

**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 Ten thousand persons	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	%
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)	... (...)	... (...)
2012	25,775	-277	-1.1	9,892 (2,990)	-68 (31)	-0.7 (1.1)	5,528 (2,370)	17.9 (12.6)
2013	25,532	-243	-0.9	9,875 (3,034)	-17 (44)	-0.2 (1.5)	5,571 (2,404)	17.7 (12.6)

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

2) Figures for number of employees are from the "Labour Force Survey" (by Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) published in June each year.

3) The result derived by dividing the number of union members identified by this survey by the number of employees based on the "Labour Force Survey" which is implemented by the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

4) Figure for the number of employees and estimated unionization rate for 2011 are used the numbers from "Supplementary-estimated figures for Labour Force Survey in 2011 due to the Great East Japan Earthquake" in June was posted by Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications in April 2012. It requires attention to analyze chronologically.