

Outline of the Survey

The 4th Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2012 Cohort)

1 Objective

The Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2012 Cohort) (hereinafter referred to as the “survey of the 2012 cohort”) has been conducted since 2012 in order to capture information instrumental for the planning, formation and implementation of necessary MHLW measures such as measures for combating Japan’s declining birth rate through the continuous observation of the actual situations and changes over years of the marriage, childbirth, work and other conditions of the males and females surveyed. The latest is the 4th survey.

2 Survey coverage and survey objects

The survey objects were selected from males and females aged 20 to 29 as of the end of October 2012 nationwide (excluding some regions of Fukushima prefecture) who participated in the 2nd or 3rd survey (and their spouses (limited to those identified as such by the time when the 1st survey was conducted)) .

3 Date of the survey

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

Date of the 4th survey: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

4 Questionnaire types

(1) Male questionnaire (2) Female questionnaire

5 Survey Items

- (1) Male questionnaire:..... Labour force status, work pattern, marriage status, girlfriend status, willingness to marry, family view, housework/child-rearing hours, etc.
- (2) Female questionnaire:..... Labour force status, work pattern, marriage status, boyfriend status, willingness to marry, family view, housework/child-rearing hours, willingness to continue to work after marriage, etc.

6 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.

7 Route of the survey

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare ————— Surveyed individual

8 Tabulation of Survey Results and Households Tabulated

The survey results were tabulated by the Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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

In this Summary Report, the number of objects tabulated refers to the number of objects that can be tabulated continuously after becoming survey objects.

	The number of objects surveyed	The number of responding objects	The number of objects tabulated
Male questionnaire	9,802	6,765	5,045
(Regrouped) Spouse questionnaire ^(Note)	464	335	220
Female questionnaire	10,923	7,999	6,138
(Regrouped) Spouse questionnaire ^(Note)	179	129	87
Total	20,725	14,764	11,183

(Note) Individuals subject to the spouse questionnaire in the 1st survey have been surveyed as individuals subject to the male or female questionnaire since the 2nd survey.

(Reference) Number of objects surveyed since the 1st survey and the number of responding objects (individuals subject to the male and female questionnaires in the 1st survey)

	Age of target individual	The number of objects surveyed	The number of responding objects	Collection rate
1st survey	Aged 20 - 29	38,879	31,122	80.0%
2nd survey	Aged 21 - 30	33,835	18,979	56.1%
3rd survey	Aged 22 - 31	30,741	15,326	49.9%
4th survey	Aged 23 - 32	20,082	14,300	71.2%

* The 1st survey was conducted by enumerators.

9 Notes

As numbers in the Summary Report are rounded, the sum of breakdown may not agree with the "Total".

The 14th Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2002 Cohort)

1 Objective

The Longitudinal Survey of Adults in the 21st Century (2002 Cohort) (hereinafter referred to as the “survey of the 2002 cohort”) has been conducted since 2002 in order to capture information instrumental for the planning, formation and implementation of necessary MHLW measures such as measures for combating Japan’s declining birth rate through the continuous observation of the actual situations and changes over years of the marriage, childbirth, work and other conditions of the males and females surveyed. The latest is the 14th survey.

2 Survey coverage and survey objects

The survey objects were selected from males and females aged 20 to 34 as of the end of October 2002 nationwide who participated in the 12th or 13th survey (and their spouses (limited to those identified as such by the time when the 11th survey was conducted)).

3 Date of the survey

Survey cycle: Once a year (1st Wednesday of November)
Date of the 14th survey: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

4 Questionnaire types

(1) Male questionnaire (2) Female questionnaire

5 Survey Items

- (1) Male questionnaire:..... Labour force status, work pattern, marriage status, girlfriend status, willingness to marry, family view, housework/child-rearing hours, etc.
(2) Female questionnaire:..... Labour force status, work pattern, marriage status, boyfriend status, willingness to marry, family view, housework/child-rearing hours, willingness to continue to work after marriage, etc.

6 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.

