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Economically Active Population Survey in April 2023

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.236 million persons in April, which grew 294 thousand persons or 1.0% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.4% in April, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.432 million persons in April, which went up 354 thousand persons or 1.3% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 62.7% in April, up 0.6%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

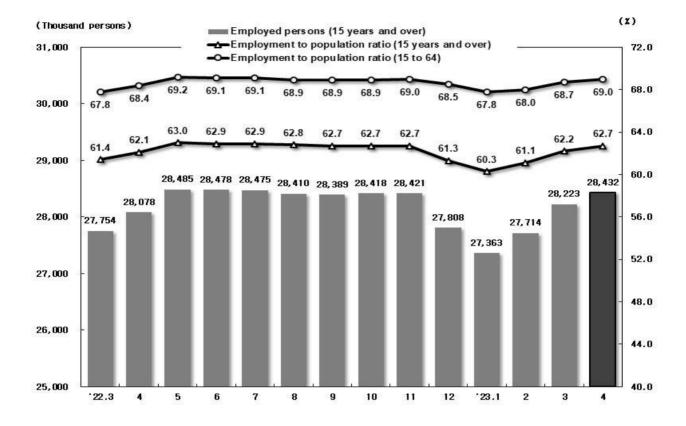
- The number of unemployed persons totaled 804 thousand people in April, which decreased 59 thousand persons or 6.9% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.8% in April, down 0.2%p year-on-year.

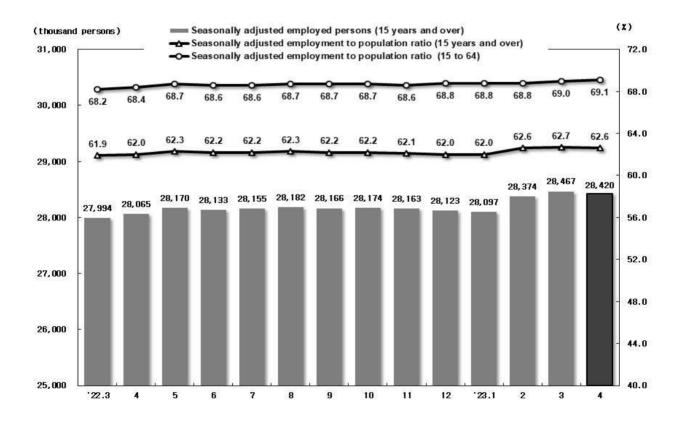
<Economically inactive population>

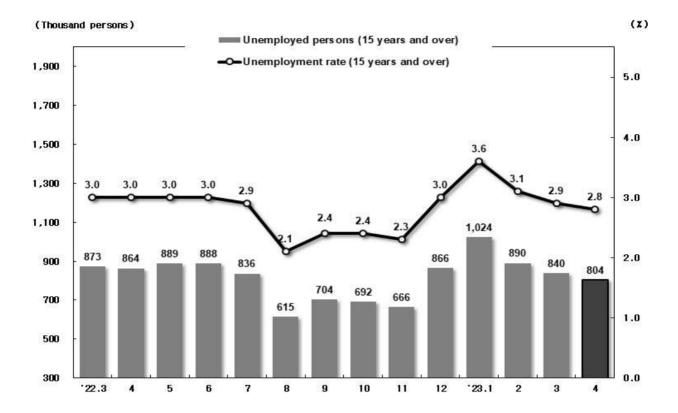
• The economically inactive population totaled 16.135 million people in April, decreasing 156 thousand persons or 1.0% year-on-year.

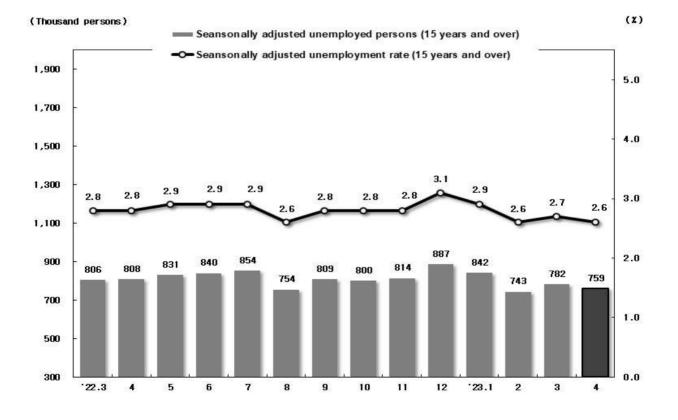
Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in April, 2023

