

**The domestic economy improved
for two consecutive months**

~ In addition to the tourism industry, manufacturing industries, including semiconductor-related businesses pushed up the economy ~

(Companies researched: 27,247; Valid responses: 11,414; Response rate: 41.9%; Survey start date: May 2002)

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< Trend in August 2024: Improvement for two consecutive months >

The economic diffusion index (DI) in August 2024 was 44.3, up 0.5 points from the previous month, marking the second consecutive month of improvement.

The domestic economy was boosted by the tourism industry and seasonal demand, lifting the overall business sentiment.

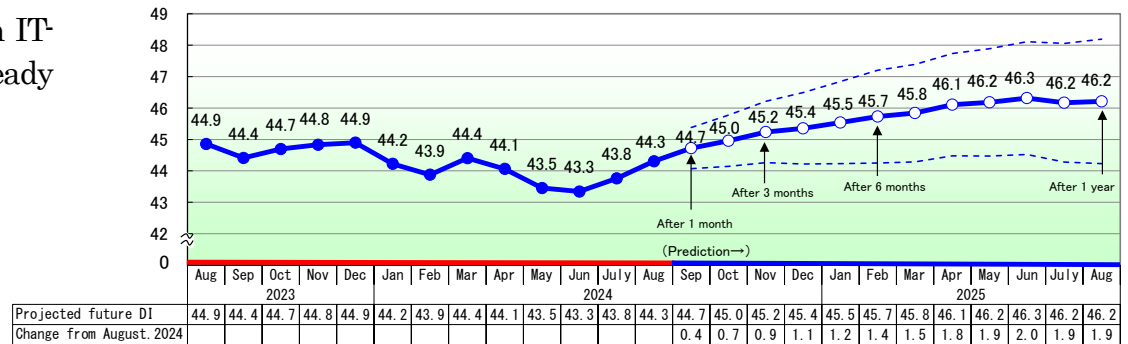
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Although there are uncertain factors such as the international situation, there are also positive factors, including investments in IT-related businesses, which are expected to contribute to the steady progress of the economy.

By industry: Improvement in 7 industries with "manufacturing" as the main driver but impacted by factors such as typhoons and earthquakes.

By scale: "Small to medium-sized firms" leading the way, with manufacturing and construction industries driving the growth.

By region: Improvement in 9 out of 10 regions, with tourism-related businesses contributing positively, but hindered by adverse weather conditions.



*: The economic forecast DI is calculated using the Forecast Combination method of the results of the ARIMA model and the structural equation model.

Economic Diffusion Index (Economic DI)1/2

| | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Ratio to the Previous Month |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Total | 44.9 | 44.4 | 44.7 | 44.8 | 44.9 | 44.2 | 43.9 | 44.4 | 44.1 | 43.5 | 43.3 | 43.8 | 44.3 | 0.5 |
| Large Firms | 48.0 | 47.8 | 47.9 | 48.4 | 48.1 | 47.9 | 47.7 | 48.0 | 47.9 | 47.9 | 48.0 | 48.2 | 48.2 | 0.0 |
| Small to Medium-sized Firms | 44.3 | 43.8 | 44.1 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 43.6 | 43.2 | 43.8 | 43.4 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 43.6 | 0.7 |
| Micro Firms | 43.5 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 41.2 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 42.5 | 0.7 |

