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Economically Active Population Survey in June 2025

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

○ The economically active population marked 29.915 million persons in June, which grew 151 thousand persons or 0.5% year-on-year.

○ The labor force participation rate stood at 65.4% in June, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

○ The number of employed persons totaled 29.091 million persons in June, which went up 183 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.

○ The employment to population ratio recorded 63.6% in June, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

○ The number of unemployed persons totaled 825 thousand people in June, which decreased 32 thousand persons or 3.8% year-on-year.

○ The unemployment rate marked 2.8% in June, down 0.1%p year-on-year.

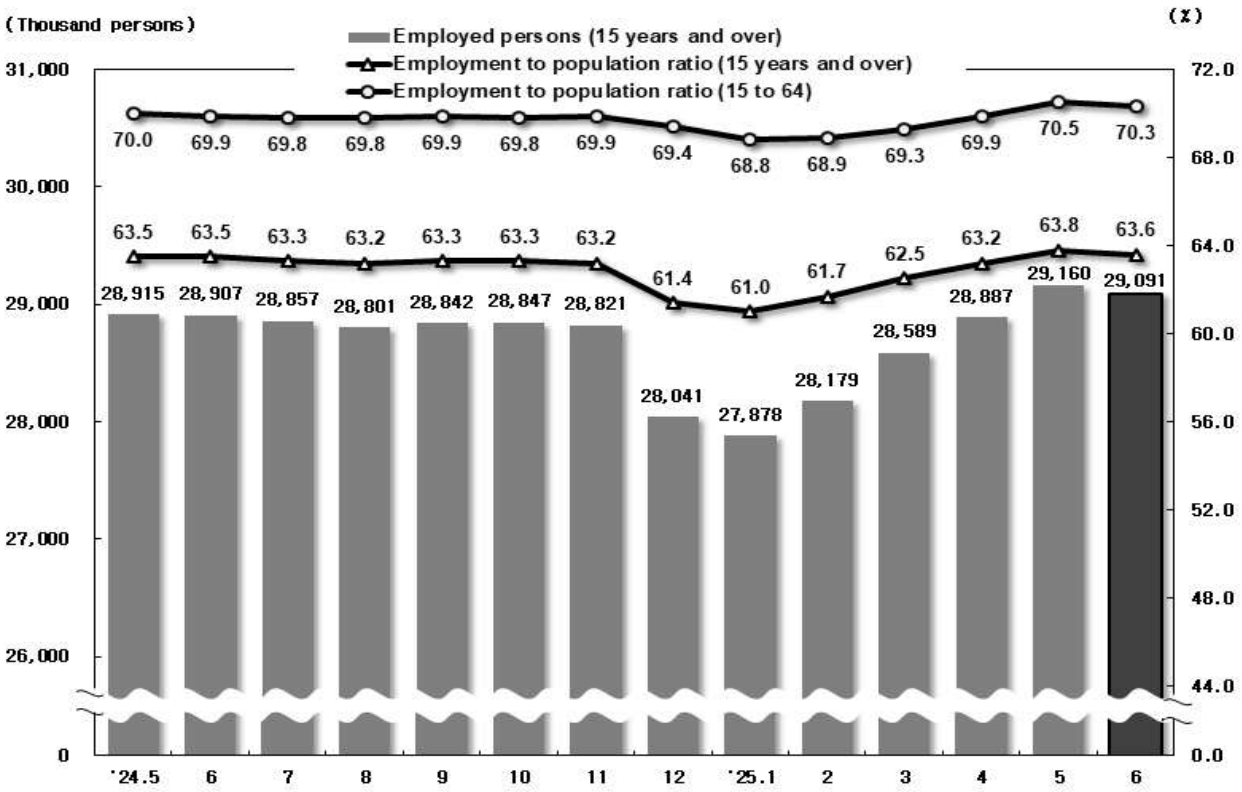
<Economically inactive population>

○ The economically inactive population totaled 15.828 million people in June, increasing 42 thousand persons or 0.3% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in June, 2025

(Not seasonally adjusted) (thousand persons, %, year-on-year)

	June 2024	Change rate	May 2025	Change rate	June 2025	Change	Change rate
◉ **Population 15 years & over**	45,550	0.4	45,734	0.4	45,743	193	0.4
▣ Economically active population	29,764	0.5	30,012	0.7	29,915	151	0.5
(Participation rate)	(65.3)		(65.6)		(65.4)	(0.1)	
◆ Male	16,555	0.0	16,625	0.2	16,561	6	0.0
(Labor Force Participation rate)	(73.8)		(73.7)		(73.4)	(−0.4)	
◆ Female	13,209	1.1	13,387	1.4	13,354	145	1.1
(Labor Force Participation rate)	(57.2)		(57.8)		(57.6)	(0.4)	
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over)	63.5		63.8		63.6	0.1	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(62.7)		(62.9)		(62.8)		
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years)	69.9		70.5		70.3	0.4	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(69.4)		(69.9)		(69.8)		
◦ Employed persons	28,907	0.3	29,160	0.8	29,091	183	0.6
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,631	−2.0	1,485	−8.3	1,489	−141	−8.7
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,504	0.1	4,443	−1.5	4,422	−82	−1.8
· Manufacturing	4,497	0.2	4,435	−1.5	4,414	−83	−1.9
◆ Construction	2,057	−3.1	1,964	−5.1	1,960	−97	−4.7
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,577	−0.1	5,569	−0.9	5,548	−29	−0.5
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,684	4.3	3,768	3.6	3,766	82	2.2
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,456	0.3	11,931	4.1	11,907	451	3.9
◆ Regular employees	16,414	0.9	16,747	2.2	16,732	318	1.9
◆ Temporary employees	4,884	4.4	4,956	0.5	4,943	58	1.2
◆ Daily workers	966	−11.1	910	−6.1	903	−63	−6.5
◆ Employers	1,450	2.4	1,428	−0.7	1,429	−21	−1.4
◆ Own account workers	4,253	−3.1	4,231	−0.3	4,208	−45	−1.0
◆ Unpaid family workers	940	−2.8	888	−6.5	876	−64	−6.8
◦ Unemployed persons	857	6.2	853	−3.6	825	−32	−3.8
Unemployment rate	2.9		2.8		2.8	−0.1	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(2.8)		(2.7)		(2.6)		
◆ Male	490	9.9	505	−3.2	489	−1	−0.1
Unemployment rate	3.0		3.0		3.0	0.0	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(2.8)		(2.8)		(2.8)		
◆ Female	367	1.8	347	−4.0	336	−32	−8.7
Unemployment rate	2.8		2.6		2.5	−0.3	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(2.7)		(2.6)		(2.5)		
◆ Middle school graduates & under	83	1.3	82	−1.1	73	−10	−12.2
(Unemployment rate)	(2.3)		(2.4)		(2.1)	(−0.2)	
◆ High school graduates	339	11.1	327	−3.1	333	−6	−1.7
(Unemployment rate)	(3.1)		(3.0)		(3.1)	(0.0)	
◆ College, univ. graduates & over	436	3.7	443	−4.3	419	−16	−3.8
(Unemployment rate)	(2.9)		(2.8)		(2.6)	(−0.3)	
▣ Economically inactive population	15,786	0.1	15,722	−0.1	15,828	42	0.3


