

Summary of Average Results for 2015 (I Basic Tabulation)

1. Population by labour force status

(1) Labour force

The labour force based on the 2015 yearly average was 65.98 million, an increase of 110,000 from the previous year.

The male labour force was 37.56 million, a decrease of 70,000, and the female labour force was 28.42 million, an increase of 180,000.

The labour force aged 15-64 years old (productive age) was 58.53 million, a decrease of 380,000. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 33.03 million, a decrease of 340,000, while that of females was 25.50 million, a decrease of 30,000.

(2) Labour force participation rate

The labour force participation rate was 59.6%, a 0.2 point increase from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 70.3%, a 0.1 point decrease, while that of females was 49.6%, a 0.4 point increase.

The labour force participation rate aged 15-64 years old was 75.9%, a 0.4 point increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 85.0%, a 0.2 point increase, while that of females was 66.8%, a 0.8 point increase.

The labour force participation rate by age group shows that the rate of males aged 55-64 years old was 85.6%, a 0.9 point increase, and that of females aged 55-64 years old was 59.2%, a 1.8 point increase.

(3) Not in labour force

The number of those not in the labour force was 44.73 million, a decrease of 160,000 from the previous year.

The number of those not in the labour force aged 65 years old and over was 26.25 million, an increase of 440,000.

2. Employed persons

(1) Employed persons

The number of employed persons was 63.76 million, an increase of 250,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 36.22 million, an increase of 10,000, while that of females was 27.54 million, an increase of 250,000.

The number of employed persons aged 15-64 years old was 56.46 million, a decrease of 240,000. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 31.81 million, a decrease of 260,000, and that of females was 24.66 million, an increase of 40,000.

(2) Employment rate

The employment rate was 57.6%, a 0.3 point increase from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 67.8%, a 0.1 point increase, while that of females was 48.0%, a 0.4 point increase.

The employment rate aged 15-64 years old was 73.3%, a 0.6 point increase. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 81.8%, a 0.3 point increase, and that of females was 64.6%, a 1.0 point increase.

The employment rate by age group shows that the rate of males aged 55-64 years old was 82.4%, a 0.9 point increase, and that of females aged 55-64 years old was 57.9%, a 1.9 point increase.

(3) Employed persons by industry

The number of employed persons in the “Medical, health care and welfare” sector was 7.84 million, an increase of 270,000 from the previous year, that in “Services, N.E.C.” was 4.07 million, an increase of 100,000, and that in “Real estate and goods rental and leasing” was 1.20 million, an increase of 80,000.

Meanwhile, that in “Living-related and personal services and amusement services” was 2.30 million, a decrease of 80,000.

(4) Employees/ Self-employed and family workers

The number of employees was 56.40 million, an increase of 450,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 31.66 million, an increase of 70,000, while that of females was 24.74 million, an increase of 380,000.

The proportion of employees to employed persons was 88.5%, a 0.4 point increase.

The number of self-employed and family workers was 7.05 million, a decrease of 200,000.

(5) Regular/ Non-regular employees

The number of regular employees was 33.13 million, an increase of 260,000. The number of non-regular employees was 19.80 million, an increase of 180,000. In breakdown by sex, the number of male regular employees was 22.70 million, an increase of 30,000, and that of male non-regular employees was 6.34 million, an increase of 40,000. The number of female regular employees was 10.43 million, an increase of 230,000, and that of female non-regular employees was 13.45 million, an increase of 130,000.

The number of regular employees aged 15-64 years old was 32.20 million, an increase of 200,000, and that of non-regular employees aged 15-64 years old was 17.13 million, a decrease of 150,000. The number of regular employees aged 65 years old and over was 930,000, an increase of 70,000, and that of non-regular employees aged 65 years old and over was 2.67 million, an increase of 330,000.

Among female non-regular employees aged 15-64 years old, the number of those aged 45-54 years old was 3.30 million, an increase of 120,000, and the number of those aged 25-34 years old was 1.92 million, a decrease of 90,000.

The proportion of non-regular employees to the employees excluding executive of company or corporation was 37.4%.

(6) 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 8.3%, a 0.3 point decrease from the previous year.

3. Unemployed persons

(1) Unemployed persons

The number of unemployed persons was 2.22 million, a decrease of 140,000 from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 1.34 million, a decrease of 70,000, and that of females was 880,000, a decrease of 70,000.

(2) Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate was 3.4%, a 0.2 point decrease from the previous year. In breakdown by sex, that of males was 3.6%, a 0.1 point decrease, and that of females was 3.1%, a 0.3 point decrease.

The unemployment rate by age group shows that the rates for males decreased in 15-24 years old, 35-44 years old and 65 years old and over, while those for females decreased in all age

groups.

(3) Unemployed persons by reason for seeking a job

The number of unemployed persons who “Quitted a job involuntarily” was 650,000, a decrease of 80,000 from the previous year. Among these, the number of persons who quitted the previous job due to “Circumstances of employer or business” was 410,000, a decrease of 60,000, and those who quitted the previous job due to “Mandatory retirement or termination of employment contract” was 250,000, a decrease of 10,000.

Those who “Quitted a job voluntarily” (leaving the previous job for personal or family’s convenience) was 890,000, a decrease of 10,000.

The number of persons who “Newly started to seek a job” was 630,000, a decrease of 50,000. Among these, those who “Graduated from school” (persons who started seeking a job after they graduated from school) was 100,000, a decrease of 20,000, and those who had been “Necessary to earn revenue” was 320,000, a decrease of 10,000.