

Definition of Terms

Survey years

“The 1st” through “the 10th” data are collected in each survey in the following survey years:

- The 1st survey: 2005
- The 2nd survey: 2006
- The 3rd survey: 2007
- The 4th survey: 2008
- The 5th survey: 2009
- The 6th survey: 2010
- The 7th survey: 2011
- The 8th survey: 2012
- The 9th survey: 2013
- The 10th survey: 2014

Structure of household

Classified by relationship of people living together in the same dwelling. Household includes brothers and sisters, and other family members except for “one-person household” and “married-couple-only household” below. Parent(s) also include spouse’s parent(s).

“One-person household”

Only the subject and nobody else lives in the same dwelling regardless of marital status.

“Married-couple-only household”

Nobody other than the subject and his/her spouse lives together in the same dwelling.

“Three-generation-family household”

The subject lives together with a parent/parents and a child/children, with a child/children and a grandchild/grandchildren, or with a parent/parents and a grandchild/grandchildren, regardless whether the subject has a child or children, in the same dwelling.

“Parent-subject-no child household”

The subject lives together with a parent/parents, but no children in the same dwelling.

“No parent-subject-child household”

The subject lives together with a child/children, but no parents in the same dwelling.

“Other households”

Households not included above.

Employment status

“Employed”

Have employment earning income.

“Unemployed”

No employment earning income.

Employment type

“Self-employment”

Include proprietors of individually owned stores, factories, and farms, medical doctors with own clinic, lawyers, writers, and traveling sales people. Owners of stores formed as a corporation including a business corporation, a limited partnership company, and a general partnership company are classified as “company/association executive.”

“Family employees”

Family members engaging in farming and working in individually owned stores.

“Company/association executives”

Include presidents, directors, auditors of companies, directors and controllers of associations, presidents and directors of public corporations and agencies. Management level staff are not included unless they are directors.

“Regular employees”

Workers employed by companies, associations, governments, sole proprietorship stores with no defined period of employment.

“Part-time workers and temporary staff”

Workers regarded as “part-time workers,” “temporary staff” or other similar designations by establishments regardless of work hours and days.

“Dispatched workers”

Workers employed and dispatched by dispatching business operators governed by Worker Dispatching Act.

“Contract staff and commissioned staff”

Staff employed to work in specialized areas under contract, staff employed for a defined period of time, and staff regarded as “commissioned staff” or other similar designations by establishments regardless of labor conditions and contract term.

“Side job at home”

Workers who do a side job at home.

“Others”

Other types of employment not included above.

“Obtained a license or qualification in the past five years”

Whether a license or qualification was received in the past five years (from November 2009 through October 2014) to work in areas such as medical and health care, social welfare, teaching at kindergartens and schools, office administrative work, vehicle and vessel operations, and transportation and telecommunications.

Change in participation in social activities

“Active from the 1st survey”

Those continuously responded “active” in social activities from the 1st through the 10th surveys.

“Change from ‘not active’ to ‘active’”

Those who responded “not active” in social activities in the 1st survey and later changed to “active”

by the time of the 10th survey. Those who became “active” and later became “not active” again are included in “other changes.”

“Change from ‘active’ to ‘not active’”

Those who responded “active” in social activities in the 1st survey and later responded “not active” by the time of the 10th survey. Those who became “not active” and later became “active” again are included in “other changes.”

“Not active” from the 1st survey”

Those continuously responded “not active” in social activities from the 1st through the 10th surveys.

Social activities

“Hobbies and cultural education”

“Igo,” bonsai, travel, handicraft, dance, pottery, English lessons, PC classes, etc.

“Sports and health”

Walking, ball games, golf, trekking, exercise, hiking, etc.

“Local events”

Take part in festivals and local activities organized by local communities.

“Childcare support, education, culture class”

Help in childcare, participate in leading children’s association, classes, traditional local entertainment conservation, etc.

“Senior support”

Volunteer activities to support seniors, etc.

“Other social activities”

Other volunteer and social activities not included above.