

Summary of the Survey

I The 15th Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century (2001 Cohort)

1 Objective

This statistical survey has been conducted since 2001 as a longitudinal survey to track the same survey objects over a number of years. The purpose of the survey is to capture information instrumental for the planning, formation and implementation of necessary MHLW measures such as measures for combating Japan's declining birth rate and the sound upbringing of children through the continuous observation of the actual situations and changes over years of children who were born in the first year of the 21st century.

2 Subjects of the survey

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare sampled survey objects based on the birth questionnaire of its demographic survey, targeting children from all over Japan, who were born between January 10 and 17, 2001 and between July 10 and 17, 2001. This survey also covers twins and triplets.

The age of the children at the time of the 15th survey was 15 years old (ninth grader).

3 Survey period

The survey was conducted on January 18, 2016 for those born in January, and on July 18, 2016 for those born in July.

(Reference: The 1st to 6th surveys were conducted on August 1 for those born in January, and February 1 for those born in July.)

4 Items surveyed

Guardians: ···· Labour force statuses of parents, educational/career paths that guardians hope their children to follow, child-rearing perceptions, child-rearing costs, etc.

Children: ····· Family situations, own future (e.g. educational/career path, marriage), worries and anxieties, etc.

5 Survey method and result tabulation

Questionnaires were distributed and collected by mail.

The survey results were tabulated by the Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

6 Questionnaire collection and other information

The numbers of questionnaires distributed and collected are as follows.

	Born in January			Born in July			Total		
	Number of questionnaires distributed	Number of questionnaires collected	Collection rate	Number of questionnaires distributed	Number of questionnaires collected	Collection rate	Number of questionnaires distributed	Number of questionnaires collected	Collection rate
1st survey	26,620	23,423	88.0%	26,955	23,592	87.5%	53,575	47,015	87.8%
2nd survey	23,391	21,923	93.7%	23,575	22,002	93.3%	46,966	43,925	93.5%
3rd survey	23,374	21,365	91.4%	23,523	21,447	91.2%	46,897	42,812	91.3%
4th survey	22,439	20,699	92.2%	22,398	20,860	93.1%	44,837	41,559	92.7%
5th survey	21,735	19,824	91.2%	21,824	19,993	91.6%	43,559	39,817	91.4%
6th survey	21,020	19,154	91.1%	21,167	19,383	91.6%	42,187	38,537	91.3%
7th survey	20,182	18,304	90.7%	20,416	18,481	90.5%	40,598	36,785	90.6%
8th survey	19,530	17,978	92.1%	19,731	18,158	92.0%	39,261	36,136	92.0%
9th survey	18,865	17,480	92.7%	19,067	17,784	93.3%	37,932	35,264	93.0%
10th survey	18,359	17,256	94.0%	18,630	16,868	90.5%	36,989	34,124	92.3%
11th survey	17,948	16,426	91.5%	18,111	16,487	91.0%	36,059	32,913	91.3%
12th survey	17,529	16,067	91.7%	17,509	15,998	91.4%	35,038	32,065	91.5%
13th survey	16,960	15,204	89.6%	16,944	15,127	89.3%	33,904	30,331	89.5%
14th survey	16,451	14,780	89.8%	16,392	14,726	89.8%	32,843	29,506	89.8%
15th survey	15,738	14,462	91.9%	15,670	14,348	91.6%	31,408	28,810	91.7%

7 Notes

- (1) As numbers in the Summary Report are rounded, the sum of breakdown may not agree with the total. As each figure/table has different tabulation objects, its total is provided as a footnote.
- (2) The age of the children at the time of each survey is as follows.

Survey	Age of the children
1st survey	6 months
2nd survey	1 year and 6 months
3rd survey	2 years and 6 months
4th survey	3 years and 6 months
5th survey	4 years and 6 months
6th survey	5 years and 6 months
7th survey	7 years (first grader)
8th survey	8 years (second grader)
9th survey	9 years (third grader)
10th survey	10 years (fourth grader)
11th survey	11 years (fifth grader)
12th survey	12 years (sixth grader)
13th survey	13 years (seventh grader)
14th survey	14 years (eighth grader)
15th survey	15 years (ninth grader)

Note: The 7th survey (7 years old) was conducted 18 months after the 6th survey (5 years and 6 months old).

- (3) Symbols used in the tables

Quantity zero	-
Percentage, etc. insignificant (less than 0.05%)	0.0

II The 6th Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century (2010 Cohort)

1 Objective

This statistical survey is conducted as a longitudinal survey to track the same survey objects over a number of years. The purpose of the survey is to capture information instrumental for the planning, formation and implementation of necessary measures such as measures for combating Japan's declining birth rate through the continuous observation of the actual situations and changes over years of children who were born in 2010 as well as its comparison and contrast with another survey that continuously observes children who were born in 2001, or the first year of the 21st century.

2 Subjects of the survey

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare sampled survey objects based on the birth questionnaire of its demographic survey, targeting children from all over Japan, who were born between May 10 and 24, 2010. This survey also covers twins and triplets.

The age of the children at the time of the 6th survey was 5 years and 6 months old.

3 Survey period

The survey was conducted on December 1, 2015.

4 Items surveyed

Labour force statuses of parents, family situations, living conditions of children, child-rearing perceptions, use of childcare services, child-rearing costs, etc.

5 Survey method and result tabulation

Questionnaires were distributed and collected by mail.

The survey results were tabulated by the Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

6 Questionnaire collection and other information

The numbers of questionnaires distributed and collected are as follows.

	Number of questionnaires distributed	Number of questionnaires collected	Collection rate
1st survey	43,767	38,554	88.1%
2nd survey	38,523	33,356	86.6%
3rd survey	37,582	32,380	86.2%
4th survey	34,563	29,582	85.6%
5th survey	32,830	28,161	85.8%
6th survey	30,705	27,785	90.5%

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Survey	Age of the children
1st survey	6 months
2nd survey	1 years and 6 months
3rd survey	2 years and 6 months
4th survey	3 years and 6 months
5th survey	4 years and 6 months
6th survey	5 years and 6 months

- (3) Symbols used in the tables

Item/Category not applicable	•
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- (4) When the results of “Longitudinal Survey of Newborns (2001 Cohort)” is compared with the results of “Longitudinal Survey of Newborns (2010 Cohort)”, they are referred to as the “survey of the 2001 cohort” and “survey of the 2010 cohort”, respectively.