

Will Population Concentration Continue in the Tokyo Area? An Investigation into Birthplace Distribution

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In this study, we examined the demographic factors and future prospects of the population concentration of the Tokyo area in recent years from the viewpoint of changes in birthplace distribution. The birthplace distribution by age from "The Eighth National Survey on Migration" shows that the percentage of births in the Tokyo area is at a high level, accounting for 70-80% of those younger than 45-49 years old, which roughly corresponds to the second baby-boom generation. When comparing the non-Tokyo area residence proportion by age between those who were born in the Tokyo area and those who were not and experienced in this area, the latter group was overwhelmingly larger. This suggested that the percentage of people remaining in the Tokyo area increased with the increase in the percentage of births in the Tokyo area, which may have had a significant impact on the decline in out-migration mobility in the same area since 1980. In addition, the proportion of those whose parents were both in the Tokyo area also increased at almost the same age as the children's generation with an increased proportion of births in the Tokyo area. For those who were born in the Tokyo area, approximately one in four was the non-Tokyo residents above 25-29 years old when both parents were born in the non-Tokyo area; however, the proportion of non-Tokyo residents was as low as 1% at all ages when both parents were born in the Tokyo area. In the future, although demographic factors will continue to reduce the number of net migrants in the Tokyo area, mobility factors will work in the opposite direction to increase the amount of net migration in the area. As a result, the possibility that population concentration in the Tokyo area will continue appears to be particularly high.

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