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|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Agriculture,Forestry,Fisheries | 43.0 | 42.1 | 43.0 | 40.1 | 40.5 | 40.3 | 41.2 | 42.4 | 42.0 | 43.7 | 41.9 | 41.2 | 43.3 | 2.1 | |
| Finance | 48.8 | 46.8 | 47.3 | 48.0 | 47.0 | 47.7 | 47.7 | 49.2 | 48.8 | 48.0 | 47.6 | 48.5 | 48.1 | ▲ 0.4 | |
| Construction | 47.4 | 47.1 | 47.5 | 47.8 | 47.2 | 47.7 | 47.5 | 47.0 | 46.6 | 46.0 | 46.4 | 46.9 | 47.3 | 0.4 | |
| Real Estate | 49.6 | 48.5 | 48.7 | 47.9 | 47.5 | 48.1 | 48.3 | 49.3 | 49.3 | 47.7 | 48.0 | 48.2 | 47.5 | ▲ 0.7 | |
| Manufacturing | Food,BEWerages,Livestock Feed | 44.5 | 42.6 | 43.4 | 44.0 | 44.6 | 43.6 | 43.4 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 42.9 | 42.7 | 43.5 | 0.8 | |
| | Textile,Textile Products,Clothing | 42.6 | 43.0 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 40.1 | 37.9 | 37.7 | 39.0 | 38.1 | 37.4 | 37.3 | 36.1 | 0.4 | |
| | Construction Materials,Furniture, Ceramics,Stone and Clay Products | 38.2 | 39.0 | 40.3 | 41.5 | 40.3 | 39.9 | 38.1 | 38.7 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 37.5 | 39.0 | 0.5 | |
| | Pulp, Paper and Paper Products | 36.1 | 36.9 | 37.7 | 37.2 | 38.5 | 37.3 | 35.7 | 36.4 | 36.4 | 35.3 | 34.4 | 36.0 | 0.7 | |
| | Publishing,Printing | 33.9 | 32.3 | 32.5 | 33.1 | 34.2 | 32.4 | 34.6 | 35.3 | 34.1 | 33.3 | 32.8 | 32.8 | 34.4 | 1.6 |
| | Chemical | 41.2 | 41.2 | 41.4 | 42.7 | 42.2 | 42.6 | 39.9 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 41.0 | 42.6 | 1.6 |
| | Steel,Nonferrous Metals,Mining | 39.9 | 39.8 | 41.5 | 41.9 | 42.0 | 39.7 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.0 | 36.5 | 36.4 | 37.4 | 39.0 | 1.6 |
| | General Machinery | 42.8 | 41.2 | 40.7 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 39.3 | 40.6 | 39.7 | 39.6 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 0.7 |
| | Electrical Machinery | 42.8 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 43.0 | 42.5 | 43.6 | 42.5 | 41.4 | 40.7 | 41.0 | 42.5 | 42.5 | 42.5 | 0.0 |
| | Transportation Machinery,Equipment | 46.2 | 48.3 | 46.9 | 47.2 | 44.7 | 41.6 | 39.3 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 41.0 | 42.1 | 44.2 | 43.5 | ▲ 0.7 |
| | Precision Machinery, Medical Instruments and Equipment | 42.9 | 44.2 | 42.9 | 43.4 | 44.3 | 43.9 | 43.3 | 45.5 | 42.9 | 41.9 | 46.5 | 44.5 | 43.9 | ▲ 0.6 |
| | Other | 40.3 | 40.5 | 39.4 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 41.9 | 44.7 | 45.5 | 42.5 | 41.3 | 43.0 | 40.8 | 42.3 | 1.5 |
| Total | 41.2 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 40.4 | 39.8 | 40.2 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 39.8 | 40.7 | 0.9 | |
| Wholesale | Food,BEWerages | 47.1 | 45.8 | 43.3 | 44.5 | 45.7 | 43.1 | 43.7 | 44.5 | 44.6 | 42.9 | 42.5 | 42.3 | 43.8 | 1.5 |
| | Textile,Textile Products,Clothing | 38.0 | 38.1 | 36.1 | 36.0 | 36.3 | 36.9 | 36.8 | 37.1 | 35.2 | 36.3 | 36.3 | 35.8 | 36.5 | 0.7 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture,Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 38.0 | 38.1 | 38.0 | 38.3 | 38.9 | 38.0 | 37.8 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 36.0 | 36.4 | 37.5 | 38.2 | 0.7 |
| | Paper Products,Stationery,Books | 38.6 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 40.1 | 40.7 | 39.6 | 38.2 | 40.1 | 38.4 | 36.4 | 35.2 | 36.3 | 37.2 | 0.9 |
| | Chemical | 45.1 | 44.5 | 44.9 | 45.1 | 45.4 | 44.4 | 42.2 | 43.2 | 41.8 | 42.9 | 41.4 | 43.4 | 44.5 | 1.1 |
| | Recycled Resources | 40.9 | 43.9 | 45.2 | 42.4 | 43.8 | 42.9 | 41.7 | 39.9 | 40.9 | 44.3 | 43.1 | 44.4 | 40.5 | ▲ 3.9 |
| | Steel,Nonferrous Metals, Mining Products | 34.7 | 36.7 | 37.0 | 38.1 | 38.2 | 37.3 | 34.9 | 35.3 | 36.5 | 34.7 | 34.6 | 36.2 | 34.7 | ▲ 1.5 |
| | Machinery,Equipment | 44.7 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 44.7 | 43.7 | 43.4 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 43.4 | 43.4 | 43.5 | 44.0 | 0.5 |
| | Other | 42.7 | 41.7 | 43.1 | 43.2 | 42.9 | 42.0 | 41.1 | 42.5 | 40.3 | 41.1 | 39.9 | 40.8 | 41.8 | 1.0 |
| Total | 42.3 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 42.1 | 42.7 | 41.6 | 40.9 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 40.7 | 41.3 | 0.6 | |

