Tankan Summary of "Inflation Outlook of Enterprises" (March 2018)

176th Short-Term Economic Survey of Enterprises in Japan

Figures are based on sample enterprises after the March 2018 revision.

1. Output Prices (Rate of Changes Relative to the Current Level)

(%, %points)

					(%, 9 Percentage Share of the Number of Respondents Choosing Each Alternative (Refer												
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				1. around	2. around	3. around	4. around	5. around	6. around	7. around	8. around	9. around	10.	Enter	erage of prises' Outlook		
				+20% or higher	+15%	+10%	+5%	0%	-5%	-10%	-15%	-20% or lower	Know	Imation	Changes		
		1 Year	P	0	0	1	14	71	5	1	0	0	9	0.6	-		
All Enterprises	All	ahead	С	0	0	2	15	69	5	1	0	0	9	0.7	0.1		
		3 Years ahead	P	0	0	3	23	41	7	2	0	0	23	1.1	-		
	industries		С	0	0	3	23	41	7	2	0	0	23	1.2	0.1		
		5 Years	P	0	1	4	21	28	6	2	1	0	37	1.3	-		
		ahead	С	0	1	4	21	28	6	2	1	0	37	1.4	0.1		
	Manu- facturing	1 Year ahead	P	0	0	1	7	68	6	1	0	0	18	0.0	-		
Large Enterprises			С	0	0	1	9	66	6	1	0	0	17	0.2	0.2		
		3 Years	P	0	0	1	10	38	8	2	1	0	40	-0.4	-		
		ahead	С	0	0	1	11	38	7	2	1	0	40	-0.2	0.2		
		5 Years ahead	P	0	0	1	9	26	6	2	1	1	54	-0.6	-		
			С	0	0	1	10	26	6	2	1	1	53	-0.4	0.2		
	Nonmanu- facturing	1 Year ahead	P	0	0	1	10	72	2	0	0	0	15	0.5	-		
			С	0	0	1	10	72	2	0	0	0	15	0.5	0.0		
		3 Years ahead	P	0	0	1	16	44	3	0	0	0	35	1.2	-		
			С	0	0	1	15	45	4	0	0	0	35	1.0	-0.2		
		5 Years ahead	P	0	0	2	14	31	4	1	0	0	48	1.3	-		
			С	0	0	2	12	33	4	1	0	0	48	1.1	-0.2		
Small Enterprises		1 Year ahead	P	0	0	2	16	70	5	1	0	0	6	0.8	-		
			С	0	0	2	18	67	5	1	0	0	6	0.9	0.1		
	Manu-	3 Years ahead	P	0	1	4	26	39	8	2	0	0	20	1.3	-		
	facturing		С	0	1	4	26	38	9	2	1	0	20	1.4	0.1		
		5 Years ahead	P	0	1	5	24	25	8	2	1	1	34	1.5	-		
			С	0	1	5	25	25	7	3	1	1	33	1.6	0.1		
	Nonmanu- facturing	1 Year ahead	P	0	0	1	16	70	5	1	0	0	7	0.7	-		
			С	0	0	2	18	68	4	1	0	0	7	0.8	0.1		
		3 Years ahead 5 Years ahead	P	0	0	4	29	41	7	2	0	0	18	1.6	-		
			С	0	1	4	28	40	7	2	0	0	18	1.7	0.1		
			P	0	1	5	27	26	6	2	1	0	32	2.0	-		
			C	0	1	5	27	26	6	2	1	0	31	2.1	0.1		

Notes: 1.P...Previous projection, C...Current projection.

^{2.} Respondents are asked to select the alternative nearest to their institution's expectation of the rate of price change for their mainstay domestic products and services, as adjusted to exclude the effects of changes due to institutional factors such as the consumption tax, for "1 year ahead," "3 years ahead," and "5 years ahead" relative to the current level.

^{3. &}quot;The Average of Enterprises' Inflation Outlook" is the weighted average by response percentages and is calculated excluding "Don't know." Response numbers are rounded for calculation purposes: for example, "around +15%" and "around +20% or higher" are rounded to +15% and +20%, respectively.

^{4.} Figures for percentage share of the number of respondents choosing each alternative in this table are those rounded to the nearest integers. The figures rounded to the first decimal place of percentage are available at "The Comprehensive Data Set" of the Tankan Survey as well as the "BOJ Time-Series Data Search."

2. General Prices (Annual Percent Rate Change)

(%, %points)

