

Introduction

“Statistics on Divorces” for FY2022 was prepared as a Specified Report on Vital Statistics by performing a time-series analysis and a new multi-faceted analysis on divorces of Japanese people that occurred in Japan. It was based on the results of the annually published Vital Statistics through 2020.

The number of divorces includes all cases in which one of the spouses is Japanese.

This is the fifth issue of “Statistics on Divorces,” after FY1984, FY1990, FY1999, and FY2009.

What is a Specified Report on Vital Statistics?

These are processed statistics based on the data of the Vital Statistics published every year, and are analyzed from various angles and multiple perspectives by conducting time-series analysis, etc. Not only are the statistical tables of the conventional Vital Statistics revised, but statistical tables that are not included in the regular Vital Statistics are tabulated.

The report covers several different themes based on deaths, births, marriages, divorces, etc., and has been published almost every year since FY1984.

The Specified Report on Vital Statistics can be broadly classified into (1) and (2) below.

(1) Re-edited results that have already been published under a specific theme

Examples: “Statistics on Births,” “Statistics on Marriages,” “Statistics on Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms.”

(2) Those giving new Vital Statistics indicators.

Examples: “Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates by Prefecture,” “Vital Statistics by Public Health Center and Municipality.”

The most recent Specified Reports are as follows.

Fiscal year of publication	Report-name
2021	Statistics on Births, FY2021
2020	Vital Statistics by Public Health Center and Municipality, 2013 - 2017
2017	Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates by Prefecture, FY 2015
2016	Statistics on Marriages, FY 2016
2014	Vital Statistics in Japan including Foreigners, FY2014

Notes for Use

(1) Symbols used in tables

— No data

... Data not available or indication of data as inappropriate

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(2) Figures listed are rounded to the nearest whole number, so the total breakdown may not add up to the “Total number.”

(3) Figures for 1950 - 1972 do not include those for Okinawa Prefecture.