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## Economically Active Population Survey in August 2023

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# <Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.251 million persons in August, which grew 227 thousand persons or 0.8% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.4% in August, up 0.3% p year-on-year.

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

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.678 million persons in August, which went up 268 thousand persons or 0.9% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.1% in August, up 0.3%p year-on-year.

#### <Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

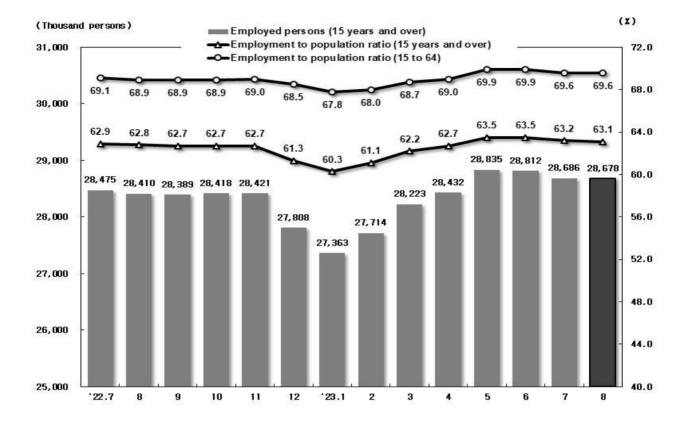
- The number of unemployed persons totaled 573 thousand people in August, which decreased 41 thousand persons or 6.7% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.0% in August, down 0.1%p year-on-year.

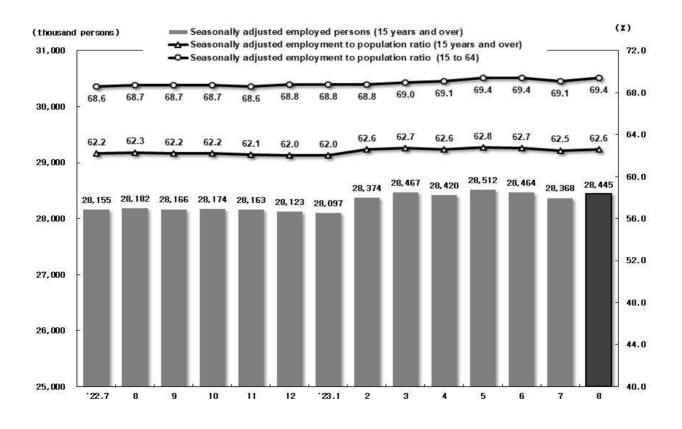
#### <Economically inactive population>

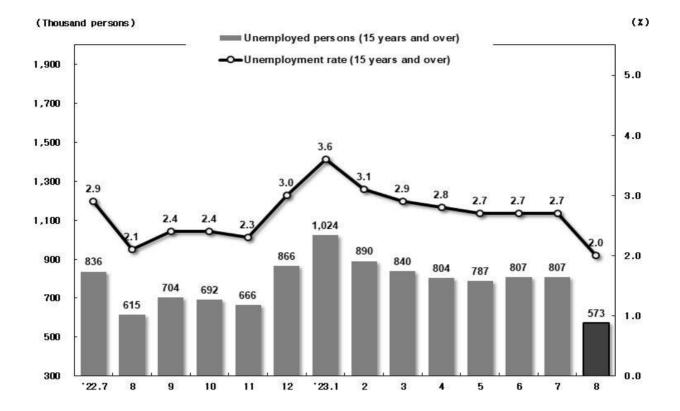
• The economically inactive population totaled 16.163 million people in August, decreasing 83 thousand persons or 0.5% year-on-year.

