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Economically Active Population Survey in October 2023

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.390 million persons in October, which grew 280 thousand persons or 1.0% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.7% in October, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.764 million persons in October, which went up 346 thousand persons or 1.2% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.3% in October, up 0.6%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 627 thousand people in October, which decreased 66 thousand persons or 9.5% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.1% in October, down 0.3%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.062 million people in October, decreasing 130 thousand persons or 0.8% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in October, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	October 2022		September 2023		October 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,302	0.3	45,431	0.3	45,452	150	0.3
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,110 (64.3)	2.0	29,359 (64.6)	0.9	29,390 (64.7)	280 (0.4)	1.0
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,462 (73.8)	1.7	16,458 (73.6)	0.2	16,472 (73.6)	10 (-0.2)	0.1
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,648 (55.0)	2.5	12,901 (56.0)	1.8	12,918 (56.0)	271 (1.0)	2.1
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	62.7 (62.2)		63.2 (62.7)		63.3 (62.7)	0.6	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	68.9 (68.7)		69.6 (69.4)		69.7 (69.5)	0.8	
◦ Employed persons	28,418	2.4	28,698	1.1	28,764	346	1.2
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,641	2.9	1,653	-0.2	1,657	16	1.0
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,531	4.5	4,462	-1.5	4,456	-75	-1.7
· Manufacturing	4,525	4.7	4,454	-1.6	4,448	-77	-1.7
◆ Construction	2,139	0.6	2,157	1.7	2,153	14	0.6
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,521	1.7	5,550	0.9	5,583	63	1.1
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,485	1.7	3,560	2.0	3,611	126	3.6
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,102	2.5	11,316	2.0	11,304	202	1.8
◆ Regular employees	15,800	4.9	16,252	2.8	16,240	440	2.8
◆ Temporary employees	4,758	-1.8	4,743	-0.6	4,826	68	1.4
◆ Daily workers	1,126	-6.6	1,035	-6.1	1,016	-110	-9.8
◆ Employers	1,380	5.1	1,419	2.8	1,446	66	4.8
◆ Own account workers	4,354	2.3	4,310	-0.5	4,287	-67	-1.5
◆ Unpaid family workers	1,000	-5.8	939	-4.8	949	-51	-5.1
◦ Unemployed persons	692	-12.1	661	-6.0	627	-66	-9.5
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.4 (2.8)		2.3 (2.6)		2.1 (2.5)	-0.3	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	395 2.4 (2.7)	-13.6	374 2.3 (2.5)	-4.2	376 2.3 (2.5)	-18 -0.1	-4.7
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	298 2.4 (2.9)	-10.0	287 2.2 (2.7)	-8.2	250 1.9 (2.4)	-47 -0.5	-15.9
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	66 (1.7)	-26.7	64 (1.7)	16.6	56 (1.5)	-10 (-0.2)	-15.0
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	304 (2.8)	-7.3	259 (2.4)	-16.0	264 (2.4)	-40 (-0.4)	-13.2
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	323 (2.3)	-12.8	338 (2.3)	-0.5	307 (2.1)	-16 (-0.2)	-4.9
■ Economically inactive population	16,192	-2.6	16,071	-0.7	16,062	-130	-0.8