7 Route of the survey

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare ————— Surveyed individual

8 Tabulation of Survey Results and Households Tabulated

The survey results were tabulated by the Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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

In this Summary Report, the number of objects tabulated refers to the number of objects that can be tabulated continuously after becoming survey objects.

	The number of objects surveyed	The number of responding objects	The number of objects tabulated
Male questionnaire	7,062	6,263	4,206
(Regrouped) Spouse questionnaire ^(Note)	2,268	2,010	1,050
Female questionnaire	7,210	6,446	4,516
(Regrouped) Spouse questionnaire ^(Note)	1,346	1,170	530
Total	14,272	12,709	8,722

(Note) Individuals subject to the spouse questionnaire in the 11th survey have been surveyed as individuals subject to the male or female questionnaire since the 12th survey.

(Reference) Number of objects surveyed since the 1st survey and the number of responding objects (individuals subject to the male and female questionnaires in the 1st survey)

	Age of target individual	The number of objects surveyed	The number of responding objects	Collection rate
1st survey	Aged 20 - 34	33,689	27,893	82.8%
2nd survey	Aged 21 - 35	29,683	24,393	82.2%
3rd survey	Aged 22 - 36	25,330	21,563	85.1%
4th survey	Aged 23 - 37	22,425	19,716	87.9%
5th survey	Aged 24 - 38	20,204	17,990	89.0%
6th survey	Aged 25 - 39	18,281	16,444	90.0%
7th survey	Aged 26 - 40	16,793	15,337	91.3%
8th survey	Aged 27 - 41	15,870	14,659	92.4%
9th survey	Aged 28 - 42	15,055	12,876	85.5%
10th survey	Aged 29 - 43	14,644	12,062	82.4%
11th survey	Aged 30 - 44	13,293	10,906	82.0%
12th survey	Aged 31 - 45	12,280	10,551	85.9%
13th survey	Aged 32 - 46	11,363	9,618	84.6%
14th survey	Aged 33 - 47	10,658	9,529	89.4%

* The 1st to 8th surveys were conducted by enumerators.

9 Notes

(1) Symbols used in the tables

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(2) As numbers in the Summary Report are rounded, the sum of breakdown may not agree with the "Total".

Definition of terms

- 1 **“Single”** or **“single person”** refers to any person who responded “Have no spouse” and there is no distinction between unmarried, separated and bereaved statuses. It also includes those who responded “Have a child(ren)”.
- 2 **“Married”** includes those who are living in a real marital relationship but have yet to submit their marriage registration.
- 3 **“Willing to marry”** is related to the question “Do you want to get married in the future?”
- 4 **“Graduate”** means that the final educational status is “graduated”.
- 5 **“Regular”** and **“Non-regular”** refer to the following work patterns, based on how the labour force status is referred to by the employer.
Regular: Regular staff/employee
Non-regular: Casual/part-time staff, temporary employee dispatched by a worker dispatching company, contract staff, contract-based worker, others
- 6 **“Family view”** is related to the question “Do you want to build a home under the responsibility of either of the husband or wife?” regarding “household income”, “housework” and “child-rearing” in the 1st, 5th, 9th and 14th surveys of the 2002 cohort, and in the 1st and 4th surveys of the 2012 cohort.
- 7 **“Willingness to continue to work after marriage”** is related to the question “Do you want to continue your current work even after getting married?” in the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th and 14th surveys of the 2002 cohort, and in the 1st and 4th surveys of the 2012 cohort.
- 8 **“Willingness to continue to work after having a baby”** is related to the question “Do you want to continue your current work even after having a baby?” in the 1st, 4th, and 7th to 14th surveys of the 2002 cohort, and in the 1st to 4th surveys of the 2012 cohort.
- 9 **“At the time of the 1st survey”** to **“at the time of the 14th survey”** refer to the items identified at the time of each survey of the 2002 cohort. Also, **“At the time of the 1st survey”** to **“at the time of the 4th survey”** refer to the items identified at the time of each survey of the 2012 cohort.
- 10 **“In the last 13 years”** refers to the period from the 1st survey to the 14th survey of the 2002 cohort.
- 11 **“In the last 3 years”** refers to the period from the 1st survey to the 4th survey of the 2012 cohort.