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Annual Population and Social Security Surveys 2025

National Survey on Marriage and Childbearing

17th Japanese National Fertility Survey

〔Questionnaire for Single 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 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 for single persons (including divorced and widowed individuals) aged 18 to 54 (inclusive) as of June 30th.
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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Public Health Center							
District No.							

Q1 Please (1) enter your year and month of birth, and (2) circle the applicable number for your sex. Also, please state (3) your nationality, and if it is not Japanese, provide the year and month you first began residing in Japan.

(1) date of birth	(2) Sex	(3) nationality
1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Western calendar Year: _____ Month: _____	1. Male 2. Female	1. Japan 2. Foreign country (Date of first residence in Japan) Western calendar Year: _____ Month: _____

Q2 Please circle the number that applies to you on (1) whether you are currently enrolled in or have graduated from school (if you have graduated, fill in the age at graduation on the underlined space) and (2) the school you are attending or had attended.

(1) Enrolled in or graduated from school	(2) School currently enrolled in, or the last school graduated from
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 graduating from high school) 5. Junior college or technical college 6. Women's university 7. Co-ed university 8. Graduate school 9. Other ()

※If you attended a vocational school after graduating from a university or a graduate school (i.e., 5 to 8), 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".

Q3 We would like to ask you about your parent(s)' (1) birth year and age, (2) whether they currently live with or apart from you, and (3) the last school they graduated from. Please circle the number that applies and fill in the number in the underlined space.

	Father	Mother
(1) Year of birth	[1. Taisho 2. Showa 3. Western calendar] Year of birth _____ (Age) ※ Please fill in their ages only if they are still alive	[1. Taisho 2. Showa 3. Western calendar] Year of birth _____ (Age) ※ Please fill in their ages only if they are still alive
(2) Currently living with or apart from you	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
(3) Last school graduated from ※ 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.	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after graduating from high school) 4. Junior college or technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()	1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after graduating from high school) 4. Junior college or technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()

Q4 Please indicate the number of your brothers and sisters in parentheses (do not include those who are deceased).

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

Q5 We would like to ask you about your employment status and that of your parent(s). For yourself, please answer about two time periods, and for your parent(s), about the current situation. Circle one number for each of the following: (1) employment status, (2) type of work, and (3) number of employees at the company for yourself, and for your parents, company size. (If you have more than one job, answer about your main job.)

Target person of inquiry ⇩	Target time of inquiry ⇩	(1)Employment status*1						(2)Type of occupation							(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 a side job at home	5 Unemployed/engaging in housework	6 Student	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 had answered "1" to "4" in (1)							Circle the number that applies only if you had answered "1" to "4" in (1)						
	b. Present	1 2 3 4 5 6						1 2 3 4 5 6 7							1 2 3 4 5 6 7						

※1 If you are working part-time while studying, please choose "Student" in the "Employment status" column.
※2 If you are currently enrolled in a school, please describe your situation immediately following graduation from previous school.

【To be completed only if one or both parents are alive】

Father	c. Present	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Circle the number that applies 1 Large company 2 Small and medium-sized company 3 Government and public agency
Mother	d. Present	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 Large company 2 Small and medium-sized company 3 Government and public agency

● We would now like to ask questions to those who have a paying job. If you do not have a paying job, please proceed to Q5.

Q6 Please write down your responses in numerical values for (1) to (4) below, and circle the number that applies for (5) regarding your current (paying) job. (If you have more than one job, answer about your main job.)

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

※ 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 all respondents.

Q7 Do you think getting married has any advantages for you now? Please circle the appropriate number in the box below. If you chose “1. Has advantages,” please choose up to two specific advantages from the box on the right and write down the numbers in the answer column on the right end.

Please circle either number	Getting married for you at this moment	Write down the number in the answer column on the right end	1. Being financially secure 2. Gaining social credibility and being on an equal footing with others 3. Obtaining a mentally relaxing space 4. Living with the person I currently feel affection for 5. Having children and a family of my own 6. Obtaining sexual fulfillment 7. Having convenience in life 8. Achieving independence from parents 9. Being able to reassure parents and meeting others' expectations 10. Other ()	Answer column (Write down the number)	
	1. has advantages 2. has no advantages			Greatest advantage	Second greatest advantage

Q8 Now, on the other hand, do you think single life has any advantages over married life for you at this moment? Please circle the appropriate number in the box below. If you chose “1. Has advantages,” please choose up to two specific advantages from the box on the right and write down the numbers in the answer column on the right end.

