

Outline of the Survey

1 Objective

To identify the actual situation of the organization of labour unions including the distribution of labour unions and their members by industry, size of enterprise and their upper-part union. The survey is a general statistical survey conducted every year since 1947 covering all labour unions in Japan.

2 Coverage

All labour unions in Japan (including employee organizations prescribed in the National Public Service Act or Local Public Service Act).

3 Survey Items

- (1) Types of labour union
- (2) Classifications such as existing, established or dissolved union, and reasons for establishment or dissolution
- (3) Applicable laws and ordinances
- (4) Address of office of the labour union
- (5) Number of labour union members
- (6) Name and address of the union headquarter and the immediate upper-part union
- (7) Size of enterprise
- (8) Status of affiliation with upper-part unions

4 Survey Period

As of June 30, 2015

5 Survey Method

Staff of Prefectural Labour Policy Sections and Labour Policy Offices distributed the questionnaires (partly including distribution by mail), and they collected the questionnaires after labour unions filled in the questionnaires (partly including collection by mail). In addition, the on-line report system using the Internet is used together.

6 Survey Organizations

Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare - Prefectural Labour Policy Sections - Labour Policy Offices - Labour unions

7 Investigation system

the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare – the All-prefectures labor administration supervisor division – the Labor administration supervisor office – Labor union