| (Not seasonally adjusted) | (thousand persons, %, year-on-year) | | | | | | | |
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| | April 2022 | | March 2023 | | April 2023 | | • | |
| | | Change rate | | Change rate | | Change | Change rate | |
| Population 15 years & over | | 0.5 | 45,367 | 0.3 | 45,372 | 138 | 0.3 | |
| Economically active population (Participation rate) | 28,942 (64.0) | 2.1 | 29,063 (64.1) | 1.5 | 29,236 (64.4) | 294 (0.4) | 1.0 | |
| Male (Labor Force Participation rate) | | 1.4 2.9 | 16,349 (73.2) 12,714 | 0.4 3.0 | 16,402 (73.4) 12,835 | 10 (-0.2) 285 | 0.1 2.3 | |
| Female (Labor Force Participation rate) | | | (55.2) | | (55.7) | (1.1) | | |
| (Labor Force Participation rate) Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) | | | 62.2 | | 62.7 | 0.6 | | |
| (Seasonally adjusted) | 62.1 (62.0) | | (62.7) | | (62.6) | 0.0 | | |
| Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) | 68.4 | | 68.7 | | 69.0 | 0.6 | | |
| (Seasonally adjusted) | (68.4) | | (69.0) | | (69.1) | 0.0 | | |
| • Employed persons | 28,078 | 3.2 | 28,223 | 1.7 | 28,432 | 354 | 1.3 | |
| • Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 1,545 | 4.6 | 1,438 | 2.1 | 1,557 | 12 | 0.8 | |
| Mining & manufacturing | 4,531 | 3.0 | 4,470 | -1.2 | 4,428 | -103 | -2.3 | |
| • Manufacturing | 4,518 | 3.0 | 4,463 | -1.1 | 4,421 | -97 | -2.1 | |
| Construction | 2,123 | 2.3 | 2,095 | -1.0 | 2,092 | -31 | -1.5 | |
| • Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food | 5,453 | -0.7 | 5,525 | 2.0 | 5,563 | 110 | 2.0 | |
| • Electricity, transport, communication & finance | 3,464 | 4.0 | 3,527 | 2.7 | 3,506 | 41 | 1.2 | |
| • Business, personal, public service & others | 10,962 | 5.0 | 11,167 | 2.8 | 11,286 | 325 | 3.0 | |
| Regular employees | 15,641 | 6.3 | 16,077 | 3.2 | 16,105 | 464 | 3.0 | |
| Temporary employees | 4,715 | 1.0 | 4,582 | -1.6 | 4,615 | -100 | -2.1 | |
| Daily workers | 1,150 | -9.3 | 1,091 | 1.0 | 1,074 | -76 | -6.6 | |
| Employers | 1,362 | 3.0 | 1,420 | 6.0 | 1,417 | 55 | 4.0 | |
| Own account workers | 4,241 | 0.5 | 4,186 | 0.2 | 4,298 | 56 | 1.3 | |
| Unpaid family workers | 969 | -5.2 | 869 | -5.9 | 924 | -45 | -4.7 | |
| • Unemployed persons | 864 | -24.7 | 840 | -3.8 | 804 | -59 | -6.9 | |
| Unemployment rate | 3.0 | | 2.9 | | 2.8 | -0.2 | | |
| (Seasonally adjusted) | (2.8) | | (2.7) | | (2.6) | | | |
| Male | 459 | -29.7 | 476 | 0.4 | 459 | 1 | 0.1 | |
| Unemployment rate | 2.8 | | 2.9 | | 2.8 | 0.0 | | |
| (Seasonally adjusted) | (2.6) | | (2.7) | | (2.6) | | | |
| Female | 405 | -18.1 | 364 | -8.8 | 345 | -60 | -14.8 | |
| Unemployment rate | 3.2 | | 2.9 | | 2.7 | -0.5 | | |
| (Seasonally adjusted) | (3.1) | | (2.7) | | (2.6) | | | |
| Middle school graduates & under | 84 | -28.4 | 79 | -28.3 | 71 | -13 | -15.4 | |
| (Unemployment rate) | (2.1) | 20.1 | (2.2) | 20.0 | (1.9) | (-0.2) | 10.1 | |
| High school graduates | 337 | -31.6 | 306 | -6.6 | 303 | -34 | -10.2 | |
| (Unemployment rate) | (3.1) | | (2.8) | 0.0 | (2.8) | (-0.3) | 10.2 | |
| College, univ. graduates & over | 443 | -17.5 | 455 | 4.4 | 431 | -12 | -2.8 | |
| (Unemployment rate) | (3.1) | | (3.1) | | (2.9) | (-0.2) | 2.0 | |
| Economically inactive population | | -2.3 | 16,304 | -1.7 | 16,135 | -156 | -1.0 | |









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