

Longitudinal Survey of Adults in 21st Century

Summary of survey

1 Objective

The objective of this survey is to continuously observe the actual situation of marriage, birth, employment, etc. of males and females, who become the subject of the survey, and change in people's thinking across the ages, and thereby to obtain basic data for planning, implementation of the health, welfare and labour administrative policy such as measures for the birthrate decline; this survey has been implemented since its first implementation in 2002.

2 Subjects

The target of this survey are males and females (and their spouses) all over the country who were within the age range of 20 to 34 years old at the end of October 2002, and the subject of this survey is males and females (and their spouses) who have cooperated in the 5th survey and 6th survey.

At the time of the 7th survey, the age of the subjects of the 1st survey is between 26 to 40 years old.

3 Survey Date

Survey cycle: Once a year (The first Wednesday of November)

Survey date: The 7th survey – November 5th, 2008 (Wednesday)

4 Type of Questionnaire

(1) Male questionnaire, (2) Female questionnaire

Males and females who were within the age range of 20 to 34 years old at the end of October in 2002 have filled out the questionnaires.

(3) Spouse questionnaire (for male), (4) Spouse questionnaire (for female)

[1] Persons, who were the spouses of subjects of the male questionnaire or female questionnaire at the time of the 1st survey and were within the age range of 19 years old or younger and 35 years old or older, have filled out the questionnaires.

[2] Persons, who have newly become the spouses of the subjects of the male questionnaire and female questionnaire after the 2nd survey, have filled out the questionnaires.

The number of subjects, number of responded subjects and number of continuously-collected subjects are as follows:

The number of continuously-collected subjects means the number of subjects who can be continuously collected since they became the subject of survey.

	Subject	Responded subject	Continuously-collected subject
Male questionnaire	7,971	7,222	6,300
Female questionnaire	8,822	8,115	7,130
Spouse questionnaire (Male)	2,274	2,112	1,413
Spouse questionnaire (Female)	1,136	1,021	593
Total	20,203	18,470	15,436

(Reference) The number of subjects and responded subjects since the 1st survey (Male questionnaire and Female questionnaire)

	Subject	Responded subject	Collection rate
1 st survey	33,689	27,893	82.8%
2 nd survey	29,683	24,393	82.2%
3 rd survey	25,330	21,563	85.1%
4 th survey	22,425	19,716	87.9%
5 th survey	20,204	17,990	89.0%
6 th survey	18,281	16,444	90.0%
7 th survey	16,793	15,337	91.3%

9. Notes

(1) Symbols used in the tables

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(2) As figures in this Outline are rounded, the aggregate of the figures in the breakdown may not be equal to the figure indicated as “Total”.

(3) From the limitation in the number of samples, some figures in this Outline may require caution in their use.

Reference:

- Japanese; 「21 世紀成年者縦断調査」 <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/toukei/list/28-7.html>
- "Outline of Health, Labour and Welfare Statistics 2009"
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