

## **Summary of Average Results for 2012 (I Basic Tabulation)**

### **1. Population by labour force status**

#### **(1) Labour force**

The labour force based on the 2012 yearly average was 65.55 million, a decrease of 360,000 from the previous year.

The male labour force was 37.89 million, a decrease of 330,000, and the female labour force was 27.66 million, a decrease of 20,000.

The labour force aged 15-64 years old (productive age) was 59.46 million, a decrease of 610,000. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 34.15 million, a decrease of 480,000, and that of females was 25.31 million, a decrease of 140,000.

#### **(2) Labour force participation rate**

The labour force participation rate was 59.1%, a 0.2 point decrease from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 70.8%, a 0.3 point decrease, while that of females was 48.2%, the same rate as the previous year.

The labour force participation rate aged 15-64 years old was 73.9%, a 0.1 point increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 84.3%, a 0.1 point decrease, while that of females was 63.4%, a 0.4 point increase.

#### **(3) Not in labour force**

Those not in the labour force were 45.40 million, an increase of 230,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, the number of males was 15.65 million, an increase of 270,000, while that of females was 29.76 million, a decrease of 30,000.

Those not in the labour force aged 15-64 years old were 20.94 million, a decrease of 360,000. In breakdown by sex, the number of males was 6.33 million, the same number as the previous year, while that of females was 14.61 million, a decrease of 370,000.

### **2. Employed persons**

#### **(1) Employed persons**

The number of employed persons was 62.70 million, a decrease of 190,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 36.16 million, a decrease of 200,000, while that of females was 26.54 million, an increase of 10,000.

The number of employed persons aged 15-64 years old was 56.75 million, a decrease of 430,000. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 32.52 million, a decrease of 350,000, and that of females was 24.23 million, a decrease of 80,000.

#### **(2) Employment rate**

The employment rate was 56.5%, the same rate as the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 67.5%, a 0.1 point decrease, while that of females was 46.2%, the same rate as the previous year.

The employment rate aged 15-64 years old was 70.6%, a 0.4 point increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 80.3%, a 0.2 point increase, and that of females was 60.7%, a 0.5 point increase.

#### **(3) Employees/ Self-employed and family workers**

The number of employees was 55.04 million, a decrease of 40,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 31.48 million, a decrease of 130,000, while that of females was 23.57 million, an increase of 100,000.

The proportion of employees to employed persons was 87.8%, a 0.2 point increase.

The number of self-employed and family workers was 7.39 million, a decrease of 170,000 from the previous year.

#### **(4) Regular/ Temporary/ Daily employees**

The number of employees in non-agricultural industries was 54.52 million, a decrease of 30,000 from the previous year.

Among these, the number of regular employees was 47.04 million, a decrease of 40,000, while that of temporary and daily employees was 7.48 million, an increase of 20,000.

#### **(5) Employed persons by industry**

The number of employed persons in the “Manufacturing” sector was 10.32 million, a decrease of 170,000 from the previous year, that in “Wholesale and retail trade” was 10.42 million, a decrease of 150,000.

Meanwhile, that in “Medical, health care and welfare” was 7.06 million, an increase of 280,000.

#### **(6) 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 15.55 million, a decrease of 300,000 from the previous year, and that in enterprises with 30-499 staff was 18.66 million, a decrease of 60,000. On the other hand, that in enterprises with 500- staff was 14.89 million, an increase of 250,000.

#### **(7) 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 9.2%, a 0.1 point decrease from the previous year.

### **3. Unemployed persons**

#### **(1) Unemployed persons**

The number of unemployed persons was 2.85 million, a decrease of 170,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 1.73 million, a decrease of 140,000, and that of females was 1.12 million, a decrease of 30,000.

#### **(2) Unemployment rate**

The unemployment rate was 4.3%, a 0.3 point decrease from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 4.6%, a 0.3 point decrease, and that of females was 4.0%, a 0.2 point decrease.

#### **(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 males and females at 8.7% and 7.5% respectively. That in the 15-24 age group for males decreased 0.9 points from the previous year, while that in the 15-24 age group for females increased 0.4 points.

#### **(4) Unemployed persons by reason for seeking a job**

The number of unemployed persons who “Quit their job involuntarily” was 1.02 million. Among these, the number of persons who quit their previous job due to “Circumstances of employer or business” was 700,000, a decrease of 110,000 from the previous year, and those who

quit their previous job due to “Mandatory retirement or termination of employment contract” was 320,000, a decrease of 10,000.

Those who “Quit their job voluntarily” (leaving their previous job for personal or family’s convenience) was 1.01 million, a decrease of 10,000.

Those who “Graduated from school” (persons who started seeking a job after they graduated from school) was 160,000, the same figure as the previous year.

**Note**

Retroactively adjusted 2011 data, ---calculated by applying 2010 census base benchmark population instead of previously released 2005-base---, are used for calculating "Change from the year" of 2012(excluding rate).