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Economically Active Population Survey in August 2026

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<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 29.739 million persons in August, which grew 180 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 64.6% in August, remaining the same year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 29.151 million persons in August, which went up 184 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 63.3% in August, remaining the same year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 588 thousand people in August, which decreased 4 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 2.0% in August, remaining the same year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

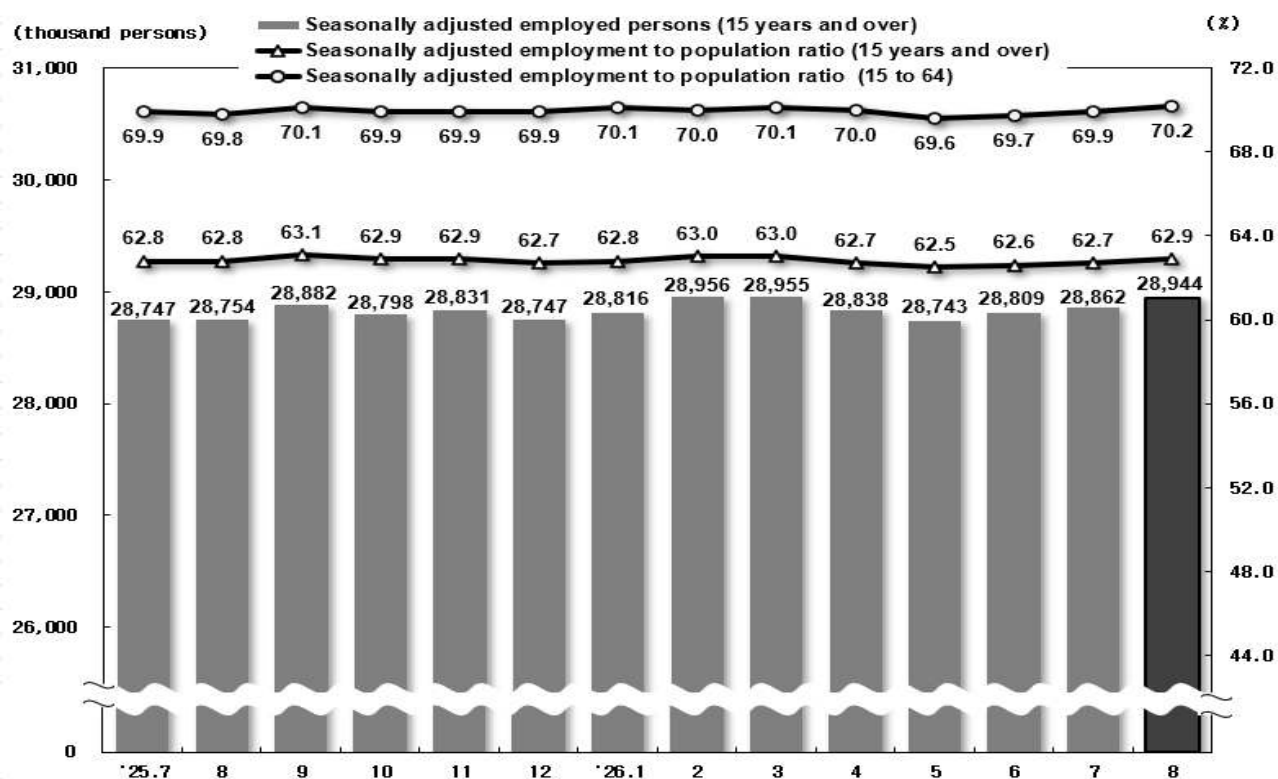
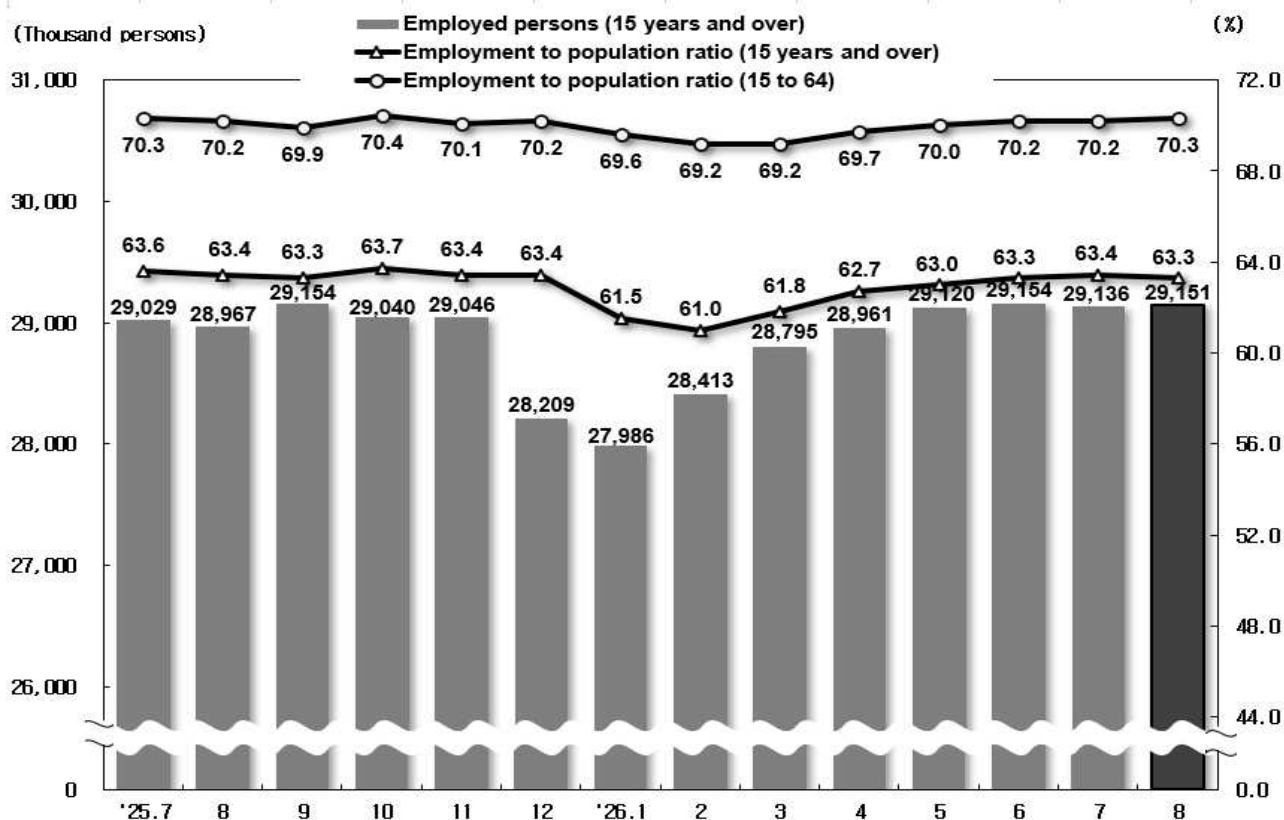
- The economically inactive population totaled 16.297 million people in August, increasing 77 thousand persons or 0.5% year-on-year.

