

Chart 1. EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS FOR GENERAL WORKERS(excluding new school graduates and including part-timers)

December 2017

Item		Month and Year			Change from the same month of the preceding year (% , point)	Seasonally adjusted, Change from the preceding month (% , point)
		Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016		
Total number	1 Monthly active applications(person(s))	1,611,495	1,707,048	1,665,211	▲ 3.2	▲ 0.2
	2 New applications (case(s))	324,839	366,217	335,735	▲ 3.2	1.6
	3 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	2,725,070	2,786,973	2,519,844	8.1	1.8
	4 New job openings(person(s))	922,213	942,437	841,606	9.6	3.9
	5 Persons who found employment (case(s))	119,897	133,180	122,651	▲ 2.2	3.2
	6 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(3/1) (time(s))	1.69	1.63	1.51	0.18	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	1.59	1.56	1.43	—	0.03
	7 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(4/2) (time(s))	2.84	2.57	2.51	0.33	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	2.42	2.37	2.19	—	0.05
	8 Ratio of persons who found employment (5/2x100) (%)	36.9	36.4	36.5	0.4	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	34.0	33.5	34.0	—	0.5
	9 Sufficiency ratio(5/4x100) (%)	13.0	14.1	14.6	▲ 1.6	—
<Seasonally adjusted>	14.1	14.2	15.5	—	▲ 0.1	
Regular workers	10 Monthly active applications(person(s))	1,569,752	1,689,229	1,620,677	▲ 3.1	
	11 New applications (case(s))	297,292	355,359	306,711	▲ 3.1	
	12 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	2,392,203	2,463,837	2,200,257	8.7	
	13 New job openings(person(s))	795,904	825,568	721,032	10.4	
	14 Persons who found employment (case(s))	104,753	121,099	107,378	▲ 2.4	
	15 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(12/10) (time(s))	1.52	1.46	1.36	0.16	
	16 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(13/11) (time(s))	2.68	2.32	2.35	0.33	
	17 Ratio of persons who found employment (14/11x100) (%)	35.2	34.1	35.0	0.2	
	18 Sufficiency ratio (14/13x100) (%)	13.2	14.7	14.9	▲ 1.7	

(Notes)

1. Seasonally adjusted figures are calculated by removing seasonal components from the original series,using the US Census method(X-12-ARIMA). The values prior to December 2016 have been adjusted by using the new seasonal indexes at the time of issuance of the January 2017 data.
2. ▲ means decrease.
3. "Regular workers" refer to either a work without fixed employment term or a work with fixed term of more than 4 months (excluding seasonal work).
4. "Part-timers" refer to those employees whose scheduled working hour is less than that of the regular employees in the same workplace.