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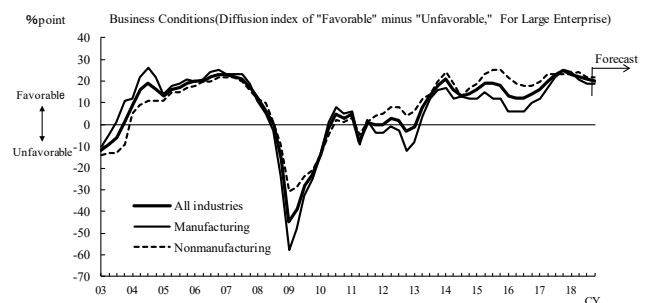
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TANKAN (Short-Term Economic Survey of Enterprises) (September)

October 1, released by the Bank of Japan

The Diffusion Index (DI) (“Favorable”- “Unfavorable”) for business conditions in large enterprises of all industries was 21%point (22 in the previous quarter and forecast 20 in the coming quarter), the manufacturing was 19%point and the non-manufacturing was 22%point.

The Diffusion Index (DI) (“Excessive”- “Insufficient”) for employment conditions in large enterprises of all industries was -23% point (-21 in the previous quarter and forecast -23 in the coming quarter), the manufacturing was -18%point and the non-manufacturing was -29%point.



Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (July)

October 3, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

The number of welfare recipients in July was 2,098,973 and the number of households of welfare recipients was 1,637,745.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (August)

October 5, 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 0.6% in real terms from the previous year. The change over the year of wages & salaries was 0.8% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: -0.7% in real terms, spouse of household: 12.3% in real terms).

The average of consumption expenditures for a worker's household with 2 or more family members was up 4.5% 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.

Indexes of Business Conditions August 2018 (Preliminary Release)

October 5, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in August was 117.5, an increase of 1.4 point. And 3 months backward moving average increased by for 0.13point, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.35point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Improving” (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 104.4, an increase of 0.5 point, and the Lagging Index was 117.7, an increase of 0.2 point.

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in August)

October 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 1.3% (full-time employees 1.2%, part-time employees 2.1%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 7.4% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.4% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.0% from year earlier. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 0.6% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased 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 1.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

General Survey on Dispatched Workers 2017

October 17, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Consumer Price Index Japan (September)

October 19, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in September 2018 was 101.7(2015=100), up 1.2% over the year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.3, up 1.0% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 101.1, up 0.4% from the previous year.

Monthly Labour Survey (Final Report in August)

October 23, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings increased by 0.8% and contractual cash earnings increased by 1.3% (full-time employees 1.4%, part-time employees 2.3%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 8.2% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.4% and non-scheduled cash earnings increased by 1.3%. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 0.7% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased 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 1.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

General Survey on Working Conditions 2018

October 23, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

“The number of days of paid annual leave granted” was 18.2 days, “the number of days of paid annual leave acquired” was 9.3 days and “the acquisition rate” was 51.1%.

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

October 24, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2010=100) in August was 116.7, an increase of 0.6 point. And 3 months backward moving average decreased for 0.13 point, and 7 months backward moving average increased for 0.24 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Improving” (The same as the previous month)

The Leading Index was 104.5, increased by 0.6%, and the Lagging Index was 118.4, an increase of 0.9 point.

Survey on Supply and Demand of Construction Labor

October 25, released by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

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

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

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in October 2018 (preliminary) was 101.7(2015=100), up 1.5% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.3, up 1.0% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 101.5, up 0.6% from the previous year.

Labour Force Survey (September)

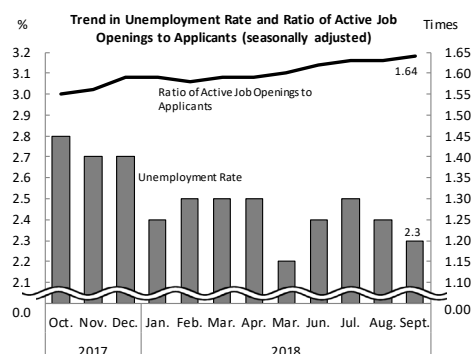
October 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

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

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 1.60million, decreased by 70 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 59.66 million, increased by 1million from the previous year.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 34.90 million, increased by 70 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 21.43 million, increased by 1.15 million from the previous year.



Employment Referrals for General Workers (September)

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

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 1.64, increased by 0.01point 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 0.6% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 2.50, increased by 0.16point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 1.14, increased by 0.01point from the previous month.

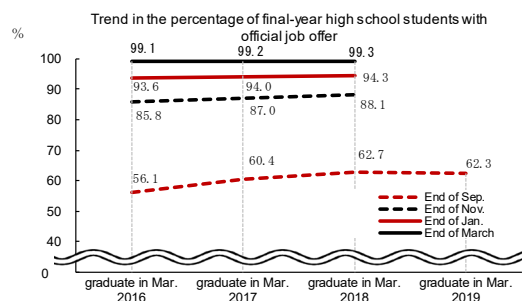
Survey on Situation of Preliminary Job Offers for New Graduate (Senior and Junior High School) (End of September, 2018)

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

The ratio of final-year senior high school students with preliminary job offers was 62.3%, a decrease of 0.4 point from the same period of the previous year.

The ratio of job openings to applicants for final-year senior high school students was 2.63, 0.27 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 1.58, 0.44 point higher than the same period of the previous year.



Indices of Industrial Production (September)

October 31, released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2010=100) decreased by 1.1% from the previous month. According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in October and decrease in November.

Other Reports

Monthly Economic Report (October)

October 23, 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. (The same as the previous month)
- * Exports are almost flat. (In the previous month, “Exports are pausing recently.”)
- * 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)

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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