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Annual Population and Social Security Surveys 2025

National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing

17th Japanese National Fertility Survey

[Questionnaire for Married Persons]

(Facts as of June 30, 2025)

To all selected participants

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this survey.

This survey is a nationwide sample survey conducted by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research to investigate the current situation and challenges regarding marriage, childbirth, and child-rearing in Japan. It serves as an important source of information for considering the future prospects and policies of Japanese society. The answers to this questionnaire will be used solely for the purpose of producing statistics, and any other use is strictly prohibited by law. Your answers will never be disclosed to third parties. Therefore, please feel free to answer sincerely.

(Detailed explanations of the survey can be found on page 13.)

The questionnaires will be distributed and collected (in sealed envelopes) by a survey staff appointed by the prefectural governors (municipal mayors) at your residence. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the staff.

Instructions for Filling Out

1. This questionnaire is intended for women under 55 years of age who are married as of June 30th to answer questions about you and your spouse. ('Married' here means having a spouse, regardless of whether the marriage is officially registered.)
2. Please fill in the facts as of June 30, 2025, using a black ballpoint pen or pencil.
3. To answer, please circle the applicable number or fill in the necessary information.
4. After completing the questionnaire, please place it in the return envelope, seal it, and hand it to the staff. The envelope will be delivered directly to the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research and will absolutely not be opened en route.

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Q1 Please circle the number that applies and fill in the number in the underlined space for (1) your date of birth and that of your husband, (2) the year and month you started your married life, (3) the year and month you registered your marriage, and (4) whether this is your first or second (or more) marriages, and the number of times you have remarried.

	(1) The year and month you started your married life	(2) The year and month you registered your marriage	(3) The year and month you registered your marriage	(4) Whether this is your first marriage or remarriage
You	1. Showa 2. Heisei Year: ____ 3. Western Month: ____ calendar	1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar	1. Same as when we started our married life 2. Registered in the following year/month ↳ 1. Showa 2. Heisei Year: ____ 3. Reiwa Month: ____ 4. Western calendar 3. We have not registered the marriage yet	1. first marriage 2. remarriage after divorce 3. remarriage after husband passed away } Number of remarriages ()
Your husband	1. Showa 2. Heisei Year: ____ 3. Western Month: ____ calendar	Year: ____ Month: ____		1. first marriage 2. remarriage after divorce 3. remarriage after husband passed away } Number of remarriages ()

Q2 (1) When did you and your husband first meet? (2) When did you become engaged or agree to get married? (3) Did you live together for any period of time before getting married?

(1) Year and month you first met each other	(2) Year and month you became engaged or agreed to get married	(3) Whether or not you had a period of cohabitation
1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa Year: ____ 4. Western Month: ____ calendar	1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa Year: ____ 4. Western Month: ____ calendar	1. No 2. Yes ↳ Approx. : ____ year(s) ____ month(s)

※“Period of cohabitation” is the period of time during which you lived together before you started your married life.

Q3 How did you and your husband meet each other? Please circle the number that applies.

Circle the number that applies.	
1. At school	7. Through a marriage matchmaking service (including online)
2. At work or in a work-related context	8. In town or on a trip
3. Childhood friend/a neighbor	9. At a part-time job
4. Outside of school through circle activities, club activities, lessons, etc.	10. Through Internet (other than the channels listed above) ※
5. Through friends or siblings	↳ (Please specify)
6. Through an arranged marriage matchmaking meeting (including introduction by relatives, superiors, and so on)	11. Other → (Please specify)

※“Through internet” refers to cases where you became acquainted through interactions on social media (SNS), websites, apps, or similar platforms.

Q4 Please indicate the nationality of both you and your spouse by circling the number that applies. If holding a foreign nationality, please state the year and month of your initial residence in Japan.

You	1. Japan 2. Foreign country ↳ (Date of first residence in Japan) Western calendar Year: ____ Month: ____
Your husband	1. Japan 2. Foreign country ↳ (Date of first residence in Japan) Western calendar Year: ____ Month: ____

Q5 Please circle the number that applies to you and your husband respectively on (1) whether you are currently enrolled in or have graduated from school (if you have graduated, fill in the age at graduation in the underlined space) and (2) the school you are attending or had attended.

	(1) Enrolled in or graduated from school	(2) If you are currently enrolled in school -> School currently enrolled in. If you are a graduate -> Last school graduated from
You	Circle the number that applies 1. Currently enrolled (including leave of absence) → 2. Already graduated → Age at which you graduated from the last school attended () Years old Fill in the number	Circle the number that applies. 1. Junior high school 2. Co-ed senior high school 3. Single-sex senior high school 4. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 5. Junior college/technical college 6. Women's university 7. Co-ed university 8. Graduate school 9. Other ()
Your husband	Circle the number that applies 1. Currently enrolled (including leave of absence) → 2. Already graduated → Age at which you graduated from the last school attended () Years old Fill in the number	Circle the number that applies. 1. Junior high school 2. Co-ed senior high school 3. Single-sex senior high school 4. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 5. Junior college/technical college 6. University 7. Graduate school 8. Other ()

※ If you attended a vocational school after graduating from a university or a graduate school, please choose university or graduate school as the "last school graduated from".

