



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

**February 2012**

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### Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services in November

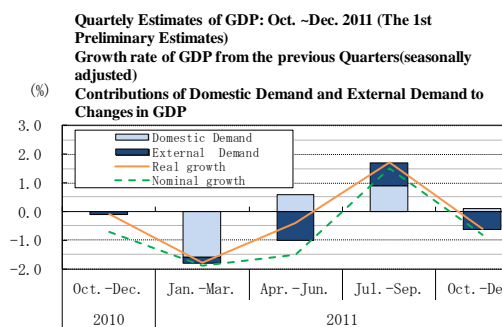
**Tuesday, February 7, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of households of welfare recipients in November was 1,507,940 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,079,761.

### National Accounts (The 1st Preliminary Estimates Oct.-Dec. 2011)

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

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) at Oct.-Dec.2011 was -0.6% (-2.3% on annual basis). Of real GDP growth rate, 0.1% was contributed by domestic demand and -0.6% by external demand.



### Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in December and 2011)

**Friday, February 17, 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 contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.1% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.3%, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.7%, and special cash earnings increased by 0.4% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) decreased by 0.2% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 5.7% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Total amount of cash earnings in 2011 decreased by 0.2% from a year earlier, and contractual cash earnings decreased by 0.3% from the previous year.

Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.4%, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.9%, and special cash earnings increased by 0.7% from the previous year.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 0.8% from the previous year. The total hour actually worked per year in 2011 by workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees was 1,747 hours.

The number of regular employees employed by establishments with more than 5 employees increased by 0.7% from the previous year. The number of full-time employee of them increased by 0.2% and that of part-time employee increased by 2.0 % from the previous year.

**Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Senior High School Graduates (End of December, 2011)** **Friday, February 17,**

**released by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology**

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers at the end of December, 2011, was 80.4%, an increase of 2.5 points from the previous year.

**Indexes of Business Conditions December 2011 (Revised Release)**

**Monday, February 20, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2005=100) in December was 93.6, an increase of 3.3 points. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 1.17 points, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.74 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Signaling a possible turning point" (In the previous month, "Halting to fall").

The Leading Index was 94.0, an increase of 0.3 points, and the Lagging Index was 83.4, an increase of 0.4 points.

**Labor Force Survey: Detailed Tabulation (Oct.-Dec. 2011<sup>(\*)</sup>)**

**Monday, February 20, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

Of the total 51.34 million employed persons (average, in the Oct. - Dec. 2011), the number of the regular staff/employees (excluding board members) decreased by 540 thousand from the previous year to 33.00 million. The number of non-regular staff/employees of the employees was 18.34 million, increased by 360 thousand from the previous year.

Of the total 2.81 million unemployed persons, the number of persons who had been unemployed for 3 months or more was 2.03 million, a decrease of 210 thousand from the previous year. Among them, the number of persons who had been unemployed for 1 year or more was 1.21million, a decrease of 10 thousand from the previous year.

The average number of regular staff/employees in 2011 was 31.85 million decreased by 250 thousand from the previous year. The number of non-regular staff/employees was 17.33 million, an increase of 480 thousand.

The number of unemployed persons in 2011 was 2.84 million, decreased by 330 thousand from the previous year. Among them, persons who left the previous job in the past 1 year totaled 1.09 million, decreased by 50 thousand from the previous year. The average number of persons who had been unemployed for less than 3 month was 840 thousand (a decrease of 60 thousand from the previous year), the persons who had been unemployed for 3 ~ 6 months was 400 thousand (a decrease of 80 thousand from the previous year) and the persons who had been unemployed for 6 ~ 12 months was 430 thousand (a decrease of 120 thousand from the previous year),

(\*)The result of the whole Japan except devastated quake-hit prefectures(Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima)

**Basic Survey on Wage Structure (2011)**

**Wednesday, February 22, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The average scheduled cash earning for general employees was 296,800yen (an increase of 0.2% from the previous year), that for men was 328,300yen (unchanged from the previous year) and that for women was 231,900yen (an increase of 1.9% from the previous year).

As for the wage by type of employment, the wage of regular employees for men was 339,600 yen (an increase of 0.3% from the previous year), and that of non-regular employees for men was 222,200 yen (a decrease of 2.9% from the previous year). Regarding the wage for women, the former was 248,800 yen (an increase of 2.0% from the previous year) and the latter was 172,200 yen (an increase of 0.8% from the previous year).