(Thousand persons)
(%)
Employed persons (15 years and over)
Employment to population ratio (15 years and over)
Employment to population ratio (15 to 64)
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30,000
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28,000
27,000
26,000
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60.0
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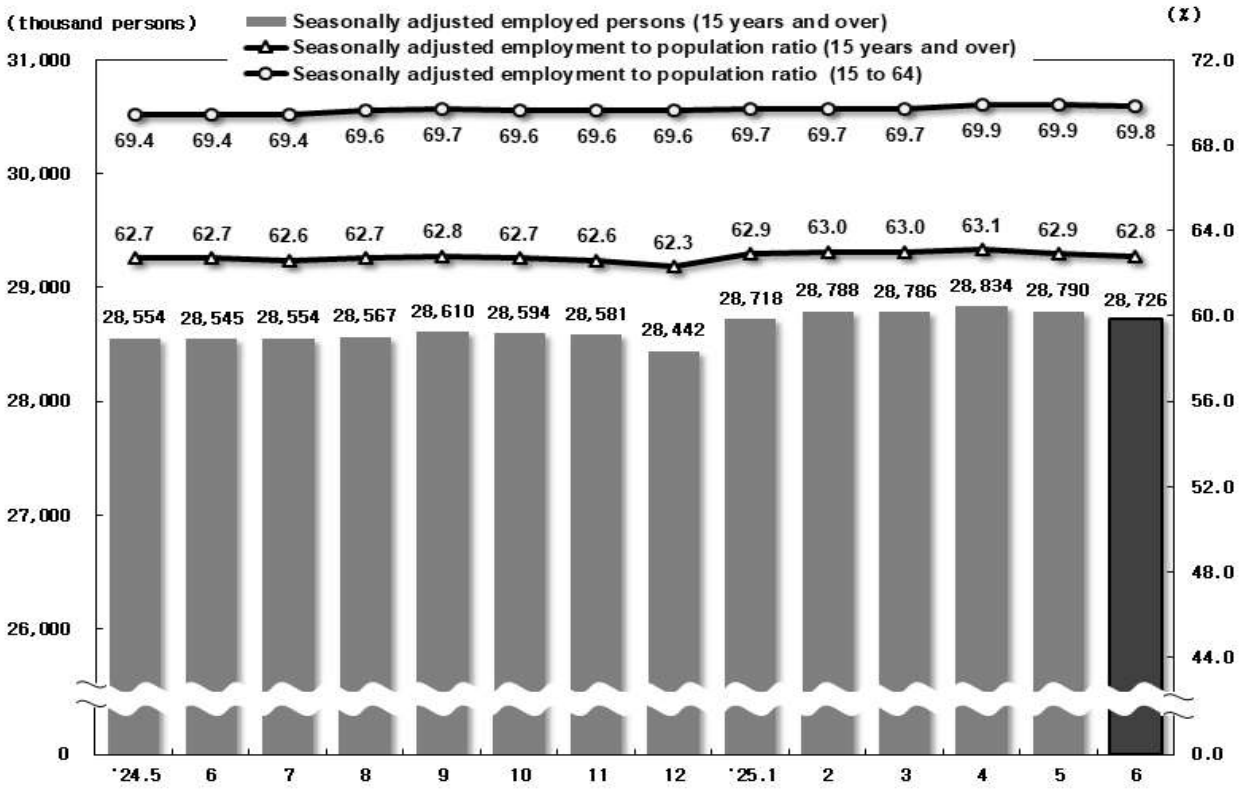
(thousand persons)
(%)
Seasonally adjusted employed persons (15 years and over)
Seasonally adjusted employment to population ratio (15 years and over)
Seasonally adjusted employment to population ratio (15 to 64)
31,000
30,000
29,000
28,000