※ If you withdrew from school before graduation, please answer the school from which you had graduated before withdrawal as the "last school graduated from".

Q6 We would like to ask you about your employment status and that of your husband at various times. Please circle one number for each of the following times (from a to g): (1) employment status, (2) type of work, and (3) number of employees at the company. (If you have more than one job, answer about your main job.)

Target persons of inquiry ⇄	Target time of inquiry ⇓	(1) Employment status*1	(2) Employment status	(3) Number of employees at your company (including head office and branch offices)
		1 Regular employee 2 Part-time employee 3 Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee 4 Self-employed/family employee/doing side job at home 5 Unemployed/engaging in housework 6 Student Answer column	1 Mainly engaged in agriculture, forestry, and fishery 2 Self-employed other than in agriculture, forestry, and fishery 3 Professional 4 Managerial position 5 Clerical work 6 Sales and service work 7 Factory and other on-site labor	1 1 to 9 employees 2 10 to 29 employees 3 30 to 99 employees 4 100 to 299 employees 5 300 to 999 employees 6 1000 employees or more 7 Government and public agency
You	a. Immediately after graduating from the last school attended※2	Circle the appropriate number from 1 to 6 If you answered "1" to "4", go to the right column	Circle the number that applies only if you answered "1" to "4" in (1)	Circle the number that applies only if you answered "1" to "4" in (1)
	b. When I decided to get married (current marriage)			
	c. Immediately after getting married (current marriage)			
	d. Currently			
Your husband	e. Immediately after graduating from the last school attended※2			
	f. When he decided to marry me			
	g. Currently			

※ 1 If you are on maternity or childcare leave, you are considered as employed. Please circle the status of your job before taking the leave.

※ 2 If you are currently enrolled in a school, please describe your situation immediately following graduation from your previous school.

Q7 Regarding the paying jobs that you and your husband currently hold, please fill in the appropriate number for (1) to (4) below, and for (5), circle the number that applies. (If you or your husband has more than one job, answer about the main job.)

	About your job (Please answer if you have a paying job)	About your husband's job (Please answer if you have a paying job)
(1) Average hours worked per working day	Average per day Hours Minutes < Please indicate average hours worked, including overtime. >	Average per day Hours Minutes
(2) Average number of working days per week	Average per week Days	Average per week Days
(3) Years in current job*	Approx. Year (If less than 1 year, please write 1 year)	Approx. Year
(4) Income in May this year	Including tax yen (in 10 thousand yen) Approx. < (For business income, enter the amount after deducting expenses from sales . The same applies to (5) below.) >	Including tax yen (in 10 thousand yen) Approx.
(5) Annual income last year (2024)	Including tax 0. 1 to 99 hundred thousand yen 1. 1-million-yen level 2. 2-million-yen level 3. 3-million-yen level 4. 4-million-yen level 5. 5-million-yen level 6. 6-million-yen level 7. 7-million-yen level 8. 8-million-yen level 9. 9-million-yen level 10. 10 million yen or more 11. none	Including tax 0. 1 to 99 hundred thousand yen 1. 1-million-yen level 2. 2-million-yen level 3. 3-million-yen level 4. 4-million-yen level 5. 5-million-yen level 6. 6-million-yen level 7. 7-million-yen level 8. 8-million-yen level 9. 9-million-yen level 10. 10 million yen or more 11. none

※ Please indicate the number of years since you first started working at the company, not since you returned from leave or were transferred to a new position within the company.

● The following questions are for those who do not currently have a paying job.
If you have a paying job (including those on childcare leave), please proceed to Q9.

Q8 Do you (1) want to have a paying job in the future? If so, (2) What kind of work do you want to do?
Please circle one number that applies.

(1)Your intention of working	(2)Your desired employment status
Circle the number that applies. 1. Would like to work as soon as possible 2. Would like to work after a while ↳ () years from now 3. Have no specific time in mind, but would like to work eventually 4. No intention of working in the future 5. Other ()	Circle the number that applies. 1. Regular employee 2. Part-time employee 3. Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee 4. Self-employed/family employee/doing side job at home

● For all respondents: We would like to ask about the number of children you and your husband have.

Q9 We would like to ask you about the children you and your husband have.
Please fill in the number of children in the underlined columns below.