Please circle either number	Single life for you at the moment	Write down the number in the answer column on the right end	1. Having the freedom to what I do and how I live my life 2. Having the freedom to date the opposite sex 3. Being financially well-off 4. Having a wide range of choices in housing and living environment 5. Being carefree, not having the responsibility to provide for a family 6. Easier to maintain extensive relationships with friends and others 7. Being able to have a job and stay connected to society 8. Being able to stay connected with my current family 9. Other ()	Answer column (Write down the number)	
	1. has advantages 2. has no advantages			Greatest advantage	Second greatest advantage

Q9 Several types of women’s life-course are indicated in the boxes below. For each question, please chooseselect the number of the type that is closest to your thinking and write the number in the corresponding answer column.

【For women】

(1)Which type of life is your ideal?

(2)Regardless of your ideal, which type of life do you think you would actually lead?

Answer column para as mulheres	(1) Ideal life	(2) Life you think you would actually lead

【For men】

What type of life do you want your partner (or wife) to lead?

Answer column for men	Life you would like your partner (or wife) to lead

Write down the number in the corresponding answer column above

1. Continue working without

2. Marry but have no children and continue working

3. Marry, have children, and continue to work

4. Marry, have children, stop working upon marriage or childbirth, and return to work after raising children

5. Marry, have children, and stop working after marriage or childbirth

6. Other ()

● The following questions are for all respondents.

Q10 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 men casados, o tempo passado com a família é mais importante do que o sucesso profissional	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

Q11 We would like to ask you some questions about your immediate circumstances. 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.

		(Circumstances in comparison to the statements on the left)				
		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
		Please circle one number for each				
①	I often (have) had opportunities to interact with babies or small children	1	2	3	4	—
②	I feel envious of marital relationships like that of my parents	1	2	3	4	5
③	When I look at my friends who are married, I think they seem happy	1	2	3	4	5

Some of the questions probe private matters, but the information is important for understanding the changes in social relations and thinking about policies. Your understanding of the purpose of the survey and your cooperation are much appreciated.

Q12 Have you ever been married (registered)? Please circle the number that applies.

1. No	2. Yes (divorced)	3. Yes (widowed)
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Q13 Have you ever cohabited with a person of the opposite sex without submitting a marriage registration paper? Please circle the one number that applies to you, and if you used to cohabit or are currently cohabiting, indicate the time (age) when you cohabited in the underlined box.

(1) Experience of cohabitation			(2) Age at cohabitation (for the most recent experience)
1. None	2. I used to live with someone but not anymore	3. Currently cohabiting	From () years old to () years old

Q14 (1) Have you ever had sexual intercourse with someone of the opposite sex? If yes, regarding your most recent experience, (2) did you use contraception, and (3) what method was it? Please circle the applicable number(s).

(1) Experience of sexual intercourse with the opposite sex	(2) Use of contraception (Regarding the most recent experience)	(3) Method of contraception
1. Yes	1. Used contraception	1. condoms
2. No	2. Did not use contraception	2. Ogino method / Basal body temperature method
		3. pills (oral contraceptives)
		4. Coitus interruptus (Withdrawal)
		5. Other ()

Q15 Please (1) circle the one number that applies regarding children you have given birth to (or your partner(s) have given birth to) so far. If you have children, please fill in (2) the birth date of each child, and (3) circle the one number that applies regarding whether you live with each child.

(1) Number of children you have given birth to	(2) Date of birth of your children	(3) Whether or not you live with your children
0. No children		
1. 1 child	1st child [1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____	1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other
2. 2 children	2nd child [1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____	1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other
3. 3 children	3rd child [1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar] Year: ____ Month: ____	1. Living together 2. Living separately, or other
4. 4 or more () children		

※ If you have 4 or more children, please fill out the form up to the 3rd child.

Q16 (1) Are you dating someone of the opposite sex? Please circle the one number that applies. In addition, follow the arrow corresponding to your response to indicate one of the following: (2) Desire to be in a relationship; (3) Desire to marry the person you are dating (your closest partner); or (4) Expected date of marriage.