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|----------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Retail | Food,BEWerages | 47.8 | 46.5 | 45.5 | 44.9 | 46.4 | 45.5 | 43.8 | 45.3 | 44.7 | 43.2 | 42.6 | 41.3 | 44.0 | 2.7 |
| | Textile,Textile Products,Clothing | 41.2 | 36.6 | 42.7 | 39.3 | 40.0 | 36.3 | 40.2 | 36.5 | 40.4 | 40.2 | 36.3 | 36.9 | 37.2 | 0.3 |
| | Drugs,Sundries | 42.6 | 42.5 | 43.8 | 44.7 | 46.1 | 45.8 | 45.4 | 44.1 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 41.0 | 41.4 | 40.3 | ▲ 1.1 |
| | Furniture | 30.2 | 36.3 | 27.2 | 32.4 | 32.7 | 34.0 | 32.1 | 30.3 | 33.3 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 35.8 | 30.7 | ▲ 5.1 |
| | Electrical Household Appliances, Information Machinery and Equipment | 40.2 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 44.0 | 42.7 | 41.8 | 42.3 | 45.8 | 44.3 | 40.8 | 43.2 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 0.0 |
| | Motor Vehicles,Motor Vehicle Parts | 42.0 | 41.7 | 42.4 | 40.2 | 39.7 | 42.4 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 41.4 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 39.2 | 39.0 | ▲ 0.2 |
| | Special Merchandise | 38.7 | 39.1 | 39.4 | 38.1 | 38.3 | 37.8 | 37.7 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 0.3 |
| | Various Merchandise | 48.5 | 45.9 | 45.3 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 42.7 | 40.9 | 44.6 | 42.9 | 44.6 | 44.4 | 45.5 | 43.9 | ▲ 1.6 |
| | Other | 42.2 | 47.6 | 46.2 | 47.2 | 51.3 | 40.3 | 44.0 | 39.7 | 44.4 | 47.6 | 44.4 | 42.2 | 37.8 | ▲ 4.4 |
| | Total | 41.8 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 40.6 | 41.4 | 41.7 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 40.3 | 40.5 | 0.2 |
| Transportation,Warehousing | | 43.3 | 42.8 | 44.1 | 43.8 | 44.5 | 43.5 | 41.9 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 43.4 | 42.6 | 45.0 | 2.4 | |
| Service | Restaurants | 52.2 | 51.8 | 47.4 | 49.4 | 54.0 | 50.3 | 48.0 | 51.3 | 52.0 | 49.4 | 48.1 | 49.4 | 52.5 | 3.1 |
| | Postal,Telecommunications | 54.8 | 57.4 | 59.5 | 57.1 | 54.2 | 56.1 | 51.9 | 54.2 | 61.7 | 56.7 | 52.8 | 51.9 | 50.0 | ▲ 1.9 |
| | Electricity,Gas,Water,Heat | 43.5 | 46.3 | 44.1 | 50.0 | 42.7 | 41.7 | 43.6 | 43.6 | 46.9 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 43.6 | 37.5 | ▲ 6.1 |
| | Leasing,Rentals | 49.0 | 49.2 | 52.5 | 52.9 | 51.6 | 50.3 | 50.5 | 51.7 | 49.4 | 49.7 | 49.0 | 48.6 | 50.2 | 1.6 |
| | Lodging, Hotels | 55.5 | 57.6 | 59.7 | 64.3 | 56.9 | 51.3 | 55.3 | 60.6 | 60.4 | 55.1 | 52.1 | 53.8 | 53.4 | ▲ 0.4 |
| | Recreation | 48.8 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 44.8 | 47.9 | 46.3 | 46.3 | 47.2 | 46.3 | 46.2 | 44.6 | 47.5 | 43.2 | ▲ 4.3 |
| | Broadcasting | 46.1 | 45.6 | 42.6 | 45.6 | 43.3 | 44.1 | 47.1 | 47.4 | 52.8 | 45.1 | 45.6 | 47.2 | 42.2 | ▲ 5.0 |
| | Maintenance,Guarding,Testing | 47.4 | 47.8 | 46.8 | 49.0 | 46.9 | 47.3 | 46.7 | 46.7 | 46.0 | 47.5 | 46.1 | 47.3 | 48.2 | 0.9 |
| | Advertising | 45.2 | 45.4 | 45.2 | 45.6 | 45.1 | 46.2 | 47.0 | 45.5 | 47.5 | 46.1 | 43.6 | 43.9 | 43.6 | ▲ 0.3 |
| | Information | 56.4 | 55.5 | 56.0 | 55.4 | 56.3 | 56.1 | 55.7 | 55.3 | 55.4 | 54.5 | 54.1 | 54.1 | 53.9 | ▲ 0.2 |
| | Labor Dispatching | 50.9 | 48.9 | 50.9 | 52.3 | 50.0 | 48.8 | 50.6 | 49.8 | 50.6 | 48.6 | 48.5 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 0.0 |
| | Special Services | 51.3 | 51.2 | 52.0 | 51.1 | 50.3 | 50.5 | 51.4 | 52.4 | 51.7 | 49.9 | 50.5 | 51.8 | 50.6 | ▲ 1.2 |
| | Medical,Welfare,Public Health | 43.4 | 42.4 | 43.6 | 41.8 | 43.2 | 44.4 | 43.2 | 44.7 | 42.9 | 43.6 | 44.4 | 44.0 | 44.2 | 0.2 |
| | Education | 43.8 | 46.4 | 45.6 | 42.6 | 44.4 | 43.7 | 43.1 | 46.3 | 44.6 | 43.9 | 47.4 | 50.9 | 47.7 | ▲ 3.2 |
| Other | 47.9 | 47.2 | 47.6 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 47.5 | 48.5 | 49.1 | 49.1 | 47.5 | 47.2 | 48.0 | 48.6 | 0.6 | |
| Total | 50.8 | 50.4 | 50.8 | 50.8 | 50.9 | 50.2 | 50.4 | 51.0 | 50.9 | 49.7 | 49.2 | 50.0 | 49.8 | ▲ 0.2 | |
| Other | | 40.8 | 39.2 | 40.1 | 38.2 | 42.8 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 42.1 | 37.8 | 37.5 | 40.1 | 41.3 | 1.2 |

