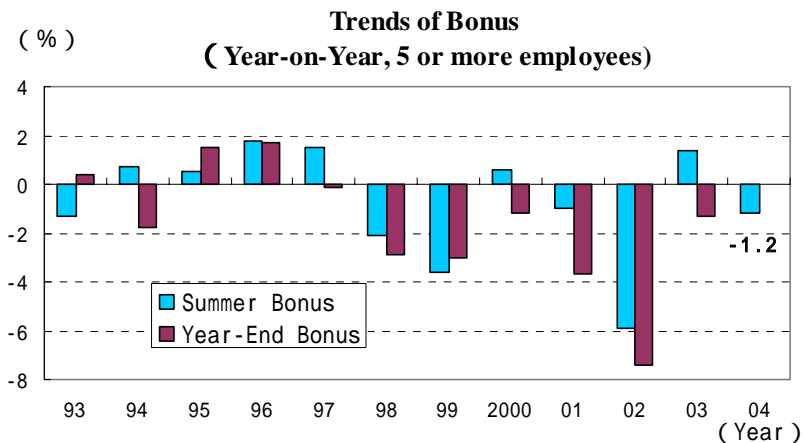
Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report for September and on Summer Bonus)

Monday, November 1, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) dropped by 0.3% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.5%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) decreased by 0.3% from the previous month.

The amount of summer bonus was 405,462yen, decreased for the first time in 2 years by 1.2% from a year earlier.



Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (October)

Thursday, October 14, released by Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering at a solid pace.

- * Exports are rising slowly, and industrial production is increasing moderately.
- * Corporate profits are improving sharply and business investment is increasing.
- * Private consumption is increasing moderately.
- * The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.

As for short-term prospects, the economic recovery is expected to continue as the domestic private demand increases steadily. On the other hand, attention should be given to the effects on the economies of developments of crude oil prices, and to the world economic situations and other factors.

Monthly Labor Economy Report (October)

Friday, October 15, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain. The unemployment rate is, while remaining at a high level, on a downward trend.

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

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