



# ***Recent Statistical Survey Reports***

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***July 2009***

[Thursday, July 2 – Monday, August 3]

## **Statistical Survey Reports**

### **Indexes of Business Conditions (Preliminary Report for May)**

**Monday, July 6, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, preliminary figures, 2005=100) in May was 86.9, an increase of 0.9 points, 3 months backward moving average increased for the first time in 15 months, an increase of 0.57 points, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 15 consecutive months, a decrease of 1.32 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Worsening", but it also shows movements toward "Halting to fall". The Leading Index was 77.0, an increase of 0.8 points, and the Lagging Index was 84.0, a decrease of 2.3 points.

### **Survey on Status of Labor Union (2008)**

**Thursday, July 16, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Asked to what kind of workers they qualify to join their union members, 84.5%, the highest of labour unions surveyed responded "temporarily transferred to affiliated companies", followed by 35.9% "managers and technicians outside employers' delegate", 30.0% "entrusted workers", 23.3% "contract workers", 23.0% "part-time workers". Those who responded "dispatched workers" accounted for 3.1%.

### **The Average Life Expectancy of Japanese People (2008)**

**Thursday, July 16, released by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The average life expectancy of Japanese men was 79.29 years and that of women was 86.05 years, showing a record high, an increase of 0.10 years and 0.06 years from the previous year respectively.

### **Indices of Industrial Production (June)**

**Thursday, July 30, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 2.4% from the previous month. According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in July and August. The Synthetic judgment changed its expression to "Industrial Production continues to show a picking up movement."

### **Consumer Price Index (June)**

**Friday, July 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The Consumer Price Index was 100.4, a decrease of 1.8% from the same month the year before, decreased for 5 consecutive months. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 100.3, a decrease of 1.7% from the same month the year before, decreased for 4 consecutive months.

And in the ward –areas of Tokyo in July, the former accounted for 99.7, a decrease of 1.8% from the same month the year before. The latter accounted for 99.7, a decrease of 1.7% from the same month the year before.

### **Family Income and Expenditure Survey (June)**

**Friday, July 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The average monthly income for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 3.2% in real terms from the same month a year before.

With regard to the income contributing to increase – decrease rate, contribution of income earned by head of household accounted for -2.90 %, partner's income accounted for -0.19%, non-current income accounted

for 0.66%.

### Labour Force Survey (June)

**Friday, July 31, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**  
**Report on Employment Service (June)**

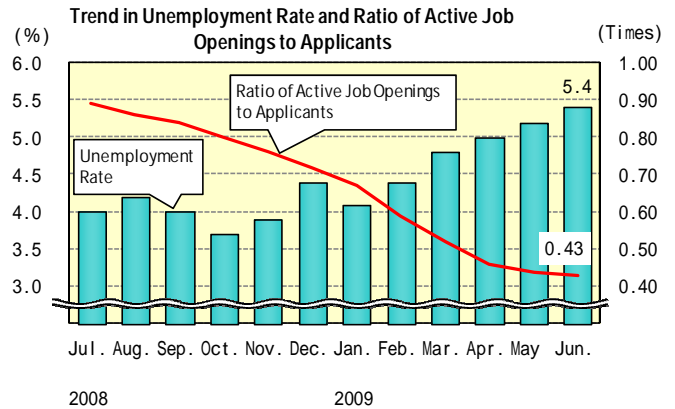
**Friday, July 31, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 5.4%, increased by 0.2 points from the previous month. That for men was 5.7%, increased by 0.3 points from the previous month, and that for women was 5.0%, increased by 0.1 points from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons increased by 830 thousand from a year earlier to 3.48 million.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 90 thousand from the previous month to 54.13 million.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.43, decreased by 0.01 points from the previous month.



### Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in June)

**Monday, August 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings (for business establishments with 5 or more employees) decreased by 7.1% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 1.8% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.5%, non-scheduled cash earnings decreased by 17.7%, and special cash earnings decreased by 14.5% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) decreased by 5.3% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 2.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (July)

**Monday, July 13, released by the Cabinet Office**

The economy is **showing movements of picking up recently** while in a difficult situation. (In the previous month, “movements of picking up are seen in some areas”.)

- \* **Exports and** Industrial production are picking up. (In the previous month, “Exports are showing movements of picking up. Industrial production is picking up.”.)
- \* Corporate profits are decreasing very substantially and business investment is decreasing substantially. (The same as the previous month)
- \* The employment situation, which is worsening rapidly, is severe. (The same as the previous month)
- \* Private consumption is **showing movements of picking up recently**. (In the previous month, “weak, but some signs of nearing the bottom can be seen”.)

### Monthly Economic Labour Report (July)

**Tuesday, July 14, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

In looking at the aspects of labor and economy, the employment situation, which is worsening rapidly, is severe. (The same as the previous month)

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/esaikin/esaikin.html>"  
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