(1) Relationship status with the opposite sex	(2) Desire to be in a relationship with the opposite sex
1. Not in a relationship with anyone of the opposite sex.	1. Want to be in a relationship
2. Dating a person of the opposite sex as a friend	2. Not particularly interested in a relationship with the opposite sex
3. Dating a person of the opposite sex as a romantic partner	
4. Engaged to a person of the opposite sex	
(4) Expected date of [1. Reiwa 2. Western calendar] Around ____ year ____ month	
	(3) Desire to marry (the closest) partner
	1. Would like to get married
	2. Not thinking particularly about marriage

Q17 We would like to ask you about your dating experience (dating as a lover). Please circle the number that applies.

(1) Experience of being in a dating relationship	(2) Sex of partner
1. No	1. Male
2. Yes	2. Female

● If you are in a dating relationship (those who answered 2 to 4 in Q16(1)), please answer the following. If you are not in a dating relationship, please proceed to Q19.

Q18 How and when did you meet your (closest) dating partner? Please indicate (1) when you met and (2) circle the number that applies as to where or how you two met. Please also indicate your partner's (3) current age, (4) the last school graduated from (or is currently enrolled in), and (5) current occupation.

(1)Year and month you met each other	(2) Where or how you met each other	About your dating partner		
		(3)Current age	(4)Last school graduated from (or currently enrolled in)	(5)Employment status*1
1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar Around ____ year ____ month	1. At school Please circle the one number that applies 2. At work or in a work-related context 3. Childhood friend/a neighbor 4. Outside of school through circle activities, club activities, lessons, etc. 5. Through friends or siblings 6. Through an arranged marriage matchmaking meeting (including introduction by relatives, superiors, and so on) 7. Through a marriage matchmaking service (including online) 8. In town or on a trip 9. At a part-time job 10. Online (other than the channels listed above) *2 ↳ (Please specify) 11. Other → (Please specify)	() years old	Please circle the one number that applies 1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after graduating from high school) 4. Junior college or technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()	Please circle the one number that applies 1. Regular employee 2. Part-time employee 3. Dispatched/temporary/contracted employee 4. Self-employed/family employee/doing a side job at home 5. Unemployed/engaging in housework 6. Student

※1 If the person you are dating works part-time while studying, please choose “Student” in the “Employment status” column.

※2 “On the Internet” refers to cases where the couple met through social networking services, websites, apps, etc.

● We would like to ask about your expectations regarding having children.

Q19 (1) How many children would you like to have? (2) Do you have any preference for the sex of your children? Please circle the number that applies and fill in the number of children in the underlined column. Also, if you wish to have children, please indicate (3) the age at which you would like to have your first (next) child in the underlined column.

(1) Number of children desired	(2) Desired combination of boys and girls	(3)the age at which you would like to have your first (next) child
0. Do not want any children → Go to Q21 1. 1 child 2. 2 children 3. 3 children 4. 4 children 5. 5 or more: () children	For the combination of boys and girls 1. Have preference → Boys () Girls () 2. No particular preference	When you are about () years old or so

● We would like to ask the following question to those who answered that they want to have one or more children (i.e., if you circled any number from “1” to “5” in the previous question (Q19(1)).

Q20 What are your reasons for wanting to have one or more children? 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 partner, parents, or others around me want me to have children
	9. Other ()

● We would like to ask all respondents about their lifestyles.

Q21 We would like to ask you some questions about your lifestyle. Please circle the one number in the right column that applies to you for each of the following items (1) to (7).

	(My response to the ideas on the left)			
	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
	Please circle one number for each			
① I often go on domestic and overseas trips outside of work	1	2	3	4
② I am particular when it comes to clothing and things I own	1	2	3	4
③ I have little money to spend on things I want or do what I like	1	2	3	4
④ I have many friends with whom I can easily hang out	1	2	3	4
⑤ I have hobbies or life work (career) that make living worthwhile	1	2	3	4
⑥ I don't think I would be lonely even if I continued to live alone	1	2	3	4
⑦ 【To those who have a job only】 I often sacrifice my personal life for work	1	2	3	4

● We would like to ask questions about the current health condition of all respondents.

