

Migration from Abroad and Health: An Analysis of the Sixth National Migration Survey (2006)

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This study has analyzed the correlates of migration from abroad and the effects of international migration on respondent-rated health among the respondent's household members who are largely Japanese, drawing mainly on the microdata from the Sixth National Migration Survey (2006). Due to the low frequency of international migration experience and the possible bias and inaccuracy of information on international migration, this study remains to be a preliminary one, despite its uniqueness resulting from the lack of microdata for the study of international migration at the national level.

The logit analysis of correlates of living experience abroad indicates that age has J-shaped correlation with the living experience abroad, while education and living in DIDs (Densely Inhabited Districts) have positive correlation, but being female, being never-married and living in Tohoku, Chukyo, Osaka and Chugoku Areas have negative correlation. The logit analysis of correlates of foreign birth indicates that age has J-shaped correlation with foreign birth, while living in DIDs and living in North Kanto and Kyushu-Okinawa Areas have positive correlation, but being never married, low education and living in Tohoku, Tokyo, Chukyo, Osaka and Chugoku Areas have negative correlation. The logit analysis of correlates of having moved in from abroad indicates that ages 20-29, education, living in DIDs and living in North Kanto and Tokyo Areas have positive correlation with having moved in from abroad relative to non-move, while ages 70-79, being never-married and living in Osaka Area have negative correlation.

The logit analysis of correlates of respondent-rated health indicates that being female, age, being never-married and divorced, living in DIDs, living in Hokkaido, Tohoku, Chukyo, Osaka, Chugoku, and Shikoku Areas and having lived abroad in two or more countries have negative correlation with the odds of good health relative to bad health, while education and living experience abroad (in one country) have positive correlation. Having moved in from abroad has a positive correlation with the odds of good health relative to medium health.