



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

November 2007

[Thursday, November 1 –Tuesday, December 4]

Statistical Survey Reports

Indexes of Business Conditions (Preliminary Report for September)

Tuesday, November 6, released by the Cabinet Office

The Leading Index was 0.0%, the Coincident Index was 66.7%, and the Lagging Index was 25.0%. The Leading Index of the preliminary report mark 0% for the first time since October 1991, the Coincident Index surpassed 50 % for 6 consecutive months and the Lagging Index mark below 50% in 2 months.

2006 General Survey on Part-Time Workers

Friday, November 9, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of “part-time workers and others”(*) as of October 2006 was 30.7% (26.5% in the previous survey in 2001), an increase of 4.2 points for 5 years.

Asked the reason of employing part-time workers, 71.0% of business establishments surveyed answered “low labor cost”, the most common reason.

63.9% (54.3% in the previous survey) of part-time workers answered that they were dissatisfied with or worried about their companies or jobs. As the contents of dissatisfaction, 61.8% (51.1% in the previous survey), cited “cheap wage”, the highest, followed by “hard to take paid holidays”, 26.2% (19.2% in the previous survey).

(*) In this survey, employment is categorized into three types such as “regular employee”, “part-time worker” and “others”.

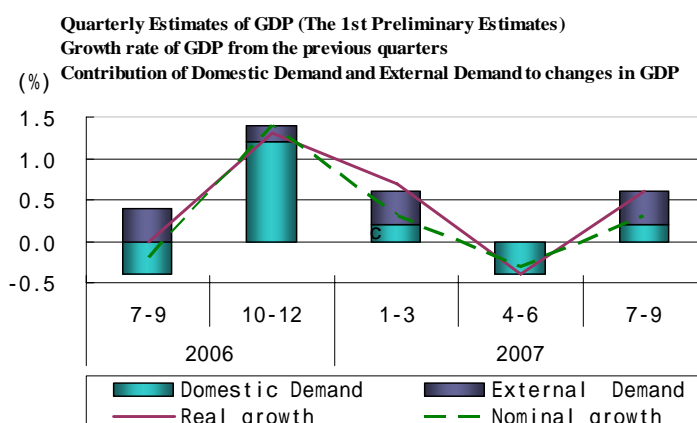
”Part-time workers and others” includes “part-time worker” and “others”.

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

Tuesday, November 13, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) increased by 0.6% (2.6% on annual basis) from the previous quarters.

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



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

Tuesday, November 13, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers was 49.7%, an increase of 1.3 points from the previous year.

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

**Tuesday, November 13, 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 69.2%, an increase of 1.1 points from the previous year.

The 6th Longitudinal Survey on Births in 21st Century (2006)

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

Although the ratio of working mothers to all working women in 2000, a year before their giving births, accounted for 54.5%, it decreased to 25.1% in the first survey in 2001,(just a half year after their child births). But the ratio has increased year by year and it marked 51.4%, very close to the 54.1%, in the survey of this time.

Indices of Industrial Production (October)

Thursday, 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 decrease in November and increase in December.

Basic Survey on Wage Structure (Starting Salary) (2007)

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

The amount of starting salary for college-graduates decreased by 0.3% from the previous year and that for graduates of senior high schools increased by 0.8% from the previous year.

Consumer Price Index (October)

Friday, November 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The Consumer Price Index was 100.9, an increase of 0.3% from the previous year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 100.5, a decrease of 0.1% from the previous year. And in the ward –areas of Tokyo in November, the former accounted for 100.3, an increase of 0.3% from the previous year. Omitting Fresh food, the latter accounted for 100.3, an increase of 0.1% from the previous year.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (October)

Friday, November 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The average monthly income for a worker’s household with 2 or more family members increased by 0.4% from the same month the year before.

Labour Force Survey (October)

Friday, November 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Report on Employment Service (October)

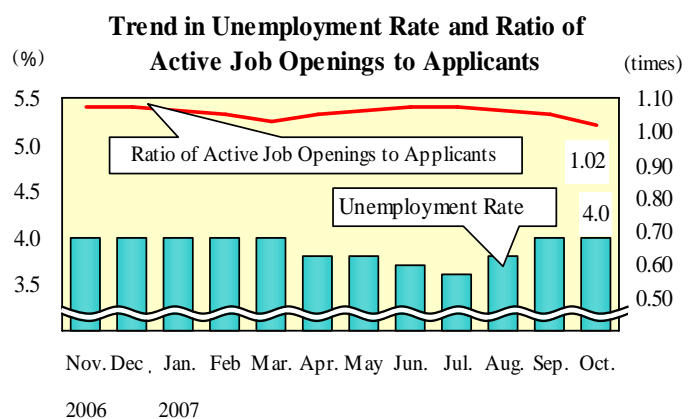
Friday, November 30, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.0%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 4.0%, unchanged from the previous month, and that for women was 3.9%, decreased by 0.1 points from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons decreased by 100 thousand from a year earlier to 2.71 million.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) increased by 130 thousand from the previous month to 55.04 million.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 1.02, decreased by 0.03 points from the previous month.



Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in October)

Monday, December 3, 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, 275,441 yen, and scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.3% from a year earlier to 270,629yen.

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

White Paper on Birthrate-Declining Society

Friday, November 2, released by the Cabinet Office

Monthly Economic Report (November)

Tuesday, November 27, released by the Cabinet Office

The economy is recovering, while some weaknesses are seen recently.

- * Corporate profits are improving and business investment is generally increasing while weak movements are seen recently.
- * The employment improvement appears to be pausing recently while some severe aspects remain.
- * Private consumption is almost flat.
- * Housing construction has been decreasing recently.
- * Exports are increasing and industrial production is picking up.

Monthly Economic Labour Report (November)

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

In looking at the aspects of labor and economy, the employment improvement appears to be pausing recently while some severe aspects remain.

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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