

Outline of the Retail Price Survey (as of January 2022)

1. Purpose of the survey

The purpose of the Retail Price Survey (RPS) is to provide Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the other basic information about price statistics. It surveys retail prices of goods and fees for services which are important for the consumption expenditures. And the survey has been conducted as "Fundamental Statistics Survey" in accordance with the provisions of the Statistics Act.

The survey consists of two parts: the "Trend Survey" that aims to clarify the monthly trend of prices, and the "Structural Survey" that aims to clarify the price structure by region. And the "Trend Survey", which had been called simply "Retail Price Survey" until "Structural Survey" started in January 2013, has been conducted since June 1945.

(History of the Retail Price Survey)

The RPS started in June 1950. Since 1946 until that time, the CPI had been compiled on the basis of "Effective Prices" (average prices weighted according to the quantity of the goods purchased at official prices and that of goods purchased at black market prices), which had been obtained from the "Consumer Price Survey" (CPS replaced later by the Family Income and Expenditure Survey), when the economic situation was confused by war casualties.

However, with the recovery of the economy and the gradual removal of government's controls on the consumption, consumer goods became abundant at markets and it became possible to collect monthly price data on identical items regularly at retail stores. Thus in June 1950, the Statistics Bureau instituted the "Retail Price Survey" as "Designated Statistics No.35" (as "Fundamental Statistics Survey" from April 2009) in accordance with the provisions of the Statistics Act (Act No.18 of 1947).

Initially, the RPS was conducted on around 210 items in 46 cities having prefectural offices and 8 other cities (Obihiro-shi, Takasaki-shi, Matsumoto-shi, Hamamatsu-shi, Matsusaka-shi, Hofu-shi, Imabari-shi, Miyakonojyo-shi). Later, the survey was revised in respect of survey municipalities and survey items into the present form. Rural districts (-gun) were added to the list of survey municipalities from July 1962 to make the survey more comprehensive and nationwide in scale.

Sample municipalities included five cities and two towns in Okinawa Prefecture with its reversion to Japan in 1972, and were partly exchanged several times, the number of which is 167 in January 2022.

In principle, the survey items are revised every five years along with the base revision of CPI. But the results of the survey attracted great attention not only through the CPI, but also as data showing price levels of individual goods and services and more sample data on such individual prices were needed. Therefore in order to meet the market trend, the number of survey items was enlarged in midpoint year.

2. Survey system

The survey system is composed of the price survey and the house rents survey.

(1) Price survey

Retail prices of goods and services are surveyed. Staffs in charge of the survey are selected depending on the types of items in the following manner.

a Items surveyed by enumerators

Food, domestic non-durables, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their residential districts and the prices of which vary by district (item group A), clothing, electric appliances, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their representative commercial areas or large retail stores of each city, town and village and for which there are price differences among stores (item group B), recreational goods and such, the prices of which do not vary much among stores and districts (item group C), Contact lenses, gasoline, etc., the prices which are surveyed in each sample city, town and village, irrespective of survey district (item group S).

b Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Water charges, P.T.A. membership fees, etc., the prices of which are almost uniform in each prefecture or city, town, and village (item group D).

c Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau

Electricity, Telephone charges, etc., the price which are uniform throughout the whole country or within a region (item group E).

(2) House rents survey

Rents per month and total floor spaces are surveyed. Staffs in charge of the survey are selected depending on the types of items in the following manner.

a Items surveyed by enumerators

Private housing rents are surveyed by enumerators.

b Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Public housing rents managed by a prefecture, municipality, prefectural housing corporation, city housing corporation, general incorporated association or general incorporated foundation are surveyed by the prefectural governments.

c Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau

Housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency are surveyed by the Statistics Bureau.

3. Survey organization

The survey is conducted through the following channel.

○Items surveyed by enumerators

Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications

– Prefectural Governors – Supervisors – Enumerators – Price reporters

○Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications

– Prefectural Governors – Price reporters

- Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau
Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications
– Price reporters

“Supervisors”, who are prefectural officials, supervise the field work of enumerators and take charge of collecting the prices of certain items. In total, approximately 130 supervisors are appointed for the RPS.

