

Outline of the 7th Longitudinal Survey of Middle-aged and Elderly Persons

1. Objective

The Longitudinal Survey of Middle-aged and Elderly Persons collects data continuously from a nationally representative sample of middle-aged and elderly men and women who were 50-59 years old at the end of October in 2005. The survey gathers information on the sample's family situation, health status, and work status on an annual basis to help inform policy.

2. Subjects

The first wave of the survey targeted men and women nationwide who were 50-59 years old (as of end of October, 2005). The seventh survey surveyed those who participated in the fifth or the sixth wave of the survey. Subjects in the seventh survey were between 56 and 65 years old.

3. Survey Date

Survey cycle: Once a year (the first Wednesday of November)

Survey date: November 2 (Wed.), 2011 (seventh survey)

4. Survey Items

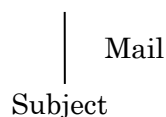
Family situation, health status, employment status, housing and household finances, etc.

5. Survey Method

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare sent out questionnaires to the subjects by mail. The subjects filled out and returned the questionnaires to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare by mail.

6. Survey System

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare



7. Tabulation of the Results and Subjects for Tabulation

(1) Tabulation of the results

The Statistics and Information Department of the Minister's Secretariat of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare tabulated the results.

(2) Number of subjects, etc.

The number of subjects and the number of subjects who returned the questionnaires were as follows:

	Number of subjects	Number of subjects who returned the questionnaire	Collection rate
First survey	40,877	34,240	83.8%
Second survey	35,007	32,285	92.2%
Third survey	32,195	30,730	95.4%
Fourth survey	30,773	29,605	96.2%
Fifth survey	29,548	28,736	97.3%
Sixth survey	28,554	26,220	91.8%
Seventh survey	28,137	25,321	90.0%