



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

November 2006

[Wednesday, November 1 –Monday, December 4]

Statistical Survey Reports

Indexes of Business Conditions (Preliminary Report for September)

Wednesday, November 8, released by the Cabinet Office

The Leading Index was 20.0%, the Coincident Index was 50.0%, and the Lagging Index was 62.5%.

Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate in Mar.2007 (Senior and Junior High School) (End of September)

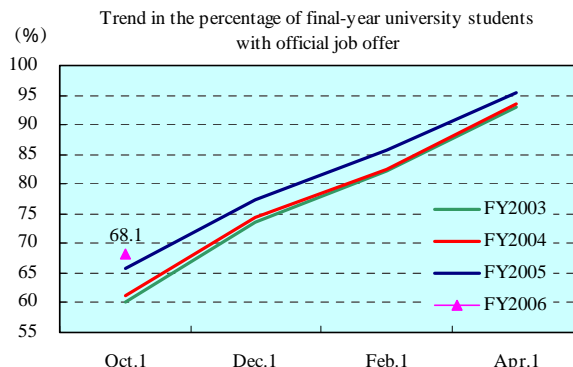
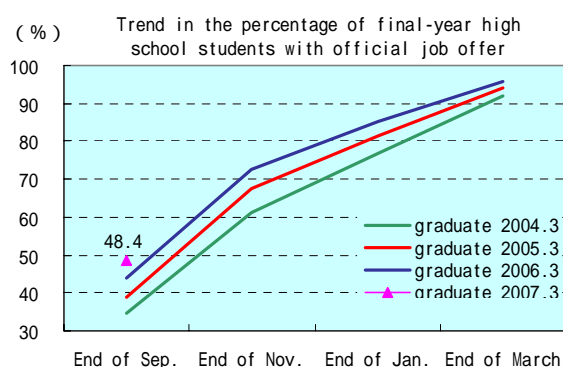
Friday, November 10, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers was 48.4%, an increase of 4.4 points over the previous year.

Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate in Mar.2007 (University, etc.) (October 1)

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

The ratio of final-year university students with preliminary job offers was 68.1%, an increase of 2.3 points from a year earlier.

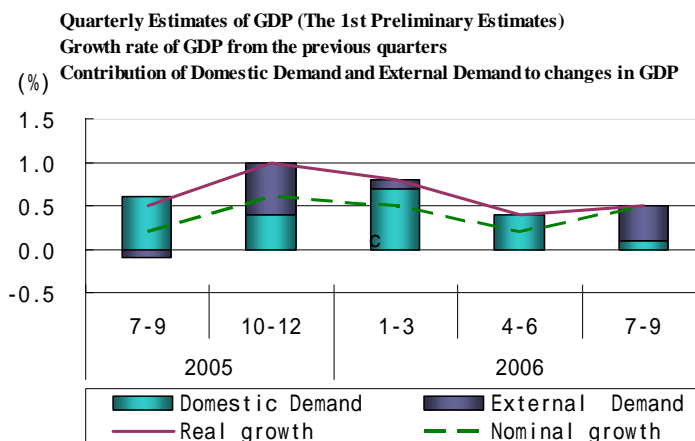


National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jul.-Sep.)

Tuesday, November 14, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) increased by 0.5% (2.0% on annual basis) from the previous quarters.

Of real GDP growth rate, 0.1% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.4% by external demand.



Agreement of Summer Bonus for Major Private Sector Companies (2006)

Monday, November 20, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount agreed for the summer bonus was 841,817yen, an increase of 2.94% from the previous year.

Basic Survey on Wage Structure (Starting Salary) (2006)

Tuesday, November 21, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount of starting salary for college-graduates increased by 1.2% from a year earlier and that for graduates of senior high schools increased by 1.0%.

Indices of Industrial Production (Preliminary Report for October)

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

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.6 % from the previous month. This index is expected to increase in November and December.

Consumer Price Index (October)

Friday, December 1, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index was 100.6, increased by 0.4% from the previous year. And in the Ward- areas of Tokyo in November, it was 100.0, increased by 0.2% from the previous year.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (October)

Friday, December 1, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The average monthly income for workers' household increased by 0.1% in real values from the same month the year before for the first time in 2 months.

Labour Force Survey (October)

Friday, December 1, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (October)

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

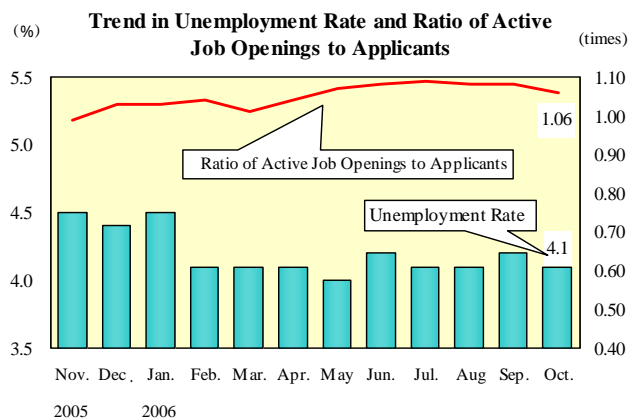
The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.1%, decreased by 0.1 points from the previous month.

That for men was 4.3%, unchanged from the previous month, that for women was 3.8%, decreased by 0.3 points from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons decreased by 230 thousand from a year earlier to 2.81 million.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 70 thousand people to 54.91 million people from the previous month.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 1.06, decreased by 0.02 points from the previous month.



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

Friday, December 1, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The rate of the non-regular staff to the employee excluding executive was 33.4%, increased by 0.5 point from the previous year.

Survey on Labor Economic Trend (November, 2006)

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

The Diffusion index (DI) for judging the shortage/excessiveness of regular employees (“Insufficient”-“Excessive”) was 23, increased from the previous quarter (August, 2006; 21)

Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in August)

Monday, December 4, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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

Non-scheduled hours worked in manufacturing (for business establishments with 5 or more employees, seasonally adjusted) decreased by 1.9% from the previous month.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (November)

Wednesday, November 22, released by the Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering, despite some weakness in consumption.

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

Monthly Economic Labour Report (November)

Friday, November 24, 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 labour economy. Please go to "<https://www.jil.go.jp/english/estatis/eindex.html>"

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