“Enumerators”, who are appointed in each sample city, town and village by the prefectural governors, have charge of survey. In total, approximately 750 enumerators are appointed for the RPS.

4. Classification of survey items and the number of prices collected

The items, which are important to peoples’ livelihoods, are selected according to the results of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES). If household expenditure on a particular item accounts for one-ten thousandth or more of the total household expenditure, the item is included as survey items. There are cases when the survey items are varied considerably in quality or performance and not distributed in some survey municipalities. For that reason we set up calling “Basic Specifications” which the quality, performance and characteristics (features) are specified for each item. 505 items and 695 basic specifications are selected and their prices are surveyed.

The survey items are classified into six groups according to the consumer behavior, nature of goods, variation of prices among stores and other characteristics (See Table 1-1).

There are cases when these specification items are not distributed in some survey municipalities. For that reason we set up a survey classification for each item and specification, which designates municipalities where those items and specifications should be surveyed, taking account of the actual market conditions based on the size of the population and so on (See Table 1-2).

(1) Price survey

The number of prices collected is approximately 174,000 every month in total. The number of prices collected for item group A, B and C are listed in Table 5.

The number of prices collected for items surveyed by the prefectural governments (group D) is one in each city, town and village, in principle. However, some of those are different among municipality, as shown in Table 2.

The number of prices collected for item group S is listed in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2.

(2) House rents survey

Approximately 28,000 rents per month and total floor spaces for all rented houses owned by private sectors in house rents survey districts are surveyed.

Besides, rents and total floor spaces for rented houses owned by public sectors and Urban Renaissance Agency in all sample cities, towns and villages are surveyed.

5. Survey Specifications

(1) Basic specifications

The quality, performance and characteristics (features) are specified for each item. These specifications are established so that the prescribed articles of commerce can be investigated in a uniform way.

The brands, standards, model number, etc. are specified in addition to definition of basic specifications when investigating certain items. These specifications are called “Detailed Specifications”, which should be distributed in the largest quantities and can be conducted continually. Detailed specifications include “Designated brands” of specifying a brand only, and “Designated brand and model number” of specifying model number, and so on. “Basic Specifications” and “Detailed Specifications” are updated considering the change of the supply of goods at the markets. The number of basic specifications is shown in Table 1-2.

(2) Local specifications

In municipalities in which basic specifications are not distributed in sufficient quantities, alternative items that are distributed in larger quantities are designated as “Local specifications” reflecting the actual market conditions.

6. Sample cities, towns and villages

As of January 2022, the sample cities, towns and villages of the price survey and the house rents survey were the following 167 cities.

- Cities with prefectural government; 47 cities
- Kawasaki-shi, Hamamatsu-shi, Sagami-hara-shi, Sakai-shi and Kitakyushu-shi; 5 cities
- The other cities, towns and villages; each city, town or village was selected from 116 strata that were sorted cities, towns and villages by the size of population, the geographic location, the industrial characteristic and so on.

7. Survey districts

“Price Survey Districts” are established to survey prices of products and charges of services, and “House Rents Survey Districts” are established to survey rents managed by private sectors in each sample municipalities. The number of survey districts and prices collected is designated in Table 5 on the basis of population size. For the item group D, the item group E, the item group S, public housing rents, housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency and hotel charges, however, prices are surveyed directly in the whole area of a prefecture or each sample city, town and village, not through the survey districts.

(1) Price survey districts

The total number of price survey districts is approximately 580 as of January 2022.

a Establishment of price survey districts

The whole area of each city, town and village for the survey is divided into the same number of price survey districts as those of prices for the item group A, referring to distribution of densely commercial districts along geographical features.

b Methods of the survey for every classification of the survey items

In principle, prices for items in the group A are surveyed in all price survey districts, while those for the group B and C are surveyed in price survey districts where representative stores of the items exist.

