



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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**October 2012**

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### Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in August)

**Thursday, October 18, 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 decreased by 0.3% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.5%, non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 2.7%, and special cash earnings increased by 5.9% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) increased by 0.5% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 3.4% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

### Report on Employment Situations of Elderly Persons (2012)

**Thursday, October 18, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

97.3% of the companies with 31 or more employees implemented employment securing measures for elderly persons (\*). The ratio increased by 1.6 point from the previous year.

The ratio of the companies whose employees can work up to they become 65 years old or longer if they hope was 48.8%, an increase of 0.9 point from the previous year.

The ratio of the companies whose employees can work up to they become 70 years old or longer if they hope was 18.3%, an increase of 0.7 point from the previous year.

(\*)Any of the following measures for securing stable employment until 65 years old: “abolition of retirement age system”; “raising retirement age” and “introduction of continued employment system”

### Indexes of Business Conditions August 2012 (Revised Release)

**Friday, October 19, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2005=100) in August was 93.5, a decrease of 0.3 points. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.93 points, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.19 points. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Weakening” (The same as the previous month).

The Leading Index was 93.2, an increase of 0.2 points, and the Lagging Index was 87.3, an increase of 0.6 points.

### Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (July)

**Wednesday, October 24, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of households of welfare recipients in July was 1,549,773 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,124,669.

### Consumer Price Index (September)

**Friday, October 26, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in September 2012 was 99.6(2010=100), down 0.3% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 99.8, down 0.1% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in October 2012(preliminary) was 99.0(2010=100), down 0.8% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 99.3, down 0.4% over the year.

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

**Monday, October 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The monthly sales amount of service industry in August 2012 was 22.9 trillion yen, a decrease of 0.8 % from the same month the year before. The total number of persons working at the location of establishment in the industry was 25.21 million, a decrease of 1.3% from the same month the year before.

## Indices of Industrial Production (September)

**Tuesday, October 30, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted) decreased by 4.1% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to decrease in October and to increase in November. The Synthetic judgment is “Industrial Production is on a downward trend.” (In the previous month, “Industrial Production appears to be weakened.”)

## Family Income and Expenditure Survey (September)

**Tuesday, October 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 was increased by 0.1 % 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 -1.09 %, partner’s income accounted for 1.58%, other household members’ income accounted for -0.09% and so on.

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker’s household with 2 or more family members was increased by 0.6% in real terms from the same month a year before.

## Labour Force Survey (September)

**Tuesday, October 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 4.2%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 4.4%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.8%, increased by 0.1 point from the previous month.

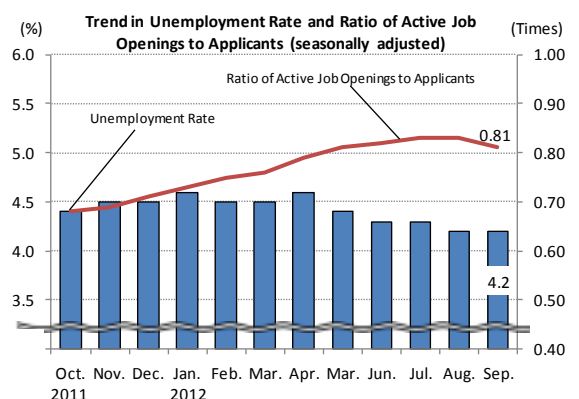
The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.73 million, increased by 10 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees (seasonally adjusted) was 54.97 million, decreased by 160 thousand from the previous month.

## Report on Employment Service (September)

**Tuesday, October 30, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The ratio of active job openings to applicants (seasonally adjusted) was 0.81, decreased by 0.02 point from the previous month.



## Monthly Labour Survey (Preliminary Report in September, Summer Bonus in 2012)

**Wednesday, October 31, 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 decreased by 0.1% from a year earlier.

Scheduled cash earnings unchanged, non-scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.8%, and special cash earnings increased by 7.0% from a year earlier. Real wage (total) increased by 0.2% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 2.4% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

The average amount of summer bonus in 2012 (for business establishments with 5 or more employees) was 358,368 yen, a decrease of 1.4% from the previous year. And the ratio of business establishments that paid summer bonus to their employees was 67.0% (65.9% in the previous year).

## Other Reports

### Monthly Economic Report (October)

**Friday, October 12, released by the Cabinet Office**

The economic recovery is in a weak tone recently due to deceleration of the world economy, although some components still show steady movements. (In the previous month, “The economic recovery appears to be pausing due to deceleration of the world economy.”)

\* Exports are in a weak tone while industrial production is decreasing. (In the previous month, “Both industrial production and exports are in a weak tone.”)

\* Corporate profits which have been picking up show signs of leveling off recently. Business investment as a whole is picking up slowly while some weak movements are also seen recently. (The same as the previous month)

\* Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows cautiousness, mainly among manufactures. (In the previous month, “Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows a small improvement as a whole, mainly driven by large firms.”)

\* The employment situation shows signs of improvement, although some severe aspects still remain. (The same as the previous month)

\* Private consumption is almost flat while some weak movements are seen lately. (The same as the previous month)

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

### Monthly Economic Labour Report (October)

**Tuesday, October 16, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The employment situation shows signs of improvement, although some severe aspects still remain. (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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