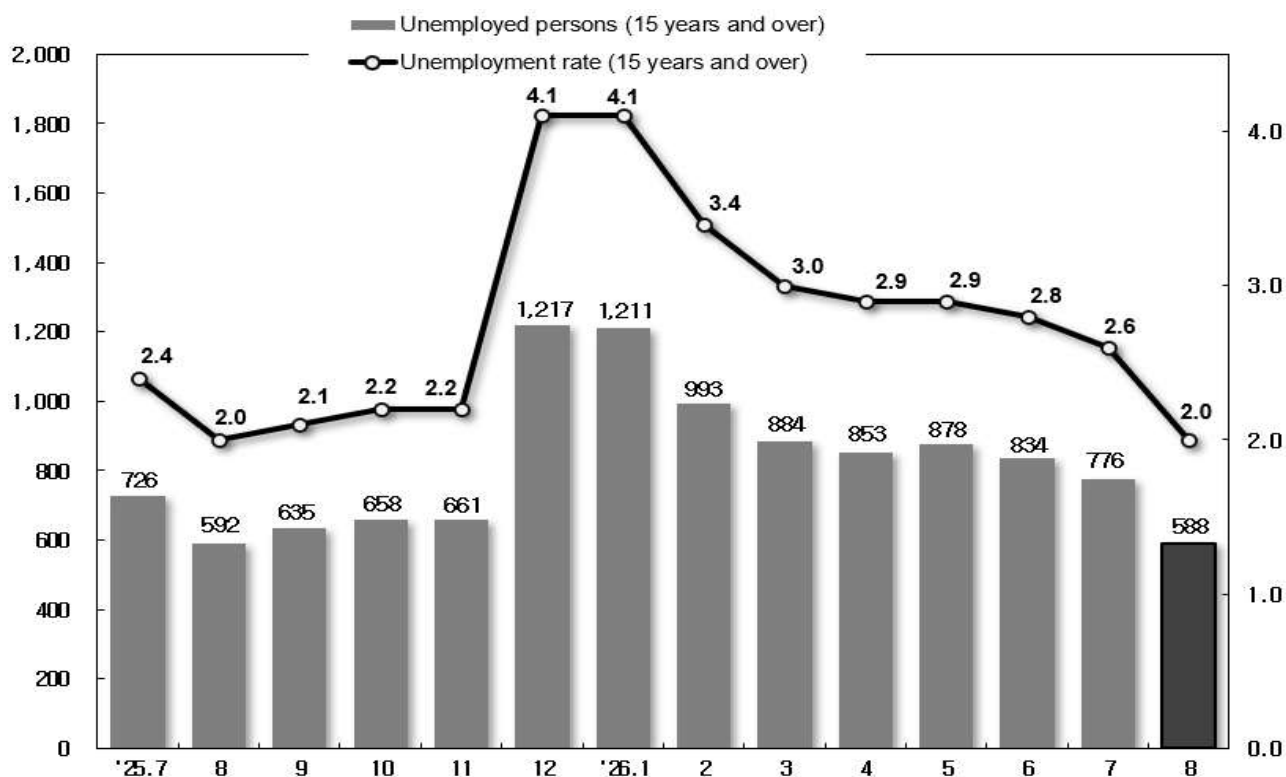
Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in August, 2026

