



### “The 12th Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century”

Dec-11-2014 The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has tabulated and released the results of the 12th “Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century (Babies born in 2001)” for 2013, which is conducted yearly with the same sample group. The survey is to continuously observe living conditions and changes over the years of a cohort of children born on January 10th through January 17th and July 10th through July 17th in 2001 with help of parents and children, and to capture key information used for formulating measures such as measures against the declining birthrate. The 12th survey shows the data on 32,065 children who have been cooperating since the 1st survey in 2001. The children at the time of the survey are 12 years old (sixth graders).

#### <<Key Survey Results>>

##### 1. Change in mothers’ employment status

The employment rate of mothers has increased yearly from 25.2% in the 1st survey (six months after the childbirth) to over 70% in the previous 11th survey (children are fifth graders) and has further increased to 73.7% this time (children are sixth graders) (Figure 1 on Page 3).

##### 2. Children helping around the house

- More girls do daily housework chores such as “help to rinse rice and cook,” “hang and fold laundry” than boys (Figure 3 on Page 6).
- Children do housework chores more often when fathers “often do housework” than fathers “seldom or never do housework” (Figure 5 on Page 7).

[See the attached summary for details \(Japanese only\).](#)