

While the number of infections increased,
seasonal demand was a positive factor

~ Digital demand such as DX, and expansion of rebound consumption,
will contribute to pushing up the economy hereafter. ~

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(Companies researched: 26,277; Valid responses: 11,935; Response rate: 45.4%;
Survey start date: May 2002)

< Overview of August 2022: Slightly improved >

The economic diffusion index (DI) in August 2022 was 41.4, up 0.1 from the previous month, and improving for the first time in two months. The domestic economy turned upward, albeit slightly, for the first time in two months, through steady seasonal demand and increased digital-related demand.

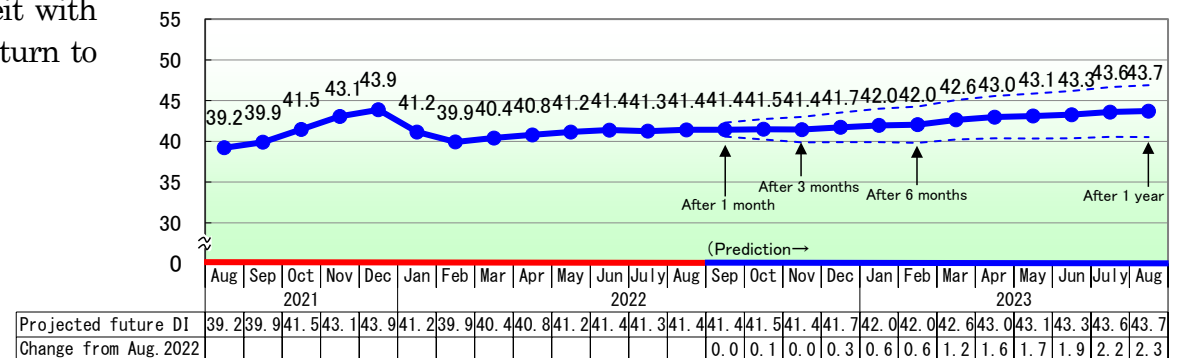
< Future outlook: Remained generally flat >

It is believed that the economy will gradually level off, albeit with some inherent downward pressure, as the economy tries to return to normal.

By industry: Although the digital-related industry shows strong performance, an increase in the number of infections was a negative factor.

By size: Improved for the first time in three months in all sizes, with brisk DX-related demand.

By region: Improved in 24 prefectures, but on the other hand, worsened in 22 prefectures. Regional polarization of business confidence.



*: Economic DIs are calculated based on the structural ARIMA model, in which economic statistics are incorporated to the ARIMA model.

Economic Diffusion Index (Economic DI)1/2

| | Aug-21 | Sep-21 | Oct-21 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 | Mar-22 | Apr-22 | May-22 | Jun-22 | Jul-22 | Aug-22 | Ratio to the Previous Month |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Total | 39.2 | 39.9 | 41.5 | 43.1 | 43.9 | 41.2 | 39.9 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 0.1 |
| Large Firms | 41.4 | 42.5 | 43.8 | 45.7 | 45.9 | 44.0 | 42.9 | 43.4 | 43.1 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.4 | 43.8 | 0.4 |
| Small to Medium-sized Firms | 38.8 | 39.4 | 41.0 | 42.5 | 43.5 | 40.6 | 39.3 | 39.8 | 40.3 | 40.7 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 41.0 | 0.2 |
| Micro Firms | 37.4 | 38.7 | 40.0 | 41.3 | 42.1 | 39.1 | 37.9 | 38.4 | 38.9 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 0.1 |