(Not seasonally adjusted)

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

	August 2025		July 2026		August 2026		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
● Population 15 years & over	45,779	203	46,015	257	46,036	257	0.6
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	29,559 (64.6)	194 (0.2)	29,912 (65.0)	158 (0.0)	29,739 (64.6)	180 (0.0)	0.6
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,365 (72.5)	44 (-0.2)	16,533 (72.8)	68 (-0.2)	16,464 (72.4)	99 (-0.1)	0.6
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	13,194 (56.9)	151 (0.5)	13,380 (57.4)	90 (0.1)	13,275 (57.0)	82 (0.1)	0.6
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over) (Seasonally adjusted)	63.3 (62.8)	0.1	63.3 (62.7)	-0.1	63.3 (62.9)	0.0	
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years) (Seasonally adjusted)	69.9 (69.8)	0.1	70.3 (69.9)	0.1	70.4 (70.2)	0.5	
◦ Employed persons	28,967	166	29,136	108	29,151	184	0.6
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,466	-138	1,389	-80	1,358	-109	-7.4
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,372	-59	4,339	-66	4,336	-37	-0.8
· Manufacturing	4,364	-61	4,327	-68	4,325	-38	-0.9
◆ Construction	1,910	-132	1,865	-57	1,878	-32	-1.7
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,525	0	5,510	-3	5,485	-40	-0.7
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,766	31	3,860	66	3,854	88	2.3
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	11,929	464	12,173	247	12,241	313	2.6
◆ Regular employees	16,641	348	16,782	71	16,820	180	1.1
◆ Temporary employees	4,939	-12	4,881	-40	4,889	-50	-1.0
◆ Daily workers	834	-67	824	-41	817	-17	-2.0
◆ Employers	1,435	-5	1,499	75	1,481	47	3.2
◆ Own account workers	4,241	-65	4,308	75	4,303	62	1.5
◆ Unpaid family workers	879	-33	843	-32	841	-37	-4.3
◦ Unemployed persons	592	28	776	50	588	-4	-0.6
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	2.0 (2.8)	0.1	2.6 (2.8)	0.2	2.0 (2.7)	0.0	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	342 2.1 (2.8)	23 0.1	453 2.7 (2.9)	20 0.1	334 2.0 (2.7)	-8 -0.1	-2.3
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	250 1.9 (2.7)	4 0.0	323 2.4 (2.8)	31 0.2	254 1.9 (2.7)	4 0.0	1.6
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	42 (1.2)	-18 (-0.5)	59 (1.8)	-13 (-0.3)	29 (0.9)	-13 (-0.3)	-31.8
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	219 (2.1)	27 (0.3)	287 (2.8)	-5 (0.1)	217 (2.1)	-2 (0.0)	-1.0
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	331 (2.1)	19 (0.1)	430 (2.6)	68 (0.3)	342 (2.1)	12 (0.0)	3.5
■ Economically inactive population	16,220	9	16,103	99	16,297	77	0.5





(Thousand persons)

(%)