(2) House rents survey districts

House rents survey districts are selected every five years, following to sampling with varying probabilities from enumeration

districts (outside of mountains or deserts) of the Population Census on 2015. The total number of house rents survey districts is approximately 1,200.

Public housing rents and housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency are surveyed in the whole area of sample cities, towns and villages.

8. Prices reporters

Price reporters for survey items concerned with goods and service charges are specified for each survey item group (see Table 1-1).

Price reporters designated amount to approximately 27,000 for the goods and services. There are approximately 7,000 reporters for house rents (owned by private sectors).

Price reporters are selected by the following principles.

(1) Price survey

- a For items of group A, B and C price reporters are selected in each survey district. They must be managers of retail stores or service establishments with largest amount of sales of the item concerned in that district. If there is little information on the amount of sales at the store, the scale of the store is considered. (e.g. the number of employees). For group S, price reporters are designated in each sample city, town and village.
- b For items of group D, price reporters are designated not in each survey district, but in each sample city, town and village. The method of the selection of stores is the same as in group A, B and C.
- c For items of group E, price reporters must be managers of selected establishments or authorities in the whole country.

(2) House rents survey

For private housing rents, managers of establishments renting houses in the survey districts are designated as price reporters.

For public housing rents, representatives of competent authorities in each sample city, town and village are designated as price reporters.

9. Survey dates

Prices are surveyed on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the week which includes the 12th of each month.

However, prices of item group D and E are surveyed on Friday of the week which includes the 12th of each month (as for Admission fees to the theme park are collected on Sunday of the week which includes the 12th of each month).

Moreover, about 40 perishable items (fresh fishes, vegetables, fruits and cut flowers) have three survey dates a month.

10. Survey method

(1) Price survey

For items surveyed by enumerators, the enumerators visit price reporters, collect prices by interviews and enter them into price collection device by themselves.

In principle, prices to be collected for the survey are normal retail prices or normal service charges for the specified item at stores or establishments surveyed on the survey date.

Therefore, the following prices are excluded.

- Extra-low prices due to the bargain sales, clearance sales, discount sales, etc., which are held for less than eight days
- Prices of odd items, incomplete sets and goods sold in combination
- Reduced prices for quantity purchases
- Prices of second-hand articles, auctioned goods and those sold on installments

(2) House rents survey

a Rents of houses owned by private sectors

The enumerators visit price reporters, collect the data on monthly rents and total floor spaces of houses rented in the survey districts, and enter them into price collect device by themselves.

Every house rents survey district is divided into the group 1, the group 2 and the group 3, and inquiries are made every three months for the first group in January, April, July and October, the second group in February, May, August and November and the third group in March, June, September and December.

Rent per unit area is obtained by dividing total gross rents for all the survey districts for house rents by total floor spaces rented. The calculation result is announced as a rent per 3.3 m². As for house rents survey districts not surveyed in current month, the data from the most recent survey month are substituted. House rents survey districts correspond to those of the Population Census.

b Rents of houses owned by public sectors

Rents and total floor spaces of rented houses owned by a prefecture, municipality, prefectural housing corporation, city housing corporation, general incorporated association or general incorporated foundation are surveyed by the prefectural governments every month.

And rents and total floor spaces of rented houses owned by the Urban Renaissance Agency are surveyed by the Statistics Bureau every month.

11. Publication of the results

The survey results are calculated by National Statistics Center. And these are released on Friday of the week including the 19th day in the following month after the survey in principle as retail prices in cities with prefectural government and with population 150,000 or more, and on Friday of the week including the 26th day in the survey month in principle as those in Ku-area of Tokyo and nationwide uniform prices and charges. Moreover, the results of the annual average prices are released along with the March results of the retail prices of major items by cities (cities with prefectural government and cities with population of 150,000 or more) every year.