Number of children you have given birth to so far * Stillbirths are not included	Total	Boys	Girls
	() Number of children If none, enter 0	() Number of boys If none, enter 0	() Number of girls If none, enter 0

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Your children who are still alive among those you have given birth to	Total	Boys	Girls
	() Number of children If none, enter 0	() Number of boys If none, enter 0	() Number of girls If none, enter 0

Below, we would like to ask you about matters connected to pregnancy and childbirth in relation to you and your husband. Some of the questions probe private matters, and your understanding of the purpose of the survey and your cooperation are much appreciated.

Q10 Please indicate in parentheses the number of pregnancies you had with your husband.

Number of pregnancies (____) times

Please enter 0 if you have never been pregnant.

● If you have ever been pregnant, please answer Q11. If you have never been pregnant, please proceed to Q12.

Q11 For all pregnancies and childbirths that you have experienced with your husband, please circle the number that applies to (1) the outcome of the pregnancy, (2) the time of pregnancy/childbirth, and (3) your plans before pregnancy. Then, fill in the number of children, the date, and your age in the underlined space in the bracket.

	(1) Pregnancy Outcome	(2) When you were pregnant/gave birth	(3) Plans before pregnancy
● We will ask you about your pregnancies in previous marriages in a separate question later.			
1st pregnancy	1. Live births { 1. boy 2. girl 3. two or more } → { Number of boys (____) Number of girls (____) } 2. Miscarriage (including stillbirth) 3. Abortion 4. Currently pregnant	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Sinh vào năm ____ tháng ____ Your age at that time: (____) years old [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] expected date of birth: year ____ month ____	1st pregnancy 1. Wanted a child as soon as possible 2. Did not intend to get pregnant yet 3. Did not intend to get pregnant anymore 4. Did not have any specific plans
2nd pregnancy	1. Live births { 1. boy 2. girl 3. two or more } → { Number of boys (____) Number of girls (____) } 2. Miscarriage (including stillbirth) 3. Abortion 4. Currently pregnant	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Sinh vào năm ____ tháng ____ Your age at that time: (____) years old [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] expected date of birth: year ____ month ____	2nd pregnancy 1. Wanted a child as soon as possible 2. Did not intend to get pregnant yet 3. Did not intend to get pregnant anymore 4. Did not have any specific plans
3rd pregnancy	1. Live births { 1. boy 2. girl 3. two or more } → { Number of boys (____) Number of girls (____) } 2. Miscarriage (including stillbirth) 3. Abortion 4. Currently pregnant	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Sinh vào năm ____ tháng ____ Your age at that time: (____) years old [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] expected date of birth: year ____ month ____	3rd pregnancy 1. Wanted a child as soon as possible 2. Did not intend to get pregnant yet 3. Did not intend to get pregnant anymore 4. Did not have any specific plans
4th pregnancy	1. Live births { 1. boy 2. girl 3. two or more } → { Number of boys (____) Number of girls (____) } 2. Miscarriage (including stillbirth) 3. Abortion 4. Currently pregnant	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Sinh vào năm ____ tháng ____ Your age at that time: (____) years old [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] expected date of birth: year ____ month ____	4th pregnancy 1. Wanted a child as soon as possible 2. Did not intend to get pregnant yet 3. Did not intend to get pregnant anymore 4. Did not have any specific plans
5th pregnancy	1. Live births { 1. boy 2. girl 3. two or more } → { Number of boys (____) Number of girls (____) } 2. Miscarriage (including stillbirth) 3. Abortion 4. Currently pregnant	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Sinh vào năm ____ tháng ____ Your age at that time: (____) years old [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] expected date of birth: year ____ month ____	5th pregnancy 1. Wanted a child as soon as possible 2. Did not intend to get pregnant yet 3. Did not intend to get pregnant anymore 4. Did not have any specific plans

※ If you have had more than 6 pregnancies, fill in up to the 5th pregnancy.

● The following questions are for all respondents. The answers to the following questions will be used to understand the actual situation of couples dealing with the problem of infertility nationwide and to consider measures to address this problem.

Q12 We would like to ask if you and your husband have had sexual intercourse within the past month, and also about contraception.

(1) Have you had sexual intercourse in the last month? 1. had sexual intercourse 2. did not have sexual intercourse	(2) Current use of contraception Please circle the one number that applies. 1. currently using contraception (including sterilization) 2. have used before, but not currently using 3. have never used contraception	(3) Method of contraception Please circle all the numbers that apply. 1. condoms 2. Ogino method / Basal body temperature method 3. IUD (Ring / Coil / Loop) 4. pills (oral contraceptives) 5. Coitus interruptus (Withdrawal) 6. male sterilization 7. female sterilization 8. Other { }
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Q13 Do you and your husband have any concerns or worries about infertility? Have you ever been treated for infertility? Please circle one number for each.

