



# *Recent Statistical Survey Reports*

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*April 2004*

[ Saturday, April 2 – Monday, May 2 ]

## **Statistical Survey Reports**

### **Survey on Consecutive Leave Plan in Golden-Week Holidays**

**Thursday, April 8, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The average consecutive leave given by company during Golden-Week holidays was 6.3 days, longer than the previous year (5.6 days).

### **Consumer Price Index (March and FY2004 average / Tokyo in April)**

**Tuesday, April 26, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,  
Posts and Telecommunications**

Consumer price index decreased by 0.2% from a year earlier, and that of Ku-areas in Tokyo in April decreased by 0.4%.

Consumer price index in FY2004 decreased for 6 years in a row, by 0.1% from the previous fiscal year.

### **Family Income and Expenditure Survey (March and FY2004)**

**Tuesday, April 26, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs,  
Posts and Telecommunications**

Monthly living expenditure per workers' household increased by 1.7% in real value compared with a year earlier. Monthly living expenditure in FY2004 increased by 0.8% in real value from the previous fiscal year.

### **Statistical Survey on business establishments and enterprise (FY 2004)**

**Wednesday, April 27, released by Ministry of Public Management,  
Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications**

The number of employees decreased by 3.1% (year rate 0.6%) compared to five years ago. The number of employees per business establishment increased from 8.7 to 9.1 in the same period.

### **Survey on Corporate Activities (FY2004)**

**Thursday, April 28, released by Cabinet Office**

Number of workers decreased on average 1.8% per fiscal year in last 3 years, and that will increase on average 0.8% per fiscal year in coming 3 years.

### **Work-Related Fatalities (FY2004)**

**Thursday, April 28, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of work-related fatalities in FY2004 was 1620, lower than in FY2003, the lowest ever.

### Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report in March)

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

Industrial production index (seasonally adjusted) decreased for two consecutive months, by 0.3% from the previous month. The index was expected to increase in both April and decrease in May.

### Labor Force Survey (March and FY2004)

Tuesday, April 26, released by Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications

### Report on Employment Service (March and FY2004)

Tuesday, April 26, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.5%, decreased by 0.2 points from the previous month. That for men dropped by 0.3 points to 4.7%, while that for women was 4.2%, unchanged from the previous month. The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.91, unchanged from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 60 thousand from the previous month.

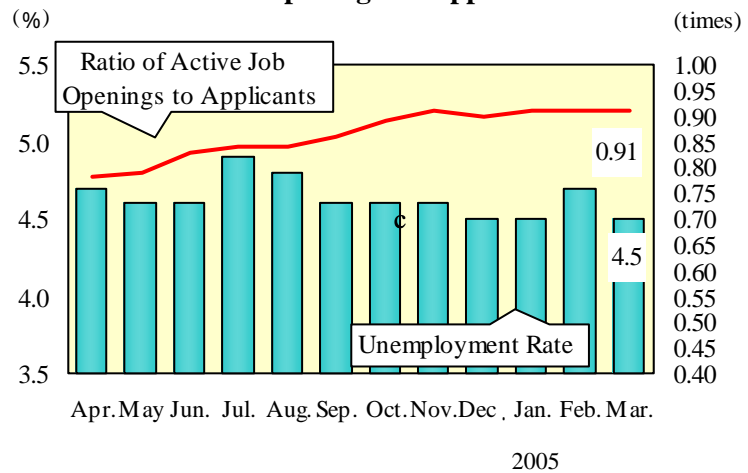
The number of unemployed

persons decreased for 22 consecutive months to 3.13 million compared with the previous month.

Unemployment rate in FY2004 was 4.6%, decreased by 0.5 points from the previous fiscal year. (decreased for 2 years in a row).

The ratio of active job openings to applicants in FY2004 was 0.86, increased by 0.17 points from the previous fiscal year.

**Trend in Unemployment Rate and Ratio of Active Job Openings to Applicants**



### Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report in March)

Monday, May 2, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) decreased by 0.6% compared with a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.6% compared with a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.4% compared with the previous month.

Full-time employees (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.5% compared with the previous month.

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (April)

**Wednesday, April 13, released by Cabinet Office**

The economy is recovering at a moderate pace, while some weak movements continue to be seen.

- \* Corporate profits are improving and business investment is increasing moderately.
- \* Private consumption is showing movements of a pickup.
- \* The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.
- \* Exports are weakening and industrial production is leveling off.

### Monthly Labor Economy Report (April)

**Thursday, April 14, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The employment situation is improving, though some severe aspects remain.

### 2005 White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan

**Tuesday, April 26, released by Small and medium Enterprise Agency**

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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