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1. Characteristics of the employed persons by industry

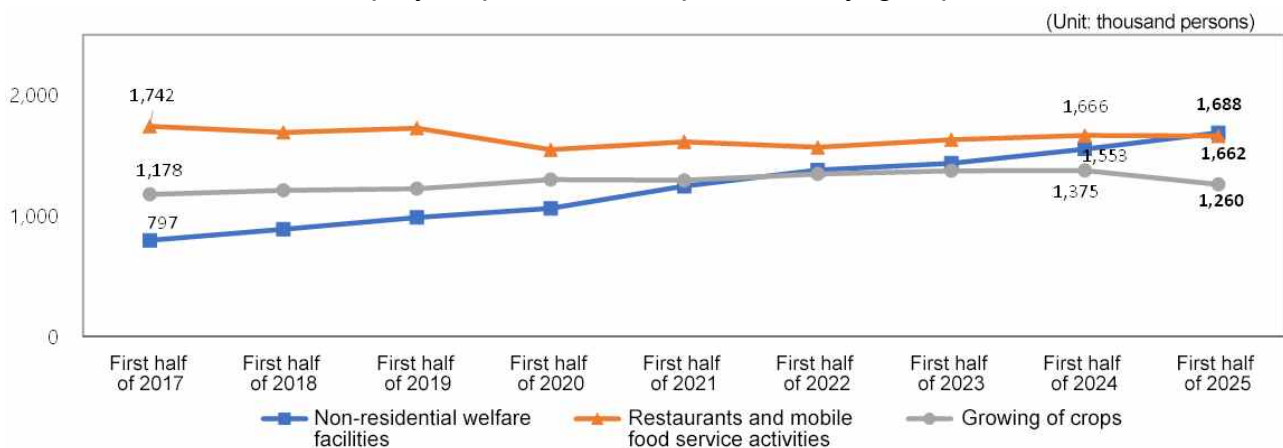
□ Employed persons by industry group

○ In the first half of 2025, as for employed persons by industry group, 'Non-residential welfare facilities' showed the highest figure of 1.688 million persons (5.8% of the total employed persons), which was followed by 'Restaurants and mobile food service activities' (1.662 million persons, 5.8%) and 'Growing of crops' (1.26 million persons, 4.4%).

- 'Non-residential welfare facilities' recorded the highest year-on-year increase of 135 thousand persons, which was followed by 'Residential welfare facilities' (32 thousand persons). On the other hand, 'Growing of crops' recorded the highest year-on-year decrease of 115 thousand persons, which was followed by 'Building construction' (69 thousand persons).

- As for employed males by industry group, 'Growing of crops' marked the highest figure, which was followed by 'Restaurants and mobile food service activities'. As for employed females by industry group, 'Non-residential welfare facilities' marked the highest figure, which was followed by 'Restaurants and mobile food service activities'.

< Employed persons of top 3 industry groups >



Employed persons by industry division

- As for employed persons by industry division, 'Food and beverage service activities' marked the highest figure of 2.144 million persons (7.4% of the total employed persons), which was followed by 'Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles' (1.945 million persons, 6.7%) and 'Social work activities' (1.93 million persons, 6.7%).
- Compared to the first half of 2024, 'Social work activities' and 'Education' rose by 167 thousand persons and 68 thousand persons, respectively. Whereas, 'Agriculture' and 'Specialized construction activities' fell by 126 thousand persons and 76 thousand persons, respectively.

