



# Recent Statistical Survey Reports

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April 2016

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### Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in February/ Year-end bonus)

**Tuesday, April 5, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.9% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.6% (full-time employees 0.4%, part-time employees 1.1%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 25.7% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.6% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.4%. Real wage (total cash earnings) increased by 0.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) 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 2.8% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

The amount of year-end bonus in 2015 was 370,367yen, decreased by 0.3% from the previous year.

### Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (January)

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

The number of households of welfare recipients in January was 1,633,301 and the number of welfare recipients was 2,163,394.

### Public Opinion Survey on Social Awareness (February 2016)

**Saturday, April 9, released by the Cabinet Office**

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

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

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.7% and contractual cash earnings increased by 0.6% (full-time employees 0.6%, part-time employees 0.7%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 20.5% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.6% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 0.1%. Real wage (total cash earnings) increased by 0.3% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) increased by 0.2% from a year earlier.

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### Indexes of Business Conditions February 2016 (Revised Release)

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

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in February was 110.7, a decrease of 1.6 point. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.30 point, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.26 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Weakening” (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 96.8, a decrease of 4.4 point, and the Lagging Index was 113.8, a decrease of 0.9 point.

## Survey on Industrial Accidents (2015)

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

Frequency rate (Frequency of occurrence of industrial accidents) is 1.61 (1.66 in the previous year).

Severity rate (Level of severity of industrial accidents) is 0.07 (0.09 in the previous year).

Average number of working days lost per one casualty is 41.0 days (56.4 days in the previous year).

Note: The frequency rate is the number of casualties in industrial accidents per 1 million total hours actually worked, indicating the frequency of occurrence of accidents.

The severity rate is the number of working days lost per 1,000 total actual working hours, indicating the severity of the accidents.

## Labour Force Survey (March and FY2015)

**Thursday, April 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.2%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month. That for men was 3.4%, decreased by 0.2 point from the previous month and that for women was 3.0%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.11 million, decreased by 50 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 56.49 million, increased by 690 thousand from the previous year.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 33.38 million, increased by 670 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 19.75 million, increased by 20 thousand from the previous year.

The unemployment rate in FY2015 was 3.3%, decreased by 0.2 point from the previous fiscal year.

## Employment Referrals for General Workers (March and FY2015)

**Thursday, April 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare**

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.30, increased by 0.02 point from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 0.4% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 1.7% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.90, decreased by 0.02 point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.82, increased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

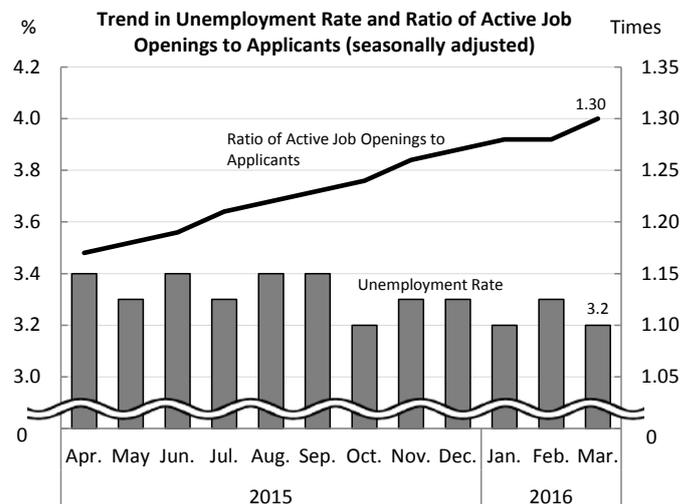
The ratio of active job openings to applicants in FY2015 was 1.23, increased by 0.12 point from the previous fiscal year.

## Indices of Industrial Production (March)

**Thursday, April 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) increased by 3.6% from the previous month.

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



## **Consumer Price Index (March and FY2015)**

**Thursday, April 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications**

The consumer price index for Japan in March 2016 was 103.3(2010=100), down 0.1% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 102.7, down 0.3% over the year.

The consumer price index for Japan in FY 2015 was 103.6(2010=100), up 0.2% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 103.2, unchanged from the previous year.

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in April 2016(preliminary) was 102.0(2010=100), down 0.4% over the year. Omitting Fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.7, down 0.3% over the year.

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

**Thursday, April 28, 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 0.3% in real terms from the same month a year before.

The change over the year of wages & salaries was 0.8% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: -0.3% in real terms, spouse of household: 9.1% in real terms).

The average monthly consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was decreased by 4.9% in real terms from the same month a year before.

## **Other Reports**

### **Monthly Economic Report (April)**

**Thursday, April 21, released by the Cabinet Office**

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

\* Private consumption is almost flat, while consumer confidence appears to be pausing. (The same as the previous month)

\* Business investment is picking up. (The same as the previous month)

\* Exports are almost flat. (The same as the previous month)

\* Industrial production is flat. (In the previous month, "Industrial production is flat recently.")

\* Corporate profits show a trend toward improvement, mainly among non-manufacturers. Firms' judgment on current business conditions shows a sign of caution. (In the previous month, "Firms' judgment on current business conditions is almost flat, while cautiousness can be seen in some areas further recently. ")

\* 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 (April)**

**Tuesday, April 26, 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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