

**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
		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	%
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)	5,488 (2,339)	18.1 (12.6)
<b>2012</b>	<b>25,775</b>	<b>-277</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>9,892 (2,990)</b>	<b>-68 (31)</b>	<b>-0.7 (1.1)</b>	<b>5,528 (2,370)</b>	<b>17.9 (12.6)</b>

Note 3)

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) 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.