Preface

The "Financial Statistics of Social Security in Japan" is a collection of statistics compiled through the annual settlement of social security schemes for fiscal year (FY) 2018. Schemes such as pension, health insurance, long-term care insurance, employment insurance, public assistance, and child support are included. On July 2012, the Financial Statistics of Social Security was designated by the notice from the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications as one of the Fundamental Statistics based on the Statistics Act in the area of social security.

The Financial Statistics of Social Security describes the volume of social security as a whole as well as a composition of social security by policy area in Japan. We hope that the statistics will be used broadly as fundamental resources to monitor social security policies and finance, and also as a significant index to conduct international comparison of social security expenditures.

The National Institute of Population and Social Security Research will make its best efforts to meet the national expectations of the Financial Statistics of Social Security as Fundamental Statistics.

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