



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

November 2005

[Tuesday, November 1 – Wednesday, November 30]

Statistical Survey Reports

Unincorporated Enterprise Survey (The 2nd Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jul.-Sep.2005)

Thursday, November 10, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The business conditions diffusion index (D.I.) for business owners in unincorporated enterprises during this term was -63.8, down 1.5 points from the previous term (April-June 2005).

The expected DI on business conditions for the next term (October- December 2005) is -57.6, an estimated 6.2 point improvement from the current term (July-September 2005).

Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate in Mar.2006 (Senior and Junior High School) (End of September)

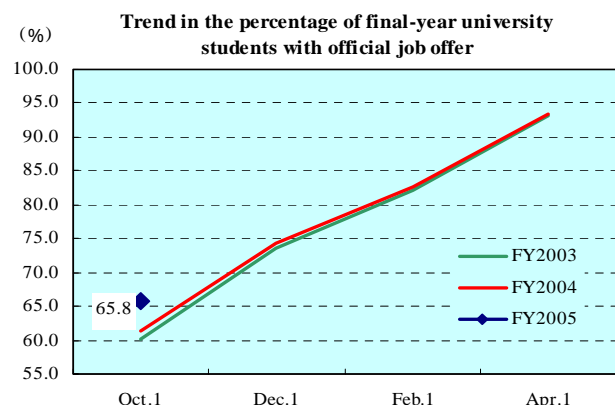
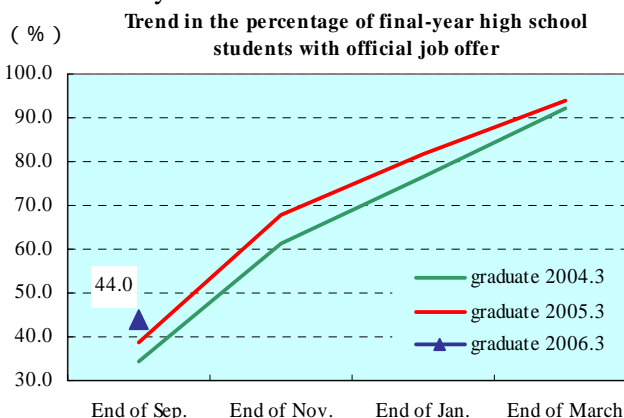
Thursday, November 10, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers was 44.0%, an increase of 5.1 points over the previous year.

Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate in Mar.2006 (University, etc.) (October 1)

Thursday, November 10, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

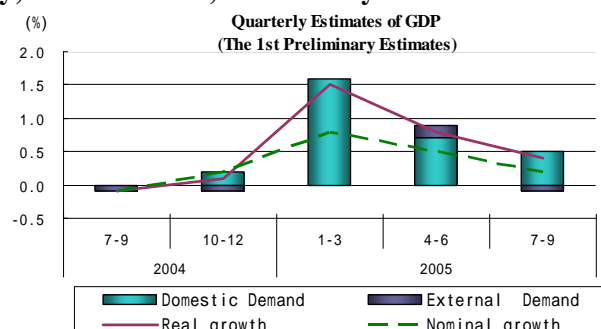
The ratio of final-year university students with preliminary job offers was 65.8%, an increase of 4.5 points from a year earlier.



National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jul.-Sep.)

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.4% (1.7% on annual basis) from the previous quarter.

Of real GDP growth rate, 0.5% was contributed by domestic demand and -0.1% by external demand.

Friday, November 11, released by the Cabinet Office

Agreement of Summer Bonus for Major Private Sector Companies (2005)

Thursday, November 24, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount agreed for the summer bonus was 839,313yen, an increase of 4.03% from the year prior.

Consumer Price Index (October)

Friday, November 25, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.7% from a year earlier, and in the Ku-areas of Tokyo in November decreased by 0.9%.

Basic Survey on Wage Structure (Starting Salary) (2005)

Friday, November 25, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount of starting salary for college-graduates decreased by 0.6% from a year earlier and that for graduates of senior high schools decreased by 0.2%.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report for October)

Tuesday, November 29, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.6% from the previous month, an increase for the 3rd consecutive month. This index is also expected to increase in November and December.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (October)

Tuesday, November 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' household increased by 1.3% in real values compared to last year.

Labor Force Survey (October)

Tuesday, November 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (October)

Tuesday, November 29, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

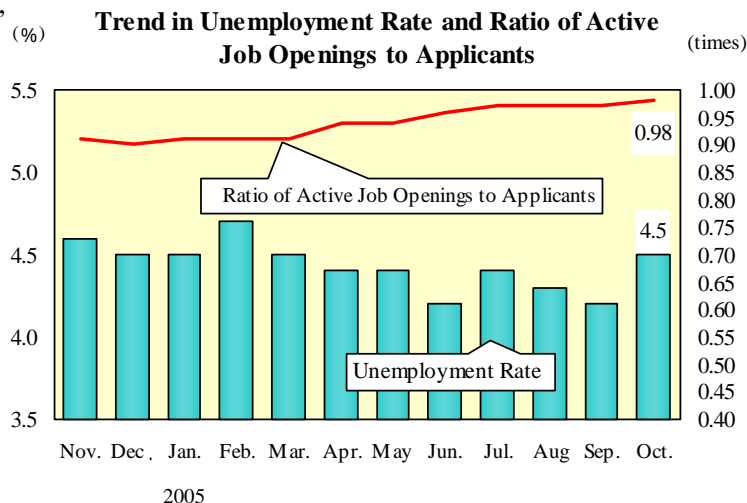
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.5%, an increase of 0.3 points from the previous month.

That for men was 4.5%, an increase of 0.2 points over the previous month, while that for women increased by 0.3 points to 4.5%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.98, which rose by 0.01 points from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) unchanged from the previous month.

The number of unemployed people decreased to 3.04 million for the 29th consecutive month from a year earlier.



Labor Force Survey : Detailed Tabulation (Preliminary Report for Jul.-Sep.)

Tuesday, November 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The ratio of non-regular employees to employees except for board members was 32.9%, an increase of 1.4 points over the previous year.

The number of unemployed people by duration of unemployment, was; "more than a year" 0.95 million, followed by 'less than 3 months' 0.93 million.

Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report for October)

Wednesday, November 30, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Contractual cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.5% from a year earlier, and total cash earnings increased by 0.5%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.7% from the previous month.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (October)

Monday, November 21, released by the Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering at a moderate pace.

- 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)

Monday, November 21, released by the 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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