

## “The 9th Longitudinal Survey of Middle-Aged and Elderly Persons”

Feb-12-2015 The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has tabulated and released the results of the 9th “Longitudinal Survey of Middle-Aged and Elderly Persons” for 2013, a continuous survey on life of the middle-aged and elderly persons conducted yearly with the same sample group. The survey this time is focused to analyze the comparison of past and current (the 9th survey) data on their interest in employment, life planning, etc.

“The Longitudinal Survey of Middle-Aged and Elderly Persons” is to continuously survey on family, health, and employment situations of a cohort of middle-aged and elderly men and women nationwide who were aged between 50 and 59 at the end of October in 2005. The survey is to capture key information used for formulating health, labor, and welfare measures such as measures for supporting seniors. The 9th survey shows the data on 21,556 participants who have been cooperating since the 1st survey in 2005. The participants at the time of the survey are between 58 and 67 years old.

### <<Key Survey Results>>

#### 1. Wish to work and seeking employment status

The results show that 66.0% of participants who responded “wish to work” in the 8th survey, a year ago, and “not working” in the 9th survey continue to wish to have employment (Figure 2 on Page 4).

#### 2. Use of a reemployment assistance program

Those who used a reemployment assistance program to find employment other than self-employment increased from 22.4% in the 8th survey to 30.4% in the 9th survey, an 8 point percentage increase (Figure 3 on Page 5).

Note: Employment other than self-employment means executives of companies and associations, regular employees, part-time workers, dispatched workers, and contract and commissioned staff.

#### 3. Plan for income and status

The results show that 70.3% of participants who responded “wish to live on income from one’s work” after reaching 60 years old in the 1st survey (eight years ago) and reached between 60 and 67 years in the 9th survey responded “to have income from work” (Figure 4 on Page 7).