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|----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries | 37.0 | 38.1 | 41.1 | 42.6 | 38.2 | 38.7 | 36.4 | 34.8 | 35.0 | 37.6 | 34.7 | 36.3 | 35.9 | ▲ 0.4 | |
| Finance | 39.7 | 41.5 | 43.0 | 43.3 | 43.8 | 41.9 | 41.6 | 42.5 | 41.1 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 41.9 | 41.7 | ▲ 0.2 | |
| Construction | 42.5 | 43.7 | 44.7 | 45.4 | 45.2 | 43.3 | 42.5 | 42.8 | 41.8 | 42.2 | 42.5 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 0.2 | |
| Real Estate | 39.4 | 42.6 | 43.6 | 44.7 | 46.7 | 42.9 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 43.2 | 44.7 | 45.9 | 44.7 | 44.8 | 0.1 | |
| Manufacturing | Food, BEverages, Livestock Feed | 32.8 | 34.1 | 38.1 | 39.6 | 40.8 | 35.4 | 33.4 | 34.2 | 36.4 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 36.7 | 36.1 | ▲ 0.6 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 29.3 | 28.2 | 30.2 | 31.4 | 34.1 | 31.6 | 31.7 | 33.0 | 34.6 | 33.8 | 34.4 | 36.1 | 32.6 | ▲ 3.5 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 41.2 | 42.7 | 43.7 | 44.9 | 46.4 | 44.1 | 42.7 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 39.8 | ▲ 1.0 |
| | Pulp, Paper and Paper Products | 36.6 | 36.2 | 39.3 | 41.4 | 42.9 | 40.2 | 36.4 | 37.2 | 40.3 | 38.3 | 37.4 | 37.5 | 36.6 | ▲ 0.9 |
| | Publishing, Printing | 25.6 | 27.1 | 29.4 | 30.2 | 32.1 | 28.6 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 30.7 | 30.3 | 29.7 | 29.1 | 29.6 | 0.5 |
| | Chemical | 45.0 | 41.9 | 42.6 | 45.7 | 46.7 | 44.5 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 41.1 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 0.8 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining | 45.1 | 43.8 | 44.2 | 45.9 | 46.4 | 44.6 | 43.8 | 42.6 | 42.1 | 40.9 | 41.2 | 42.9 | 42.7 | ▲ 0.2 |
| | General Machinery | 46.6 | 46.2 | 47.2 | 47.8 | 49.1 | 47.7 | 46.7 | 46.7 | 45.9 | 46.9 | 46.3 | 46.3 | 46.2 | ▲ 0.1 |
| | Electrical Machinery | 45.9 | 45.8 | 47.5 | 47.0 | 48.5 | 46.6 | 46.1 | 44.3 | 44.8 | 44.3 | 44.8 | 44.7 | 44.2 | ▲ 0.5 |
| | Transportation Machinery, Equipment | 48.2 | 37.6 | 37.7 | 43.4 | 45.6 | 41.6 | 39.9 | 40.0 | 38.1 | 37.6 | 36.8 | 40.3 | 41.2 | 0.9 |
| | Precision Machinery, Medical Instruments and Equipment | 50.9 | 50.8 | 50.4 | 49.8 | 53.0 | 52.0 | 49.5 | 47.1 | 46.8 | 48.2 | 48.8 | 48.5 | 46.5 | ▲ 2.0 |
| | Other | 33.9 | 35.3 | 35.5 | 36.9 | 41.1 | 35.9 | 36.1 | 35.4 | 37.3 | 39.2 | 38.1 | 37.8 | 38.2 | 0.4 |
| Total | 41.5 | 40.7 | 42.1 | 43.6 | 45.1 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 41.3 | 41.0 | ▲ 0.3 | |
| Wholesale | Food, BEverages | 29.1 | 29.8 | 33.0 | 36.9 | 38.2 | 32.7 | 30.1 | 32.6 | 36.2 | 37.3 | 37.1 | 37.0 | 35.6 | ▲ 1.4 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 21.2 | 22.4 | 24.5 | 27.4 | 29.3 | 27.6 | 24.9 | 25.4 | 28.7 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 0.0 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 37.7 | 39.6 | 39.9 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 40.5 | 38.6 | 38.1 | 38.3 | 38.6 | 38.5 | ▲ 0.1 |
| | Paper Products, Stationery, Books | 29.2 | 29.6 | 31.8 | 35.0 | 34.2 | 32.7 | 31.9 | 34.6 | 33.8 | 34.2 | 32.8 | 33.0 | 33.5 | 0.5 |
| | Chemical | 40.7 | 42.2 | 44.2 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 43.2 | 41.9 | 43.5 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 43.5 | 43.0 | ▲ 0.5 |
| | Recycled Resources | 51.4 | 51.8 | 53.4 | 52.9 | 52.8 | 45.8 | 50.5 | 53.2 | 54.0 | 47.5 | 41.4 | 40.9 | 39.6 | ▲ 1.3 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining Products | 41.1 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 43.2 | 45.2 | 42.3 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 40.3 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 39.3 | 39.3 | 0.0 |
| | Machinery, Equipment | 41.3 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 44.4 | 44.7 | 42.8 | 42.4 | 41.9 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 42.9 | 43.1 | 42.6 | ▲ 0.5 |
| | Other | 33.0 | 34.4 | 37.8 | 39.7 | 40.1 | 36.3 | 33.7 | 35.5 | 37.3 | 37.8 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 0.0 |
| | Total | 36.6 | 37.6 | 39.1 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 39.0 | 37.7 | 38.6 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 39.2 | ▲ 0.3 |

