



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

September 2018

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Statistical Survey Reports

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (June)

September 5, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of welfare recipients in June was 2,098,790 and the number of households of welfare recipients was 1,636,327.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (July)

September 7, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The average monthly income for a worker's households with 2 or more family members was down 1.6% in real terms from the previous year. The change over the year of wages & salaries was -1.3% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: -1.8% in real terms, spouse of household: -0.5% in real terms).

The average of consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was down 0.7% in real terms from the previous year.

Revised forms of account books have been introduced to half of the sample households on January 2018, therefore results including "Change over the year" and "Contribution" in data tables might have gaps from the figures by the previous survey schedules.

To resolve this discontinuity, "discontinuity-adjusted figures" are calculated by "Inverse-Probability-Weighting" using "propensity score", for valid comparison with results of previous years.

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in July)

September 7, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 1.5% and contractual cash earnings increased by 1.1% (full-time employees 1.1%, part-time employees 0.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 2.4% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.0% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.9% from year earlier. Real wage (total cash earnings) increased by 0.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) unchanged from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 1.7% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indexes of Business Conditions July 2018 (Preliminary Release)

September 7, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in July was 116.3, a decrease of 0.6 point. And 3 months backward moving average decreased by for 0.40point, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.38point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Improving" (The same as the previous month)

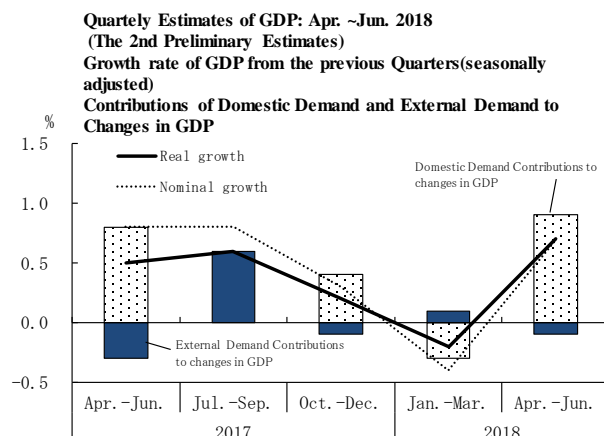
The Leading Index was 103.5, a decrease of 1.1 point, and the Lagging Index was 117.7, a decrease of 0.2 point.

National Accounts (The 2nd Preliminary Estimates Apr.-Jun. 2018)

September 10, released by the Cabinet Office

Real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate (Seasonally Adjusted) at Apr.-Jun.2018 was 0.7% (3.0% on annual basis). Of real GDP growth rate, 0.9% was contributed by domestic demand and -0.1% by external demand.

Compensation of Employees (real) was 1.8% and compensation of Employees (nominal) was 1.4% (changes from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted)).



Conditions Relating to Result of Summer Bonus Negotiation (major private enterprises) (2018)

September 14, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The amount of agreed summer bonus was 870,731 yen, increased by 45,581 yen (5.52%) from a year earlier.

(*)The survey targeted 414 major private enterprises with the capital one billion yen or more, with 1,000 or more employees and the labour union, that could be grasped their results of negotiations.

Survey on Labor Economic Trend (August 2018)

September 19, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

By the judgment of employment surplus or shortage DI as of August 1, 2018, regarding the trend of the sense of employment surplus or shortage, in the total of industries surveyed, regular staff, etc. accounted for 43 and the DI shows shortage for 29 consecutive terms. And, that of part-time workers accounted for 32 and the DI shows shortage for 36 consecutive terms.

Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in July)

September 21, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 1.6% and contractual cash earnings increased by 1.1% (full-time employees 1.2%, part-time employees 1.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings increased by 2.8% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.0% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.6%. Real wage (total cash earnings) increased by 0.5% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) unchanged from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers at business establishments with 5 or more employees decreased by 1.7% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Consumer Price Index Japan (August)

September 21, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in August 2018 was 101.6(2015=100), up 1.3% over the year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.2, up 0.9% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 101.2, up 0.4% from the previous year.

Indexes of Business Conditions July 2018 (Revision of the Preliminary Release)

September 25, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in July was 116.1, a decrease of 0.8 point. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.47 point, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 0.41 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was "Improving" (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 103.9, decreased by 0.7%, and the Lagging Index was 117.5, a decrease of 0.6

point.

Survey on Supply and Demand of Construction Labor

September 26, released by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Labour Force Survey (August)

September 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 2.4%, decreased by 0.1 point from the previous month. That for men was 2.5%, decreased by 0.2 point and that for women was 2.3%, unchanged from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 1.67million, decreased by 50 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 59.53 million, increased by 1.13million from the previous year.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 35.15 million, increased by 940 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 21.08 million, increased by 540 thousand from the previous year.

Employment Referrals for General Workers (August)

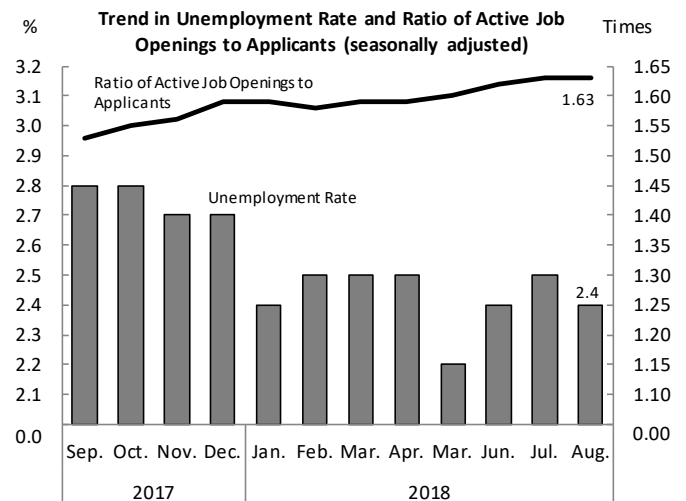
September 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.63, unchanged from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.2% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 0.1% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 2.34, decreased by 0.08point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 1.13, unchanged from the previous month.



Consumer Price Index Ku-area of Tokyo (September) (preliminary)

September 28, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in September 2018 (preliminary) was 101.4 (2015=100), up 1.3% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.0, up 1.0% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 101.2, up 0.7% from the previous year.

Indices of Industrial Production (August)

September 28, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) increased by 0.7% from the previous month. According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in September and October.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (September)

September 14, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is recovering at a moderate pace. (The same as the previous month)

- * Private consumption is in picking up. (The same as the previous month)
- * Business investment is increasing. (In the previous month, “Business investment is increasing moderately.”)
- * Exports are pausing recently. (The same as the previous month)
- * Industrial production is increasing moderately. (The same as the previous month)
- * Corporate profits is improving. Firms' judgment on current business conditions is almost flat. (The same as the previous month)
- * The employment situation is improving steadily. (The same as the previous month)
- * Consumer prices are rising at a slower tempo recently. (The same as the previous month)

White Paper on the Labour Economy 2018

September 28, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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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