



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

May 2007

[Wednesday, May 2 –Thursday, May 31]

Statistical Survey Reports

Indexes of Business Conditions (Preliminary Report for March)

Wednesday, May 9, released by the Cabinet Office

The Leading Index was 40.0%, the Coincident Index was 22.2%, and the Lagging Index was 75.0%.

Status on Industrial accidents of death cases and significant accidents in 2006

Friday, May 11, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of deaths by industrial accidents in 2006 was 1472, at an all time low, decreased by 42 people or 2.8% from the previous year.

Survey on Situation of Official Job Offer for New Graduate in Mar.2007 (Senior and Junior High School) (End of March)

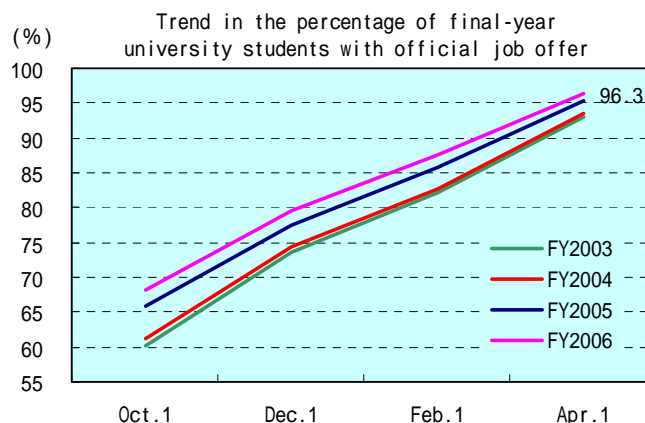
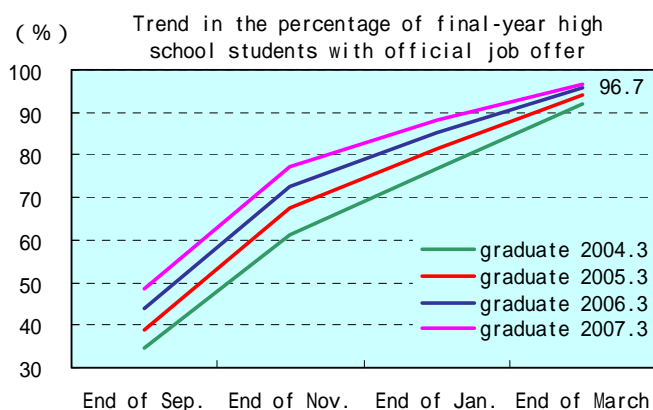
Tuesday, May 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with official job offer was 96.7%, increased by 0.9 points from a year earlier.

Survey on Situation of Official Job Offer for New Graduate in Mar.2007 (University, etc.) (April 1)

Tuesday, May 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year university students with official job offer was 96.3%, increased by 1.0 points from a year earlier.



Report on Employment Service for the disabled (FY2006)

Tuesday, May 15, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

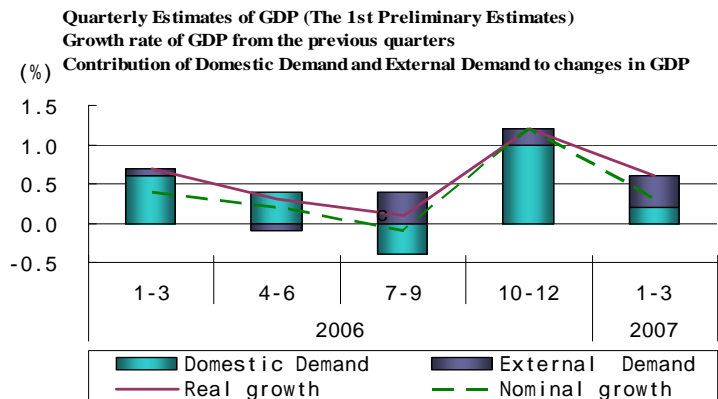
The number of job placements increased by 13.1% from the previous fiscal year to a record high of 43,987, exceeding for the first time 40,000 cases.

National Accounts (The First Preliminary Estimates of Expenditure in Jan.-Mar.)

Thursday, May 17, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (seasonally adjusted) increased by 0.6% from the previous quarters (2.4% on annual basis).

Of real GDP growth rate, 0.2% was contributed by domestic demand and 0.4% by external demand.



Achievement Status of Individual Labor Dispute Settlement System (FY2006)

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

Cases brought to comprehensive labor counseling corners across the country regarding civil individual labor disputes totaled 187,387, an increase of 6.2% from the previous year.

Consumer Price Index (April)

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

The Consumer Price Index was 100.1, unchanged from a year earlier. Omitting Fresh food, it was 99.9, a decrease of 0.1% from a year earlier. And in the Ward –areas of Tokyo in May, it was 100.4, unchanged from a year earlier. Omitting Fresh food, it was 100.2, unchanged from a year earlier.

Labour Force Survey (April)

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

Report on Employment Service (April)

Tuesday, May 29, released by the

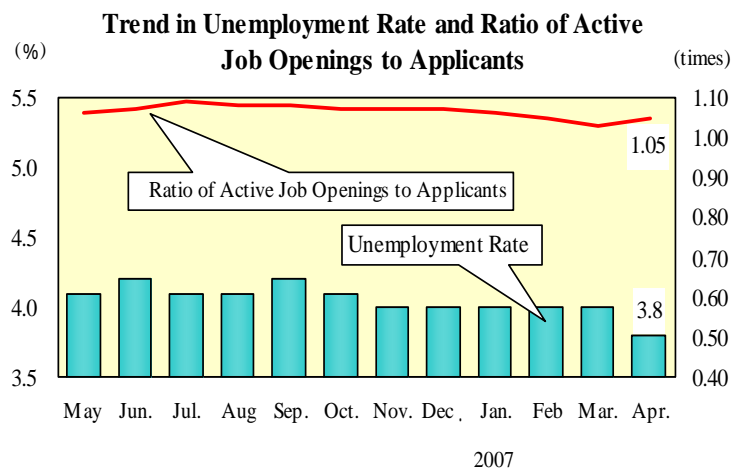
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.8%, decreased by 0.2 points from the previous month. That for men was 4.0%, decreased by 0.1 points from the previous month, that for women was 3.6%, decreased by 0.3 points from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons decreased by 160 thousand from a year earlier to 2.68 million.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 100 thousand people from the previous month to 55.4 million.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 1.05, increased by 0.02 points from the previous month.



Labour Force Survey: Detailed Analysis (Preliminary Report for Jan.-Mar.)

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

The ratio of non-regular employees except for the board members was 33.7%, increased by 0.5 point from a year earlier.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (April)

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

The average monthly income for workers' household was unchanged in real values from the same month the year before.

Indices of Industrial Production (April)

Wednesday, May 30, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 0.1 % from the previous month. This index is expected to increase in May and June.

Basic Survey on Citizen's Life (2006)

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

As for family life consciousness, 56.3% says their lives are "hard"(heavily or to a certain degree), and 39.0% says "normal".

Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in April)

Thursday, May 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings (for business establishments with 5 or more employees) decreased by 0.7% from a year earlier, 278,193 yen, and scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.8% from a year earlier, 271,310yen.

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

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (May)

Tuesday, May 22, released by the Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering, despite weakness in industrial production in some sectors.

- * 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 showing a pickup.
- * Exports have been flat and industrial production flattened recently.

Monthly Economic Labour Report (May)

Monday, May 28, 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.

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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