

Summary of Average Results for 2009 (I Basic Tabulation)

1. Population by labour force status

(1) Labour force

The labour force based on the 2009 yearly average was 66.17 million, a decrease of 330,000 from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual decrease.

The male labour force was 38.47 million, a decrease of 410,000, the second consecutive annual decrease, and the female labour force was 27.71 million, an increase of 90,000, the first time in two years.

The labour force aged 15-64 years old (productive age) was 60.38 million, a decrease of 460,000, the 12th consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 34.85 million, a decrease of 470,000, the 12th consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 25.53 million, the same figure as the previous year.

(2) Labour force participation rate

The labour force participation rate was 59.9%, a 0.3 point decrease from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 72.0%, a 0.8 point decrease, and the 12th consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 48.5%, a 0.1 point increase, the first time in three years.

The labour force participation rate aged 15-64 years old was 73.9%, a 0.1 point increase, the fifth consecutive annual increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 84.8%, a 0.4 point decrease, the first time in five years, while that of females was 62.9%, a 0.6 point increase, the seventh consecutive annual increase.

(3) Not in labour force

Those not in the labour force were 44.30 million, an increase of 350,000 from the previous year, and the 18th consecutive annual increase. In breakdown by sex, the number of males was 14.93 million, an increase of 400,000, the 18th consecutive annual increase, while that of females was 29.36 million, an increase of 60,000, the first time in four years.

Those not in the labour force aged 15-64 years old were 21.23 million, a decrease of 310,000, the seventh consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, the number of males was 6.22 million, an increase of 100,000, the first time in five years, while that of females was 15.01 million, a decrease of 410,000, the seventh consecutive annual decrease.

2. Employed persons

(1) Employed persons

The number of employed persons was 62.82 million, a decrease of 1.03 million from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 36.44 million, a decrease of 850,000, the second consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 26.38 million, a decrease of 180,000, the second consecutive annual decrease.

The number of employed persons aged 15-64 years old was 57.17 million, a decrease of 1.15 million, the second consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, the number of males was 32.94 million, a decrease of 890,000, the second consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 24.24 million, a decrease of 250,000, the second consecutive annual decrease.

(2) Employment rate

The employment rate was 56.9%, a 0.9 point decrease from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual decrease. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 68.2%, a 1.6 point decrease, the second consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 46.2%, a 0.3 point decrease,

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The employment rate aged 15-64 years old was 70.0%, a 0.8 point decrease, the first time in seven years. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 80.2%, a 1.4 point decrease, the second consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 59.8%, the same rate as the previous year.

(3) Employees/ Self-employed and family workers

The number of employees was 54.60 million, a decrease of 640,000 from the previous year, and the first time in seven years.

In breakdown by sex, that of males was 31.49 million, a decrease of 630,000, the second consecutive annual decrease, while that of females was 23.11 million, a decrease of 10,000, the first time in seven years.

The proportion of employees to employed persons was 86.9%, a 0.4 point increase, the 31st consecutive annual increase.

The number of self-employed and family workers was 7.96 million, a decrease of 350,000 from the previous year, the 12th consecutive annual decrease.

(4) Employees aged 15-64 years old

The number of employees aged 15-64 years old decreased by 770,000, the second consecutive annual decrease.

(5) Regular/ Temporary/ Daily employees

The number of employees in non-agricultural industries was 54.10 million, a decrease of 680,000 from the previous year, and the first time in seven years.

Among these, the number of regular employees was 46.70 million, a decrease of 610,000, the first time in six years, and that of temporary and daily employees was 7.40 million, a decrease of 70,000, the second consecutive annual decrease.

(6) Employed persons by industry

The number of employed persons in the “Manufacturing” sector was 10.73 million, a decrease of 710,000 from the previous year, that in “Construction” was 5.17 million, a decrease of 200,000, and that in “Employment and worker dispatching services” of “Services, not elsewhere classified” was 1.01 million, a decrease of 190,000.

Meanwhile, that in “Medical, health care and welfare” was 6.21 million, an increase of 230,000, and that in “Accommodations, eating and drinking services” was 3.80 million, an increase of 70,000.

The proportion of employed persons in primary industry was 4.2%, the same rate as the previous year, that in second industry was 25.4%, a 1.0 point decrease, while that in tertiary industry was 69.5%, a 1.3 point increase.

(7) Employed persons by occupation

The number of employed persons in the “Production process worker and labourer” sector was 16.78 million, a decrease of 1.02 million from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual decrease, and that in “Sales worker” was 8.57 million, a decrease of 130,000, the second consecutive annual decrease.

On the other hand, that in “Professional and technical worker” was 9.68 million, an increase of 180,000, the third consecutive annual increase, and that in “Protective service worker and service worker” was 8.04 million, an increase of 150,000, the 21st consecutive annual increase.

(8) Employees by number of persons engaged in enterprises

A breakdown of employees in non-agricultural industries according to the number of persons engaged in enterprises (excluding government employees) shows that the number of employees in enterprises with 1-29 staff was 16.15 million, a decrease of 290,000 from the previous year, and the third consecutive annual decrease. That in enterprises with 30-499 staff was 18.42 million, a decrease of 360,000, the second consecutive annual decrease. On the other hand, that in enterprises with 500- staff was 14.18 million, an increase of 10,000, the seventh consecutive annual increase.

(9) Employees by weekly hours of work

The proportion of employees who worked 60 hours or more a week relative to the total of employees was 9.3%, a 0.7 point decrease from the previous year, and the fifth consecutive annual decrease.

3. Unemployed persons

(1) Unemployed persons

The number of unemployed persons was 3.36 million, an increase of 710,000 from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 2.03 million, an increase of 440,000, and that of females was 1.33 million, an increase of 270,000. Both those of males and females were the second consecutive annual increase.

(2) Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate was 5.1%, a 1.1 point increase from the previous year, and the second consecutive annual increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 5.3%, a 1.2 point increase, and that of females was 4.8%, a 1.0 point increase. Both those of males and females were the second consecutive annual increase.

The unemployment rate for males has exceeded that of females for 12 consecutive years since 1998.

(3) Unemployment rate aged 15-24 years old

The unemployment rate by age group shows that the rates peaked in the 15-24 age group for both males and females, at 10.1% and 8.4% respectively. That in the 15-24 age group for males increased 2.2 points from the previous year, the first time in six years, and that in the 15-24 age group for females increased 1.5 points, the first time in seven years.

(4) Unemployed persons by reason for seeking a job

The number of unemployed persons who "Quit their job involuntarily" was 1.45 million. Among these, the number of persons who quit their previous job due to "Mandatory retirement or termination of employment contract" was 350,000, an increase of 90,000 from the previous year, and those who quit their previous job due to "Circumstances of employer or business" was 1.10million, an increase of 480,000.

Those who "Quit their job voluntarily" (leaving their previous job for personal or family's convenience) was 1.03 million, an increase of 30,000.

Those who "Graduated from school" (persons who started seeking a job after they graduated from school) was 140,000, an increase of 30,000.

The number of "Other" was 700,000, of which the persons who started seeking a new job because it was "Necessary to earn revenue" was 450,000, an increase of 80,000, and the second consecutive annual increase.