



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

October 2005**[Tuesday, October 4 – Monday, October 31]**

Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Labor-Management Communication (2005)

Friday, October 14, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Regarding communication between Labor and Management, 44% of the workers replied “good”, 40.1% of the workers said “acceptable”, and 15.9% of the workers said “bad”.

Labor Force Survey (September)

Friday, October 28, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (September)

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

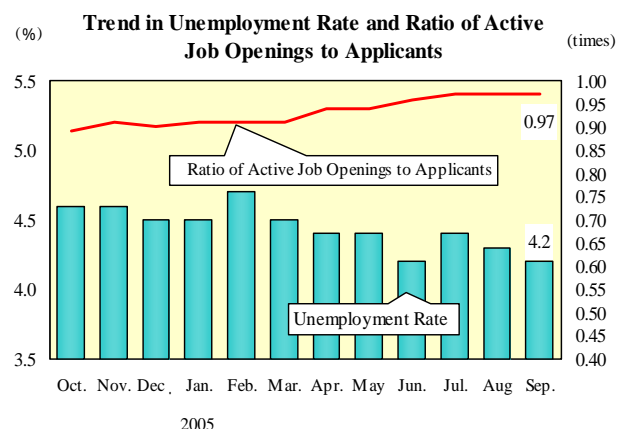
The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.2%, which decreased by 0.1 points from the previous month.

For men, it decreased by 0.1 points to 4.3%. For women, it was 4.2% the same as the previous month.

The ratio of active job opening rate (seasonally adjusted) was 0.97, the same as the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased 1.5 points to 54.56 million people from the previous month.

The number of unemployed people decreased by 240 thousand to 2.85 million from a year earlier. This marks the 28th consecutive month with a decrease.



Family Income and Expenditure Survey (September)

Friday, October 28, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' households decreased by 0.4% from a year earlier.

Consumer Price Index (September)

Friday, October 28, released by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer Price Index decreased by 0.3% from a year earlier, and in the Ku-areas of Tokyo in October the decrease was 0.1%.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report in September)

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

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.2% from the previous month, an increase for the 2nd consecutive month.

Statistical Survey on Establishments and Enterprises (2004 Revised Report)

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

The number of employees decreased by 3.2% (APR; 0.7%) compared with the previous survey conducted 5 years ago. The number of employees (per each establishment) increased to 9.1people from 8.7people in 1999.

Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report in September, Summer Bonus)

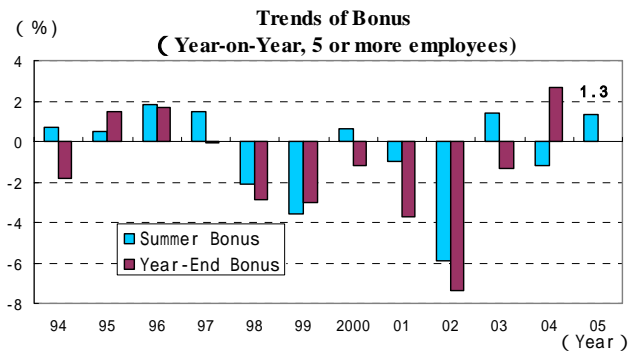
Monday, October 31, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) decreased by 1.3% from a year earlier. Contractual cash earnings increased by 0.6%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) decreased by 2.4% from the previous month.

Regular workers (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.5% from a year earlier.

The average of summer bonus was 410,618 yen, an increase of 1.3% over the previous year.



Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (October)

Thursday, October 12, released by Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering at a moderate pace with the corporate sector as well as the household sector improving.

- Corporate profits are improving and business investment is increasing.
- Private consumption is increasing moderately.
- The employment situation is improving on a broader basis, though some severe aspects remain.
- Exports are picking up and industrial production is leveling off.

Monthly Economic Labour Report (October)

Thursday, October 12, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

In looking at the aspects of labor and economy, the employment situation shows an expansion of improvement though some severe aspects remain. For example, the unemployment rate is declining, though still remaining at a high level, and wages are steadily increasing.

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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