

General Information

I Census of Manufacture

1. Purpose of the Census

The Census of Manufacture (hereafter referred to as the Census) is intended to provide detailed figures on the current developments in Japan's manufacturing industry.

2. Legal Framework

The Census represents a designated statistics survey (Designated Statistics No. 10) based on the Statistics Law (Law No. 18 of 1947) and is implemented according to the Regulations for the Census of Manufacture (Ordinance No. 81 of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of 1951).

3. Reference Period

The reference period of the 2008 Census is calendar year 2008 (as of December 31, 2008).

4. Scope of the Census

The Census covers all establishments (excluding those belonging to the government) falling under [Division E - Manufacturing Industry] listed in the Standard Industrial Classification for Japan (2007 Announcement No. 618 of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications). The Census is conducted on all establishments in years ending with 0, 3, 5 and 8 of the Western calendar year. For other years, the Census covers establishments with four or more employees.

5. Forms

Form A covers establishments with 30 or more employees, while Form B is for those with 29 or fewer employees in both cases excluding head offices not directly engaged in the manufacturing, processing or repair of industrial products. The Census is based on entries in these forms filled by managers or administrators of applicable establishments.

6. Publication

The 2008 Census findings are compiled from various categories such as by "industry," "**commodity**," "city, town and village," "industrial district," "industrial site and water," and "enterprise."

The Report by Commodity covers detailed figures on goods manufactured/processed by all establishments employees on a commodity basis.

The Report by Industry focuses establishments with 4 or more employees to provide a portrait of the manufacturing activities by industry. These establishments are classified pursuant to the Standard Industrial Classification for Japan according to their principal activities so that their activities are to be tallied up by industry.

The Report by City, Town and Village shows findings with regard to establishments with 4 or more employees by city, town and village, whereas the Report by Industrial district shows findings by prefecture and by industrial district.

The Report by Industrial Site and Water covers establishments with 30 or more employees, showing the status of the utilization of industrial sites and industrial water.

The Report by Enterprise provides findings with regard to establishments with 4 or more employees after recompiling the data by the enterprise to which these establishments belong.

II Details of the Report by Commodity of the 2008 Census

The industrial classification and commodity classification for the Census was revised 2008.

1. The review of the investigation item

I did it with investigation of the whole business establishment for the purpose of grasping activity except the production to catch the actual situation of the manufacturing industry from investigation precisely in 2007. On this account I added "outside order costs related to production", "the amount of stocking of the article which I reselled" to "the amount of others income", the amount of raw materials use to the amount of manufacture shipment as an investigation item.

Therefore, "the amount of manufacture shipment" does not connect with the numerical value of the last year.

2. Data

The Report by Commodity is comprised of statistical tables of the following data items: "a. Value of manufactured goods shipments by commodity," "b. Value of inventories by commodity," "c. Value of receipts for production done for others by commodity," and "d. Value of other revenues" of item 13 of the Census of Manufacture Form A; and "a. Value of manufactured goods shipments by commodity," "b. Value of receipts for production done for others by commodity," and "c. Value of other revenues" of item 9 of the Form B.

3. Definition of Data Items

- (1) For the number of establishments by commodity in the Report by Commodity, entries in the questionnaire by establishments with 4 or more employees manufacturing the goods concerned are aggregated, irrespective of establishments' industrial classifications.
- (2) Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments
 - i. "Manufactured goods shipments" refers to the case where products manufactured by an establishment using its own raw materials (including products transformed by others on material-supplied subcontracts) were shipped by the establishment in 2008.including the following:
 - a. Products transferred to other establishments of the same enterprise,
 - b. Consumption of own production (consumed as final products by the establishment itself) , and
 - c. Shipped on consigned sales (including those shipped but unsold, but excluding those returned in 2008) .
 - ii. "The value of manufactured goods shipments" including the value of internal tax on consumption, i.e., the total amount of consumption taxes on alcoholic beverages, cigars and tobacco, gasoline and local roads, and general consumption tax.
- (3) "Inventories of manufactured goods (establishments with 30 or more employees)" include only those owned by an establishment at the end of reference period (as of December 31). In the Report by Commodity, however, inventories of manufactured goods do not include those which belong to each account of semi-manufactured goods, work in progress, and goods purchased/received for resale in the same condition as received, as well as scraps and wastes.
- (4) "Receipts for production done for others" represents payments received and /or receivable against production activities such as processing, transforming, assembling or fabricating of principal-owned materials as ordered during 2008.
- (5) "Other revenues" refer to receipts other than (2) and (4), including the value of sale of goods purchased/received for resale in the same condition as received, receipt for maintenance service, receipt for cold storage, and sale of privately-generated surplus power.
- (6) Reference between products and industries

