Outline of the 2009 National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure

1. Survey Objectives

The National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure is designed to provide a clear picture of aspects of Japanese citizens' lifestyles such as national and regional household consumption, income and asset levels, composition and distribution through a comprehensive survey of items such as household income and expenditures, savings and liabilities, consumer durables, residences and residential property. The survey has been implemented every five years since the first survey in 1959. This is the 11th survey.

2. Survey Period

Over three months, from September to November 2009. However, one-person households were surveyed over the two months of October and November.

3. Survey Subjects

The survey covers households with two or more members, as well as one-person households, chosen from among all households nationwide in accordance with selection methods specified by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

4. Municipalities Surveyed

All 784 cities existing as of January 1, 2009, were surveyed and 219 of the 998 towns and villages existing as of January 1, 2009, were chosen.

5. Households Surveyed

54,404 households with two or more members and 4,402 one-person households were surveyed.

6. Survey Items and Dates

Questionnaire types	Survey items	Survey periods	
		Households of two or more people	One-person households
Household accounts A	Income (workers' and unemployed households) Expenditures	Households of two or more people	One-month period: October
Household accounts B	Income (workers' and unemployed households) Expenditures Purchase region Purchase points	One-month period: November	
Household questionnaire	Items related to household, number of household members, housing, and residential area	As of September 1	As of October 1
Consumer durables questionnaire	Items related to major durable goods (40 categories)	As of end of October	
Annual income, savings questionnaire	Items related to annual income, current savings balance, and current debt balance	As of end of November	