



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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*April 2012*

[Wednesday, April 4 – Wednesday, May 2]

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### **Indexes of Business Conditions February 2012 (Revised Release)**

**Monday, April 23, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2005=100) in February was 95.0, an increase of 0.9 points. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 0.84 points, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.31 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Improving.” (In the previous month, “Signaling a possible turning point”).

The Leading Index was 96.3, an increase of 1.7 points, and the Lagging Index was 86.3, an increase of 2.5 points.

### **2010 Population Census Results Basic Complete Tabulation on Industries**

**Tuesday, April 24, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

### **Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in February)**

**Wednesday, April 25, 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 increased by 0.3% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings unchanged, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 3.9%, and special cash earnings decreased by 17.0% 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 5.3% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

### **Basic Survey on Employment Equality in FY2011 (Preliminary Report) (\*)**

**Thursday, April 26, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

#### Enterprises survey

The ratio of enterprises that have taken positive action to promote female capacities was 31.7%, increased by 3.6 point from the survey in FY2010.

#### Business establishment survey

The ratio of the child-care leave taken by female was 87.8%, increased by 4.1 points from the last survey in FY2010, and that of male was 2.63%, increased by 1.25% point.

(\*)Not including Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima

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

**Friday, April 27, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.0% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in April and to decrease in May. The Synthetic judgment is “Industrial Production continues to show an upward movement.”

### **Consumer Price Index (March)**

**Friday, April 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in March 2012 was 100.3(2010=100), up 0.5% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 100.0, up 0.2% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in April 2012 (preliminary) was 99.5 (2010=100), down 0.3% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 99.3, down 0.5% over the year.

### Family Income and Expenditure Survey (March)

**Friday, April 27, 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 4.3% 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 2.39 %, partner's income accounted for 1.28%, other household members' income accounted for -0.29% and so on.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was increased by 4.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

### Labour Force Survey (March and FY2011<sup>(\*)</sup>)

**Friday, April 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.5%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 4.9%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month and that for women was 4.1%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.97 million, decreased by 10 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) was 54.86 million, decreased by 260 thousand from the previous month.

The unemployment rate in FY2011 decreased by 0.5 points from the previous fiscal year to 4.5%.

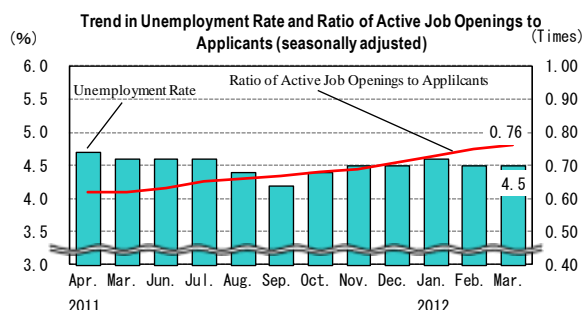
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### Report on Employment Service (March and FY2011)

**Friday, April 27, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.76, increased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

The ratio of active job openings to applicants in FY2011 was 0.68, increased by 0.12 points from the previous fiscal year.



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

### Monthly Survey on Service Industries (Preliminary Report in February)

**Friday, April 27, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The monthly sales amount of service industry in February 2012 was 21.1 trillion yen, an increase of 0.4 % from the same month the year before. The total number of persons working at the location of establishment in the industry was 24.66 million, a decrease of 3.0% from the same month the year before.

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

**Wednesday, May 2, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings (for business establishments with 5 or more employees) increased by 1.3% from a year earlier and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.9% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.7%, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 4.4%, and special

cash earnings increased by 7.8% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) increased by 0.6% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees increased by 0.4% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (April)

**Thursday, April 12, 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 level off. (In the previous month, “Exports are weakening recently.”)

\*Corporate profits have decreased. Business investment is picking up recently. (The same as the previous month)

\* Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows a small improvement as a whole, and that for large manufactures stops deteriorating. (In 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 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. (In the previous month, “Private consumption holds firm recently.”)

\* Recent price developments indicate that the Japanese economy is in a mild deflationary phase.

### Monthly Economic Labour Report (April)

**Friday, April 13, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

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)

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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