Table 1-1 Survey systems by Contents

| Classification | Contents of survey items and specifications | Survey organization |
|----------------|---|---|
| Item group A | Food, domestic non-durables, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their residential districts and the price of which vary by district | Enumerator |
| Item group B | Clothing, electric appliances, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their representative commercial areas or large retail stores of each city, town and village and for which there are price differences among stores | Enumerator |
| Item group C | Recreational goods, etc., the price of which do not vary much among stores and districts | Enumerator |
| Item group D | Water charges, P.T.A membership fees, etc., the price of which are almost uniform in each prefecture or city, town, and village | Prefectural governments |
| Item group E | Electricity, Telephone charges, etc., the price which are uniform throughout the whole country or within a region | Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications |
| Item group S | Gasoline, etc., the price which are surveyed in each sample city, town and village, irrespective of survey district | Enumerator |

Table 1-2 Number of survey items and basic specifications by survey classification and city groups

| Table 2 Number of survey items and basic specifications by survey classification and city | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Level of survey classification | Survey classification | | Number of items | Number of specifications | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total | Item group A | Item group B | Item group C | Item group D | Item group E | Item group S | House rent (Private) |
| | | | 505 | 695 | 145 | 161 | 65 | 66 | 164 | 93 | 1 |
| | Without sign | Items and specifications surveyed by all cities, towns and villages | 127 | 161 | 64 | 30 | 13 | 32 | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| | ① | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 50,000 or more | 49 | 50 | 26 | 13 | 8 | 2 | | 1 | |
| | ② | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 150,000 or more | 41 | 46 | 12 | 26 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | |
| | ③ | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with prefectural government | 233 | 269 | 43 | 92 | 42 | 11 | | 81 | |
| ④ | Items and specifications surveyed in the whole area of prefectures | 10 | 25 | | | | 20 | 5 | | | |
| ⑤ | Items and specifications surveyed in the whole area of country | 45 | 144 | | | | | 144 | | | |
| City groups | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population less than 50,000 and towns and villages (Without sign) | | 127 | 161 | 64 | 30 | 13 | 32 | 15 | 6 | 1 |
| | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000 (Without sign + ①) | | 176 | 211 | 90 | 43 | 21 | 34 | 15 | 7 | 1 |
| | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 150,000 or more (Without sign + ① + ②) | | 217 | 257 | 102 | 69 | 23 | 35 | 15 | 12 | 1 |
| | Items and specifications surveyed by cities with prefectural government (Without sign + ① + ② + ③) | | 450 | 526 | 145 | 161 | 65 | 46 | 15 | 93 | 1 |
| | Items and specifications surveyed in the whole area of prefectures (Without sign + ① + ② + ③ + ④) | | 460 | 551 | 145 | 161 | 65 | 66 | 20 | 93 | 1 |
| | Items and specifications surveyed in the whole area of country (Without sign + ① + ② + ③ + ④ + ⑤) | | 505 | 695 | 145 | 161 | 65 | 66 | 164 | 93 | 1 |

Table 2 Number of prices collected for Water charges, College & university fees, Supplemental study, etc.