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|-------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Hokkaido | | 44.8 | 43.6 | 43.7 | 43.3 | 43.3 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 42.4 | 42.8 | 42.4 | 42.8 | 44.1 | 45.0 | 0.9 |
| Tohoku | | 41.8 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 38.8 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 38.6 | 39.2 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 0.6 |
| kitakanto | | 43.1 | 42.9 | 43.0 | 42.6 | 43.0 | 40.9 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 41.4 | 40.9 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 42.1 | 0.9 |
| minamikanto | | 46.6 | 46.4 | 46.3 | 46.7 | 46.6 | 46.5 | 46.6 | 47.2 | 46.6 | 45.8 | 45.6 | 46.1 | 46.6 | 0.5 |
| Hokuriku | | 43.1 | 42.5 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 42.5 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 41.4 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 40.7 | 41.4 | 41.8 | 0.4 |
| Tokai | | 44.4 | 43.6 | 44.4 | 45.1 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 43.1 | 43.7 | 43.2 | 43.0 | 43.3 | 43.9 | 43.7 | ▲ 0.2 |
| Kinki | | 43.6 | 43.2 | 43.7 | 44.1 | 44.6 | 43.6 | 43.2 | 43.6 | 43.7 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 43.5 | 0.6 |
| Chugoku | | 44.3 | 44.1 | 44.9 | 44.2 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 43.6 | 43.9 | 0.3 |
| Shikoku | | 41.8 | 41.2 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 42.5 | 42.2 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 39.4 | 40.5 | 1.1 |
| Kyushu | | 48.3 | 47.7 | 48.6 | 48.7 | 49.0 | 48.3 | 48.1 | 48.5 | 47.6 | 46.4 | 46.5 | 46.2 | 47.3 | 1.1 |

Appendix

1. Research Subjects (Companies researched: 27,247; Valid responses: 11,414; Response rate: 41.9%)

1. Region

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|-------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Hokkaido | 500 | Tokai | 1,265 |
| Tohoku | 781 | Kinki | 1,868 |
| kitaKanto | 903 | Chugoku | 769 |
| minamikanto | 3,370 | Shikoku | 387 |
| Hokuriku | 591 | Kyushu | 980 |
| | | Total | 11,414 |