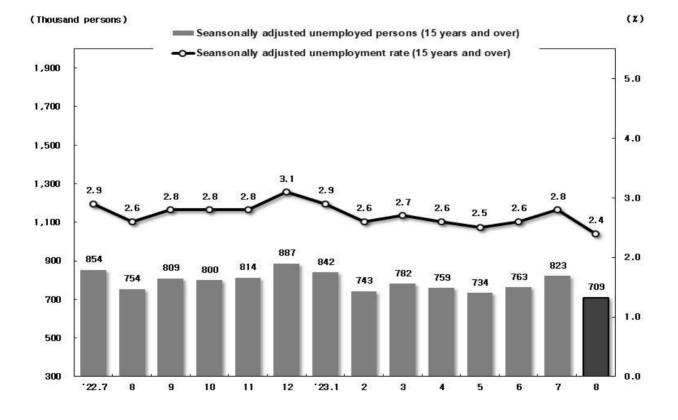
### Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in August, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted) (thousand persons, %, year-on-year)								
	August 2022		July 2023		August 20		23	
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate	
Population 15 years & over	45,270	0.4	45,399	0.3	45,415	144	0.3	
<ul> <li>Economically active population (Participation rate)</li> </ul>	29,025 (64.1)	2.4	29,493 (65.0)	0.6	29,251 (64.4)	227 ( 0.3)	0.8	
<ul> <li>Male (Labor Force Participation rate)</li> </ul>	16,426 (73.7) 12,599	1.9 3.0	16,500 (73.8) 12,993	-0.3 1.9	16,392 (73.3) 12,859	-34 (-0.4) 260	-0.2 2.1	
<ul> <li>Female         (Labor Force Participation rate)     </li> </ul>	(54.8)	0.0	(56.4)	1.0	(55.8)	( 1.0)		
• Employment-population ratio (15 years & over)	62.8		63.2		63.1	0.3		
(Seasonally adjusted)	(62.3)		(62.5)		(62.6)			
• Employment-population ratio (15~64 years)	68.9		69.6		69.6	0.7		
(Seasonally adjusted)	(68.7)		(69.1)		(69.4)			
• Employed persons	28,410	2.9	28,686	0.7	28,678	268	0.9	
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,663	5.7	1,622	-2.5	1,644	-19	-1.1	
Mining & manufacturing	4,535	5.4	4,493	-0.8	4,468	-68	-1.5	
• Manufacturing	4,529	5.6	4,485	-0.8	4,460	-69	-1.5	
Construction	2,126	-1.0	2,095	-2.0	2,125	-1	0.0	
• Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,521	1.0	5,600	1.3	5,573	52	0.9	
• Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,507	4.4	3,555	0.5	3,541	34	1.0	
Business, personal, public service & others	11,059	2.8	11,321	2.2	11,327	269	2.4	
Regular employees	15,801	6.1	16,296	3.3	16,193	393	2.5	
Temporary employees	4,773	-1.6	4,679	-3.0	4,759	-14	-0.3	
Daily workers	1,151	-7.8	984	-16.1	1,002	-149	-12.9	
Employers	1,354	4.0	1,400	3.6	1,413	59	4.4	
Own account workers	4,336	2.1	4,383	1.0	4,370	34	0.8	
<ul> <li>Unpaid family workers</li> </ul>	996	-6.1	944	-6.1	940	-55	-5.6	
• Unemployed persons	615	-17.4	807	-3.5	573	-41	-6.7	
Unemployment rate	2.1		2.7		2.0	-0.1		
(Seasonally adjusted)	(2.6)		( 2.8)		(2.4)			
<ul> <li>Male</li> <li>Unemployment rate</li> <li>(Seasonally adjusted)</li> </ul>	340 2.1 (2.4)	-22.0	456 2.8 (2.7)	-4.2	319 1.9 (2.3)	-21 -0.2	-6.2	
<ul> <li>Female</li> <li>Unemployment rate</li> <li>(Seasonally adjusted)</li> </ul>	( 2.4) 274 2.2 ( 2.8)	-10.7	( 2.7) 351 2.7 ( 2.9)	-2.7	( 2.3) 254 2.0 ( 2.6)	-20 -0.2	-7.4	
<ul> <li>Middle school graduates &amp; under (Unemployment rate)</li> </ul>	39 (1.0)	-50.8	93 (2.5)	10.5	40 (1.1)	1 (0.1)	2.6	
High school graduates	269	-9.9	324	-10.4	231	-39	-14.3	
<ul><li>(Unemployment rate)</li><li>College, univ. graduates &amp; over (Unemployment rate)</li></ul>	(2.5) 306 (2.1)	-16.2	(3.0) 390 (2.6)	-0.2	(2.1) 303 (2.1)	(-0.4) -4 ( 0.0)	-1.2	
Economically inactive population	16,246	-3.1	15,907	-0.2	16,163	-83	-0.5	









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