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Economically Active Population Survey in September 2023

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.359 million persons in September, which grew 267 thousand persons or 0.9% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.6% in September, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.698 million persons in September, which went up 309 thousand persons or 1.1% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.2% in September, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 661 thousand people in September, which decreased 42 thousand persons or 6.0% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.3% in September, down 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

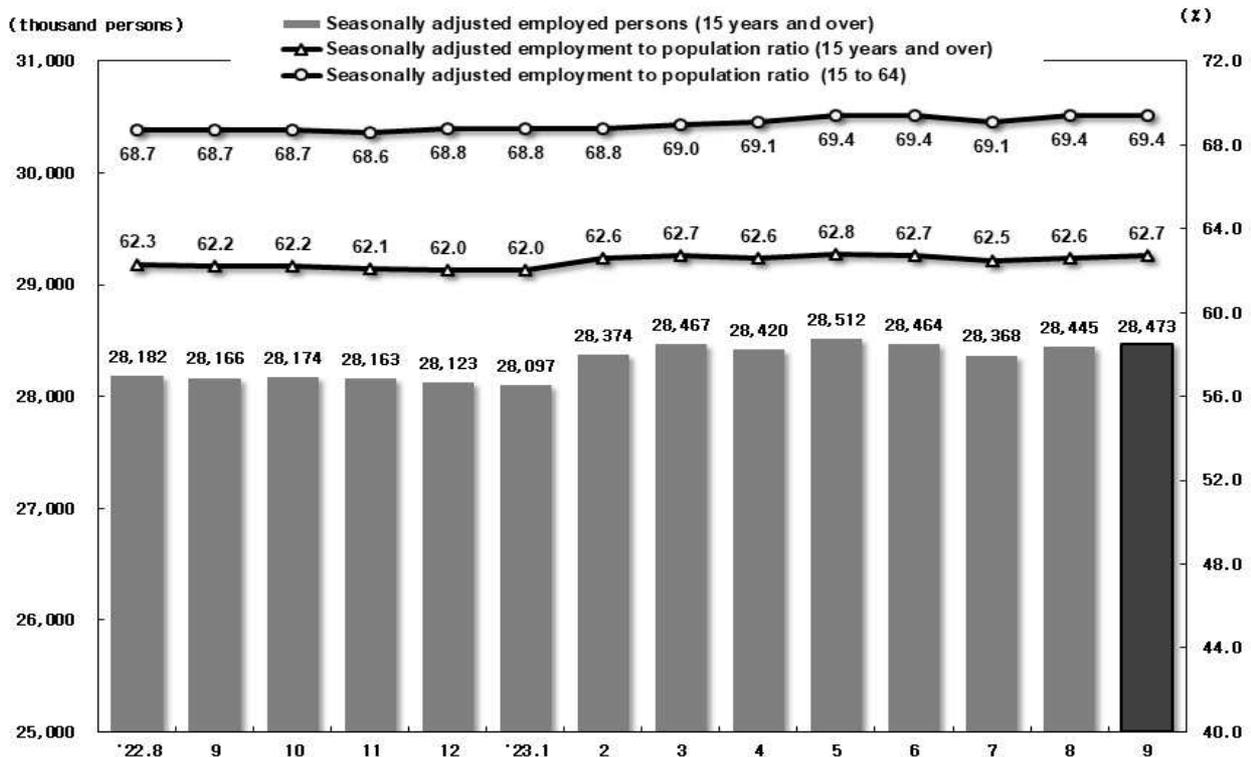
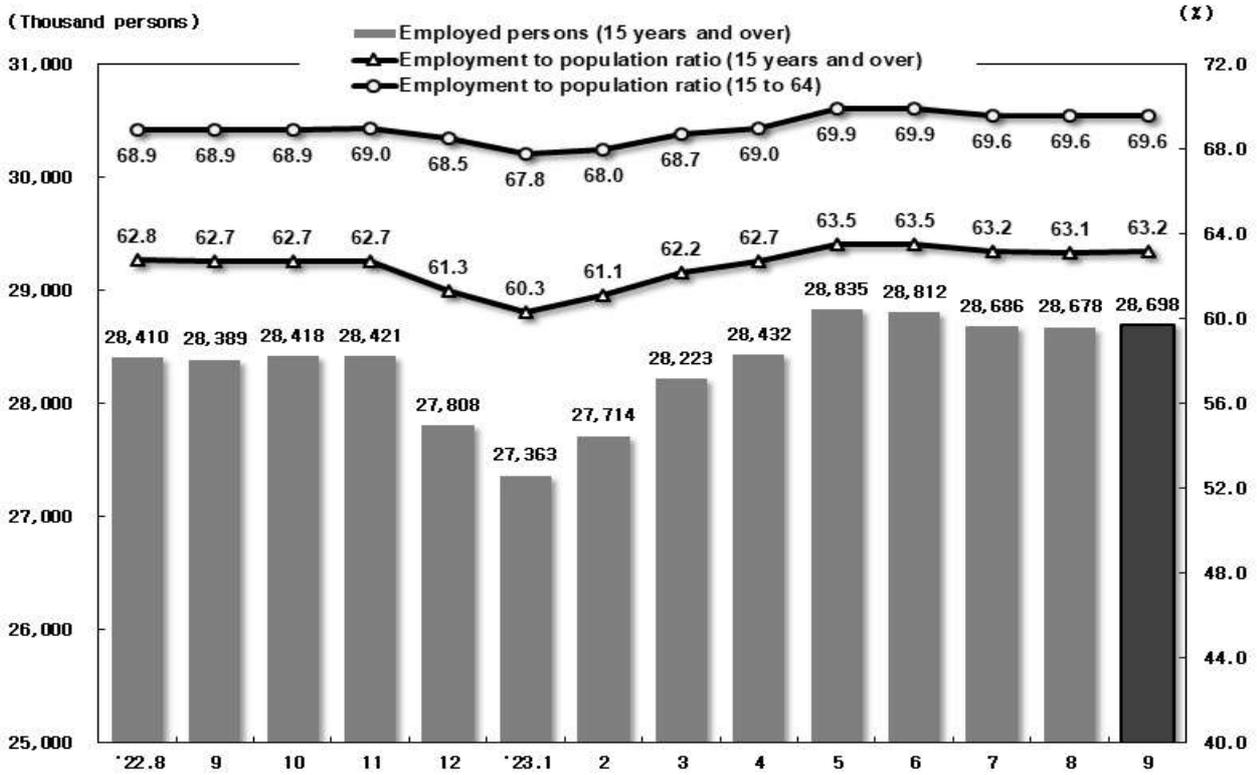
- The economically inactive population totaled 16.071 million people in September, decreasing 120 thousand persons or 0.7% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in September, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