| Survey items | Number of prices collected |
|---|---|
| Water charges, Sewerage charges, Sewage disposal charges | 1 in each survey city, town and village |
| Fees for complete medical checkup | Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |
| Fees for immunization | Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |
| Bus fares (local line) | Ku-area of Tokyo 3 Sendai-shi, Yokohama-shi, Kawasaki-shi, Kyoto-shi, Osaka-shi, Kobe-shi, Hiroshima-shi and Kitakyushu-shi 2 in each city Other cities with population 50,000 or more 1 in each city |
| Expressway Bus fares (highway express bus) | Tokyo-to 3 Miyagi-ken, Kanagawa-ken, Aichi-ken, Kyoto-fu, Osaka-fu, Hyogo-ken, Hiroshima-ken 2 in each prefecture Other prefecture 1 in each prefecture |
| Taxi fares | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Osaka-shi 7 Government-ordinance-designated city in Cities with prefectural government and Naha-shi 5 in each city Other cities with prefectural government 3 in each city Other survey cities, towns and villages 1 in each city, town and village |
| Charges for driver's licence, Passport acquisition fees | Cities with prefectural government 1 in each city |
| Supplemental study (elementary school students) | Ku-area of Tokyo 5 Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |
| Supplemental study (junior high school students) | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city |
| Supplemental study (high school, preparatory school) | 5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 3 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Newspapers (local, block) | 1 in each survey city, town and village |
| Driving lesson fees | 5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 3 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Charges for playing golf | 10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 3 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Swimming pool charges | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |
| Game fees, bowling | Cities with population 150,000 or more 1 in each city |
| CATV reception charges | Ku-area of Tokyo 3 Cities with prefectural government 1 in each city |
| Cultural facilities admissions | 10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 2 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Bathing charges (Price Control Law is not applied to) | 5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 2 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Charges for certificates (registered seals) | 1 in each survey city, town and village |
| Nursery school fees | Ku-area of Tokyo 23 Other survey cities, towns and villages 1 in each city, town and village |
| School lunch (elementary school) (junior high school) | Ku-area of Tokyo, Yokohama-shi, Kawasaki-shi, Nagoya-shi, Kyoto-shi, Osaka-shi, Kobe-shi and Kitakyushu-shi 10 in each city Other cities with prefectural government 5 in each city |
| P.T.A. membership fees (elementary school) (junior high school) | Other cities with population 50,000 or more 3 in each city Other cities with population less than 50,000, towns and villages 1 in each city |
| Junior high school fees, private | Ku-area of Tokyo 18 Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village |

| Survey items | Number of prices collected |
|--|--|
| High school fees, public | Ku-area of Tokyo 1 |
| High school, private | 1 in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo { Ku-area of Tokyo 47 { Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village { excluding Ku-area of Tokyo (The limit is 10) |
| College & university fees (national) Law, literature and economics course Pyhsical science and engineering course | Completely enumerated in each prefecture |
| College & university fees (private) Law, literature and economics course Pyhsical science and engineering course | { 22 prices are collected in Tokyo-to { Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 10) { 10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to { Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 5) |
| Junior college fees (private) Law, literature and economics course Home economics course | 15 prices are collected in Tokyo-to Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 10) |
| Proffessional training college fees | 5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 2 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to |
| Funeral fees | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Yokohama-shi 7 Saitama-shi, Chiba-shi, Nagoya-shi, Osaka-shi and Kobe-shi 2 in each city Other cities with prefectural government..... 5 in each city |
| Funeral fees (cremation) | Ku-area of Tokyo 2 Cities with prefectural government 1 in each city |
| After-school childcare fees | Ku-area of Tokyo 5 Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |

Table 3-1 Number of prices collected for Gasoline, Carpentering, etc.

| Survey items (specifications) | Number of prices collected |
|---|----------------------------|
| Gasoline | Same as item group A |
| Hamburgers (eating out), Bowl of rice topped with seasoned beef (eating out), "Yakitori", grilled chicken (eating out), Kitchen cabinets, Carpets, Men's jackets, Boys' school uniforms, Girls' school uniforms, Shoe repair charges, Contact lenses, Bicycles (city), Desks, Computer games for domestic use, Game softwares, Pet foods (dog foods, cat foods) | Same as item group B |
| Coffee (eating out [Self-service]), Bath module, Toilet seat with a hot douche, Hot-water supply equipment, Materials for repairs and maintenance, Carport, "Tatami" reupholstering, "Fusuma" sliding doors reupholstering, Carpentering, Plastering, Fence construction, Plumbing, Cost of repairing roofs, Repaper the walls, Air cleaners, Bicycles (Power assisted), Dining sets, Sofas, Beds, Canteen, Housework service, Men's suits (for spring & summer, medium), Men's suits (for autumn & winter, medium), Women's suits (for spring & summer, medium), Women's suits (for autumn & winter, medium), Charges for clothing rent, Masks, Spectacles, Sphygmomanometers, Hearing aids, Supporter, Tires, Automotive maintenance charges (Puncture repairs), Motor oil replacement, Car wash fees, Athletic shoes, Fishing rods, Sweatpants, Swimming suits, Potted plants, Grooming parlor fees, Horticultural fertilizer, Gardening earth, Photography fees | Same as item group C |