Q22 How is your current health condition? Please circle the one number that applies.

1. Good	2. Relatively good	3. Fair	4. Not so good	5. Not good
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Q23 Please tell us your current height, weight, and smoking habits.

Height		cm	Weight		kg	Smoking habits	(1. Never smoked 2. Smoked in the past 3. Currently smoking)
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※ If you are pregnant, please indicate your weight before pregnancy.

● We would like to ask all respondents about their attitudes toward marriage.

Q24 Thinking about your whole life, which of the following describes your thoughts on marriage?

1. I intend to get married someday	→ Proceed to Q31
2. I have no intention of ever getting married	

Q25 Again, thinking about your whole life, which of the following describes your thoughts on marriage?

1. I plan to get married by a certain age
2. I do not mind not getting married until I find an ideal partner

● We would like to ask the following questions to the respondents who answered that they “intend to get married someday”.

Q26 Then, what do you think about getting married within a year from now?

1. I want to get married within a year
2. I do not mind getting married if I find an ideal partner
3. I do not intend to get married yet

Q27 At what age would you like to get married and around what age would you like your partner to be?
Please indicate your desired age in the underlined column.

When I am about (____) years old

I want to marry someone around (___) years old

Q28 When deciding on a marriage partner, how important are the following items (1) to (8)? Please circle one number for each.

① Educational background of the partner	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
② Partner's occupation	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
③ Partner's income and other financial resources	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
④ Partner's personality	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
⑤ Partner's appearance	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
⑥ Having common hobbies	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
⑦ Partner's understanding of and support for your work	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant
⑧ Partner's competence in and attitude toward housework and childcare	1. I find it imp	2. I would con	3. I do not find it relevant

Q29 If you were to get married within a year to someone you are in a relationship with (or if you found your ideal partner), do you think there would be any obstacles? If yes, please circle the number that applies in the box on the lower left. If you answered "1", please choose select up to 2 specific obstacles from the box on the right and write down the numbers in the answer column on the right end.

Please circle either number	If you were to get married within a year	Fill in the number in the answer column on the right end.	1. A place to live after getting married		Answer column (Write down the number)	
	1. There will be some obstacles 2. There will not be any obstacles		2. Expenses related to marriage (expenses related to the wedding and preparing for a new life) 3. Parental permission 4. Living with or supporting parents 5. School or academic issues 6. Occupation or work-related issues 7. Age-related issues 8. Health concerns 9. Other ()		Biggest obstacle	Second biggest obstacle

- Q30 Which of the following reasons, if any, account for your being single at present? Please choose up to 3 reasons that apply to you the most from the box on the right and write down the numbers in the answer column on the right end. (If you are engaged and planning to get married, please enter "12" in the column for the "biggest reason".)

Fill in the number in the answer column on the right	1. Because I am still too young to get married
	2. Because I don't feel the need to get married yet
	3. Because I want to devote myself to work (or study) now
	4. Because I want to enjoy hobbies and pastimes now
	5. Because I don't want to lose the freedom and ease of being single
	6. Because I have not yet found a suitable partner
	7. Because I cannot get along with the opposite sex
	8. Because I do not have enough money for marriage
	9. Because we cannot find a place to live after getting married
	10. Because my parents or others around me do not (will not) agree to my marriage
	11. Other ()
	12. Already engaged

Answer column (Write down the number)		
Biggest reason	Second biggest reason	Third biggest reason

If you have been married before → Proceed to Q33

If you have never been married → This is the end of the survey. Please proceed to the feedback section at the end of this page.

● If you answered "Have no intention of ever getting married" ("2" in Q24), please answer the following questions.

- Q31 Regardless of your feelings right now, have you ever thought that you "intend to get married someday"?

1. Yes	2. No
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- Q32 (1) Is there any possibility that your intention will change to "intend to get married someday" in the future? If you chose (1),(2) or (3), please choose up to three reasons for this possible change from the list on the right and write down the numbers in the answer column on the right end.

