

Chart 1. EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS FOR GENERAL WORKERS(excluding new school graduates and including part-timers)

Month and Year		May 2012				
		May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011	Change from the same month of the preceding year (% , point)	Seasonally adjusted, Change from the preceding month (% , point)
Item						
Total number	1 Monthly active applications(person(s))	2,660,799	2,659,226	2,845,215	▲ 6.5	▲ 0.2
	2 New applications (case(s))	630,777	759,838	677,198	▲ 6.9	▲ 2.1
	3 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	1,889,898	1,918,994	1,528,713	23.6	2.4
	4 New job openings(person(s))	727,377	707,643	584,345	24.5	3.0
	5 Persons who found employment (case(s))	200,205	208,260	184,884	8.3	▲ 2.6
	6 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(3/1) (time(s))	0.71	0.72	0.54	0.17	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	0.81	0.79	0.62	—	0.02
	7 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(4/2) (time(s))	1.15	0.93	0.86	0.29	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	1.35	1.28	1.01	—	0.07
	8 Ratio of persons who found employment (5/2x100) (%)	31.7	27.4	27.3	4.4	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	32.9	33.0	28.5	—	▲ 0.1
	9 Sufficiency ratio(5/4x100) (%)	27.5	29.4	31.6	▲ 4.1	—
	<Seasonally adjusted>	24.4	25.8	28.2	—	▲ 1.4
Regular workers	10 Monthly active applications(person(s))	2,638,331	2,626,417	2,823,559	▲ 6.6	
	11 New applications (case(s))	623,577	746,547	670,138	▲ 6.9	
	12 Monthly active job openings (person (s))	1,709,272	1,741,395	1,400,286	22.1	
	13 New job openings(person(s))	648,410	639,926	524,035	23.7	
	14 Persons who found employment (case(s))	183,402	191,443	169,661	8.1	
	15 Active job openings-to-applicants ratio(12/10) (time(s))	0.65	0.66	0.50	0.15	
	16 New job openings-to-applicants ratio(13/11) (time(s))	1.04	0.86	0.78	0.26	
	17 Ratio of persons who found employment (14/11x100) (%)	29.4	25.6	25.3	4.1	
	18 Sufficiency ratio (14/13x100) (%)	28.3	29.9	32.4	▲ 4.1	

(Notes)

1. Seasonally adjusted figures are calculated by removing seasonal components from the original series,using the US Census method(X-12-ARIMA).
The values prior to December 2011 have been adjusted by using the new seasonal indexes at the time of issuance of the January 2012 data.
2. ▲ means decrease.
3. "Regular workers" refer to either a work without fixed employment term or a work with fixed term of more than 4 months (excluding seasonal work).
4. "Part-timers" refer to those employees whose scheduled working hour is less than that of the regular employees in the same workplace.