Hourly wages of part-time employees for men was 1,092yen (an increase of 1.0% from the previous year), that for women was 988yen (an increase of 0.9% from the previous year).

## **The 6th Longitudinal Survey of Middle and Elderly Persons**

**Wednesday, February 22, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

### **Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in December)**

**Tuesday, February 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The monthly sales amount of service industry in December 2011 was 24.4 trillion yen, a decrease of 2.2 % from the same month the year before. The total number of persons working at the location of establishment in the industry was 25.56 million, a decrease of 2.5% from the same month the year before.

### **Survey on Employment Trends in the First Half of 2011**

**Tuesday, February 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The hiring rate was 8.2% (8.4% \*), a decrease of 0.2 point from the previous year and the separation rate was 8.2% (8.5% \*), a decrease of 0.3 point from the previous year..

Among hired employees, the number of new graduates and school leavers was 867 thousand, increased by 128 thousand from the same period of the previous year. Looking at the new graduates and school leavers by type of employment, the number of part-time workers 163 thousand, increased by 29 thousand from the same period of the previous year, and other employees was 704 thousand, increased by 99 thousand from the same period of the previous year.

The number of unfilled vacancies as of end-June 2011 increased to 383 thousand from 300 thousand in the previous year.

\*: in the same period of the previous year

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

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

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 2.0% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in February and March. The Synthetic judgment is “Industrial Production shows signs of an upward movement”

### **Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services in December**

**Thursday, March 1, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of households of welfare recipients in December was 1,513,446 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,087,092.

### **Consumer Price Index (January)**

**Friday, March 2, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in January 2012 was 99.6(2010=100), up 0.1% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 99.3, down 0.1% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in February 2012(preliminary) was 99.1(2010=100), down 0.2% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 98.9, down 0.3% over the year.

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

**Friday, March 2, 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 increased by 2.4% 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 3.07 %, partner’s income accounted for 0.18%, other household members’ income accounted for -0.22% and so on.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker’s household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 2.8% in real terms from the same month a year before.

## Labour Force Survey (January <sup>(\*)</sup>)

**Friday, March 2, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.6%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month. That for men was 4.9%, unchanged from the previous month and that for women was 4.4%, increased by 0.4 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 3.05 million, increased by 90 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) was 55.07 million, decreased by 180 thousand from the previous month.

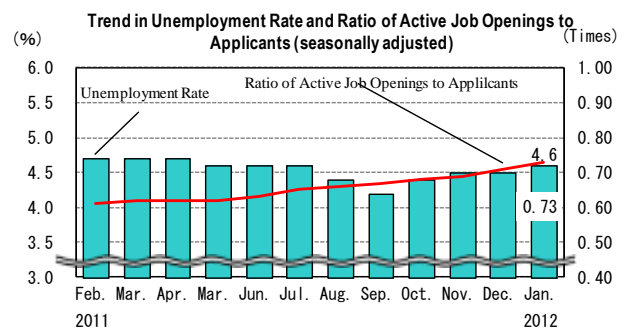
(\*)Using the latest results of the Population Census as the base, the benchmark population for calculating the results of the Labour Force Survey are revised every five years.

It has been revised to the 2010 Census-based population estimates in January 2012 for Basic Tabulation.

## Report on Employment Service (January)

**Friday, March 2, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.73, increased by 0.02 point from the previous month.



(\*)Unemployment rate of Mar.-Aug./2011 is not included the data of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

## Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in January)

**Tuesday, March 6, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

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

Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.3%, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.2%, and special cash earnings decreased by 5.3% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) increased by 0.1% from a year earlier.

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

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (February)

**Thursday, February 16, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Japanese economy is still picking up slowly, while difficulties continue to prevail due to the Great East Japan Earthquake. (The same as the previous month)

\* Industrial production is still picking up slowly. Exports are weakening recently. (The same as the previous month)

\*Corporate profits have decreased. Business investment is leveling off while weak movements are seen recently. (The same as the previous month)

\*Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows a small improvement although that for large manufactures is deteriorating. Overall, firms are cautious about the immediate future. (The same as the previous month)

\*The employment situation still remains severe partly due to the earthquake disaster, although it also

exhibits signs of picking up. (The same as the previous month)

\* Private consumption holds firm recently. (In the previous month, “Private consumption is almost leveling off.”)

\* Recent price developments indicate that the Japanese economy is in a mild deflationary phase. (The same as the previous month)

### **Monthly Economic Labour Report (February)**

**Friday, February 17, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

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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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