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<News Highlights>

\*2017 Employment Status Survey

The SBJ will conduct the Employment Status Survey on October 1, 2017.

The Employment Status Survey has been conducted every three years between 1956 and 1982 and every five years since 1982. The 2017 Employment Status Survey will be the 17th one.

**Purpose of the survey**

The Employment Status Survey aims to obtain basic data on the actual conditions of the employment structure at both the national and regional levels by surveying the normal labour force status in Japan.

**Coverage of the survey**

In the designated enumeration districts, this survey was conducted on 1.08 million household members 15 years old or older in approximately 520,000 households living in sampled units (a unit is defined as a building or part of a building capable of housing one household). These units are selected by the mayors of cities, the mayors of towns and village heads in the manner prescribed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

The following persons, however, were excluded from the survey.

- A. Foreign diplomatic corps or consular staff (including their suites and family members)
- B. Foreign military personnel or civilians (including their family members)

C. Persons dwelling in camps or on ships of the Self-Defense Forces

D. Persons serving sentences in prisons or detention houses

E. Inmates of reformatory institutions or women's guidance homes

#### **Items surveyed**

A. All household members

Sex, year and month of birth, educational status, whether providing childcare, whether providing family care, etc.

B. Persons engaged in work

Employment contract term, contents of work, working hours per week, reason for taking the present job, etc.

C. Persons not engaged in work

Whether wishing to work, kind of job wished for, whether seeking a job, etc.

#### **Survey method**

The enumerators appointed by the governors of prefectures or the mayors of cities, the mayors of towns and village heads distribute questionnaires to each household to be surveyed and the completed questionnaires are collected by the enumerators or via the internet.

#### **Release of the results**

The survey results will be released by the end of July 2018 via the internet and other media.

<Recent Releases>

August 4, 2017

\* "Survey of Household Economy" (Items Related to Expenditure) (June 2017)

- Summary Results of the June 2017 Survey of Household Economy (Items Related to Expenditure) (Two-or-more-person households)

- Change over the year of Monthly Expenditure per household on Main Items

<Main Items increased in real terms>

- Airplane fares: up 24.5% in nominal terms and 31.9% in real terms

- Automobiles (new): up 25.9% in nominal terms and 25.5% in real terms

- Washing machines: up 0.9% in nominal terms and 11.7% in real terms

<Main Items decreased in real terms>

- Vacuum cleaners: down 30.9% in nominal terms and 37.4% in real terms
- Air conditioners: down 18.3% in nominal terms and 21.3% in real terms
- Women's one-piece dresses and suits: down 16.1% in nominal terms and 16.3% in real terms

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/joukyou/12.htm>

August 21, 2017

\* "Population Estimates" (March 1, 2017(Final estimates), August 1, 2017(Provisional estimates))

-As of August 1, 2017 (Provisional estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126.77 million, a decrease of 0.21 million (0.16 percent) from the previous year.

-As of March 1, 2017 (Final estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 126,755 thousand, a decrease of 193 thousand (0.15 percent) from the previous year.
- The population under 15 years old was 15,703 thousand, a decrease of 177 thousand (1.11 percent) from the previous year.
- The population aged 15 to 64 was 76,212 thousand, a decrease of 629 thousand (0.82 percent) from the previous year.
- The population aged 65 and over was 34,840 thousand, an increase of 613 thousand (1.79 percent) from the previous year.

<Japanese population>

- Japanese population was 124,831 thousand, a decrease of 341 thousand (0.27 percent) from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/jinsui/2.htm>

August 23, 2017

\* Unincorporated Enterprise Survey (Trend survey) (April to June 2017)

- The sales per establishment for April-June 2017 increased by 14.5% in "Manufacturing", 1.2% in "Accommodations and food services", 7.4% in "Services", decreased by 1.0% in "Wholesale and retail trade", respectively

over the previous year (corresponding period).

- The net operating profit per establishment for April-June 2017 increased by 4.6% in “Manufacturing”, 16.7% in “Wholesale and retail trade”, 11.7% in “Accommodations and food services”, and 17.8% in “Services”, respectively over the previous year (corresponding period).

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kojinke/index.htm>

August 25, 2017

\*Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (Japan July 2017, Ku-area of Tokyo August 2017

- The consumer price index for Japan in July 2017 was 100.1 (2015=100), up 0.4% over the year before seasonal adjustment, and the same level as the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in August 2017 (preliminary) was 100.1 (2015=100), up 0.5% over the year before seasonal adjustment, and up 0.2% from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/1581.htm>

\*Retail Price Survey (July 2017, Main Cities (August 2017, Ku-area of Tokyo))

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kouri/doukou/15i2.htm>

August 28, 2017

\* "Monthly Report on Internal Migration in Japan" (July 2017)

- The number of internal migrants (All nationalities) was 375,493, an increase of 15,758 (4.4%) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 172,142, an increase of 10,212 (6.3%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 203,351, an increase of 5,546 (2.8%) from the previous year.
- The number of internal migrants (Japanese) was 343,419, an increase of 11,657 (3.5%) from the previous year.

- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 155,940, an increase of 7,447 (5.0%) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 187,479, an increase of 4,210 (2.3%) from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/idou/3.htm>

August 29, 2017

\*"Labour Force Survey (Basic Tabulation)" (July 2017)

- The number of employed persons in July 2017 was 65.63 million, an increase of 590 thousand or 0.9% from the previous year.
- The number of unemployed persons in July 2017 was 1.91 million, a decrease of 120 thousand or 5.9% from the previous year.
- The unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 2.8%.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/roudou/results/month/index.htm>

\*Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Two-or-more-person Households: July 2017)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for July 2017 was 279,197 yen, up 0.4% in nominal terms but down 0.2% in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The average of monthly income per household stood at 598,042 yen, up 4.1% in nominal terms and up 3.5% in real terms from the previous year.

The average of consumption expenditures per household was 308,818 yen, up 2.1% in nominal terms and up 1.5% in real terms from the previous year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/156.htm>

August 31, 2017

\*"Monthly Survey on Service Industries" (June 2017 (preliminary))

- Monthly sales: 31.5 trillion yen, up 1.8 % over the year
- Number of persons working at the Location of Establishment: 30.37 million persons, up 1.2 % over the year.

<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/mssi/kekka.htm>

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