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Economically Active Population Survey in February 2023

<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 28.604 million persons in February, which grew 248 thousand persons or 0.9% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 63.1% in February, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 27.714 million persons in February, which went up 312 thousand persons or 1.1% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.1% in February, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 890 thousand people in February, which decreased 64 thousand persons or 6.7% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.1% in February, down 0.3%p year-on-year.

< Economically inactive population>

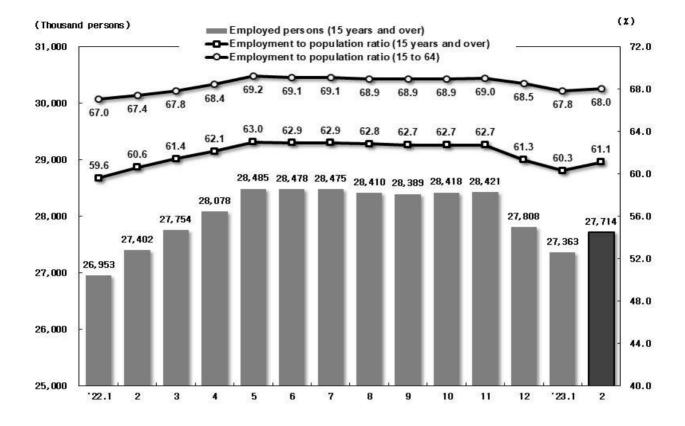
 The economically inactive population totaled 16.751 million people in February, decreasing 106 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.

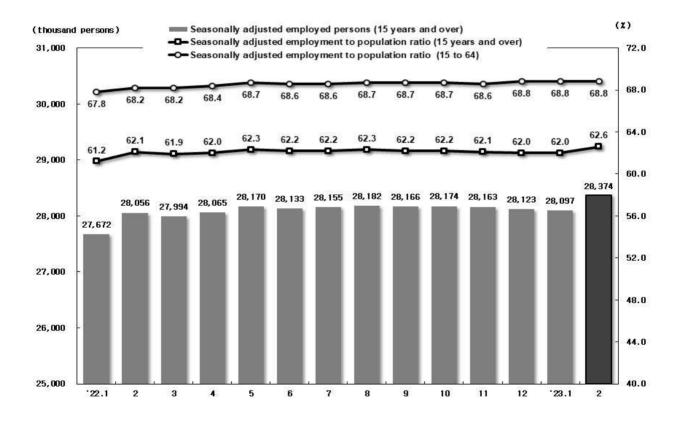
Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in February, 2023

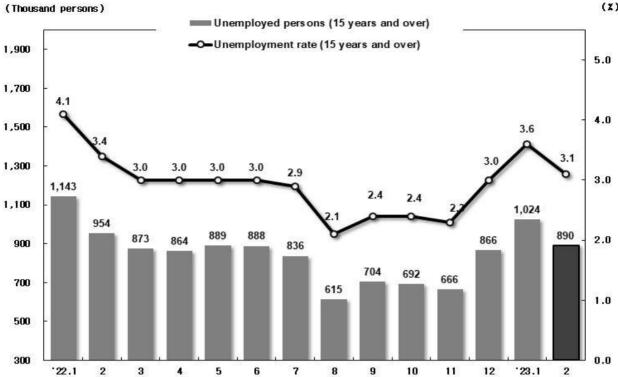
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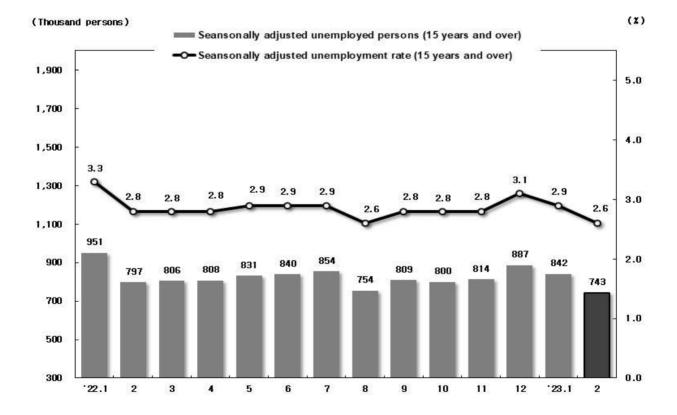
⁽thousand persons, %, year-on-year)

