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Economically Active Population Survey in December 2025

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.426 million persons in December, which grew 270 thousand persons or 0.9% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.1% in December, up 0.2%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.209 million persons in December, which went up 168 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.5% in December, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 1,217 thousand people in December, which increased 103 thousand persons or 9.2% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 4.1% in December, up 0.3%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.448 million people in December, decreasing 49 thousand persons or 0.3% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in December, 2025

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	December 2024		November 2025		December 2025		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,653	148	45,848	220	45,874	221	0.5
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,156 (63.9)	119 (0.1)	29,706 (64.8)	229 (0.2)	29,426 (64.1)	270 (0.2)	0.9
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,211 (72.0)	-98 (-0.7)	16,434 (72.6)	51 (-0.2)	16,353 (72.2)	143 (0.2)	0.9
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,945 (55.9)	216 (0.8)	13,272 (57.2)	179 (0.6)	13,073 (56.3)	128 (0.4)	1.0
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	61.4 (62.3)	-0.3	63.4 (62.8)	0.2	61.5 (62.4)	0.1	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	69.4 (69.6)	0.2	70.2 (69.9)	0.3	69.6 (69.9)	0.2	
◦ Employed persons	28,041	-52	29,046	225	28,209	168	0.6
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,297	25	1,400	-132	1,180	-117	-9.0
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,412	-93	4,364	-41	4,348	-64	-1.5
· Manufacturing	4,401	-97	4,355	-41	4,338	-63	-1.4
◆ Construction	2,011	-157	1,956	-131	1,948	-63	-3.1
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,510	-84	5,493	-11	5,532	22	0.4
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,675	98	3,825	125	3,792	116	3.2
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,136	158	12,009	415	11,410	274	2.5
◆ Regular employees	16,445	187	16,661	258	16,639	195	1.2
◆ Temporary employees	4,376	-86	4,958	65	4,370	-7	-0.1
◆ Daily workers	871	-150	915	-29	896	25	2.9
◆ Employers	1,417	-4	1,487	75	1,452	34	2.4
◆ Own account workers	4,157	12	4,182	-112	4,134	-23	-0.5
◆ Unpaid family workers	775	-10	843	-32	718	-57	-7.4
◦ Unemployed persons	1,115	171	661	5	1,217	103	9.2
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.8 (3.7)	0.5	2.2 (2.7)	0.0	4.1 (4.0)	0.3	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	507 3.1 (3.1)	29 0.2	391 2.4 (2.8)	29 0.2	554 3.4 (3.4)	47 0.3	9.3
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	608 4.7 (4.4)	141 1.0	270 2.0 (2.5)	-24 -0.2	663 5.1 (4.8)	55 0.4	9.1
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	378 (11.3)	100 (3.2)	49 (1.5)	-8 (-0.1)	413 (13.1)	35 (1.8)	9.3
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	374 (3.6)	56 (0.6)	241 (2.3)	-7 (0.0)	371 (3.6)	-3 (0.0)	-0.8
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	363 (2.4)	15 (0.1)	370 (2.3)	19 (0.0)	433 (2.7)	70 (0.3)	19.3
■ Economically inactive population	16,498	29	16,142	-10	16,448	-49	-0.3