(1) Whether you have any concerns (circle only one number) 1. have never worried about not being able to have children. 2. have worried in the past about not being able to have children 3. currently worried about not being able to have children	(2) Have you ever had infertility treatments (circle only one number) 1. worried [about infertility], but never sought medical treatment 2. have had tests or treatments in the past 3. currently undergoing tests or treatments
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● If you answered in the previous question (Q13(2)), "2. have undergone tests or treatments in the past" or "3. are currently undergoing tests or treatments" for infertility treatments, please answer the following question.

Q14 (1) Did you have a child as a result of infertility treatments? If yes, (2) please specify which child(ren) was born by type of treatment.

(1) Did you have a child as a result of infertility treatment? (Please circle the number that applies.) 1. no 2. yes	(2) Infertility treatments undergone and the child(ren) conceived as a result (circle all that apply) <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">IVF, ICSI</td> <td style="width: 5%;">1.</td> <td style="width: 15%;">1st child</td> <td style="width: 5%;">2.</td> <td style="width: 15%;">2nd child</td> <td style="width: 5%;">3.</td> <td style="width: 15%;">3rd child</td> <td style="width: 5%;">4.</td> <td style="width: 15%;">4th child or more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other infertility treatments*</td> <td>1.</td> <td>1st child</td> <td>2.</td> <td>2nd child</td> <td>3.</td> <td>3rd child</td> <td>4.</td> <td>4th child or more</td> </tr> </table>	IVF, ICSI	1.	1st child	2.	2nd child	3.	3rd child	4.	4th child or more	Other infertility treatments*	1.	1st child	2.	2nd child	3.	3rd child	4.	4th child or more
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Other infertility treatments*	1.	1st child	2.	2nd child	3.	3rd child	4.	4th child or more											

※ Other infertility treatments: Timing, ovulation induction, artificial insemination, and other treatments and surgeries for conception that men and women undergo.

● Here, we would like to ask all respondents about their thoughts on having children.

Q15 For you and your husband, (1) What is the ideal number of children you would like to have? (2) Do you have an ideal regarding the relative number of boys and girls? Please circle the number that applies. If you have an ideal number for boys and for girls, please fill in the number of boys and girls in the underlined columns.

(1) Ideal number of children 0. Do not want any children 1. 1 child 2. 2 children 3. 3 children 4. 4 children 5. 5 or more: () children	(2) Ideal number or combination of boys and girls 1. Have a preference 2. Do not have any particular preference
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● We would like to ask the following question to those who answered that the ideal number of children is one or more (i.e., if you circled any number from "1" to "5" in the previous question (Q15(1))).

Q16 What are your reasons for thinking that one or more children is ideal? Please circle all the reasons below that apply to you, and circle twice (©) the most important reason.

Circle all that apply and circle twice (©) the most important reason	
1. It is natural to get married and have children 2. Having children would lead me to be recognized by others 3. Having children will make my life more enjoyable and enrich my mind 4. Children will support me in my old age 5. Children are the future support of society	6. Children will stabilize the marital relationship 7. I want to have children of someone I love 8. My husband, parents, or others around me want me to have children 9. Other ()

● The following questions are for all respondents.

Q17 We would like to ask you and your husband's future plans for children. Please circle the number that applies with respect to (1) the number of children and (2) the desired timing. If you answered "after a while" in (2), please indicate in the underlined box (3) the age at which you would like to have your next child.

(1) Plans for future children (including child(ren) in your current pregnancy) (including child(ren) in your current pregnancy) Please circle the one number that applies. 0. Do not intend to have (another) child 1. Intend to have 1 more child 2. Intend to have 2 more children 3. Intend to have 3 more children 4. Intend to have 4 or more children	(2) When you would like to have children 1. As soon as possible 2. After a while 3. Not thinking about it 4. Currently pregnant
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Q18 Then, how many children do you and your husband plan to have in total?

0. No children	3. 3 children
1. 1 child	4. 4 children
2. 2 children	5. 5 or more: () children

※ Please indicate the number of children you intend to have (or have had) after your current marriage.

● Please answer the following question if you intend to have at least one child in the future (“one or more” in Question 17(1)).

Q19 If you cannot have as many children as you plan to have in the future, what is the most likely reason for this? Please circle all that apply.

Possible reasons for not being able to have the number of children you intend to have
Please circle all the systems and facilities below that apply to you.
1. Unstable income 2. Work situation (job or family business) of myself or my husband 3. Lack of help with housework and childcare 4. Lack of a daycare center or other place to leave my child(ren) 5. Children I now have are too much to handle 6. Inability to have children due to age or health reasons 7. Other () 8. Unlikely that I cannot have the number of children I intend to have

● If the number of children you plan to have (answer to Q18) is less than your ideal number of children (answer to Q15(1)), please answer the following.

Q20 Why is the number of children you intend to have fewer than the ideal number of children? Please circle all the reasons below that apply to you, and circle twice (©) the most important reason.