2. Industry (10 Industries 51 Lines of business)

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|----------------------------------|--|-------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries | | 100 |
| Finance | | 164 |
| Construction | | 1,766 |
| Real Estate | | 489 |
| Manufacturing (2,714) | Food, Beverages, Livestock Feed | 316 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 127 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 204 |
| | Pulp, Paper and Paper Products | 79 |
| | Publishing, Printing | 192 |
| | Chemical | 342 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining | 485 |
| | General Machinery | 434 |
| | Electrical Machinery | 287 |
| | Transportation Machinery, Equipment | 103 |
| Wholesale (2,506) | Food, Beverages | 323 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 153 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 281 |
| | Paper Products, Stationery, Books | 125 |
| | Chemical | 220 |
| | Recycled Resources | 35 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining Products | 251 |
| | Machinery, Equipment | 812 |
| | Others | 306 |
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|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Retail (833) | Food, Beverages | 141 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 95 |
| | Drugs, Sundries | 55 |
| | Furniture | 25 |
| | Electrical Household Appliances, Information Machinery and Equipment | 51 |
| | Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Parts | 156 |
| | Special Merchandise | 243 |
| | Various Merchandise | 52 |
| | Others | 15 |
| Transportation, Warehousing | | 469 |
| Service (2,333) | Restaurants | 131 |
| | Telecommunications | 8 |
| | Electricity, Gas, Water, Heat | 12 |
| | Leasing, Rentals | 110 |
| | Lodging, Hotels | 99 |
| | Recreation | 116 |
| | Broadcasting | 15 |
| | Maintenance, Guarding, Testing | 270 |
| | Advertising | 115 |
| | Information | 554 |
| | Labor Dispatching | 81 |
| | Special Services | 375 |
| | Medical, Welfare, Public Health | 126 |
| Education | 51 | |
| Others | 270 | |
| Others | | 40 |
| Total | | 11,414 |

3. Size

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Large Firms | 1,808 | 15.8% |
| Small to Medium-sized Firms | 9,606 | 84.2% |
| micro Firms | 3,803 | 33.3% |
| Total | 11,414 | 100.0% |

2. Research Items

- *Business Confidence (current, in 3 months, in 6 months, in 1 year)
- *Business Conditions (sales, purchasing and selling unit price, inventory, capacity utilization ratio, number of employees, overtime work hours)

3. Research Period and Methodology

Internet-based survey conducted August 19 – 31 2024

The explanation of the Economic Diffusion Index

Research Purpose/Researched Terms

TDB Economic Trend Research (started from May 2002) is a monthly statistical survey conducted for over 27,000 nationwide corporations on their general business activities including the current condition and future outlook of the industry business performance and operating climate. The primary purpose of such a survey is to assess the current state of Japan's economy.

Selection of the Subject Corporations

Companies of all sizes in all domestic industries are eligible to participate in the survey.

DI Calculation

The DI (Diffusion Index) is calculated by multiplying the number of responses for each assessment category by the number given in parentheses in the table below, to a seven-level assessment rated by companies.

| Selection category | Extremely good | good | fairly good | neither good nor bad | fairly bad | bad | very bad |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| points | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| number of responses for each category | N ₆ | N ₅ | N ₄ | N ₃ | N ₂ | N ₁ | N ₀ |

Economic DI

$$= \frac{\text{Total of (Points for each category} \times \text{Number of responses for each category)}}{\text{Number of valid responses } N} \times \frac{1}{6} \times 100$$

$$\equiv \frac{\sum_{i=0}^6 i \times N_i}{N} \times \frac{1}{6} \times 100$$

An economic DI of 50 is **the point separating good and bad**, so a DI over 50 means “good,” and below 50 means “bad.” (The numbers are rounded off to one decimal place.) No weight is given according to a company's size, and calculations are made on the basis of “one company, one vote.”

Size Classification

| Industry | Large Firms | Small to Medium-Sized Firms (Micro Firms included) | Micro Firms |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| Manufacturing and Other Industries* | Capital: More than 300 million yen and No. of Employee: Over 300 | Capital: Below 300 million yen or No. of Employee: Below 300 | No. of Employee: Below 20 |
| Wholesale Trade | Capital: More than 100 million yen and No. of Employee: Over 100 | Capital: Below 100 million yen or No. of Employee: Below 100 | No. of Employee: Below 5 |
| Retail Trade | Capital: More than 50 million yen and No. of Employee: Over 50 | Capital: Below 50 million yen or No. of Employee: Below 50 | No. of Employee: Below 5 |
| Service** | Capital: More than 50 million yen and No. of Employee: Over 100 | Capital: Below 50 million yen or No. of Employee: Below 100 | No. of Employee: Below 5 |

Note1: Large Firms refer to companies that rank in the top 3% in terms of sales volume according to the type of business, among small to medium-sized corporations excluding micro firms, which are defined in Small and Medium Enterprises Basic Act.

Note2: Small to Medium-Sized Firms refer to companies that rank in the bottom 50% in terms of sales volume according to the type of business, among those not categorized as small to medium-sized corporations in Small to Medium-Sized Enterprises Basic Act.