Table 3-2 Number of prices collected for Delivered pizza, Kerosene, Lesson fees, etc.

| Survey items (specifications) | Number of prices collected |
|--|--|
| Delivered pizza, Memory cards, "Karaoke" room charges | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Osaka-shi 7 Sapporo-shi, Sendai-shi, Saitama-shi, Chiba-shi, Yokohama-shi, Nagoya-shi, Kyoto-shi, Kobe-shi, Hiroshima-shi, Fukuoka-shi 5 in each city Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city |
| "Sushi" (eating out, [hand-rolled "Sushi"]), "Yakiniku", broiled meat (eating out), Exterior wall painting, Parking construction, Automotive maintenance charges (yearly regular inspection), Veterinary surgeon fees | Ku-area of Tokyo 12 Osaka-shi 6 Yokohama-shi 3 Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city |
| Custom kitchen | Ku-area of Tokyo 3 Cities with prefectural government 1 in each city |
| Liquefied propane | Ku-area of Tokyo 3 Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city Cities with population 150,000 or more 3 in each city Cities and Towns and Villages (excepting those mentioned above) 1 in each city |
| Garage rental charges | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city Cities with population 150,000 or more 3 in each city |
| Box lunch ("Makunouchi bento", "Deep-fried chicken bento"), Gardening, Massage fees, Parking charges, Lesson fees (swimming, music, English, calligraphy, physical education), Charges for practicing golf | Ku-area of Tokyo 10 Cities with prefectural government 3 in each city |
| Baseball gloves | Ku-area of Tokyo 5 Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city Cities with population 150,000 or more 2 in each city |
| "Sushi" (eating out, [a conveyor-belt "Sushi"]), Automobile batteries, Automobile navigation, Drive recorders, Video software, Lesson fees (dance), Fitness club fees, Charges for esthetique | Ku-area of Tokyo 5 Cities with prefectural government 2 in each city |
| Kerosene | Ku-area of Tokyo 12 Osaka-shi 6 Cities with prefectural government (excepting those mentioned above) 3 in each city Cities with population 150,000 or more 3 in each city Cities and Towns and Villages (excepting those mentioned above) 1 in each city |