Economic Diffusion Index (Economic DI)2/2

| | | Aug-21 | Sep-21 | Oct-21 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 | Mar-22 | Apr-22 | May-22 | Jun-22 | Jul-22 | Aug-22 | Ratio to the Previous Month |
|----------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Retail | Food,BEWerages | 36.0 | 33.1 | 38.0 | 39.7 | 41.1 | 36.5 | 36.3 | 38.6 | 37.7 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 40.3 | 39.9 | ▲ 0.4 |
| | Textile,Textile Products,Clothing | 21.4 | 21.5 | 27.9 | 34.1 | 40.0 | 31.8 | 23.8 | 30.6 | 33.6 | 33.9 | 33.6 | 37.7 | 33.6 | ▲ 4.1 |
| | Drugs,Sundries | 33.3 | 34.6 | 45.8 | 37.5 | 38.4 | 36.0 | 32.1 | 36.8 | 32.1 | 38.9 | 40.1 | 37.1 | 41.9 | 4.8 |
| | Furniture | 34.6 | 32.2 | 35.6 | 34.5 | 42.9 | 35.6 | 29.8 | 30.6 | 39.2 | 34.3 | 39.8 | 35.2 | 36.1 | 0.9 |
| | Electrical Household Appliances, Information Machinery and Equipment | 33.8 | 33.8 | 34.6 | 35.9 | 35.5 | 32.3 | 30.2 | 33.0 | 33.7 | 34.7 | 34.0 | 36.7 | 32.7 | ▲ 4.0 |
| | Motor Vehicles,Motor Vehicle Parts | 36.8 | 37.2 | 35.9 | 37.8 | 36.5 | 35.0 | 33.5 | 34.7 | 35.1 | 37.1 | 36.4 | 32.4 | 35.9 | 3.5 |
| | Special Merchandise | 32.6 | 31.7 | 32.8 | 33.5 | 36.0 | 33.3 | 30.9 | 29.9 | 31.3 | 33.1 | 34.3 | 33.2 | 34.7 | 1.5 |
| | Various Merchandise | 27.3 | 33.0 | 35.9 | 38.0 | 37.5 | 36.2 | 32.6 | 34.0 | 36.4 | 39.9 | 37.8 | 40.2 | 38.0 | ▲ 2.2 |
| | Other | 37.0 | 35.4 | 31.7 | 37.9 | 43.3 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 43.9 | 34.7 | 41.0 | 39.7 | 36.9 | 42.3 | 5.4 |
| | Total | 32.7 | 32.6 | 34.8 | 36.0 | 37.7 | 34.4 | 31.9 | 33.3 | 34.0 | 36.4 | 36.7 | 35.7 | 36.3 | 0.6 |
| Transportation,Warehousing | 36.0 | 35.8 | 37.1 | 39.1 | 40.3 | 37.7 | 35.5 | 35.4 | 36.6 | 37.2 | 37.1 | 37.8 | 37.3 | ▲ 0.5 | |
| Service | Restaurants | 14.8 | 15.2 | 27.8 | 31.4 | 34.7 | 24.2 | 16.9 | 23.8 | 32.8 | 34.3 | 38.0 | 34.0 | 28.1 | ▲ 5.9 |
| | Postal,Telecommunications | 39.6 | 41.7 | 50.0 | 40.5 | 41.7 | 46.7 | 50.0 | 48.5 | 50.0 | 53.0 | 56.0 | 47.0 | 47.9 | 0.9 |
