

## Overview

### 1. Objective

This longitudinal statistical survey, which follows the same subjects over many years, was launched in 2001. By continuously observing the actual state and changes over time of children born in the first year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the survey aims to obtain basic data for use in the planning and implementation of policies against the declining birthrate and other policies of health, labor and welfare administration.

### 2. Subjects

The survey is representative of children born between January 10 and 17, 2001, and between July 10 and 17, 2001, nationwide. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare sampled the subjects based on the live birth forms of the Vital Statistics. In the case of twins and triplets, individual siblings were sampled for the survey.

### 3. Survey Date

The survey was taken on January 18, 2009, for the cohort born in January, and on July 18, 2009, for the cohort born in July (both cohorts at the age of 8 years).

(Note: Each of the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> surveys was taken on August 1 for the cohort born in January, and on February 1 for the cohort born in July.)

### 4. Survey Items

The survey items included persons the subject was living with, employment status of father and mother, time spent after school, studying at home, after-school activities, reading habits, illnesses and injuries, child discipline, burdens and anxieties of parenting, concerns about the subject's everyday life, and child-rearing expenses.

### 5. Survey Method

Questionnaires were distributed and collected by mail.

## 6. Collection of Questionnaires

The numbers of the questionnaires distributed and collected were as shown below.

	Cohort Born in January			Cohort Born in July			Total		
	Number Distributed	Number Collected	Collection Rate	Number Distributed	Number Collected	Collection Rate	Number Distributed	Number Collected	Collection Rate
1 <sup>st</sup> Survey	26,620	23,423	88.0%	26,955	23,592	87.5%	53,575	47,015	87.8%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Survey	23,391	21,923	93.7%	23,575	22,002	93.3%	46,966	43,925	93.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Survey	23,374	21,365	91.4%	23,523	21,447	91.2%	46,897	42,812	91.3%
4 <sup>th</sup> Survey	22,439	20,699	92.2%	22,398	20,860	93.1%	44,837	41,559	92.7%
5 <sup>th</sup> Survey	21,735	19,824	91.2%	21,824	19,993	91.6%	43,559	39,817	91.4%
6 <sup>th</sup> Survey	21,020	19,154	91.1%	21,167	19,383	91.6%	42,187	38,537	91.3%
7 <sup>th</sup> Survey	20,182	18,304	90.7%	20,416	18,481	90.5%	40,598	36,785	90.6%
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Survey</b>	<b>19,530</b>	<b>17,978</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>18,158</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>39,261</b>	<b>36,136</b>	<b>92.0%</b>

## 7. Notes

(1) Symbols used in the tables

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(2) Figures in this Outline are rounded. Therefore, the aggregate of the figures in the breakdown may not necessarily equate with the figure indicated as “Total.” As the number of subjects tabulated in each figure and table is different, the total number of subjects tabulated is indicated in parentheses in the footnote.