Please circle all the systems and facilities below that apply to you. e faça um duplo círculo (©) na razão mais importante

1. Because it costs too much to raise and educate children
2. Because the house is too small
3. Because it would interfere with my work (job or family business)
4. Because the environment is not conducive for children to grow up freely
5. Because I want to cherish my life and our lifeve as a couple
6. Because I do not want to have a children at an older age
7. Because I cannot bear the psychological and physical burden of child- rearing any longer
8. For health reasons
9. Because I have not been able to get pregnant even though I want children
10. Because I cannot get my husband's cooperation in housework and childcare.
11. Because my husband does not want a child
12. Because I want my youngest child to reach adulthood before my husband retires
13. Other ()

● We will now ask about the child-rearing period of children in the current marriage. If you have not yet had a child, please skip to Q25.

Q21 We would like to ask you about your employment status when you and your husband had children. Please circle one number for each of the following times (a-f): (1)employment status and (2) number of employees at the company.

Target persons of inquiry ⇓	Target time of inquiry ⇓	(1)Employment status*1						(2)Number of employees at your company (including head office and branch offices)						
		1 Regular employee	2 Part-time employee	3 Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee	4 Self-employed/family employee/doing side job at home	5 Unemployed/engaging in housework	6 Student	1 1 to 9 employees	2 10 to 29 employees	3 30 to 99 employees	4 100 to 299 employees	5 300 to 999 employees	6 1000 employees or more	7 Government and public agency
Those who have given birth to their 1st child	●About children born in your current marriage	Circle the appropriate number from 1 to 6 If you answered "1" to "4", go to the right column						Circle the number that applies only if you answered "1" to "4" in (1)						
	a. Quando soube que estava grávida de seu 1st child	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	b. Quando seu 1st child completou 1 ano de idade	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Those who have given birth to their 2nd child	c. Quando soube que estava grávida de seu 2nd child	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Quando seu 2nd child completou 1 ano de idade		1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Those who have given birth to their 3rd child	e. Quando soube que estava grávida de seu 3rd child	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	f. Quando seu 3rd child completou 1 ano de idade	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

※1 If you are on maternity or childcare leave, you are considered as employed. Please circle the status of your job before taking the leave.
※ If you have four or more children, you may fill in up to the third child.
※ If your child is under 1 year old, you may leave "when he/she turned 1 year old" blank.

Q22 Between the birth of your youngest child and the present, (1) did you have a (paying) job? If so, please indicate (2) employment status, (3) number of employees at the company and (4) when you started working.

※ If you have held different jobs after the birth of your youngest child, please answer the questions with respect to the first job you held.

(1)Employment after the birth of the youngest child (youngest child)		(4)The time you started working																
1. returned to the job/workplace where I worked before giving birth		When the youngest child is () years old																
2. got a new job																		
<table><thead><tr><th>(2)Employment status</th><th>(3)Number of employees at your company (including head office and branch offices)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Regular employee</td><td>1. 1 to 9 employees</td></tr><tr><td>2. Part-time employee</td><td>2. 10 to 29 employees</td></tr><tr><td>3. Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee</td><td>3. 30 to 99 employees</td></tr><tr><td>4. Self-employed/family employee/doing side job at home</td><td>4. 100 to 299 employees</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>5. 300 to 999 employees</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>6. 1000 employees or more</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>7. Government and public agency</td></tr></tbody></table>		(2)Employment status	(3)Number of employees at your company (including head office and branch offices)	1. Regular employee	1. 1 to 9 employees	2. Part-time employee	2. 10 to 29 employees	3. Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee	3. 30 to 99 employees	4. Self-employed/family employee/doing side job at home	4. 100 to 299 employees		5. 300 to 999 employees		6. 1000 employees or more		7. Government and public agency	※*When the youngest child is less than 1 year old () months old
(2)Employment status	(3)Number of employees at your company (including head office and branch offices)																	
1. Regular employee	1. 1 to 9 employees																	
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	5. 300 to 999 employees																	
	6. 1000 employees or more																	
	7. Government and public agency																	
3. did not work after the birth of the youngest child																		
4. currently on maternity leave or parental leave for the youngest child																		

● We would like now to ask about the period of child-rearing of children born in your current marriage.

Q23 How much help did you and your husband receive from your mother and father and those of your husband's before the child turned 3 years old? How often did your husband do housework and childcare? Please circle one number that applies respectively for your first, second, and third child.

Child(ren) being inquired about ↓	(1)Your mother (wife's mother)	(2)Your father (wife's father)	(3)Husband's mother	(4)Husband's father	(5)Your husband	
					Frequency of housework	Frequency of childcare
	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis 5 He or she already passed	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis 5 He or she already passed	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis 5 He or she already passed	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis 5 He or she already passed	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis	1 Almost never 2 Sometimes 3 Frequently 4 On a daily basis
1st child	●Circle one number that applies to children born in your current marriage.		●Circle one number that applies to children born in your current marriage.		●Circle one number that applies to children born in your current marriage.	
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
2nd child	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
3rd child	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

※ If you have four or more children, you may fill in up to the third child.

