



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

January 2016

[Tuesday, December 29 – Friday, January 29]

## Statistical Survey Reports

### Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (October)

Wednesday, January 6, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of households of welfare recipients in October was 1,632,321 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,166,019.

### Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in November)

Friday, January 8, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings unchanged and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.5% (full-time employees 0.6%, part-time employees 0.6%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 8.6% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.5% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.1%. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 0.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) 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 0.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

### The Result of Year-end Bonus Negotiations among Major Private Enterprises (2015)

Tuesday, January 19, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount of agreed year-end bonus of 337 major business establishments with the capital one billion yen or more and the labour union belonged by 1,000 employees or more was 830,434 yen, an increase of 29,796 yen (3.72%) from a year earlier.

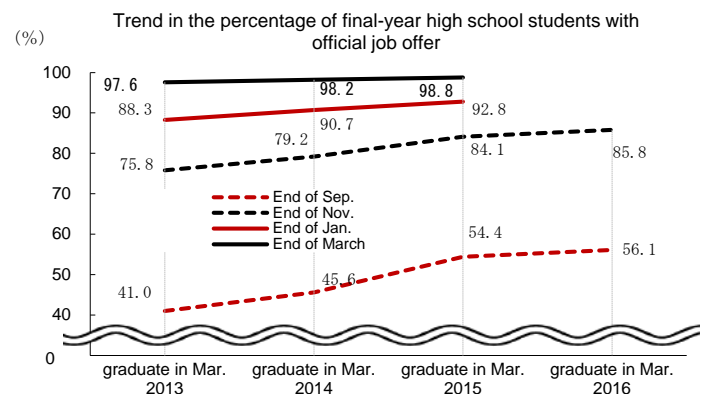
### Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate (Senior and Junior High School) (End of November, 2015)

Wednesday January 20, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers was 85.8%, an increase of 1.7 point from the same period of the previous year.

The ratio of job openings to applicants for final-year senior high school students was 1.93, 0.2 point higher than the same period of the previous year.

The ratio of job openings to applicants for final-year junior high school students was 1.08, 0.13 point higher than the same period of the previous year.



## Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate in Mar.2016 (University, etc.) (December 1, 2015)

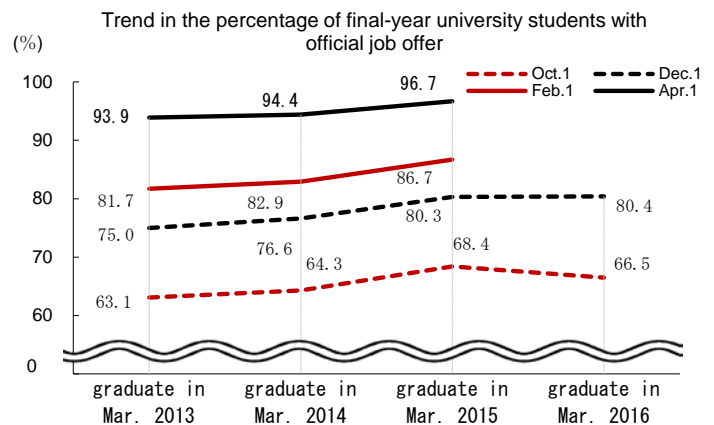
**Wednesday, January 20, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan**

The ratio of final-year university students who got an official job offer to applicants was 80.4%, increased by 0.1 point from the same period a year earlier.

That of final-year junior college students (female only) was 68.0%, increased by 7.1 point from the same period a year earlier.

That of final-year technology college students (male only) was 96.4%, decreased by 0.5 point from the same period a year earlier.

That of final-year vocational school students was 65.8%, increased by 1.7 point from the same period a year earlier.



## Report on Home Work (2015)

**Wednesday, January 20 released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The total number of homeworkers (including their family members in the same household) was 114,655 (a decrease of 2.1 % from the previous year) as of October 1, 2015. Among them, the number of homeworkers was 111,038 (a decrease of 1.8% from the previous year).

## Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in November)

**Thursday, January 22, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings unchanged and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.3% (full-time employees 0.6%, part-time employees 0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 3.0% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.3% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.2%. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 0.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased 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 0.7% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

## Indexes of Business Conditions November 2015 (Revised Release)

**Monday, January 25, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in November was 111.9, a decrease of 1.4 point. And 3 months backward moving average unchanged, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.28 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Weakening” (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 103.5, a decrease of 0.7 point, and the Lagging Index was 115.6, an increase of 0.1 point.