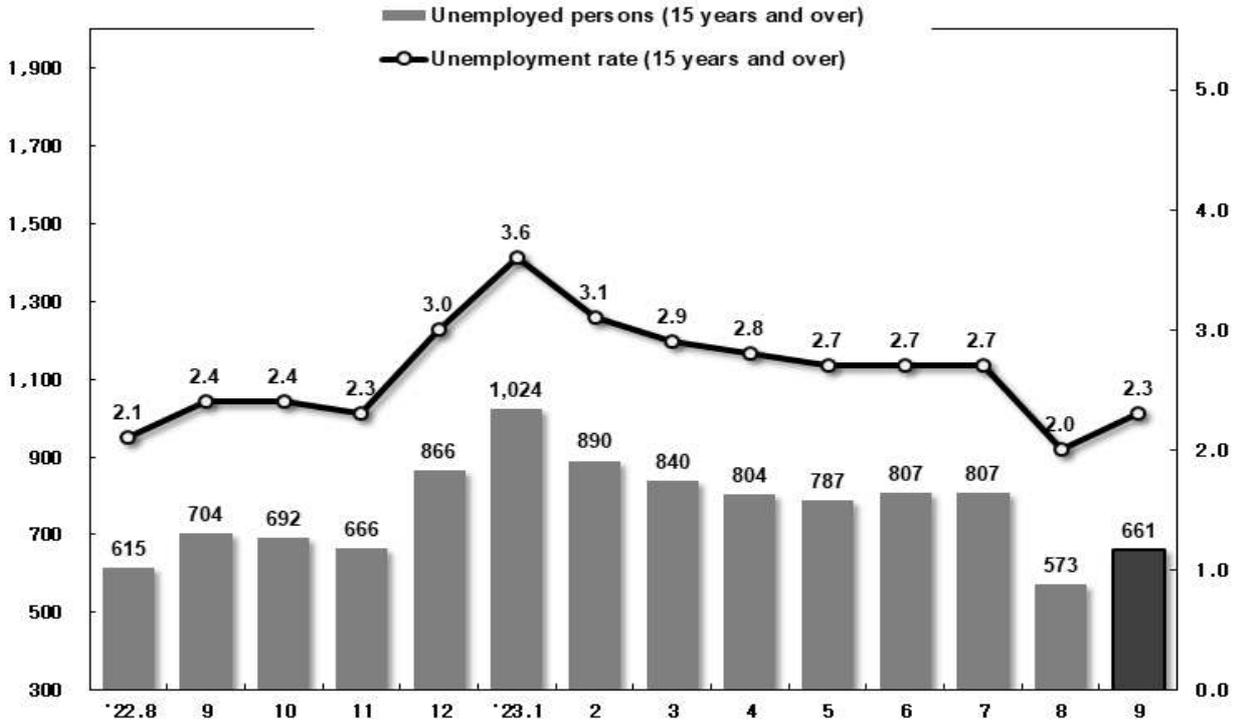
(thousand persons, %, year-on-year)