Employed persons by industry section

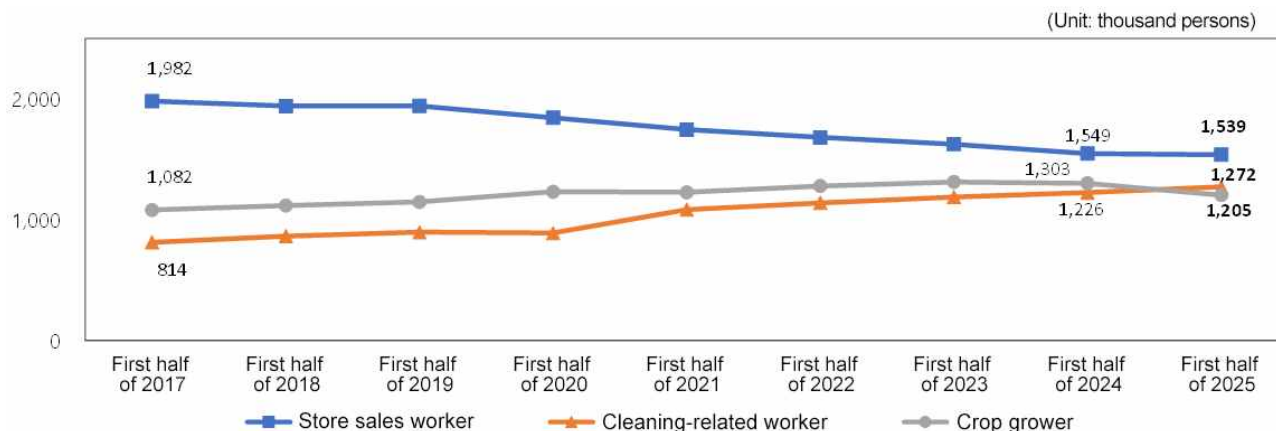
- As for the share of employed persons by status of workers and industry section, wage workers occupied the largest share of 17.8% in 'Manufacturing'. Non-wage workers occupied the largest share of 20.7% in 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing'.
- Regular workers occupied the largest share of 22.1% in 'Manufacturing'. Temporary and daily workers occupied the largest share of 18.9% in 'Human health and social work activities'.

2. Characteristics of the employed persons by occupation

Employed persons by occupation group

- As for employed persons by occupation group, 'Store sales workers' recorded the highest figure of 1.539 million persons (5.3% of the total employed persons), which was followed by 'Cleaning-related workers' (1.272 million persons, 4.4%) and 'Crop growers' (1.205 million persons, 4.2%).
- Compared to the first half of 2024, 'Cleaning-related workers' and 'Licensed caregivers and caregivers for the sick' increased by 46 thousand persons and 43 thousand persons, respectively. In the meantime, 'Crop growers' and 'Construction and mining-related elementary occupations' decreased by 98 thousand persons and 57 thousand persons, respectively.
- As for the number of employed males by occupation group, 'Automobile drivers' marked the highest figure, which was followed by 'Crop growers'. As for the number of employed females by occupation group, 'Store sales workers' marked the highest figure, which was followed by 'Cleaning-related workers'.

< Employed persons of top 3 occupation groups >



□ Employed persons by occupation division

- As for employed persons by occupation division, 'Cooking and food service occupations' recorded the highest figure of 1.761 million persons (6.1% of the total employed persons). This figure was followed by 'Cleaning and building-related elementary occupations' (1.566 million persons, 5.4%).
- Compared to the first half of 2024, 'Care and health service occupations' and 'Information and communication professionals and technical occupations' grew by 70 thousand persons and 68 thousand persons, respectively. In the meantime, 'Agriculture skilled workers' and 'Construction and mining-related elementary occupations' dropped by 103 thousand persons and 57 thousand persons, respectively.

□ Wage workers by wage level

- As for wage workers by wage level, the wage workers earning '2 million won ~ less than 3 million won' occupied the largest share at 30.6%, which was followed by those earning '3 million won ~ less than 4 million won' (22.4%) and those earning '5 million won or more' (16.3%).
- Compared to the first half of 2024, the share of wage workers earning '5 million won or more', '3 million won ~ less than 4 million won', '4 million won ~ less than 5 million won' and 'less than 1 million won' went up by 1.4%p, 0.6%p, 0.3%p and 0.2%p, respectively. Whereas, the share of wage workers earning '2 million won ~ less than 3 million won' and '1 million won ~ less than 2 million won' went down by 1.6%p and 0.8%p, respectively.