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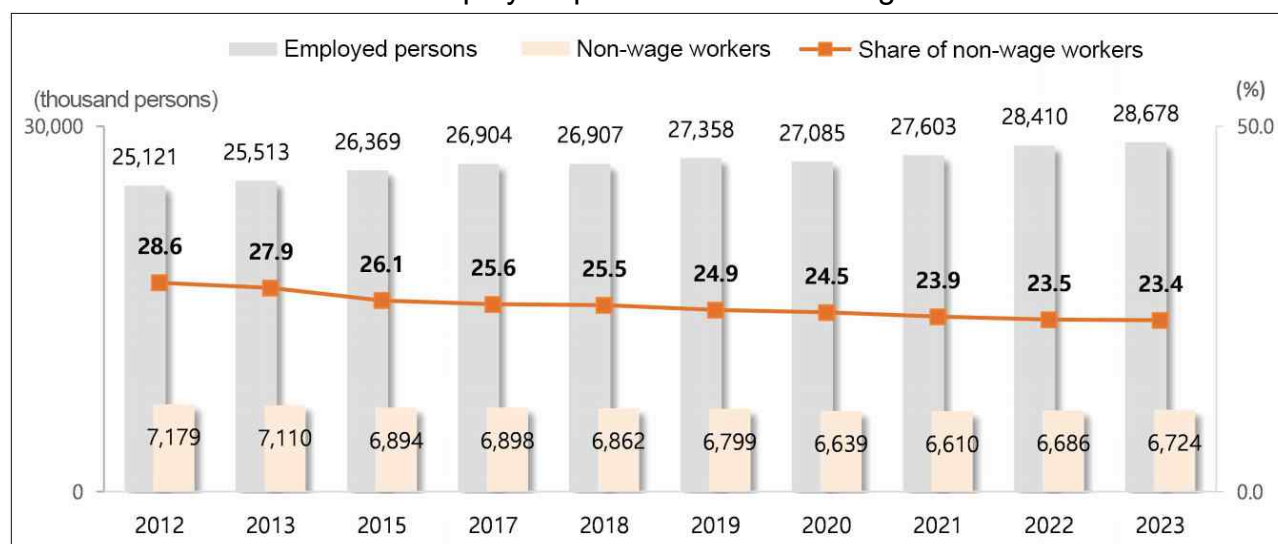
Supplementary Results of the Economically Active Population Survey for Non-wage Workers in August 2023

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- The non-wage workers amounted to 6.724 million persons in August 2023, which rose by 38 thousand persons from August 2022. The non-wage workers accounted for 23.4% of the total employed persons, down 0.1%p from August 2022.

< Trends in employed persons and non-wage workers >



※ Survey reference period: Every August

- The self-employed persons with employees went up by 59 thousand persons from August 2022. The self-employed persons without employees went up by 34 thousand persons from August 2022. On the other hand, the unpaid family workers went down by 55 thousand persons from August 2022.

< Non-wage workers >

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

	Aug. 2022		Aug. 2023		Change (percent change)	
		Compo-sition		Compo-sition		
< Total employed persons >	28,410	100.0	28,678	100.0	268	(0.9)
Non-wage workers	6,686	23.5 (100.0)	6,724	23.4 (100.0)	38	(0.6)
- Self-employed persons with employees	1,354	(20.3)	1,413	(21.0)	59	(4.4)
- Self-employed persons without employees	4,336	(64.9)	4,370	(65.0)	34	(0.8)
- Unpaid family workers	996	(14.9)	940	(14.0)	-55	-(5.6)

- As for non-wage workers by age group, the non-wage workers aged '60 or more' and '50~59' grew by 71 thousand persons and 62 thousand persons, respectively, from August 2022. In the meantime, the non-wage workers aged '40~49' and '30~39' declined by 67 thousand persons and 19 thousand persons, respectively, from August 2022.

< Non-wage workers by age group >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p, year-on-year)

