

1. Introduction

This “Vital Statistics Occurring in Japan, FY 2014”, summarizes all of the vital statistics for events occurring in Japan, and is the third report of its kind after the second in FY 2007.

Vital Statistics of Japan was established as a modern statistical survey in 1899, and since then it has been maintained for over 100 years, as one of the major sources of statistics in Japan. As in many other countries, Vital Statistics is based on the registration of vital statistics events, that is, various notifications specified in the Family Registration Law in Japan. Foreigners are also obliged to make notification per the Family Registration Law, and are covered by Vital Statistics. However, due to the small proportion of foreigners in Japan and the low integrity of occurring events, vital statistics events occurring in Japan are mainly reported for Japanese in the report of Vital Statistics.

On the other hand, the number of foreign residents in Japan has increased since around 1985, and the proportion of the total population is currently in excess of one percent. According to the Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System by the United Nations, in principle all events occurring in the country concerned shall be included. Internationally, many countries adopt the total number of occurrences in their countries, as a whole. For these reasons, this specified report summarized events concerning foreigners in Japan in addition to the vital statistics of Japanese in Japan which were compiled traditionally.

This specified report included only events occurring in the year concerned. The coverage of this Specified Report and Report of Vital Statistics are summarized below.

[Reference] Remarks on coverage

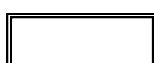
	Japanese in Japan	Foreigner in Japan	Japanese in foreign countries
Nativity ¹⁾	Japanese parents One parent is Japanese (Child is Japanese)	Foreigners parents (Child is foreigner)	Japanese parents One parent is Japanese
General mortality	Japanese	Foreigner	Japanese
Foetal mortality ²⁾	Japanese parents One parent is Japanese	Foreigners parents	
Marriages	Japanese couple One of couple is Japanese	Foreigners couple	Japanese couple One of couple is Japanese
Divorces	Japanese couple One of couple is Japanese	Foreigners couple	Japanese couple One of couple is Japanese

Notes:

1) Coverage of natality was revised to the above due to the revision of Nationality Act in 1985.

Before 1984, in case that mother was Japanese and father was foreigner, their child was treated as a foreigner.

2) Coverage of foetal mortality on or before 1994 was determined according to the nationality of mother.



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: Report of Vital Statistics

(Coverage of foreigners in Japan, Japanese in foreign countries and delayed registrations are specified otherwise.)

Note:

(1) Symbols used in tables

— Magnitude zero
0.0 Figure less than 0.05
△ Negative

(2) The figures indicated are rounded off. Thus, the total may not equal to the total number.