



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

December 2005

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Survey on Labor Economy Trends (November 2005)

Thursday, December 1, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The Diffusion index (DI) (“Insufficient”-“Excessive”) for judging the shortage/excessiveness of regular employees was +20 in November (+16 in August); Excess of insufficiency augmented from the previous term.

The ratio of establishments that executed the employment adjustment during July.-Sep. was 13%, down slightly from the previous quarter.

21st Century Follow-up Survey on New-Born Infant (Fourth round)

Tuesday, December 6, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

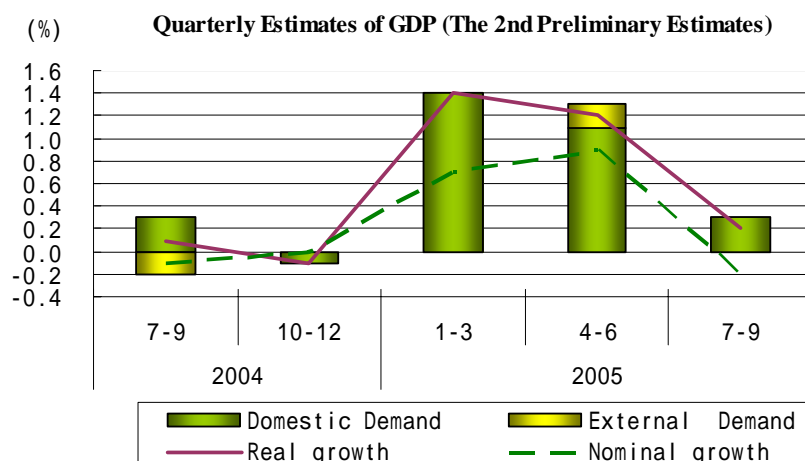
Of mothers who gave birth in 2001, 41.8% had a job (by the time their children were 3.5 years old); showing an increase of the rate from the previous survey conducted a year ago (34.7%; by the time their children were 2.5 years old).

National Accounts (The 2nd Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jul.-Sep.)

Friday, December 9, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) increased by 0.2% (1.0% on annual basis) from the previous term.

Of real GDP growth rate, 0.3% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.0% by external demand.



Basic Survey on Labor Unions (2005)

Wednesday, December 14, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of labor union members was 10.138 million (decreased by 1.7%; 171 thousand from the previous year), a decrease for the 11th consecutive year.

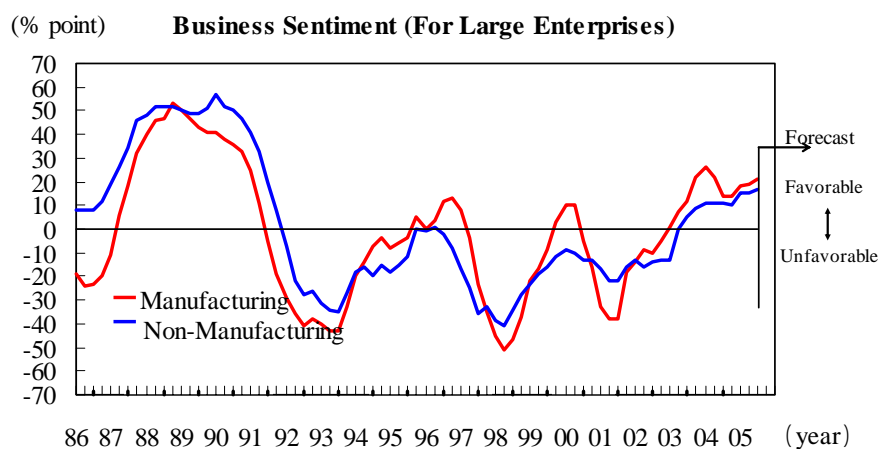
The estimated unionization rate was 18.7%, which decreased by 0.5 points from 19.2% in last year.

