



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

**February 2006**

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## Statistical Survey Reports

### Basic Survey on Wage Structure by Prefectures (Preliminary Report, 2005)

**Friday, February 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Scheduled cash earnings (general employees) was the highest in Tokyo with 370,100 yen (Average length of service was 11.5 years), and the lowest in Aomori with 222,800 yen (Average length of service was 10.7 years).

### Unincorporated Enterprise Survey (The 3rd Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Oct.-Dec.2005)

**Wednesday, February 15, 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 -61.7, up 2.1 points from the previous term (July–September 2005).

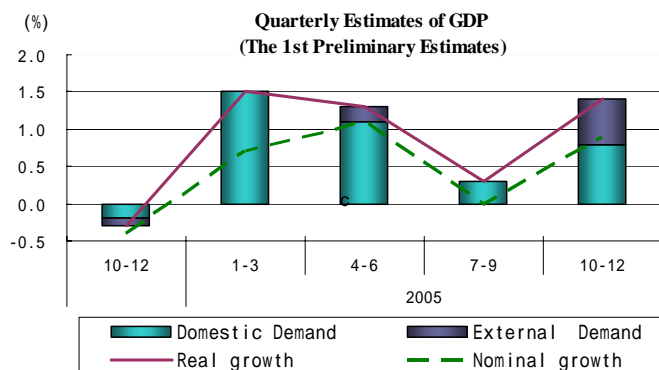
The expected DI. on business conditions for the next term (January– March 2006) is -60.3, an estimated 1.4 point improvement from the current term (October–December 2005).

### National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Oct.-Dec. )

**Friday, February 17, released by the Cabinet Office**

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.4% (5.5% on annual basis) from the previous quarter.

Of real GDP growth rate, 0.8% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.6% by external demand.



### Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report for January)

**Tuesday, February 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.3 % from the previous month, an increase for the 6th consecutive month. This index is also expected to increase in February and to decrease in March.

### Consumer Price Index (January)

**Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The Consumer Price Index was 98.1, an increase of 0.5% from a year earlier. Excluding Fresh food, it was 97.7, an increase of 0.5% from a year earlier. And in the Ward- areas of Tokyo in November, it was 96.7, an increase of 0.1%. Omitting Fresh food, it was 96.5, an increase of 0.2% from a year earlier.

### Family Income and Expenditure Survey (January)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Living expenditure in workers' household decreased by 4.7% in real values from the same month the year before.

### Survey on Labor Economy Trends (February 2006)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The Diffusion index (DI) (“Insufficient”-“Excessive”) for judging the shortage/excessiveness of regular employees was +22 (+20 in November); Excess of insufficiency augmented from the previous term.

### Labor Force Survey (January)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

### Report on Employment Service (January)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

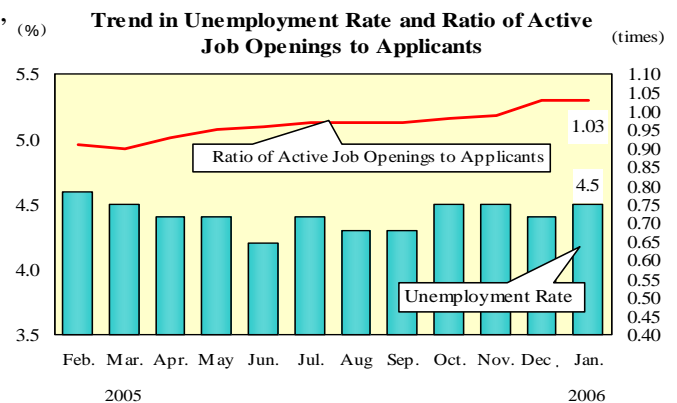
The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.5%, an increase of 0.1 points from the previous month.

That for men increased by 0.3 points to 4.8% while that for women dropped by 0.3 points to 4.0%.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 1.03, the same level as the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 440 thousand people to 54.48 million people from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons decreased 40 thousand people to 2.92 million from the same month the year before.



### Labor Force Survey (2005 Trial Count of unemployment rate, By Prefecture)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

By prefecture, the unemployment rate was the highest in Okinawa at 7.9%, Aomori followed at 6.9%. Fukui was the lowest at 2.7%.

### Labor Force Survey : Detailed Tabulation (The average amount of Oct-Dec in 2005)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The ratio of non-regular employees to employees except for board members was 33.0%, an increase of 1.4 points from the same month the year before.

The number of unemployed people by duration of unemployment, was; “more than a year” 0.96 million, followed by ‘less than 3 months’ 0.89 million.

### Monthly Labor Survey (Preliminary Report for January)

Friday, March 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings (for business establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 0.1% from a year earlier, and scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.3%.

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for business establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) increased by 2.3% from the previous month.

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (February)

Wednesday, February 22, released by the Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering.

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

### Monthly Economic Labor Report (February)

Thursday, February 23, 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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