※ If your circumstances have changed before your child turned 3 years old, please answer about the primary situation.

Q24 Before your child turned 3 years old, (1) Did you live with your mother and/or your husband's mother? And (2) did you use any of the following systems or facilities? Please circle the number that applies to your first, second, and third child.

Child(ren) being inquired about ↓	(1)Whether or not you live with your mother or your husband's mother		(2)Systems and facilities you have used																
	Your mother	Husband's mother	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased	1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased	Maternity leave system	Childcare leave system (wife)	Childcare leave system (husband)	Childcare time leave and/or shortened working hour system (wife)	Childcare time leave and/or shortened working hour system (husband)	Childcare time leave and/or shortened working hour system (small-scale authorized child daycare centers)	Authorized child daycare centers (including small-scale authorized child daycare centers)	Certified center for early childhood education and care	On-site daycare facilities and company-led daycare businesses	Other unlicensed childcare facilities (nursery, baby hotel, etc.), certified childcare centers	Daycare moms (home-based childcare)	Babysitters (including in-home daycare)	Family support centers	Temporary childcare services	Childcare support centers, open space places and other places for parent-child interaction and consultation in the community	Did not use any of these services	
1st child	●Please fill in the questions below about children born in your current marriage.		Please circle all the systems and facilities below that apply to you.																
	For each, choose one number that applies.		1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15														
2nd child	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15																
3rd child	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15																

※ If you have four or more children, you may fill in up to the third child.

※ If your circumstances have changed before your child turned 3 years old, please answer about the primary situation.

● The following questions about parents and siblings are for all respondents.

Q25 We would like to ask you the following about your parent(s) and your husband's parent(s): (1) birth year and age, and (2) the last school they graduated from. Please circle the number that applies and fill in the number in the underlined space.

	Your mother (wife's mother)	Your father (wife's father)	Husband's mother	Husband's father
(1) Year of birth	[1.Taisho 2.Showa 3.Western calendar] ____ Year of birth(Age)	[1.Taisho 2.Showa 3.Western calendar] ____ Year of birth(Age)	[1.Taisho 2.Showa 3.Western calendar] ____ Year of birth(Age)	[1.Taisho 2.Showa 3.Western calendar] ____ Year of birth(Age)
※ Please fill in their ages only if they are still alive				
(2) Last school graduated from	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 4. Junior college/technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 4. Junior college/technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 4. Junior college/technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after high school graduation) 4. Junior college/technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()
※ Please regard upper elementary schools under the old system and elementary schools as middle school graduation. Please regard upper girls' schools under the old system as graduation from high school.				

Q26 We would like to ask you if about your parent(s) and your husband's parent(s) currently live with or apart from you. Please circle the number that applies.

Target time of inquiry ⇓		(1)Your mother (wife's mother)	(2)Your father (wife's father)	(3)Husband's mother	(4)Husband's father
		1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased	1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased	1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased	1 Living together 2 Living apart in the same municipality 3 Living apart in other areas 4 Deceased
Please circle the one number that applies em cada coluna.					
a . When I decided to get married (current marriage)	You	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4		
	Your husband			1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
b . Immediately after getting married (current marriage)		1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
c . Present		1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4

Q27 Please indicate the number of brothers and sisters for yourself and for your husband in the underlined space (do not include those who are deceased).

You	Total, including yourself ()person(s)	Details about your siblings →	number of elder brother(s) ()	number of elder sister(s) ()	number younger brother(s) ()	number of younger sister(s) ()
			if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0
Your husband	Total, including your husband ()person(s)	Details about your husband's siblings →	number of elder brother(s) ()	number of elder sister(s) ()	number younger brother(s)()	number of younger sister(s)()
			if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0	if none, please fill in 0

● The following questions are for all respondents.

Q28 There are many ways of thinking about marriage, relationships between men and women, family, and having children. Below are some examples (from (1) to (14)) that represent these ways of thinking. What do you think about each of them? Please circle the number closest to your thinking in the right column for each.

※ This question uses definitive expressions (expressions that are easy to either agree or disagree with) and also includes ideas that are not necessarily common.

