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Economically Active Population Survey in January 2023

<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 28.387 million persons in January, which grew 291 thousand persons or 1.0% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 62.6% in January, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 27.363 million persons in January, which went up 411 thousand persons or 1.5% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 60.3% in January, up 0.7%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 1,024 thousand people in January, which decreased 119 thousand persons or 10.4% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.6% in January, down 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.965 million people in January, decreasing 139 thousand persons or 0.8% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in January, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

(thousand persons, %, year-on-year)

	January 2022		December 2022		January 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
● Population 15 years & over	45,200	0.5	45,332	0.3	45,352	152	0.3
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	28,096 (62.2)	2.6	28,674 (63.3)	1.4	28,387 (62.6)	291 (0.4)	1.0
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,053 (72.2)	2.1	16,191 (72.6)	0.3	16,058 (71.9)	5 (-0.3)	0.0
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,043 (52.5)	3.3	12,483 (54.2)	2.9	12,330 (53.6)	286 (1.1)	2.4
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over)	59.6		61.3		60.3	0.7	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(61.2)		(62.0)		(62.0)		
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years)	67.0		68.5		67.8	0.8	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(67.8)		(68.8)		(68.8)		
◦ Employed persons	26,953	4.4	27,808	1.9	27,363	411	1.5
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,246	7.6	1,297	-1.1	1,199	-47	-3.8
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,479	1.5	4,495	1.8	4,438	-41	-0.9
• Manufacturing	4,467	1.5	4,489	1.9	4,432	-35	-0.8
◆ Construction	2,055	5.1	2,097	-0.6	2,017	-39	-1.9
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,428	1.4	5,576	2.6	5,582	153	2.8
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,459	6.7	3,487	0.7	3,505	46	1.3
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	10,285	6.1	10,857	2.7	10,622	337	3.3
◆ Regular employees	15,309	4.7	15,868	4.2	15,884	575	3.8
◆ Temporary employees	4,237	9.8	4,452	-0.5	4,185	-52	-1.2
◆ Daily workers	1,075	-5.3	1,089	-6.5	1,005	-70	-6.5
◆ Employers	1,346	4.2	1,377	1.9	1,400	54	4.0
◆ Own account workers	4,124	2.0	4,187	0.7	4,099	-25	-0.6
◆ Unpaid family workers	862	-0.4	836	-8.8	790	-72	-8.3
◦ Unemployed persons	1,143	-27.2	866	-11.5	1,024	-119	-10.4
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	4.1 (3.3)		3.0 (3.1)		3.6 (2.9)	-0.5	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	559 3.5 (3.1)	-29.2	431 2.7 (2.8)	-12.5	515 3.2 (2.8)	-44 -0.3	-7.9
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	585 4.9 (3.6)	-25.1	435 3.5 (3.4)	-10.5	509 4.1 (3.0)	-75 -0.8	-12.9
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	350 (9.6)	-22.0	253 (7.0)	-13.7	288 (8.4)	-62 (-1.2)	-17.6
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	425 (4.0)	-27.8	325 (3.0)	-5.7	381 (3.6)	-44 (-0.4)	-10.3
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	368 (2.7)	-30.9	288 (2.0)	-15.5	354 (2.5)	-14 (-0.2)	-3.7
■ Economically inactive population	17,104	-2.7	16,658	-1.6	16,965	-139	-0.8