		Aug. 2022			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	6,686	1,354	4,336	996
	15 ~ 29	239	42	159	38
	30 ~ 39	810	218	496	96
	40 ~ 49	1,347	389	824	134
	50 ~ 59	1,754	429	1,078	247
	60 or more	2,536	275	1,779	481
Composition	<Total>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	15 ~ 29	3.6	3.1	3.7	3.8
	30 ~ 39	12.1	16.1	11.4	9.7
	40 ~ 49	20.1	28.8	19.0	13.4
	50 ~ 59	26.2	31.7	24.9	24.8
	60 or more	37.9	20.3	41.0	48.3
		Aug. 2023			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	6,724	1,413	4,370	940
	15 ~ 29	230	47	154	30
	30 ~ 39	791	235	487	70
	40 ~ 49	1,280	363	786	131
	50 ~ 59	1,816	454	1,130	231
	60 or more	2,607	314	1,814	479
Composition	<Total>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	15 ~ 29	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.1
	30 ~ 39	11.8	16.6	11.1	7.4
	40 ~ 49	19.0	25.7	18.0	14.0
	50 ~ 59	27.0	32.1	25.9	24.6
	60 or more	38.8	22.2	41.5	50.9
		Change			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	38	59	34	-55
	15 ~ 29	-8	5	-5	-9
	30 ~ 39	-19	17	-9	-27
	40 ~ 49	-67	-26	-39	-2
	50 ~ 59	62	25	52	-15
	60 or more	71	39	35	-3
Composition	<Total>	-	-	-	-
	15 ~ 29	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.7
	30 ~ 39	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	-2.3
	40 ~ 49	-1.1	-3.1	-1.0	0.6
	50 ~ 59	0.8	0.4	1.0	-0.2
	60 or more	0.9	1.9	0.5	2.6

- As for non-wage workers by industry, non-wage workers in 'Construction' and 'Manufacturing' grew by 36 thousand persons and 31 thousand persons, respectively, year-on-year. Non-wage workers in 'Wholesale and retail trade', 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' and 'Arts, sports and recreation related services' fell by 51 thousand persons, 7 thousand persons and 6 thousand persons, respectively, year-on-year.

< Non-wage workers by industry >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p, year-on-year)

		Aug. 2022			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	6,686	1,354	4,336	996
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,547	54	1,028	465
	Manufacturing	401	161	182	58
	Construction	386	112	262	12
	Wholesale and retail trade	1,178	303	726	149
	Transportation and storage	741	28	701	12
	Accommodation and food service activities	852	310	333	208
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	176	70	106	1*
	Education	315	67	231	17
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	176	21	143	11
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	444	57	348	39
	Others**	470	171	276	24
Composition	<Total>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	23.1	4.0	23.7	46.7
	Manufacturing	6.0	11.9	4.2	5.8
	Construction	5.8	8.3	6.0	1.2
	Wholesale and retail trade	17.6	22.3	16.7	15.0
	Transportation and storage	11.1	2.1	16.2	1.2
	Accommodation and food service activities	12.7	22.9	7.7	20.9
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.6	5.1	2.4	0.1*
	Education	4.7	4.9	5.3	1.7
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	2.6	1.5	3.3	1.1
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	6.6	4.2	8.0	3.9
	Others**	7.0	12.6	6.4	2.4
		Aug. 2023			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	6,724	1,413	4,370	940
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,540	48	1,052	440
	Manufacturing	432	186	191	56
	Construction	422	120	287	15
	Wholesale and retail trade	1,127	283	707	137
	Transportation and storage	740	38	693	9*
	Accommodation and food service activities	874	336	334	204
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	186	87	96	3*
	Education	316	65	239	12
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	169	30	128	12
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	442	59	348	35
	Others**	478	165	297	17
Composition	<Total>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	22.9	3.4	24.1	46.8
	Manufacturing	6.4	13.1	4.4	5.9
	Construction	6.3	8.5	6.6	1.6
	Wholesale and retail trade	16.8	20.0	16.2	14.6
	Transportation and storage	11.0	2.7	15.9	1.0*
	Accommodation and food service activities	13.0	23.8	7.6	21.7
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.8	6.1	2.2	0.3*
	Education	4.7	4.6	5.5	1.3
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	2.5	2.1	2.9	1.3
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	6.6	4.1	8.0	3.7
	Others**	7.1	11.6	6.8	1.8

		Change			
		Non-wage workers	Self-employed persons with employees	Self-employed persons without employees	Unpaid family workers
Size	<Total>	38	59	34	-55
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-7	-7	24	-25
	Manufacturing	31	25	9	-2
	Construction	36	8	25	3
	Wholesale and retail trade	-51	-20	-19	-12
	Transportation and storage	-2	9	-8	-3
	Accommodation and food service activities	22	26	1	-5
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	10	17	-10	3
	Education	1	-2	8	-4
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	-6	9	-16	1
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	-2	1	0	-4
	Others**	7	-6	21	-7
Composition	<Total>	-	-	-	-
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-0.2	-0.6	0.4	0.1
	Manufacturing	0.4	1.2	0.2	0.1
	Construction	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4
	Wholesale and retail trade	-0.8	-2.3	-0.5	-0.4
	Transportation and storage	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.2
	Accommodation and food service activities	0.3	0.9	-0.1	0.8
	Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.2	1.0	-0.2	0.2
	Education	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.4
	Arts, sports and recreation related services	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	0.2
	Membership organizations, repair and other personal services	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
	Others**	0.1	-1.0	0.4	-0.6

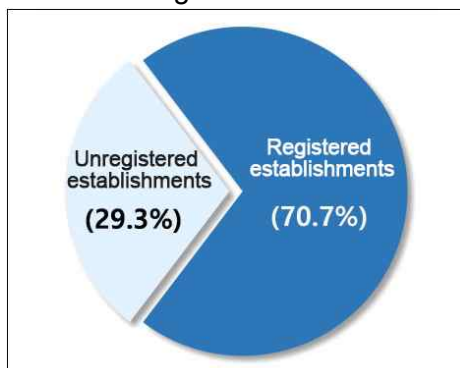
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** 'Others' includes industrial sections of 'B, D, E, J, K, L, N, Q and T'.