		(Response to the ideas on the left)			
		1 Totally agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Totally disagree
		Circle one number for each			
①	Remaining single throughout one's life is not a desirable way of life	1	2	3	4
②	If a man and a woman were to live together, they should get married	1	2	3	4
③	It is acceptable for a man and a woman to have sexual intercourse before marriage if they love each other	1	2	3	4
④	In any society, femininity and masculinity are necessary to some extent	1	2	3	4
⑤	Even after marriage, one should have one's own goals in life independent of one's spouse and family	1	2	3	4
⑥	If one gets married, it is natural to sacrifice half of one's own individuality and way of life for the family	1	2	3	4
⑦	After marriage, the husband should work outside the home and the wife should take care of the home	1	2	3	4
⑧	If one gets married, one should have children	1	2	3	4
⑨	At least when children are young, it is desirable for mothers to stay home and not hold a job	1	2	3	4
⑩	Once married, a couple should not break up over such a reason as differences in personality	1	2	3	4
⑪	It is fine to have children even if one is not married	1	2	3	4
⑫	For married men, spending time with family is more important than success at work	1	2	3	4
⑬	If a woman were to have her first child, it is better to do so in her 20s	1	2	3	4
⑭	It is fine if there are marriages between men or between women	1	2	3	4

Q29 We would like to ask you some questions about your immediate circumstances before marriage. For each of the following items (1) through (3), please circle the one number that applies to you in the right column. If you do not have (did not have) anyone around you that correspond to the question, please circle 5.

		(Your circumstances in comparison to)				
		1 It applies to me	2 It applies to me somewhat	3 It doesn't quite apply to me	4 It doesn't apply to me at all	5 The question is not applicable to me
		Circle one number for each				
Your immediate circumstances before marriage.	① I often had opportunities to interact with babies or small children	1	2	3	4	—
	② I felt envious of marital relationships like that of my parents	1	2	3	4	5
	③ When I looked at my friends who were married, I thought they seemed happy	1	2	3	4	5

● The following questions are for all respondents.

Q30 How is the current health condition of yourself and your husband? Please circle the one number that applies.

You	1. Good	2. Relatively good	3. Fair	4. Not so good	5. Not good
Your husband	1. Good	2. Relatively good	3. Fair	4. Not so good	5. Not good

Q31 Please tell us your current height, weight, and smoking habits, as well as those of your husband's.

You	Height cm	Weight kg	Smoking (1. Never smoked 2. Smoked in the past 3. Currently smoking)
Your husband	Height cm	Weight kg	Smoking (1. Never smoked 2. Smoked in the past 3. Currently smoking)

※ If you are pregnant, please indicate your weight before pregnancy.

Q32 When you got married, how many children did you intend to have in total? Please circle the one number that applies to you. If the number is more than five, please indicate it in the underlined column.

0. Não pretendia ter filhos	3. 3 children	6. I did not particularly think about it
1. 1 child	4. 4 children	
2. 2 children	5. 5 or more ()children	

● We would like to ask each of you about your situation before your current marriage.

Q33 Do you have any children who were born before your current marriage? Please circle the one number that applies. If you do, please fill in the birth date of each child, and circle the one number that applies regarding whether you live with the child.

You	(1)Number of children born before the current marriage. Please circle the one number that applies. O. No children 1. 1 child 2. 2 children 3. 3 children 4. 4 or more ()	(2)Date of birth of your children 1st child [1.Showa 2.Heisei 3.Reiwa 4.Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____ 2nd child [1.Showa 2.Heisei 3.Reiwa 4.Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____ 3rd child [1.Showa 2.Heisei 3.Reiwa 4.Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____	(3)Whether or not the children live with you 1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other 1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other 1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other
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※ If you have four or more children, you may fill in up to the third child.

Your husband	(1)Number of children (biological children) he had before the current marriage Please circle the one number that applies. O. No children 1. 1 child 2. 2 children 3. 3 children 4. 4 or more () 5. I do not know	(2) Number of children currently living with you among those listed in the left column Please circle the one number that applies. O. No children 1. 1 child 2. 2 children 3. 3 children 4. 4 or more ()
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● We would like to ask questions of those who have remarried.
If you have never remarried, this is the end of the questionnaire. Please proceed to the open-ended comments on the last page.

Q34 Please indicate the year and month of your first marriage and circle the number that applies to you.

(1)The year and month you got married	(2)Year and month you stopped living together or when your partner passed away
[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar]	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar]
Year: ____ Month: ____	Year: ____ Month: ____

● This is the end of the questions. The following is for open-ended comments. If you do not have any comments, you may leave the answer spaces blank.

Are there any measures that you would like to see introduced or enhanced based on your experiences of marriage, childbirth, and child rearing? Do you have any opinions about marriage, childbirth, child-rearing, population issues, etc.? Please feel free to write them in the space below.

In addition, were there parts in the survey where the wording was difficult to understand or hard to answer?Please feel free to write your comment in the space below to help us improve the survey in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Please place your completed survey form in the collection envelope, glue it together, and hand it to the survey staff.
The envelope will not be opened before it reaches the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research.
※ Thank you very much for your time. The results of this survey will be used to improve the lives of the people living in Japan through statistical analysis at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research. In addition, the previous results are available on the website for the survey participants (URL described in "Request for Collaboration in the Survey").

