

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

Item		Month and Year		Jan 2011	Change from the same month of the preceding year (% , point)	January 2012
		Jan 2012	Dec 2011			Seasonally adjusted, Change from the preceding month (% , point)
Total number	1 Monthly active applications(person(s))	2,307,830	2,263,058	2,429,459	▲ 5.0	▲ 1.7
	2 New applications (case(s))	633,211	445,916	669,295	▲ 5.4	0.1
	3 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	1,800,094	1,733,786	1,546,543	16.4	1.0
	4 New job openings(person(s))	744,046	597,353	661,795	12.4	1.2
	5 Persons who found employment (case(s))	149,053	153,315	142,856	4.3	2.9
	6 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(3/1) (time(s))	0.78	0.77	0.64	0.14	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	0.73	0.71	0.60	—	0.02
	7 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(4/2) (time(s))	1.18	1.34	0.99	0.19	—
	<Seasonally-adjusted>	1.20	1.18	1.00	—	0.02
	8 Ratio of persons who found employment (5/2x100) (%)	23.5	34.4	21.3	2.2	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	32.2	31.3	28.9	—	0.9
	9 Sufficiency ratio(5/4x100) (%)	20.0	25.7	21.6	▲ 1.6	—
<Seasonally adjusted>	26.9	26.5	28.9	—	0.4	
Regular workers	10 Monthly active applications(person(s))	2,234,856	2,207,232	2,351,887	▲ 5.0	
	11 New applications (case(s))	600,219	404,870	632,774	▲ 5.1	
	12 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	1,602,401	1,520,429	1,393,211	15.0	
	13 New job openings(person(s))	660,712	513,631	591,481	11.7	
	14 Persons who found employment (case(s))	125,793	128,705	118,924	5.8	
	15 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(12/10) (time(s))	0.72	0.69	0.59	0.13	
	16 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(13/11) (time(s))	1.10	1.27	0.93	0.17	
	17 Ratio of persons who found employment (14/11x100) (%)	21.0	31.8	18.8	2.2	
	18 Sufficiency ratio (14/13x100) (%)	19.0	25.1	20.1	▲ 1.1	

(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 2011 have been adjusted by using the new seasonal indexes at the time of issuance of the January 2012 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.