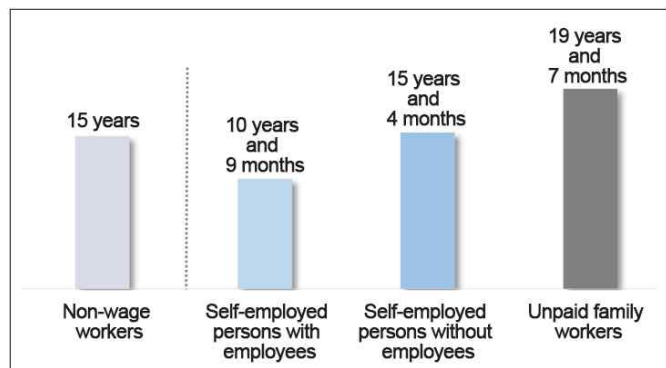
Year-on-year changes in working conditions of non-wage workers

- The average operation (service) period of non-wage workers marked 15 years, which rose by 2 months from August 2022.
 - The average operation period of the self-employed persons with employees remained the same year-on-year. Whereas, the average operation period of the self-employed persons without employees increased by 3 months year-on-year.
- Registered establishments occupied 70.7% of the total establishments of non-wage workers. This percentage went up by 0.2%p from August 2022.

< Establishments with business registration >

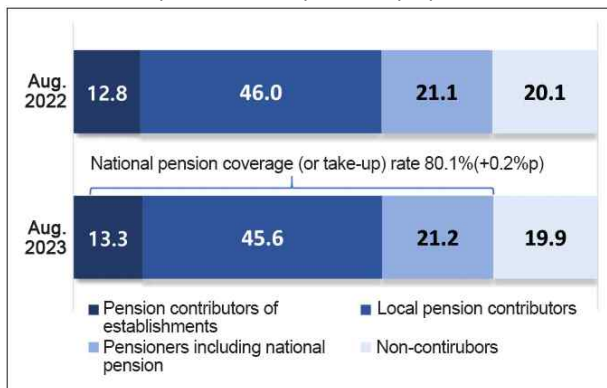


< Average operation (service) period >

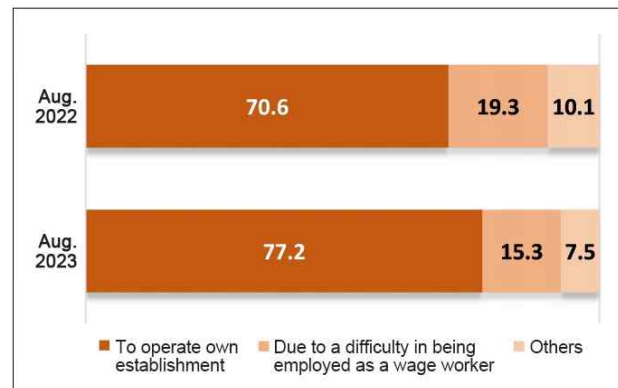


- 86.8% of non-wage workers planned to continue their current business, down 2.5%p from August 2022.
- The national pension coverage rate of self-employed persons (including national pensioners) stood at 80.1%, up 0.2%p from August 2022.
- In August 2023, the self-employed persons joining an industrial accident insurance stood at 65.3% of the total self-employed persons with employees, up 0.9%p from August 2022.

< National pension coverage (or take-up) rate (%) >



< Motivation to start a business (%) >



- As for the business preparation period of self-employed persons who started their business for the past 1 year by period, '1~3 months' occupied 44.9%, down 0.4%p year-on-year.
- As for the motivation to start a business of self-employed persons who started their business for the past 1 year, 'To operate own establishment' occupied the largest share at 77.2%. This share was followed by 'Due to a difficulty in being employed as a wage worker' (15.3%).
- As for the business fund, '20 million won ~ less than 50 million won' occupied the largest share at 23.6%. As for the way to raise a business fund, 'Raised by self-employed persons or their family members' occupied the highest share at 71.2%. As for the difficulty in starting a business, 'Financing business fund' occupied the highest share at 32.2%.