



政府統計

## Results of the 5th Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2012 Cohort)

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has tabulated and released the results of the 5th (for the year 2016) “Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2012 Cohort)”, which is conducted every year, targeting the same cohort.

This Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century has been conducted every year since 2012 in order to capture information instrumental for MHLW measures such as measures for Japan’s declining birth rate through the continuous investigation of labour force statuses, work patterns, marriage statuses, the number of children and the desired number of children. The latest survey was carried out on November 2, 2016.

### [Key Survey Results]

- Willingness to have a second child or more

79.2% of husbands and 72.9% of wives who had their first child in the past 4 years between the 1st survey and the 5th survey think that they “want to have” a second child or more. (Table 2 on Page 4)

- Desired number of children when single and the number of children after marriage

Nearly 50% of both the males and females who were single at the time of the 1st survey, but were later married at the time of the 5th survey, and also responded that their desired number of children at the time of the 1st survey was 2 or more had a child(ren) by the time of the 5th survey. (Figure 4 in page 6)

Desired number of children (1st survey)	Have a child(ren) (5th survey)	
	<Male>	<Female>
• 2 children	47.3%	48.4%
• 3 or more children	48.5%	47.4%

- Child views of single persons

Regarding individuals who were single between the 1st survey and the 5th survey, their child views were compared between those who responded “Want to have a child(ren)” and those who responded “Do not want to have children” in the 5th survey. As a result, the percentage of those who responded “Want to have a child(ren)” is higher, and in both the male population and the female population, large differences are observed in the views that “Strengthen family ties” and “Have fun interacting with a child(ren)”. (Figure 5 in page 8)

	Male			Female		
	Want to have	Do not want to	Difference	Want to have	Do not want to	Difference
Strengthen family ties	63.9%	18.7%	45.2	68.8%	27.3%	41.5
Have fun interacting with a child(ren)	58.8%	14.6%	44.2	68.8%	23.9%	44.9

Note: “Difference” refers to the difference in the percentage calculated by subtracting “Do not want to have children” from “Want to have a child(ren)”.

[For more details, please see the attached Summary Report.](#)  
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