

Terms and Definitions

(1) Sibling composition

The composition of elder and younger siblings who live with the surveyed child

If the surveyed child is one of twins or triplets, and does not have other siblings, he/she is categorized in the group of “elder sibling(s) only.”

If the surveyed child has siblings whose ages are unknown, such siblings are categorized as “elder siblings” if they have been counted since the 1st survey.

Only child	The surveyed child only
Younger sibling(s) only	The surveyed child plus younger brother(s) and/or sister(s)
Elder sibling(s) only	The surveyed child plus elder brother(s) and/or sister(s)
Both elder and younger siblings	The surveyed child plus elder brother(s) and/or sister(s) and younger brother(s) and/or sister(s)

(2) Employed (including those taking childcare leave or other leave)

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th 6th and 7th surveys:

Total number of employees (full-time), employees (part-time), self-employed workers, family workers, pieceworkers at home, and others

3rd survey:

Those engaged in work with income, or with the intention of receiving income

(3) Unemployed

Total number of homemakers (full-time), unemployed persons, and students

(4) Child-Rearing Expenditures

Expenditures for the surveyed children for a period of one month; in December 2007 for those who were born in January and in June 2008 for those who were born in July