TANKAN (Short-Term Economic Survey of Enterprises) (December)

Wednesday, December 14, released by the Bank of Japan

The Diffusion Index (DI) ("Favorable"- "Unfavorable") for business sentiment in large enterprises dropped to 21 (19 in the previous quarter and forecast 19 in the coming quarter). For non-manufacturing DI was 17 (15 in the previous quarter and forecast 17 in the coming quarter).

The Diffusion Index (DI) ("Excessive"- "Insufficient") for employment sentiment in large enterprises of all industry was 2 (1 in the previous quarter and forecast 5 in the coming quarter).



Survey on Employment Trends (2005)

Thursday, December 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of gross labor turnover was 8.68 million (the number of job accession was 4.42 million, and that of job separation was 4.26 million). The ratio of job accession was 10.3% and separation rate was 9.9%.

Special Survey of the Monthly Labor Survey (2005)

Thursday, December 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Contractual cash earnings (for establishments with less than 5 employees) in July was 190,888 yen, decreased by 0.9% from a year earlier. Contractual cash earnings for establishments with more than 5 employees increased by 0.2%.

Business Outlook Survey (Oct.-Dec.)

Monday, December 26, released by the Cabinet Office, Ministry of Finance

Difference of Employment BSI ("insufficient"- "excessive") inclines toward "insufficient" in large-scale, medium-sized, and small-to-medium-sized corporations.

Consumer Price Index (November)

Tuesday, December 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.8% from a year earlier, and in the Ku-areas of Tokyo in November decreased by 0.6%.

Consumer Price Index in the Ku-areas of Tokyo in 2005 decreased by 0.5% from the year prior.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (November)

Tuesday, December 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' household increased by 0.9% in real values from a year earlier.

Labor Force Survey (November)

Tuesday, December 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Report on Employment Service (November)

Tuesday, December 27, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

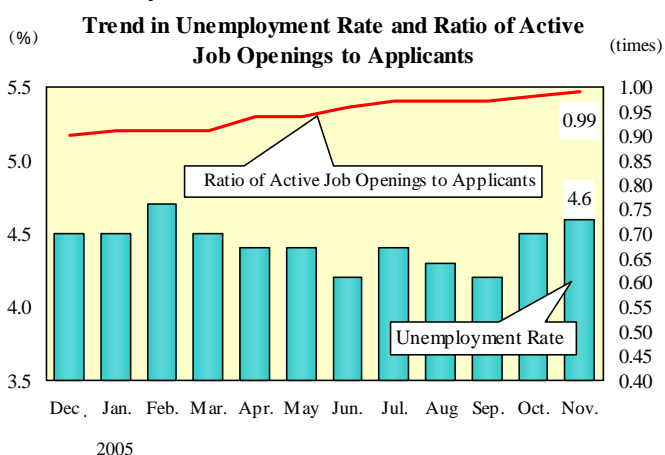
The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.6%, an increase of 0.1 points from the previous month.

The increase for both men and women was 0.1 points to 4.6%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.99, rose by 0.01 points from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 580 thousand people to 53.96 million people from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons increased 20 thousand people for the first time in 31 months from a year earlier to 2.92 million.



First Basic Complete Tabulation of the Population Census (2005)

Tuesday December 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The population was 127,76million, which did increase by 830 thousand from 5 years ago, but this is a decrease of 20 thousand compared to the estimated population a year ago. The situation of our country population seems to be entering a phase of decline.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report in November)

Wednesday, December 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.4% over the previous month for the 4th consecutive month. The index is expected to increase in December and to decrease in January.

Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report in November)

Wednesday, December 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total cash earnings (for establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.5%, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.8% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) was at the same level as the previous month.

Other Reports

The Trend of the World Economy – Autumn, 2005 –

Thursday, December 1, released by the Cabinet Office

Fiscal 2006 Economic Outlook and Basic Stance for Macroeconomic and Fiscal Management

Monday, December 19, released by the Cabinet Office

Monthly Economic Report (December)

Monday, December 19, 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 and industrial production are picking up.

Monthly Labor Economy Report (December)

Tuesday, December 20, 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 remains 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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