In the Census, an industrial classification for establishments manufacturing two or more products is determined based on the largest value of shipment product manufactured (i.e., "top-down method"). Thus, the same types of product are not necessarily manufactured by establishments classified in one specific industry, but also by those in other industries.

In order to show the reference between products and industries in which establishments manufacturing the products are classified, the Report provides statistical tables of "5. Number of Establishments and Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Industry, in Shipment of each Commodity," and "6. Number of Establishments and Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Commodity in Shipment of Each Industry" in Section 1. Both tables cover establishments with 10 or more employees.

- i. The table "5. Number of Establishments and Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Industry, in Shipment of Each Commodity" of Section 1. shows a ranking list of industry in which an establishment manufacturing a product is classified, in order of increasing rates of output of industries (except industries with the rate less than 2%). The rate of output is calculated as follows.

Formula:

Rate of output for product A in industry B = (Value of manufactured goods shipment of product A in industry B) / (Total Value of manufactured goods shipment of product A) × 100 (%)

- ii. The table “6. Number of Establishments and Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Commodity, in Shipment of Each Industry” of Section 1. shows a ranking list of products shipped in each industry, in order of increasing rates of shipment (except products with the rate of shipment of less than 2%). The rate of shipment is calculated as follows.

Formula:

Rate of shipment for product B in industry A = (Value of manufactured goods shipment of product B in industry A) / (Total value of manufactured goods shipment in industry A) × 100 (%)

The number of establishments in industries of the table “6. Number of Establishments and Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Commodity, in Shipment of each Industry” may not be consistent with counterparts in the Report by Industry, since establishments specializing in subcontracted production are excluded.

4. Representation

- (1) Since the 2008 industrial survey was made on all industrial establishments, statistics in [Statistical Table by Commodity] of Section 1., represent statistics on all establishments. Statistical tables of Section 4., represents those for establishments with 3 or fewer employees.
- (2) In “3. Value of Manufactured goods Shipments and Number of Establishments by Commodity and Prefecture” of Section 1. prefectures with one or two manufacturing establishments of a good in question are shown under a list of prefectures with three or more manufacturing establishments.

5. Symbols and Notes

- (1) Symbols used in this report are as follows:

[-]: no relevant value

[0]: fractions of a unit rounded off,

[▲]: negative figures.

The symbol [χ] represents confidential. When the number of respondent establishment(s) is either one or two, the data are suppressed. Some other data may be suppressed even the number of respondents is three or more, when there is a risk of the disclosure of individual information.

- (2) The unit of value is millions of yen, and fractions less than unit are rounded off.

III Special Instructions

1. I supplement a business establishment in investigation in 2007, and it wants to be paid attention when I use numerical value in chronological order.
2. The 2004 Census did not cover three municipalities in Niigata Prefecture, namely, Tokamachi city, Yamakoshi village and Kawaguchi town due to the Mid Niigata Prefecture Earthquake in 2004.
3. There had been no target population in Miyake Island, Tokyo Prefecture, during the reference years from 2000 to 2004 due to the complete evacuation caused by volcanic eruption.
4. Any person who intends to release these figures in other publications should state the source of information as follows:

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