

Outline of Survey

1 Objective

This survey has been conducted since 2005 as the first year by tracking males and females in middle-aged and elderly generations from all over Japan, including the baby boom generation, through the continuous investigation of change processes in both their consciousness and facts through health, work and social activities, in order to understand correlations between behavioral changes and events, and to capture information instrumental for the planning, formation and implementation of necessary MHLW measures such as measures for the elderly.

2 Scope of Survey and Households Surveyed

The survey objects were selected from males and females aged 50 to 59 as of the end of October 2005 nationwide, who also participated in the 10th or 11th survey.

The ages of the surveyed individuals at the time of the 12th survey were 61 to 70.

3 Dates of the survey

Survey cycle: Once a year (1st Wednesday of November)

Date of the 12th survey: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

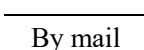
4 Survey Items

Family situations, health conditions, labour force statuses, future life plans, social activities, etc.

5 Survey method

Each surveyed individual filled out a questionnaire mailed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and then submitted it to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare by mail.

6 Route of the survey

MHLW  Surveyed individual

7 Tabulation of Survey Results and Households Tabulated

(1) Tabulation of the results

The tabulation was performed by the Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

(2) The number of objects surveyed, etc.

The number of objects surveyed and the number of responding objects are as follows.

	Age of target individual	The number of households surveyed	The number of responding households	Collection rate
1st survey	Aged 50 - 59	40,877	34,240	83.8%
2nd survey	Aged 51 - 60	35,007	32,285	92.2%
3rd survey	Aged 52 - 61	32,195	30,730	95.4%
4th survey	Aged 53 - 62	30,773	29,605	96.2%
5th survey	Aged 54 - 63	29,548	28,736	97.3%
6th survey	Aged 55 - 64	28,554	26,220	91.8%
7th survey	Aged 56 - 65	28,137	25,321	90.0%
8th survey	Aged 57 - 66	26,428	24,026	90.9%
9th survey	Aged 58 - 67	25,261	23,722	93.9%
10th survey	Aged 59 - 68	24,231	22,748	93.9%
11th survey	Aged 60 - 69	23,485	22,595	96.2%
12th survey	Aged 61 - 70	22,845	21,916	95.9%

* The 1st to 5th surveys were conducted by enumerators.