

**Table 5 - Trends in labour union membership and estimated unionization rate of part-time employees  
(Unit labour unions)**

Year	Labour union membership of part-time employees			Share in the total labour union members	Number of short-time employees	Estimated unionization rate
		Change on previous year	Percentage change on previous year			
	Thousand persons	Thousand persons	%	%	Ten thousand persons	%
2006	515	126	32.4	5.2	1,187	4.3
2007	588	73	14.2	5.9	1,218	4.8
2008	616	28	4.7	6.2	1,232	5.0
2009	700	84	13.7	7.0	1,317	5.3
2010	726	26	3.7	7.3	1,291	5.6
2011	776	50	6.8	7.8	...	...

- Note: 1) A "part-time employee" is a non-regular staff with reduced working hours, i.e. a person with shorter scheduled daily hours of work or with the same scheduled daily hours of work but shorter scheduled weekly hours of work than an ordinary workers at the same establishment, and a person who is termed a part-time worker, etc. at the establishment.
- 2) The "number of short time employees" is the number of employees in the Labour Force Survey with working hours of less than 35 hours per week.
- 3) The "estimated unionization rate" is the figure obtained by dividing the number of labour union members who are part-time employees by the number of short time employees.
- 4) The number of employees and estimated organization 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.