| | Electricity,Gas,Water,Heat | 44.4 | 45.8 | 42.6 | 38.9 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 37.5 | 33.3 | 35.7 | 40.6 | 34.3 | 37.7 | 35.9 | ▲ 1.8 |
| | Leasing,Rentals | 37.4 | 39.6 | 43.9 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 42.0 | 41.0 | 40.2 | 42.0 | 43.3 | 44.9 | 40.8 | 44.7 | 3.9 |
| | Lodging, Hotels | 10.0 | 10.4 | 22.6 | 30.2 | 29.5 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 18.1 | 28.3 | 33.0 | 33.3 | 30.3 | 38.0 | 7.7 |
| | Recreation | 29.2 | 29.0 | 34.0 | 36.7 | 38.4 | 33.3 | 31.2 | 35.1 | 35.6 | 38.9 | 41.6 | 40.7 | 40.1 | ▲ 0.6 |
| | Broadcasting | 38.9 | 39.2 | 49.1 | 48.1 | 46.9 | 45.8 | 47.6 | 44.4 | 43.9 | 43.3 | 41.7 | 43.0 | 38.3 | ▲ 4.7 |
| | Maintenance,Guarding,Testing | 41.6 | 44.0 | 44.3 | 45.3 | 45.7 | 42.3 | 40.2 | 42.3 | 43.1 | 42.5 | 44.2 | 42.2 | 43.4 | 1.2 |
| | Advertising | 26.8 | 29.5 | 32.4 | 36.8 | 37.7 | 32.7 | 31.5 | 36.4 | 36.9 | 34.8 | 37.3 | 34.3 | 36.7 | 2.4 |
| | Information | 46.7 | 48.5 | 50.5 | 51.2 | 52.5 | 50.1 | 50.2 | 51.1 | 50.8 | 50.8 | 52.0 | 51.5 | 52.7 | 1.2 |
| | Labor Dispatching | 38.4 | 41.9 | 39.7 | 44.3 | 43.3 | 45.1 | 41.5 | 44.4 | 45.7 | 47.6 | 45.7 | 46.5 | 49.8 | 3.3 |
| | Special Services | 44.4 | 45.5 | 47.9 | 49.2 | 50.3 | 47.2 | 46.2 | 46.9 | 48.1 | 48.1 | 49.6 | 48.7 | 48.3 | ▲ 0.4 |
| | Medical,Welfare,Public Health | 41.1 | 41.4 | 42.8 | 45.7 | 43.2 | 42.4 | 41.0 | 42.5 | 44.5 | 44.4 | 43.5 | 42.5 | 41.2 | ▲ 1.3 |
| | Education | 37.5 | 39.0 | 43.5 | 39.1 | 43.2 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 37.8 | 39.6 | 35.6 | 40.1 | 38.8 | 39.7 | 0.9 |
| | Other | 34.7 | 39.2 | 40.6 | 41.7 | 42.4 | 39.3 | 36.9 | 39.3 | 42.1 | 42.7 | 42.8 | 42.4 | 41.2 | ▲ 1.2 |
| Total | 39.1 | 41.1 | 43.6 | 45.3 | 46.1 | 42.8 | 41.4 | 43.1 | 44.5 | 44.8 | 45.9 | 44.4 | 45.4 | 1.0 | |
| Other | 35.3 | 35.6 | 38.0 | 39.6 | 40.5 | 36.3 | 37.3 | 38.7 | 36.8 | 38.1 | 35.6 | 36.6 | 38.3 | 1.7 | |

