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Economically Active Population Survey in December 2023

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.037 million persons in December, which grew 363 thousand persons or 1.3% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 63.8% in December, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.093 million persons in December, which went up 285 thousand persons or 1.0% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.7% in December, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 944 thousand people in December, which increased 78 thousand persons or 9.0% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.3% in December, down 0.3%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.468 million people in December, decreasing 190 thousand persons or 1.1% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in December, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	December 2022		November 2023		December 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,332	0.3	45,476	0.3	45,505	173	0.4
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	28,674 (63.3)	1.4	29,375 (64.6)	1.0	29,037 (63.8)	363 (0.5)	1.3
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,191 (72.6)	0.3	16,449 (73.4)	0.2	16,308 (72.7)	118 (0.1)	0.7
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,483 (54.2)	2.9	12,926 (56.0)	2.0	12,728 (55.1)	245 (0.9)	2.0
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	61.3 (62.0)		63.1 (62.5)		61.7 (62.4)	0.4	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	68.5 (68.8)		69.6 (69.3)		69.2 (69.5)	0.7	
◦ Employed persons	27,808	1.9	28,698	1.0	28,093	285	1.0
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,297	-1.1	1,567	-0.1	1,272	-25	-2.0
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,495	1.8	4,499	-0.2	4,505	10	0.2
· Manufacturing	4,489	1.9	4,491	-0.3	4,498	10	0.2
◆ Construction	2,097	-0.6	2,183	1.5	2,168	71	3.4
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,576	2.6	5,569	0.3	5,593	18	0.3
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,487	0.7	3,591	3.1	3,607	120	3.4
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	10,857	2.7	11,290	1.2	10,949	92	0.8
◆ Regular employees	15,868	4.2	16,236	2.6	16,258	390	2.5
◆ Temporary employees	4,452	-0.5	4,786	0.5	4,462	11	0.2
◆ Daily workers	1,089	-6.5	1,047	-9.2	1,020	-69	-6.3
◆ Employers	1,377	1.9	1,452	5.9	1,422	45	3.2
◆ Own account workers	4,187	0.7	4,268	-1.8	4,146	-41	-1.0
◆ Unpaid family workers	836	-8.8	910	-6.5	786	-50	-6.0
◦ Unemployed persons	866	-11.5	677	1.7	944	78	9.0
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.0 (3.1)		2.3 (2.8)		3.3 (3.3)	0.3	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	431 2.7 (2.8)	-12.5	393 2.4 (2.8)	6.2	477 2.9 (3.1)	46 0.2	10.7
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	435 3.5 (3.4)	-10.5	283 2.2 (2.8)	-4.0	467 3.7 (3.5)	32 0.2	7.3
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	253 (7.0)	-13.7	63 (1.7)	0.2	278 (8.1)	24 (1.1)	9.5
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	325 (3.0)	-5.7	275 (2.5)	-3.2	318 (3.0)	-6 (0.0)	-1.9
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	288 (2.0)	-15.5	339 (2.3)	6.3	348 (2.3)	60 (0.3)	20.7
■ Economically inactive population	16,658	-1.6	16,101	-0.8	16,468	-190	-1.1



