

Summary of the Survey

I. The 3rd Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (the 2012 cohort)

1. Objective

The longitudinal survey of adults in the 21st century of those selected in 2012 (“the 2012 cohort”) is a continuous survey of a cohort of men and women on subjects such as marriage, childbirth, employment status, and change in their consciousnesses over years, and data collected from the survey are used for planning and formulating measures against the declining birthrate and other measures. The survey has been conducted since 2012, and this is the 3rd survey.

2. Coverage

The cohort includes men and women (and their spouses (limited only to those confirmed as spouses by the time of the 1st survey)) aged between 20 and 29 at the end of October in 2012, nationwide (excluding some areas in Fukushima prefecture). Those who responded in the 1st or the 2nd survey are considered as subjects.

3. Survey period

Survey cycle: once a year (the first Wednesday in November)

Survey date: November 5(Wednesday), 2014

4. Questionnaires

(1) Questionnaire for men (2) Questionnaire for women

5. Survey items

(1) Questionnaire for men: employment status, employment type, marital status, the number of children, view of work, time spent on housework and child-rearing, living with parents or not, previous year income, etc

(2) Questionnaire for women: employment status, employment type, work and child-rearing support programs, marital status, view of work, continued willingness for employment after childbirth, the number of children, time spent on housework and child-rearing, living with parents or not, previous year income, etc

6. Survey route

Surveyees filled out and sent the questionnaire mailed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

7. Route of the survey

Surveyor: the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Surveyees: those surveyed

8. Tabulation and responses

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

See below for the number of subjects surveyed, the number of subjects responded, and the number of subjects tabulated. "Subjects tabulated" in this summary are those subjects who have been cooperating in the survey since selected as subjects.

	The number of subjects surveyed	The number of subjects responded	The number of subjects tabulated
Men	15,889	7,304	6,045
(Regrouped) Spouses (note)	682	346	259
Women	15,785	8,507	7,160
(Regrouped) Spouses (note)	251	139	107
Total	31,674	15,811	13,205

(Note) Spouses are those responded as spouses in the 1st survey and have been taken as male and female subjects since the 2nd survey.

(Reference) The number of subjects surveyed and the number of subjects responded in each survey (cohort of men and women selected in the 1st survey)

	Ages (years)	The number of subjects surveyed	The number of subjects responded	Response rate (%)
1st survey	20–29	38,879	31,122	80.0
2nd survey	21–30	33,835	18,979	56.1
3rd survey	22–31	30,741	15,326	49.9

*The 1st survey was taken by enumerators.

9. Explanatory notes

(1) Symbol used

"-" indicates that said figure does not exist.

(2) Total may not be exact due to rounding.

II. The 13th Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (the 2002 cohort)

1. Objective

The longitudinal survey of adults in the 21st century of those selected in 2002 (“the 2002 cohort”) is a continuous survey of a cohort of men and women on subjects such as marriage, childbirth, employment status, and change in their consciousnesses over years, and data collected from the survey are used for planning and formulating measures against the declining birthrate and other measures. The survey has been conducted since 2002, and this is the 13th survey.

2. Coverage

The cohort includes men and women (and their spouses (limited only to those confirmed as spouses by the time of the 11th survey)) aged between 20 and 34 at the end of October in 2002, nationwide. Those who responded in the 11th or the 12th survey are considered as subjects.

3. Survey period

Survey cycle: once a year (the first Wednesday in November)

Survey date: the 13th survey—November 5(Wednesday), 2014

4. Questionnaires

(1) Questionnaire for men (2) Questionnaire for women

5. Survey items

(1) Questionnaire for men: employment status, employment type, marital status, the number of children, view of work, time spent on housework and child-rearing, living with parents or not, previous year income, etc

(2) Questionnaire for women: employment status, employment type, work and child-rearing support programs, marital status, view of work, continued willingness for employment after childbirth, the number of children, time spent on housework and child-rearing, living with parents or not, previous year income, etc

6. Survey method

Surveyees filled out and sent the questionnaire mailed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

7. Survey route

Surveyor: the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Surveyees: those surveyed

8. Tabulation and responses

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

See below for the number of subjects surveyed, the number of subjects responded, and the number of subjects tabulated. "Subjects tabulated" in this summary are those subjects who have been cooperating in the survey since selected as subjects.

	The number of subjects surveyed	The number of subjects responded	The number of subjects tabulated
Men	7,582	6,345	4,443
(Regrouped) Spouses (note)	2,452	2,041	1,108
Women	7,684	6,530	4,741
(Regrouped) Spouses (note)	1,451	1,216	564
Total	15,266	12,875	9,184

(Note) Spouses are those responded as spouses in the 11th survey and have been taken as male and female subjects since the 12th survey.

(Reference) The number of subjects surveyed and the number of subjects responded in each survey (cohort of men and women selected in the 1st survey)

	Age (years)	The number of subjects surveyed	The number of subjects responded	Response rate (%)
1st survey	20–34	33,689	27,893	82.8
2nd survey	21–35	29,683	24,393	82.2
3rd survey	22–36	25,330	21,563	85.1
4th survey	23–37	22,425	19,716	87.9
5th survey	24–38	20,204	17,990	89.0
6th survey	25–39	18,281	16,444	90.0
7th survey	26–40	16,793	15,337	91.3
8th survey	27–41	15,870	14,659	92.4
9th survey	28–42	15,055	12,876	85.5
10th survey	29–43	14,644	12,062	82.4
11th survey	30–44	13,293	10,906	82.0
12th survey	31–45	12,280	10,551	85.9
13th survey	32–46	11,363	9,618	84.6

*Survey was conducted by enumerators up to the 8th survey.

9. Explanatory notes

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