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Economically Active Population Survey in May 2023

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.623 million persons in May, which grew 249 thousand persons or 0.8% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 65.3% in May, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 28.835 million persons in May, which went up 351 thousand persons or 1.2% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.5% in May, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 787 thousand people in May, which decreased 102 thousand persons or 11.5% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.7% in May, down 0.3%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 15.756 million people in May, decreasing 115 thousand persons or 0.7% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in May, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	May 2022		April 2023		May 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
◎ Population 15 years & over	45,245	0.4	45,372	0.3	45,379	134	0.3
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,374 (64.9)	2.4	29,236 (64.4)	1.0	29,623 (65.3)	249 (0.4)	0.8
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,592 (74.5)	1.8	16,402 (73.4)	0.1	16,562 (74.1)	-30 (-0.4)	-0.2
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,782 (55.6)	3.1	12,835 (55.7)	2.3	13,060 (56.7)	279 (1.1)	2.2
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	63.0 (62.3)		62.7 (62.6)		63.5 (62.8)	0.5	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	69.2 (68.7)		69.0 (69.1)		69.9 (69.4)	0.7	
◦ Employed persons	28,485	3.4	28,432	1.3	28,835	351	1.2
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,669	7.9	1,557	0.8	1,654	-15	-0.9
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,515	2.4	4,428	-2.3	4,474	-42	-0.9
· Manufacturing	4,504	2.4	4,421	-2.1	4,464	-39	-0.9
◆ Construction	2,183	3.4	2,092	-1.5	2,117	-66	-3.0
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,514	-0.2	5,563	2.0	5,611	97	1.8
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,506	5.6	3,506	1.2	3,558	52	1.5
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,097	4.3	11,286	3.0	11,422	326	2.9
◆ Regular employees	15,719	6.1	16,105	3.0	16,310	591	3.8
◆ Temporary employees	4,839	1.7	4,615	-2.1	4,681	-158	-3.3
◆ Daily workers	1,218	-6.9	1,074	-6.6	1,085	-133	-10.9
◆ Employers	1,382	4.9	1,417	4.0	1,435	53	3.8
◆ Own account workers	4,316	1.1	4,298	1.3	4,356	41	0.9
◆ Unpaid family workers	1,012	-5.9	924	-4.7	968	-44	-4.3
◦ Unemployed persons	889	-22.5	804	-6.9	787	-102	-11.5
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.0 (2.9)		2.8 (2.6)		2.7 (2.5)	-0.3	
◆ Male	479	-26.7	459	0.1	447	-32	-6.7
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.9 (2.7)		2.8 (2.6)		2.7 (2.5)	-0.2	
◆ Female	411	-17.1	345	-14.8	341	-70	-17.0
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.2 (3.1)		2.7 (2.6)		2.6 (2.5)	-0.6	
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	83 (2.1)	-33.9	71 (1.9)	-15.4	79 (2.1)	-4 (0.0)	-5.2
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	342 (3.1)	-28.9	303 (2.8)	-10.2	281 (2.6)	-61 (-0.5)	-17.9
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	464 (3.2)	-14.2	431 (2.9)	-2.8	428 (2.9)	-36 (-0.3)	-7.8
■ Economically inactive population	15,871	-2.9	16,135	-1.0	15,756	-115	-0.7



