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Economically Active Population Survey in January 2026

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.197 million persons in January, which grew 236 thousand persons or 0.8% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 63.6% in January, up 0.2%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 27.986 million persons in January, which went up 108 thousand persons or 0.4% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.0% in January, remaining the same year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 1,211 thousand people in January, which increased 128 thousand persons or 11.8% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 4.1% in January, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.717 million people in January, increasing 4 thousand persons year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in January, 2026

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	January 2025		December 2025		January 2026		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,674	161	45,874	221	45,914	240	0.5
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	28,961 (63.4)	146 (0.1)	29,426 (64.1)	270 (0.2)	29,197 (63.6)	236 (0.2)	0.8
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,122 (71.6)	-73 (-0.6)	16,353 (72.2)	143 (0.2)	16,206 (71.5)	84 (-0.1)	0.5
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,839 (55.5)	219 (0.8)	13,073 (56.3)	128 (0.4)	12,991 (55.9)	152 (0.4)	1.2
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	61.0 (62.8)	0.0	61.5 (62.7)	0.1	61.0 (62.8)	0.0	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	68.8 (69.7)	0.1	69.6 (69.9)	0.2	69.2 (70.1)	0.4	
◦ Employed persons	27,878	135	28,209	168	27,986	108	0.4
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,199	7	1,180	-117	1,092	-107	-8.9
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,408	-50	4,348	-64	4,385	-23	-0.5
· Manufacturing	4,396	-56	4,338	-63	4,374	-23	-0.5
◆ Construction	1,921	-169	1,948	-63	1,901	-20	-1.0
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,510	-65	5,532	22	5,516	7	0.1
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,697	107	3,792	116	3,768	71	1.9
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,144	305	11,410	274	11,326	182	1.6
◆ Regular employees	16,428	224	16,639	195	16,620	192	1.2
◆ Temporary employees	4,394	72	4,370	-7	4,297	-97	-2.2
◆ Daily workers	808	-116	896	25	834	26	3.3
◆ Employers	1,409	-21	1,452	34	1,466	56	4.0
◆ Own account workers	4,091	-7	4,134	-23	4,080	-11	-0.3
◆ Unpaid family workers	748	-18	718	-57	690	-58	-7.7
◦ Unemployed persons	1,083	11	1,217	103	1,211	128	11.8
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.7 (2.8)	0.0	4.1 (3.3)	0.3	4.1 (3.0)	0.4	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	526 3.3 (2.7)	-17 -0.1	554 3.4 (3.2)	47 0.3	577 3.6 (3.0)	51 0.3	9.7
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	557 4.3 (2.8)	28 0.1	663 5.1 (3.4)	55 0.4	634 4.9 (3.1)	77 0.6	13.8
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	290 (8.9)	1 (0.1)	413 (13.1)	35 (1.8)	361 (11.9)	71 (3.0)	24.6
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	391 (3.8)	11 (0.2)	371 (3.6)	-3 (0.0)	416 (4.0)	25 (0.2)	6.4
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	402 (2.6)	-1 (-0.1)	433 (2.7)	70 (0.3)	434 (2.8)	32 (0.2)	7.9
■ Economically inactive population	16,713	15	16,448	-49	16,717	4	0.0