Table 4 Number of survey cities, towns and villages

| Region | Code for prefecture | Prefectures | Cities with prefectural government | Cities with population 150,000 or more | Cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000 | Cities with population less than 50,000 and Towns and villages |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Hokkaido | 01 | Hokkaido | Sapporo-shi | Hakodate-shi Asahikawa-shi | Muroran-shi Ebetsu-shi Chitose-shi | Bibai-shi Kucchan-cho Nayoro-shi Bihoro-cho |
| Tohoku | 02 | Aomori-ken | Aomori-shi | Hachinohe-shi | | Misawa-shi |
| | 03 | Iwate-ken | Morioka-shi | | Oshu-shi | Ninohe-shi |
| | 04 | Miyagi-ken | Sendai-shi | | Ishinomaki-shi | Rifu-cho |
| | 05 | Akita-ken | Akita-shi | | Yokote-shi | |
| | 06 | Yamagata-ken | Yamagata-shi | | Tsuruoka-shi | Shonai-machi |
| | 07 | Fukushima-ken | Fukushima-shi | Koriyama-shi | | Kawamata-machi |
| Kanto | 08 | Ibaraki-ken | Mito-shi | Hitachi-shi | | Hitachioomiya-shi |
| | 09 | Tochigi-ken | Utsunomiya-shi | Oyama-shi | | Kaminokawa-machi |
| | 10 | Gumma-ken | Maebashi-shi | | Annaka-shi | Numata-shi |
| | 11 | Saitama-ken | Saitama-shi | Kumagaya-shi Tokorozawa-shi Kawaguchi-shi | Honjo-shi Asaka-shi | |
| | 12 | Chiba-ken | Chiba-shi | Sakura-shi Urayasu-shi | Kisarazu-shi Mobara-shi | |
| | 13 | Tokyo-to | Ku-area of Tokyo | Tachikawa-shi Fuchu-shi Hachioji-shi | Koganei-shi | |
| | 14 | Kanagawa-ken | Yokohama-shi | Kawasaki-shi Sagami-hara-shi Yokosuka-shi | Isehara-shi Ebina-shi | Yugawara-machi |
| | 19 | Yamanashi-ken | Kofu-shi | | | Ichikawamisato-cho |
| | 20 | Nagano-ken | Nagano-shi | Matsumoto-shi | Iida-shi | Komoro-shi |
| Hokuriku | 15 | Niigata-ken | Niigata-shi | Nagaoka-shi | | Ojiya-shi Itoigawa-shi |
| | 16 | Toyama-ken | Toyama-shi | | Imizu-shi | |
| | 17 | Ishikawa-ken | Kanazawa-shi | | Kaga-shi | Anamizu-machi |
| | 18 | Fukui-ken | Fukui-shi | | Tsuruga-shi | |
| Tokai | 21 | Gifu-ken | Gifu-shi | | Seki-shi | Mino-shi Kasamatsu-cho |
| | 22 | Shizuoka-ken | Shizuoka-shi | Hamamatsu-shi Fuji-shi | | Oyama-cho |
| | 23 | Aichi-ken | Nagoya-shi | Okazaki-shi | Kariya-shi Gamagori-shi | Mihama-cho |
| | 24 | Mie-ken | Tsu-shi | Matsusaka-shi | Kuwana-shi | |
| Kinki | 25 | Shiga-ken | Otsu-shi | | Moriyama-shi | |
| | 26 | Kyoto-fu | Kyoto-shi | | Maizuru-shi Nagaokakyo-shi | |
| | 27 | Osaka-fu | Osaka-shi | Sakai-shi Hirakata-shi Higashiosaka-shi | Tondabayashi-shi Minoh-shi | |
| | 28 | Hyogo-ken | Kobe-shi | Himeji-shi Itami-shi Nishinomiya-shi | | Ono-shi Sayo-cho |
| | 29 | Nara-ken | Nara-shi | | | Tawaramoto-cho |
| | 30 | Wakayama-ken | Wakayama-shi | | Hashimoto-shi | Nachikatsuura-cho |
| Chugoku | 31 | Tottori-ken | Tottori-shi | | | Iwami-cho |
| | 32 | Shimane-ken | Matsue-shi | | | Ohda-shi |
| | 33 | Okayama-ken | Okayama-shi | | Tsuyama-shi | Ibara-shi |
| | 34 | Hiroshima-ken | Hiroshima-shi | Fukuyama-shi | Mihara-shi | |
| | 35 | Yamaguchi-ken | Yamaguchi-shi | Ube-shi | Sanyoonoda-shi | Tabuse-cho |
| Shikoku | 36 | Tokushima-ken | Tokushima-shi | | | Miyoshi-shi |
| | 37 | Kagawa-ken | Takamatsu-shi | | Marugame-shi | Zentsuji-shi |
| | 38 | Ehime-ken | Matsuyama-shi | Imabari-shi | | |
| | 39 | Kochi-ken | Kochi-shi | | | Susaki-shi |
| Kyushu | 40 | Fukuoka-ken | Fukuoka-shi | Kitakyushu-shi | Yanagawa-shi Chikushino-shi Onojo-shi | Okagaki-machi |
| | 41 | Saga-ken | Saga-shi | | Karatsu-shi | |
| | 42 | Nagasaki-ken | Nagasaki-shi | Sasebo-shi | | Hirado-shi |
| | 43 | Kumamoto-ken | Kumamoto-shi | | Yatsushiro-shi | Hitoyoshi-shi |
| | 44 | Oita-ken | Oita-shi | | Hita-shi | Kunisaki-shi |
| | 45 | Miyazaki-ken | Miyazaki-shi | | Nobeoka-shi | Kobayashi-shi |
| Okinawa | 46 | Kagoshima-ken | Kagoshima-shi | | Satsumasendai-shi | Kimotsuki-cho |
| | 47 | Okinawa-ken | Naha-shi | | Nago-shi Okinawa-shi Miyakojima-shi | Ishigaki-shi Motobu-cho Yonabaru-cho |
| Total | | 167 | 47 | 34 | 44 | 42 |

※ In principle, the districts and names of cities, towns and villages are based on those as of 25 June 2019.