(1) Possibility of a change in your views on marriage	
Choose one number	Whether there is a possibility that your views on marriage will change in the future
	1. My views will likely
	2. My views may change
	3. My views probably won't change
	4. No

(2) Razões para mudar para "I intend to get married someday"	
Fill in the number in the answer column on the right	1. Improvement in employment and working conditions
	2. Increase in income and savings
	3. Improvement in childcare support measures
	4. Change in society such that housework and childcare are shared between men and women
	5. Change in society such that both men and women take on the responsibility of providing for a family
	6. Changes in laws and policies related to marriage
	7. Increase in opportunity to meet people of the opposite sex
	8. A partner to whom I want to marry appears
	9. Myself or my partner's becoming pregnant
	10. Change in my or my family's personal circumstances
	11. Other ()

Answer column (Write down the number)	
Biggest reason	
Second biggest reason	
Third biggest reason	

● We would like to ask questions to persons who have been married before.

Q33 Please indicate the year and month of your first marriage and the number of marriages you have had in the underlined space provided below.

About your first marriage		
(1) The year when you married	(2) Date when you stopped living together or when your partner passed away	(3) Number of marriages you have had
[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar]	[1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar]	() times
Year: _____ Month: _____	Year: _____ Month: _____	

Q34 How and when did you meet your first marriage partner? Please indicate (1) the year and month when you met each other, and circle the number that applies to (2) how you two met. Please also indicate (3) your partner's age at the time of marriage and (4) the last school he/she graduated from (or was enrolled in at the time of marriage).

(1)Year and month you met each other	(2) Where or how you met each other	About the partner of your first marriage	
		(3)Age at marriage	(4)Last school graduated from (or was enrolled in) (at the time of marriage)
1. Showa 2. Heisei 3. Reiwa 4. Western calendar Around ____ year ____ month	Please circle the one number that applies 1. At school 2. At work or in a work-related conte 3. Childhood friend/a neighbor 4. Outside of school through circle activities, club activities, lessons, etc. 5. Through friends or siblings 6. Through an arranged marriage matchmaking meeting (including introduction by relatives, superiors, and so on) 7. Through a marriage matchmaking service (including online) 8. In town or on a trip 9. At a part-time job 10. Online (other than the channels listed above) ※ ↳ (Please specify) 11. Other → (Please specify)	() years of age	Please circle the one number that applies 1. Junior high school 2. Senior high school 3. Vocational/technical school (after graduating from high school) 4. Junior college or technical college 5. University 6. Graduate school 7. Other ()

※The term "online " refers to cases where the couple met through social networking services, websites, apps, etc.

● This is the end of the questions. The next page 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 in your daily life? 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]

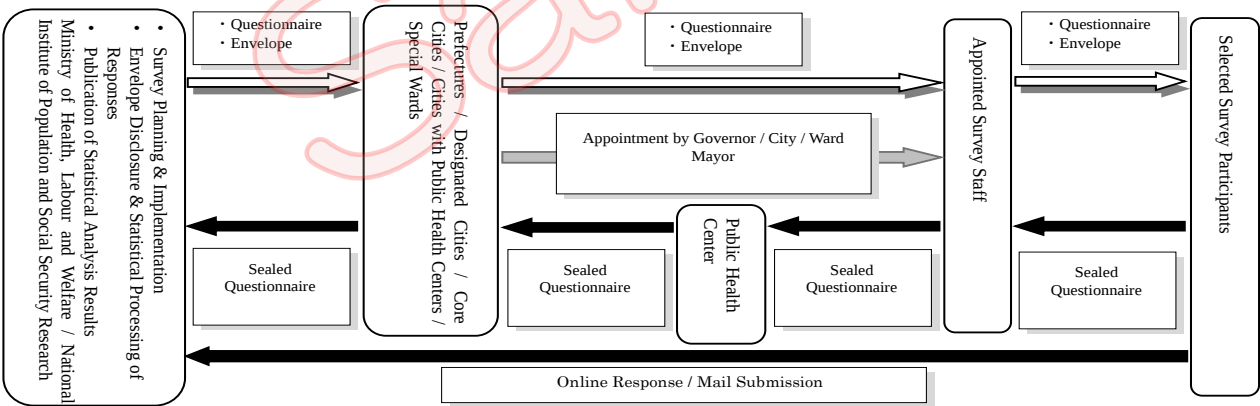
All women under the age of 55 who are married as of June 30, regardless of whether the marriage has been officially registered, are eligible.

[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.