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Economically Active Population Survey in May 2026

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.998 million persons in May, which decreased 14 thousand persons or 0.0% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 65.2% in May, down 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 29.120 million persons in May, which went down 40 thousand persons or 0.1% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.3% in May, down 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 878 thousand people in May, which increased 25 thousand persons or 3.0% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.9% in May, up 0.1%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 15.986 million people in May, increasing 264 thousand persons or 1.7% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in May, 2026

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	May 2025		April 2025		May 2026		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
● Population 15 years & over	45,734	192	45,966	246	45,984	250	0.5
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	30,012 (65.6)	213 (0.2)	29,813 (64.9)	72 (-0.2)	29,998 (65.2)	-14 (-0.4)	0.0
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,625 (73.7)	32 (-0.2)	16,477 (72.6)	-25 (-0.6)	16,566 (72.9)	-59 (-0.8)	-0.4
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	13,387 (57.8)	181 (0.6)	13,336 (57.3)	97 (0.2)	13,432 (57.7)	45 (-0.1)	0.3
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	63.8 (62.9)	0.3	63.0 (62.7)	-0.2	63.3 (62.5)	-0.5	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	70.5 (69.9)	0.5	70.0 (70.0)	0.1	70.2 (69.6)	-0.3	
◦ Employed persons	29,160	245	28,961	74	29,120	-40	-0.1
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,485	-135	1,336	-92	1,364	-121	-8.2
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,443	-67	4,354	-51	4,306	-137	-3.1
· Manufacturing	4,435	-67	4,342	-55	4,295	-140	-3.2
◆ Construction	1,964	-106	1,940	-8	1,920	-43	-2.2
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,569	-49	5,472	-81	5,552	-17	-0.3
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,768	132	3,820	54	3,844	76	2.0
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,931	470	12,039	250	12,134	203	1.7
◆ Regular employees	16,747	362	16,739	62	16,740	-7	0.0
◆ Temporary employees	4,956	25	4,739	-127	4,834	-121	-2.4
◆ Daily workers	910	-59	895	22	924	14	1.5
◆ Employers	1,428	-11	1,500	99	1,508	80	5.6
◆ Own account workers	4,231	-12	4,256	41	4,260	29	0.7
◆ Unpaid family workers	888	-61	832	-24	855	-34	-3.8
◦ Unemployed persons	853	-32	853	-2	878	25	3.0
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.8 (2.7)	-0.2	2.9 (2.8)	0.0	2.9 (2.8)	0.1	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	505 3.0 (2.8)	-17 -0.1	479 2.9 (2.7)	-28 -0.2	501 3.0 (2.8)	-5 0.0	-0.9
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	347 2.6 (2.6)	-15 -0.1	374 2.8 (2.9)	26 0.2	377 2.8 (2.9)	30 0.2	8.6
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	82 (2.4)	-1 (0.1)	81 (2.5)	8 (0.4)	77 (2.4)	-6 (0.0)	-6.7
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	327 (3.0)	-11 (-0.1)	300 (2.9)	-18 (-0.1)	298 (2.9)	-30 (-0.1)	-9.0
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	443 (2.8)	-20 (-0.2)	472 (2.9)	8 (-0.1)	503 (3.1)	60 (0.3)	13.6
■ Economically inactive population	15,722	-22	16,152	174	15,986	264	1.7



