

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

Year	Number of labour unions			Labour union membership			Number of employees	Estimated unionization rate
	Unions	Change on previous year	Percentage change on previous year	Thousand persons	Change on previous year	Percentage change on previous year		
	Unions	Unions	%	Thousand persons	Thousand persons	%	Ten thousand persons	%
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)
2011	26,052	-315	-1.2	9,961 (2,958)	-93 (-6)	-0.9 (-0.2)	... (...)	... (...)

Note: 1) Round brackets () indicate figures for women.

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.

3) The number of employees and estimated unionization rate are not tabulated for 2011, as results on numbers of employees were published excluding Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures due to difficulties in conducting the Labour Force Survey (June 2011) as a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake.