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## Economically Active Population Survey in May 2024

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### **<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>**

- The economically active population marked 29.799 million persons in May, which grew 176 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 65.4% in May, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

### **<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>**

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.915 million persons in May, which went up 80 thousand persons or 0.3% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.5% in May, remaining the same year-on-year.

### **<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>**

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 884 thousand people in May, which increased 97 thousand persons or 12.3% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.0% in May, up 0.3%p year-on-year.

### **<Economically inactive population>**

- The economically inactive population totaled 15.744 million people in May, decreasing 12 thousand persons or 0.1% year-on-year.

## Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in May, 2024

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	May 2023		April 2024		May 2024		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
<b>◎ Population 15 years &amp; over</b>	45,379	0.3	45,539	0.4	45,543	164	0.4
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,623 (65.3)	0.8	29,578 (65.0)	1.2	29,799 (65.4)	176 ( 0.1)	0.6
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,562 (74.1)	-0.2	16,469 (73.4)	0.4	16,593 (73.9)	31 (-0.2)	0.2
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	13,060 (56.7)	2.2	13,110 (56.8)	2.1	13,206 (57.2)	145 ( 0.5)	1.1
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	63.5 (62.7)		63.0 (62.9)		63.5 (62.6)	0.0	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	69.9 (69.4)		69.6 (69.6)		70.0 (69.4)	0.1	
◦ Employed persons	28,835	1.2	28,693	0.9	28,915	80	0.3
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,654	-0.9	1,562	0.3	1,621	-34	-2.0
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,474	-0.9	4,528	2.3	4,510	36	0.8
· Manufacturing	4,464	-0.9	4,521	2.3	4,502	38	0.8
◆ Construction	2,117	-3.0	2,098	0.3	2,070	-47	-2.2
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,611	1.8	5,554	-0.2	5,617	7	0.1
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,558	1.5	3,635	3.7	3,663	105	3.0
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,422	2.9	11,318	0.3	11,434	12	0.1
◆ Regular employees	16,310	3.8	16,398	1.8	16,385	75	0.5
◆ Temporary employees	4,681	-3.3	4,814	4.3	4,930	249	5.3
◆ Daily workers	1,085	-10.9	927	-13.7	969	-116	-10.7
◆ Employers	1,435	3.8	1,417	0.0	1,439	4	0.3
◆ Own account workers	4,356	0.9	4,204	-2.2	4,242	-114	-2.6
◆ Unpaid family workers	968	-4.3	934	1.1	950	-19	-1.9
◦ Unemployed persons	787	-11.5	885	10.0	884	97	12.3
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.7 ( 2.6)		3.0 ( 2.8)		3.0 ( 2.8)	0.3	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	447 2.7 ( 2.5)	-6.7	507 3.1 ( 2.9)	10.4	522 3.1 ( 2.9)	75 0.4	16.9
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	341 2.6 ( 2.6)	-17.0	378 2.9 ( 2.7)	9.5	362 2.7 ( 2.7)	21 0.1	6.2
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	79 ( 2.1)	-5.2	84 ( 2.3)	18.3	83 ( 2.3)	4 ( 0.2)	5.6
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	281 ( 2.6)	-17.9	344 ( 3.2)	13.7	338 ( 3.1)	57 ( 0.5)	20.2
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	428 ( 2.9)	-7.8	457 ( 3.0)	6.1	463 ( 3.0)	35 ( 0.1)	8.3
■ Economically inactive population	15,756	-0.7	15,961	-1.1	15,744	-12	-0.1



