

Outline of the Survey

1 Objective

To identify the activities of labour unions in the context of changes to the labour environment.

2 Coverage

(1) Area: Nationwide, Japan

(2) Industries

The following 16 major industries based on the Japan Standard Industrial Classification (November 2007 Revision): mining and quarrying of stone and gravel; construction; manufacturing; electricity, gas, heat supply and water; information and communications; transport and postal activities; wholesale and retail trade; finance and insurance; real estate and goods rental and leasing; scientific research, professional and technical services; accommodation, eating and drinking services; living-related and personal services and amusement services; education and learning support; medical, health care and welfare; compound services; services not elsewhere classified.

(3) Labour Unions

Approximately 3,500 labour unions sampled using a certain method from unit labour unions (labour unions with no sub-organizations) with a membership of 100 or more persons, at a private establishment belonging to an industry listed in (2) above.

3 Survey Items

(1) Attributes of the labour union

(2) Issues on enterprise restructuring etc. and involvement of labour unions

(3) Issues on revision of wage or retirement benefit (lump sum, annuity) systems and involvement of labour unions

(4) Issues on non-regular workers and involvement of labour unions

(5) Mental health issues and involvement of labour unions

(6) Recognition of labour-management relations

4 Survey Period

The survey was conducted from July 1 to July 20, 2010, regarding the situation as of June 30, 2010.

5 Survey Method

(1) Enumerator Survey

The enumerator distributed and collected questionnaires to and from surveyed labour unions.

(2) Postal Survey

Prefectural Labour Policy Divisions distributed and collected questionnaires to and from surveyed labour unions by post.

6 Survey Organization

Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare - Prefectural Labour Policy Divisions - Labour Policy Offices - Enumerator - Respondent

7 Number of Subjects, Valid Responses and Valid Response Rate

The number of subjects was 3,544, the number of valid responses was 2,479, and the valid response rate was 69.9%.