

**Table 1 Trends in the number of labour unions, labour union members and estimated unionization rate
(Unitary labour unions)**

| Year | Number of labour unions | | | Labour union membership | | | Number of employees | Estimated unionization rate |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Change on previous year | Percentage change on previous year | | Change on previous year | Percentage change on previous year | | |
| | Unions | Unions | % | Thousand persons | Thousand persons | % | Ten thousand persons | % |
| 2005 | 28,279 | -1,041 | -3.6 | 10,138 (2,809) | -171 (-46) | -1.7 (-1.6) | 5,416 (2,253) | 18.7 (12.5) |
| 2006 | 27,507 | -772 | -2.7 | 10,041 (2,819) | -98 (10) | -1.0 (0.4) | 5,517 (2,299) | 18.2 (12.3) |
| 2007 | 27,226 | -281 | -1.0 | 10,080 (2,857) | 39 (38) | 0.4 (1.4) | 5,565 (2,326) | 18.1 (12.3) |
| 2008 | 26,965 | -261 | -1.0 | 10,065 (2,858) | -15 (1) | -0.1 (+0.0) | 5,565 (2,348) | 18.1 (12.2) |
| 2009 | 26,696 | -269 | -1.0 | 10,078 (2,933) | 13 (75) | 0.1 (2.6) | 5,455 (2,317) | 18.5 (12.7) |
| 2010 | 26,367 | -329 | -1.2 | 10,054 (2,964) | -24 (31) | -0.2 (1.0) | 5,447 (2,311) | 18.5 (12.8) |

- Note 1) The number of union members less than 1,000 is rounded. However, in making comparison with the previous year the percentage distribution and estimated unionization rate are calculated by the unit of one person (the same shall apply hereinafter).
- 2) Figures for number of employees are from the "Labour Force Survey" (Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) published in June each year (the same shall apply hereinafter).
- 3) Round brackets () indicate figures for women.