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				Percentage Share of the Number of Respondents Choosing Each Alternative 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11-13. Don't have clear views on								(Reference The Average							
				around	around	around	around	around	around	around		around			l Prices	c cicai vi	icws on	Enter	prises' ation
				+6%	+5%	+4%	+3%	+2%	+1%	0%	-1%	-2%	-3%		11.	12.	13.		look
				or higher									or lower		Un- certainty	No Influence	Other		Changes
All Enterprises		1 Year ahead	P	0	1	0	3	11	31	38	1	0	0	15	12	2	1	0.8	-
	All industries		С	0	1	0	4	12	33	35	1	0	0	15	12	2	1	0.8	0.0
		3 Years ahead	P	0	1	1	4	15	29	18	1	0	0	30	26	2	1	1.1	-
			С	0	1	1	4	15	29	19	1	0	0	29	26	2	1	1.1	0.0
		5 Years ahead	P	0	1	1	4	13	21	16	2	1	0	41	37	2	1	1.1	-
			С	0	1	1	4	13	21	16	2	1	0	41	37	2	1	1.1	0.0
		1 Year ahead	P	0	0	0	1	6	26	41	0	0	0	26	22	2	2	0.6	-
Large Enterprises			С	0	0	0	2	7	27	39	0	0	0	25	21	2	2	0.6	0.0
	Manu-	3 Years ahead	P	0	0	0	1	7	24	20	1	0	0	47	42	3	2	0.8	-
	facturing		С	0	1	0	1	10	21	19	1	0	0	47	42	3	2	0.9	0.1
		5 Years ahead	P	0	0	0	1	6	15	16	1	0	0	60	55	3	2	0.8	-
			С	0	1	0	1	8	14	17	1	0	0	59	54	3	2	0.9	0.1
	Nonmanu- facturing	1 Year ahead	P	0	0	0	0	6	30	39	0	0	0	24	19	3	1	0.6	-
			С	0	0	0	1	7	32	37	0	0	0	23	19	3	1	0.6	0.0
		3 Years ahead	P	0	0	0	2	10	27	19	0	0	0	42	37	3	2	0.9	-
		uncuu	С	0	0	0	2	9	26	21	1	0	0	41	37	3	1	0.9	0.0
		5 Years ahead	P	0	0	0	2	8	19	17	1	0	0	53	48	3	2	0.8	-
			C	0	0	0	2	8	17	19	1	0	0	53	48	3	2	0.8	0.0
Small Enterprises		1 Year ahead	P	0	1	1	5	12	34	35	1	0	0	12	9	2	0	0.9	-
			C	0	1	1	5	14	36	31	1	0	0	12	10	2	0	1.0	0.1
	Manu- facturing	3 Years ahead	P C	0	1	1	5	17 17	32	16 16	2	0	0	25 25	23 23	2	1	1.2	0.0
		5 Years ahead	P	0	2	1	5	17	24	14	2	1	0	37	34	2	1	1.2	0.0
			C	0	1	1	5	15	23	15	2	0	0	37	34	2	1	1.3	0.1
		1 Year ahead	P	0	1	1	4	13	31	37	1	0	0	12	9	2	1	0.9	0.1
			C	0	1	1	5	14	33	34	1	0	0	12	9	2	1	0.9	0.0
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	Nonmanu- facturing		С	0	1	1	6	18	29	18	2	0	0	23	20	2	1	1.2	0.0
		5 Years	P	1	2	1	6	16	22	16	2	1	0	35	31	2	1	1.3	-
		ahead	С	1	1	2	6	16	22	15	2	1	0	34	31	2	1	1.3	0.0
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^{2.} Respondents are asked to select the alternative nearest to their institution's expectation of the annual percentage change in general prices (as measured by the consumer price index), as adjusted to exclude the effects of changes due to institutional factors such as the consumption tax, for "1 year ahead," "3 years ahead," and "5 years ahead."

^{3. &}quot;11. Uncertainty" and "12. No Influence" represent "Uncertainty over the future outlook is high" and "Not really conscious of inflation fluctuations because they should not influence the strategy of the institution."

^{4. &}quot;The Average of Enterprises' Inflation Outlook" is the weighted average by response percentages and is calculated excluding "Don't have clear views on General Prices."

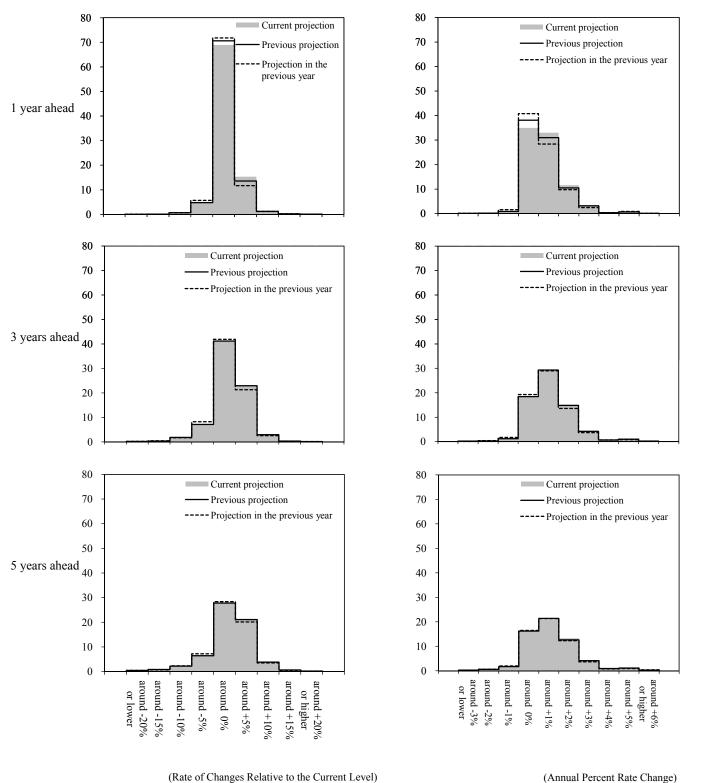
Response numbers are rounded for calculation purposes: for example, "around +5%" and "around +6% or higher" are rounded to +5% and +6%, respectively.

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General Prices





Note: "Don't know" for Output Prices and "Don't have clear views" for General Prices are not shown on the charts.