	September 2022		August 2023		September 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
● Population 15 years & over	45,284	0.4	45,415	0.3	45,431	147	0.3
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,093 (64.2)	2.3	29,251 (64.4)	0.8	29,359 (64.6)	267 (0.4)	0.9
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,426 (73.7)	1.7	16,392 (73.3)	-0.2	16,458 (73.6)	33 (-0.1)	0.2
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,667 (55.1)	3.0	12,859 (55.8)	2.1	12,901 (56.0)	234 (0.9)	1.8
○ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	62.7 (62.2)		63.1 (62.6)		63.2 (62.7)	0.5	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	68.9 (68.7)		69.6 (69.4)		69.6 (69.4)	0.7	
○ Employed persons	28,389	2.6	28,678	0.9	28,698	309	1.1
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,656	5.4	1,644	-1.1	1,653	-3	-0.2
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,532	5.2	4,468	-1.5	4,462	-70	-1.5
· Manufacturing	4,526	5.3	4,460	-1.5	4,454	-72	-1.6
◆ Construction	2,121	-0.6	2,125	0.0	2,157	36	1.7
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,501	1.3	5,573	0.9	5,550	50	0.9
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,490	2.2	3,541	1.0	3,560	71	2.0
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,091	2.5	11,327	2.4	11,316	226	2.0
◆ Regular employees	15,817	5.4	16,193	2.5	16,252	435	2.8
◆ Temporary employees	4,773	-2.4	4,759	-0.3	4,743	-31	-0.6
◆ Daily workers	1,102	-9.4	1,002	-12.9	1,035	-67	-6.1
◆ Employers	1,380	7.5	1,413	4.4	1,419	39	2.8
◆ Own account workers	4,331	2.0	4,370	0.8	4,310	-20	-0.5
◆ Unpaid family workers	987	-5.6	940	-5.6	939	-48	-4.8
○ Unemployed persons	704	-6.9	573	-6.7	661	-42	-6.0
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.4 (2.8)		2.0 (2.4)		2.3 (2.6)	-0.1	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	390 2.4 (2.6)	-12.7	319 1.9 (2.3)	-6.2	374 2.3 (2.5)	-16 -0.1	-4.2
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	313 2.5 (3.0)	1.4	254 2.0 (2.6)	-7.4	287 2.2 (2.7)	-26 -0.3	-8.2
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	55 (1.4)	-35.8	40 (1.1)	2.6	64 (1.7)	9 (0.3)	16.6
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	309 (2.9)	-1.7	231 (2.1)	-14.3	259 (2.4)	-50 (-0.5)	-16.0
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	340 (2.4)	-4.6	303 (2.1)	-1.2	338 (2.3)	-2 (-0.1)	-0.5
■ Economically inactive population	16,191	-3.0	16,163	-0.5	16,071	-120	-0.7



(Thousand persons)

(%)



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