



**Special Report on  
the Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century  
and the Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century:  
Ten-Year Follow-up, 2001–2011**

Mar-21-2013 The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has tabulated and analyzed the results of the “Longitudinal Survey of Newborns in the 21st Century (Babies born in 2001)” and the “Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century” (continuous survey on Japanese people’s lives), which has advantage of collecting concise results through tracking the same sample groups of people over 10 years.

**<<Key Survey Results>>**

**1. Marriage and childbirth**

- Both men and women without employment, with a part-time or casual job, dispatched worker, contract staff, commissioned staff position show less interest in getting married than those with a regular staff position (Figure 2 on Page 3).
- Both men and women with higher income are more likely to get married: especially notable among men of 30 years or older (Figure 4 on Page 4).
- Wives with a part-time or casual job, dispatched worker, contract staff, commissioned staff position are less likely to have a first child than those with a regular staff position (Figure 5 on Page5).
- Women are more likely to have a second child when husbands participate in child-rearing after the birth of the first child (Figure 7 on Page 6).

**2. The number of children**

- The results show that 70% of women who have been married to the same husband have a number of children as they wanted to have shown in the 1st survey (Figure 9 on Page 7).
- Those who want to have two or three or more children but have one less child noted the following reasons (Figure 10 on Pages 7 and 8):  
Husbands want to have fewer children than wives do.  
Among those who want to have two children, wives had the first child at a higher age; wives are the only ones taking care of children during a day on week days.  
Among those who want to have three or more children, they do not live with their parents; wives’ employers have a maternity leave program, but it is not easy to use or ease of use is unknown; employers do not have a maternity leave program.