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|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| | Hokkaido | 38.0 | 38.5 | 40.8 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 38.6 | 37.0 | 36.5 | 37.9 | 38.9 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 40.2 | ▲ 0.8 |
| | Tohoku | 38.4 | 39.0 | 40.2 | 42.1 | 41.7 | 38.1 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.6 | 39.1 | 39.0 | 38.8 | 38.1 | ▲ 0.7 |
| | Kitakanto | 41.5 | 40.4 | 42.8 | 44.4 | 45.0 | 42.3 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 42.0 | 42.1 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 43.8 | 0.9 |
| | Minamikanto | 40.0 | 41.4 | 42.4 | 43.9 | 44.8 | 42.6 | 41.5 | 42.1 | 42.4 | 42.7 | 43.2 | 42.6 | 43.3 | 0.7 |
| | Hokuriku | 39.1 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 42.6 | 43.6 | 40.9 | 39.2 | 39.2 | 39.9 | 40.6 | 40.5 | 41.5 | 40.8 | ▲ 0.7 |
| | Tokai | 40.0 | 39.1 | 40.1 | 42.4 | 44.4 | 41.1 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 40.1 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.7 | 0.2 |
| | Kinki | 38.7 | 39.3 | 41.3 | 42.7 | 43.3 | 40.8 | 39.8 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 0.2 |
| | Chugoku | 38.2 | 38.7 | 41.2 | 42.3 | 42.9 | 40.7 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 39.8 | 40.6 | 41.1 | 41.3 | 40.9 | ▲ 0.4 |
| | Shikoku | 36.9 | 38.3 | 39.0 | 41.8 | 43.2 | 39.3 | 37.1 | 38.9 | 38.1 | 38.7 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 37.7 | ▲ 0.6 |
| | Kyushu | 37.4 | 39.1 | 42.0 | 44.3 | 44.5 | 41.3 | 39.5 | 40.9 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 42.2 | 41.5 | 41.3 | ▲ 0.2 |

Appendix

1. Research Subjects (Companies researched: 26,277; Valid responses: 11,935; Response rate: 45.4%)

1. Region

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Hokkaido | 579 | Tokai | 1,327 |
| Tohoku | 807 | Kinki | 2,026 |
| kitaKanto | 898 | Chugoku | 805 |
| minamikanto | 3,490 | Shikoku | 383 |
| Hokuriku | 611 | Kyushu | 1,009 |
| | | Total | 11,935 |

2. Industry (10 Industries 51 Lines of business)

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries | | 154 |
| Finance | | 180 |
| Construction | | 1,913 |
| Real Estate | | 412 |
| Manufacturing (3,015) | Food, Beverages, Livestock Feed | 360 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 111 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 237 |
| | Pulp, Paper and Paper Products | 98 |
| | Publishing, Printing | 174 |
| | Chemical | 415 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining | 550 |
| | General Machinery | 482 |
| | Electrical Machinery | 324 |
| | Transportation Machinery, Equipment | 110 |
| | Precision Machinery, Medical Instruments and Equipment | 72 |
| | Others | 82 |
| Wholesale (2,805) | Food, Beverages | 369 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 171 |
| | Construction Materials, Furniture, Ceramics, Stone and Clay Products | 327 |
| | Paper Products, Stationery, Books | 95 |
| | Chemical | 284 |
| | Recycled Resources | 37 |
| | Steel, Nonferrous Metals, Mining Products | 295 |
| | Machinery, Equipment | 901 |
| | Others | 326 |

3. Size

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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Large Firms | 1,912 | 16.0% |
| Small to Medium-sized Firms | 10,023 | 84.0% |
| micro Firms | 3,782 | 31.7% |
| Total | 11,935 | 100.0% |

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|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Retail (641) | Food, Beverages | 101 |
| | Textile, Textile Products, Clothing | 57 |
| | Drugs, Sundries | 35 |
| | Furniture | 18 |
| | Electrical Household Appliances, Information Machinery and Equipment | 55 |
| | Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Parts | 111 |
| | Special Merchandise | 201 |
| | Various Merchandise | 50 |
| | Others | 13 |
| Transportation, Warehousing | | 516 |
| Service (2,252) | Restaurants | 128 |
| | Telecommunications | 8 |
| | Electricity, Gas, Water, Heat | 13 |
| | Leasing, Rentals | 116 |
| | Lodging, Hotels | 83 |
| | Recreation | 81 |
| | Broadcasting | 20 |
| | Maintenance, Guarding, Testing | 225 |
| | Advertising | 103 |
| | Information | 690 |
| | Labor Dispatching | 97 |
| | Special Services | 336 |
| | Medical, Welfare, Public Health | 106 |
| | Education | 39 |
| | Others | 207 |
| Others | | 47 |
| Total | | 11,935 |

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 Aug 18 – 31 2022

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 25,000 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.