

## Relationship between family and household in national surveys on family in Japan

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What kind of household an individual lives in is closely related to his or her kinship. For Japan, family relationships, especially parent-child relationships, are largely explained by marital relationships. In this paper, we will explore clues to grasp the relationship between kinship and household type, centering on the marital status of the elderly, using national statistics related to families.

We obtained the following findings. First, using the census 1985 and 2015, cross tabulation of the proportion of family types (including institution) by marital status of elderly showed that, among unmarried elderly male, residents of one-person households or institutions exceeded 80% of the total. Next, the analysis of the 5th National Survey on Family 2013 revealed the living arrangement of parents with married children. It was confirmed that the household type of parents changes depending on the sex of the married child. Finally, based on the results of the 6th National Survey on Household Changes 2009, we clarified the situation of the elderly, viz. whether their children were present or not, and whether they were living together or not. It was confirmed that most of the married elderly have children and that the proportion of them living with their children was higher in the widowed than the divorced.

The increase in never-married rate seems to cause further changes in the future formation of families and households. In particular it is important to focus on trends in the population of the never-married male.