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Economically Active Population Survey in February 2024

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 28.957 million persons in February, which grew 353 thousand persons or 1.2% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 63.6% in February, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.043 million persons in February, which went up 329 thousand persons or 1.2% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.6% in February, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 915 thousand people in February, which increased 25 thousand persons or 2.8% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.2% in February, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.568 million people in February, decreasing 183 thousand persons or 1.1% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in February, 2024

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	February 2023		January 2024		February 2024		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,355	0.3	45,514	0.4	45,525	170	0.4
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	28,604 (63.1)	0.9	28,815 (63.3)	1.5	28,957 (63.6)	353 (0.5)	1.2
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,126 (72.2)	0.0	16,195 (72.2)	0.9	16,237 (72.4)	112 (0.2)	0.7
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,478 (54.2)	2.1	12,620 (54.7)	2.4	12,720 (55.1)	242 (0.9)	1.9
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	61.1 (62.5)		61.0 (62.8)		61.6 (63.0)	0.5	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	68.0 (68.8)		68.7 (69.6)		68.7 (69.6)	0.7	
◦ Employed persons	27,714	1.1	27,743	1.4	28,043	329	1.2
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,231	-3.5	1,192	-0.6	1,198	-33	-2.7
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,429	-0.7	4,458	0.4	4,468	38	0.9
· Manufacturing	4,423	-0.6	4,452	0.5	4,460	38	0.9
◆ Construction	2,041	-0.2	2,089	3.6	2,077	36	1.8
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,531	1.8	5,574	-0.1	5,530	0	0.0
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,510	0.2	3,616	3.2	3,655	145	4.1
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	10,972	2.7	10,814	1.8	11,115	143	1.3
◆ Regular employees	15,915	3.0	16,204	2.0	16,272	357	2.2
◆ Temporary employees	4,404	-2.8	4,323	3.3	4,611	207	4.7
◆ Daily workers	1,054	-0.7	923	-8.1	877	-177	-16.8
◆ Employers	1,398	4.1	1,430	2.1	1,436	38	2.7
◆ Own account workers	4,139	-0.1	4,098	0.0	4,079	-60	-1.4
◆ Unpaid family workers	804	-8.2	765	-3.2	769	-36	-4.5
◦ Unemployed persons	890	-6.7	1,072	4.7	915	25	2.8
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.1 (2.6)		3.7 (3.0)		3.2 (2.6)	0.1	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	467 2.9 (2.6)	-8.8	544 3.4 (2.9)	5.7	497 3.1 (2.7)	29 0.2	6.3
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	423 3.4 (2.6)	-4.3	528 4.2 (3.2)	3.8	418 3.3 (2.5)	-5 -0.1	-1.1
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	126 (3.6)	-24.6	289 (8.8)	0.2	122 (3.7)	-4 (0.1)	-3.1
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	340 (3.2)	-11.3	380 (3.6)	-0.4	368 (3.4)	29 (0.2)	8.4
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	425 (2.9)	5.0	404 (2.7)	13.9	424 (2.8)	0 (-0.1)	0.0
■ Economically inactive population	16,751	-0.6	16,699	-1.6	16,568	-183	-1.1