27,000
26,000
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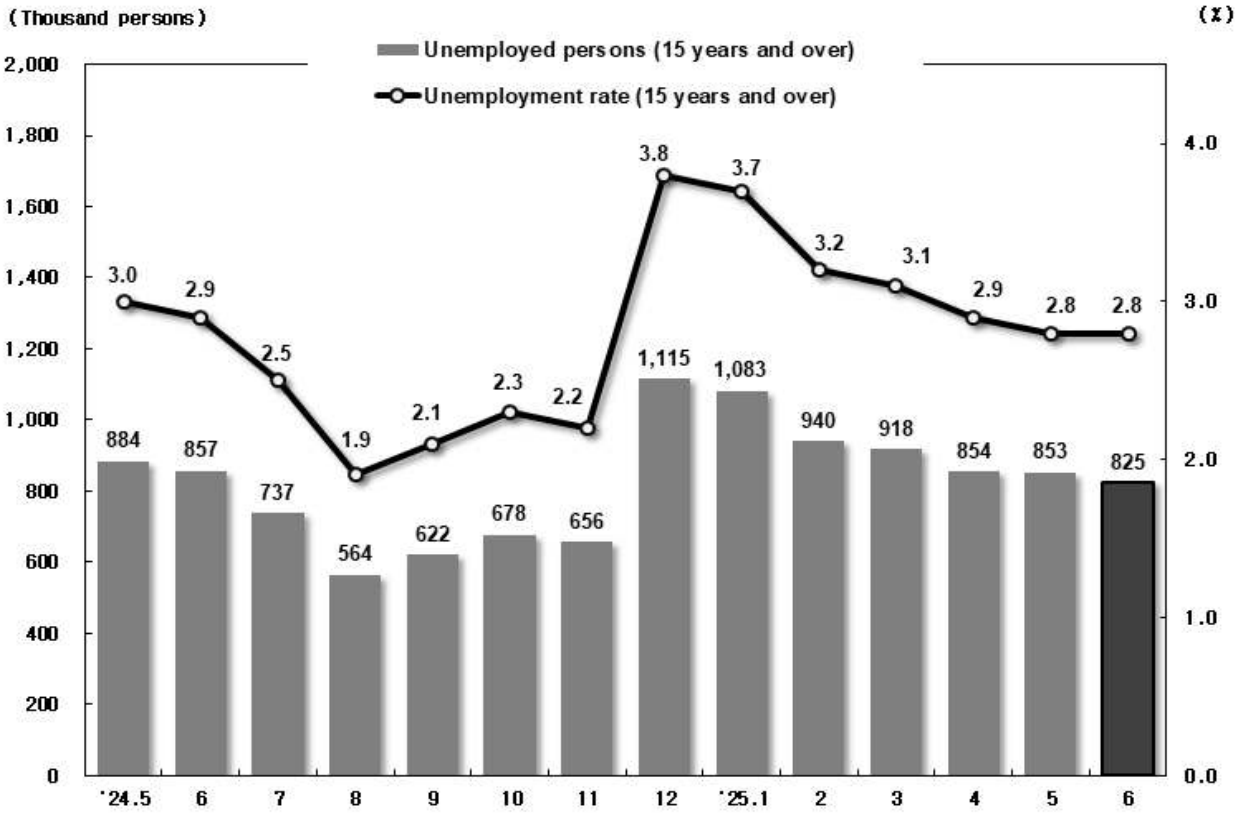
(Thousand persons)
(%)
Unemployed persons (15 years and over)
Unemployment rate (15 years and over)
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1,800
1,600
1,400
1,200
1,000
800
600
400
200
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4.0
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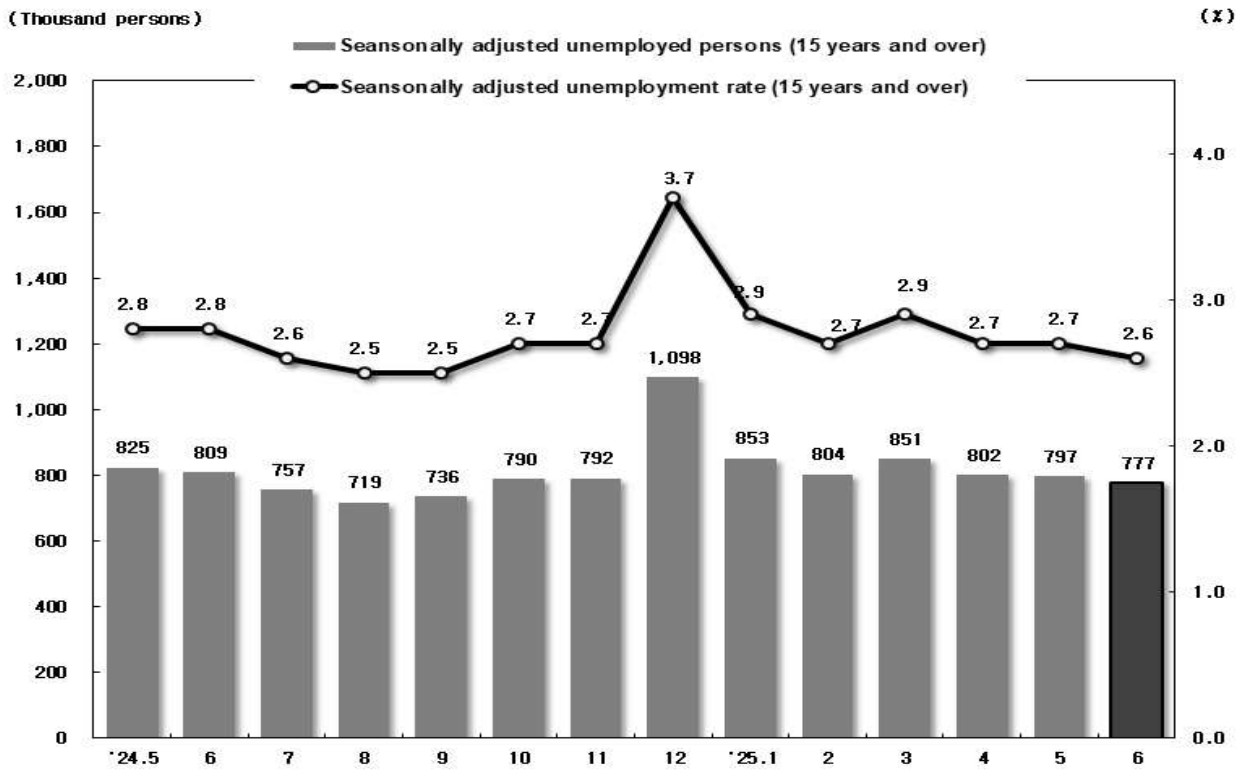
(Thousand persons)
(%)
Seansonally adjusted unemployed persons (15 years and over)
Seansonally adjusted unemployment rate (15 years and over)
2,000
1,800
1,600
1,400
1,200
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