§ Explanation of the Survey

◇ What is the National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing (Japanese National Fertility Survey)?

This survey is a nationwide sample survey conducted approximately every five years to study marriage, childbirth, and child-rearing among the population. This is the 17th iteration. There are two types of questionnaires: one for married couples and one for single individuals.

◇ Purpose of the Survey

National and local governments must understand the circumstances and issues faced by residents when implementing various policies. The primary purpose of this survey is to grasp the situation regarding marriage, childbirth, and child-rearing among the population and to explore related policy challenges from a social science perspective. Particularly in Japan today, the declining birthrate is progressing, and it is pointed out that the associated population decrease, aging population, and changes in individual lifestyles will significantly impact Japanese society's future. Understanding the current state of this declining birthrate and investigating its causes is one of the crucial objectives of this survey.

◇ Scope of the Survey

This survey is intended for individuals residing in randomly selected areas nationwide. Separate questionnaires are prepared for the following two groups:

[Questionnaire for Married Persons]

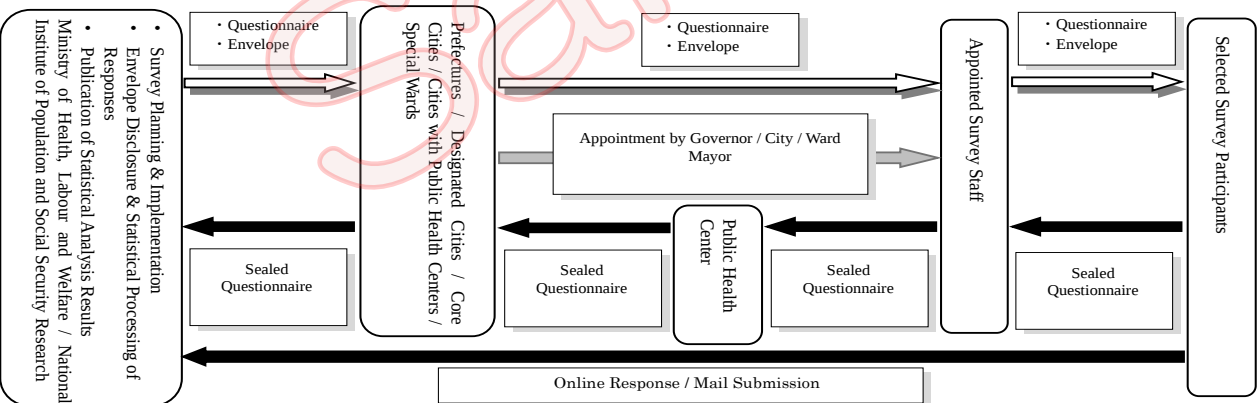
All women under the age of 55 who are married as of June 30, regardless of whether the marriage has been officially registered, are eligible.

[Questionnaire for Single Persons]

All single persons (both male and female) aged 18 or over and under 55 as of June 30 are eligible.

◇ Survey Structure

This survey is conducted by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (a national research institute affiliated with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare), with approval from the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications based on the Statistics Act, in cooperation with the national government, prefectures (or designated cities, core cities, cities with public health centers, special wards), and local public health centers. The survey is carried out by survey staff appointed by the Governor (Mayor/Ward Mayor) who will visit your residence to distribute the questionnaire and related materials, facilitating online responses or collecting the completed questionnaires (sealed in envelopes).



◇ Protection of Privacy and Personal Information

All answers on this questionnaire will be used solely for the purpose of creating statistics. Any other use is strictly prohibited by the Statistics Act. Questionnaires completed by participants and sealed in the return envelopes will be delivered to the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research without being opened after collection by the staff, and will subsequently be kept under strict control. All personally identifiable information will be removed during the process of creating statistics. Therefore, there is absolutely no possibility of personal information being leaked.

◇ Other Inquiries

For inquiries, such as questions about how to answer, please contact the call center. Detailed information about this survey, results from previous surveys, frequently asked questions, etc., are available on the dedicated webpage for participants of the Japanese National Fertility Survey. Please see Request for Survey Cooperation.

The creation of official statistics, including the National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing (Japanese National Fertility Survey), is governed by the Statistics Act.

- ◆ The Statistics Act provides the rules for developing statistics as an essential information infrastructure for society.
- ◆ The Statistics Act aims to improve the lives of citizens through the development of useful statistics.
- ◆ The results of the National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing (Japanese National Fertility Survey) are utilized for the provision of policies and services by national and local governments.

Personal Information is Strictly Protected

- ◆ In the National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing (Japanese National Fertility Survey) , personal information is strictly protected according to the provisions of the Statistics Act.
- ◆ Information written on the questionnaire is kept strictly confidential and used only for creating statistics. Use for any other purpose is prohibited by the Statistics Act.