



Recent Statistical Survey Reports

October 2020

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Indexes of Business Conditions August 2020 (Preliminary Release)

October 7, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2015=100) in August was 79.4, increased by 1.1 point. And 3 months backward moving average increased by 2.74 point, and 7 months backward moving average decreased by 2.16 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Halting to fall” (In the previous month, “Worsening”)

The Leading Index was 88.8, an increase of 2.1 point, and the Lagging Index was 89.7, a decrease of 2.7 point.

Survey on Public Assistance Recipients (July)

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

The number of welfare recipients in July was 2,053,606 and the number of households of welfare recipients was 1,636,827.

Family Income and Expenditure Survey (August)

October 9, 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 up 1.2% in real terms from the previous year. The change over the year of wages & salaries was up 0.3% in real terms from the previous year (household heads: -2.2% in real terms, spouse of household: 12.6% in real terms).

The average of consumption expenditures for a worker’s household with 2 or more family members was down 6.7% in real terms from the previous year.

Monthly Labour Survey (Provisional Report in August)

October 9, released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Total amount of cash earnings decreased by 1.3% and contractual cash earnings decreased by 1.2% (full-time employees -1.8%, part-time employees -1.9%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 4.0% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings decreased 0.1% and non-scheduled cash earnings decreased by 14.0% from year earlier. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 1.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased by 1.3% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked decreased by 13.1% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers increased by 6.2% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Consumer Price Index Japan (September)

October 23, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The consumer price index for Japan in September 2020 was 102.0(2015=100), unchanged from the previous year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.3, down 0.3% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 101.6, unchanged 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 decreased by 1.3% and contractual cash earnings decreased by 1.3% (full-time employees -1.9%, part-time employees -1.9%) from a year earlier.

Special cash earnings decreased by 0.6% from a year earlier. Scheduled cash earnings decreased by 0.3% and non-scheduled cash earnings decreased by 13.5% from year earlier. Real wage (total cash earnings) decreased by 1.4% from a year earlier and real wage (contractual cash earnings) decreased by 1.4% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked decreased by 14.1% from a year earlier.

Non-scheduled hours worked by manufacturing industry workers increased by 7.3% from the previous month (seasonally adjusted).

Indexes of Business Conditions August 2020(Revision of the Preliminary Release)

October 26, released by the Cabinet Office

The Coincident Index of Composite Index (CI, revised figures, 2015=100) in August was 79.2, an increase of 0.9 point. And 3 months backward moving average increased for 2.67 point, and 7 months backward moving average decreased for 2.19 point. So the Assessment of Coincident Index was “Halting to fall” (In the previous month, “Worsening”)

The Leading Index was 88.4, an increase of 1.7 point, and the Lagging Index was 91.4, a decrease of 0.9 point.

Survey on Supply and Demand of Construction Labor

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

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

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

The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in October 2020(preliminary) was 101.8(2015=100), down 0.3% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food, the comprehensive index was 101.4, down 0.5% from the previous year. All items, less fresh food and energy, the comprehensive index was 102.0 down 0.2% from the previous year.

General Survey on Working Conditions 2020

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

“The number of days of paid annual leave granted” was 18.0 days, “the number of days of paid annual leave acquired” was 10.1 days and “the acquisition rate” was 56.3%.

Indices of Industrial Production (September)

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

The index of industrial production (seasonally adjusted, 2015=100) increased by 0.4% from the previous month. According to the Survey of Production Forecast in Manufacturing, Production is expected to increase in October and November.

Labour Force Survey (September)

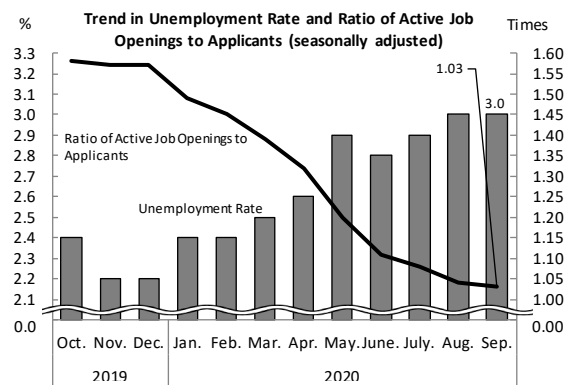
October 30, released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 3.0%, unchanged from the previous month. That for men was 3.2%, increased by 0.2 point from the previous month and that for women was 2.7%, decreased by 0.2 point from the previous month.

The number of unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) was 2.06 million, increased by 10 thousand from the previous month.

The number of employees was 59.61 million, decreased by 560 thousand from the previous year.

Among them, the number of regular employee was 35.29 million, increased by 480 thousand from the previous year and the number of non-regular employee was 20.79 million, decreased by 1.23 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 1.03, decreased by 0.01 point from the previous month.

The number of monthly active job openings (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was decreased by 0.1% from the previous month and the number of monthly active applications (person(s)) (seasonally adjusted) was increased by 0.8% from the previous month.

New job openings-to-applicants ratio (seasonally adjusted) was 2.02, increased by 0.20 point from the previous month.

Active job openings-to-applicants ratio for regular staff (seasonally adjusted) was 0.78, unchanged from the previous month.

Other Report

Monthly Economic Report (October)

October 23, released by the Cabinet Office

The Japanese economy is still in a severe situation due to the Novel Coronavirus, but it is showing movements of picking up. (In the month, “The Japanese economy is still in a severe situation due to the Novel Coronavirus, but it is showing movements of picking up recently”)

* Private consumption is picking up. (In the previous month, “Private consumption is picking up, while weakness can be seen in some sectors”)

* Business investment is showing weakness. (The same as the previous month.)

* Exports are picking up. (The same as the previous month.)

* Industrial production shows movements of picking up. (The same as the previous month.)

* Corporate profits are decreasing substantially, due to the influence of the infectious disease. Firms' judgments shows movements of improvement, although some severe aspects remain. (The same as the previous month.)

* Employment situation shows steady movements in some components such as the number of employees, while weakness remains, due to the influence of the infectious disease. (The same as the previous month.)

* Consumer prices are flat. (The same as the previous month.)

Annual Health, Labour and Welfare Report 2020

October 23, 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.htm>”
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