## Labour Force Survey (December and 2015)

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.3%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 3.7%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month and that for women was 2.9%, decreased by 0.2 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.22million, increased by 50 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 56.94 million, increased by 490 thousand from the previous month.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 33.16 million, increased by 250 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 20.38 million, increased by 220 thousand from the previous year.

The average unemployment rate in 2015 was 3.4%, decreased by 0.2 point from the previous year.

The average number of unemployed persons in 2015 was 2.22million, decreased by 140 thousand from the previous year.

The average number of employees in 2015 was 56.40 million, increased by 450 thousand from the previous year. Among them, the number of regular employee was 33.13 million, increased by 260 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 19.80 million, increased by 180 thousand from the previous year.

### Employment Referrals for General Workers (December and 2015)

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

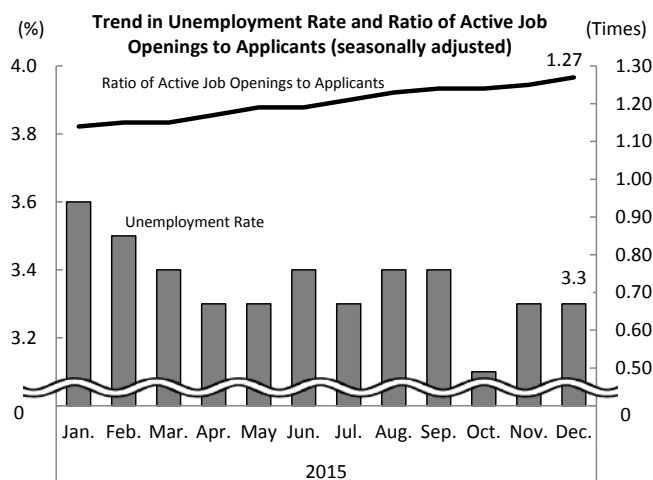
Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.27, increased by 0.02point from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 1.7% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.5% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.91, decreased by 0.02 point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.80, increased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

The average ratio of active job openings to applicants in 2015 was 1.20, increased by 0.11 point from the previous year.



### Report on Situation of Foreign Employees (End of October 2015)

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The number of foreign employees was 907,896 (an increase of 15.3% from the previous year) as of end of October 2015 and the number of business establishments hired foreign employees was 152,261 (an increase of 11.1% from the previous year).

By nationality of the employees, “China” accounted for the highest 35.5%, followed by “Vietnam” (12.1%), “Philippines” (11.7%) and “Brazil” (10.6%).

### Family Income and Expenditure Survey (December)

**Friday, January 29, 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 2.9% in real terms from the same month a year before.

The change over the year of wages & salaries was -3.0% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: -2.6% in real terms, spouse of household: 1.5% in real terms).

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker’s household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 5.0% in real terms from the same month a year before.

### Consumer Price Index (December and 2015)

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in December 2015 was 103.5(2010=100), up 0.2% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.3, up 0.1% from the previous year.

Japan's all items index of consumer prices in 2015 was 103.6(2010=100), up 0.8% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.2, up 0.5% over the year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in January 2016(preliminary) was 101.3(2010=100), down 0.3% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.1, down 0.1% over the year.

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

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) decreased by 1.4% from the previous month.

According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in January and decrease in February.

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

**Friday, January 29, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The monthly sales amount of service industry by industry of business activity in November 2015 was 28.2 trillion yen, an increase of 1.9 % from the same month the year before. The total number of persons working at the location of establishment in the industry by industry of establishment and enterprise, etc. was 28,670 thousand person, an increase of 0.6% from the same month the year before.

## **Other Reports**

### **Monthly Economic Report (January)**

**Wednesday, January 20, released by the Cabinet Office**

The Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery, while weakness can be seen in some areas. (The same as the previous month)

- \* Private consumption holds firm as a whole. (The same as the previous month)
- \* Business investment is almost flat. (The same as the previous month)
- \* Exports are in a weak tone recently. (The same as the previous month)
- \* Industrial production is flat recently. (In the previous month, "Industrial production is in a weak tone recently.")
- \* Corporate profits are improving. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is almost flat, while cautiousness can be seen in some areas. (The same as the previous month)
- \* The employment situation is improving. (The same as the previous month)
- \* Consumer prices are rising moderately. (The same as the previous month)

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

**Friday, January 22, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

The employment situation is improving. (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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