

National Accounts for FY2006

Notice on Usage

1. The current National Accounts are compiled on the basis of the System of National Accounts 1993 (1993 SNA)—the international standards recommended by the United Nations in 1993.

2. In the compilation of national accounts for the most recent year, figures for the previous year are revised to reflect source data that have become available after the estimation for the previous year. For the National Accounts for FY2006, figures for 2005 and 2006 were estimated as usual. In addition, the estimation methods were changed as stated below.

< For Capital Accounts and Stocks >

(1) Reflection of the retroactive revision of the “Flow of Funds” statistics

Figures for financial accounts were revised back to 2005, reflecting the retroactive revision of the “Flow of Funds” statistics by the Bank of Japan in March 2007. ("Noncollectively managed trusts" sector was eliminated.)

(2) Recording of the Return of the Public Part of Pension Reserves from Employee Pension Funds to the Government (so-called “Daiko Henjo”)

Since 2003, transactions have taken place in which employee pension funds return the public part of pension reserves to the Welfare Insurances Special Account of the state.

These transactions are treated as capital transfers from employee pension funds (private financial corporations) to the Welfare Insurances Special Account of the state (social security fund).

The amounts of capital transfers concerning these transactions are as follows:

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| FY 2003 | 3,536.4 (billion yen) |
| FY 2004 | 5,385.4 (billion yen) |
| FY 2005 | 3,456.8 (billion yen) |
| FY 2006 | 680.0 (billion yen) |

< For Others >

(3) Modification of the Estimation Method for the Hours Worked of Employed Persons

In the estimation of the hours worked, adjustments were made for the differences of notions among base statistics (“Monthly Labour Survey” by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, “Population Census” and “Labour Force Survey” by the Ministry of the Internal Affairs and Communications).

Adjustment methods for the “Employed, not at work” and for the conversion to the monthly data were modified, and the figures for Hours Worked of Employed Persons were retroactively revised back to 1996.