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	Februa	February 2022		January 2023		February 202	
		Change		Change		Change	Change
		rate		rate		Change	rate
Population 15 years & over	45,213	0.5	45,352	0.3	45,355	142	0.3
Economically active population	28,356	2.3	28,387	1.0	28,604	248	0.9
(Participation rate)	(62.7)		(62.6)		(63.1)		
 Male 	16,133	1.5	16,058	0.0	16,126	-8	0.0
(Labor Force Participation rate)	(72.5)		(71.9)		(72.2)	()	
◆ Female	12,222 (53.2)		12,330 (53.6)	2.4	12,478 (54.2)	256 (1.0)	2.1
(Labor Force Participation rate)	(00.2)		(00.0)		(01.2)	(110)	
 Employment-population ratio 			60.3		61.1	0.5	
(15 years & over)	(00.4)		(00.0)		(00.0)		
(Seasonally adjusted)	(62.1)		(62.0)		(62.6)		
 Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) 	67.4		67.8		68.0	0.6	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(68.2)		(68.8)		(68.8)		
• Employed persons	27,402	3.9	27,363	1.5	27,714	312	1.1
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,276		1,199	-3.8	1,231	-44	-3.5
 Mining & manufacturing 	4,462		4,438	-0.9	4,429	-33	-0.7
Manufacturing	4,450		4,432	-0.8	4,423	-27	-0.6
Construction	2,044		2,017	-1.9	2,041	-4	-0.2
 Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food 			5,582	2.8	5,531	100	1.8
• Electricity, transport, communication &	3,503	8.1	3,505	1.3	3,510	7	0.2
finance							
Business, personal, public service & others	10,687	6.2	10,622	3.3	10,972	286	2.7
Regular employees	15,445		15,884		15,915		3.0
Temporary employees Deily workers	4,533		4,185	-1.2	4,404	-128	-2.8
Daily workers	1,061	-12.3	1,005	-6.5	1,054	-8	-0.7
Employers	1,343	3.0	1,400	4.0	1,398		4.1
Own account workers	4,143	1.8	4,099	-0.6	4,139	-5	-0.1
Unpaid family workers	877		790	-8.3	804		-8.2
Unemployed persons	954	-29.5	1,024	-10.4	890	-64	-6.7
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.4 (2.8)		3.6 (2.9)		3.1 (2.6)	-0.3	
 ◆ Male 	512	-30.7	515	-7.9	467	-45	-8.8
Unemployment rate	3.2	-30.7	3.2	-7.9	2.9	-43	-0.0
(Seasonally adjusted)	(2.8)					-0.5	
 Female 	442		(2.8)	-12.9	(2.6)	10	10
 remaie Unemployment rate 	1	-28.1	509	-12.9	423	-19	-4.3
(Seasonally adjusted)	3.6 (2.7)		4.1 (3.0)		3.4 (2.5)	-0.2	
(Jeasonally aujusted)	(2.7)		(3.0)		(2.3)		
 Middle school graduates & under 	167	-29.0	288	-17.6	126	-41	-24.6
(Unemployment rate)	(4.5)		(8.4)		(3.6)	(-0.9)	
 High school graduates 	383	-28.7	381	-10.3	340	-43	-11.3
(Unemployment rate)	(3.6)		(3.6)		(3.2)	(-0.4)	
College, univ. graduates & over	404		354	-3.7	425	20	5.0
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(Unemployment rate)	(2.9)		(2.5)		(2.9)	(0.0)	









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