Table 5 Number of survey districts and prices collected by city groups

| Municipalities | Item group A | | Item group B | | Item group C | | House Rent Survey districts |
|---|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| | Districts | Prices | Districts | Prices | Districts | Prices | |
| Ku-area of Tokyo | 42 | 42 | 21 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 54 |
| Osaka-shi | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 36 |
| Yokohama-shi | | | | | | | |
| Nagoya-shi | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 24 |
| Kyoto-shi | | | | | | | |
| Kobe-shi | | | | | | | |
| Sapporo-shi | | | | | | | |
| Sendai-shi | | | | | | | |
| Saitama-shi | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Chiba-shi | | | | | | | |
| Hiroshima-shi | | | | | | | |
| Fukuoka-shi | | | | | | | |
| Kawasaki-shi | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Kitakyushu-shi | | | | | | | |
| Niigata-shi | | | | | | | |
| Shizuoka-shi | | | | | | | |
| Hamamatsu-shi | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| Sakai-shi | | | | | | | |
| Okayama-shi | | | | | | | |
| Kumamoto-shi | | | | | | | |
| Sagamihara-shi | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| Cities with prefectural Government (excl. those mentioned above) | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Cities with population 150,000 or more (excl. those mentioned above) | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cities with population less than 50,000, towns and villages | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Reference 1 Number of survey items and basic specifications by subgroups
(Without items and specifications surveyed only in Okinawa prefecture)

| Subgroups | Number of items | Number of specifications | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | Total | Item group A | Item group B | Item group C | Item group D | Item group E | Item group S | House rent (Private) |
| Total | 505 | 695 | 145 | 161 | 65 | 66 | 164 | 93 | 1 |
| Food | 223 | 236 | 124 | 60 | 35 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Cereals | 12 | 13 | 12 | | 1 | | | | |
| Fish & shellfish | 29 | 29 | 24 | 4 | 1 | | | | |
| Meat | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | | | | | |
| Dairy products & eggs | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Vegetables & seaweeds | 44 | 44 | 41 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Fruits | 16 | 17 | 16 | | 1 | | | | |
| Oils, fats & seasonings | 19 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | | | | |
| Cakes & candies | 17 | 17 | 7 | 9 | 1 | | | | |
| Cooked food | 27 | 29 | 5 | 17 | 5 | | | 2 | |
| Beverages | 16 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 7 | | 3 | | |
| Alcoholic beverages | 8 | 9 | | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| Eating out | 22 | 25 | | 13 | | 2 | 2 | 8 | |
| Housing | 20 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 1 |
| Rent | 3 | 6 | | | | 4 | 1 | | 1 |
| Repairs & maintenance | 17 | 21 | | | | | 5 | 16 | |
| Fuel, light & water charges | 6 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Electricity | 1 | 6 | | | | | 6 | | |
| Gas | 2 | 3 | | | | | 2 | 1 | |
| Other fuel & light | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Water charges | 2 | 5 | | | | 5 | | | |
| Furniture & household utensils | 47 | 48 | 9 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Household durables | 12 | 13 | | 7 | 2 | | | 4 | |
| Interior furnishings | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | | | 1 | |
| Bedding | 5 | 5 | | 4 | | | | 1 | |
| Domestic utensils | 11 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 2 | | | 1 | |
| Domestic non-durables | 11 | 11 | 8 | | 3 | | | | |
| Domestic services | 4 | 4 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Clothes & footwear | 46 | 64 | 0 | 48 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Japanese clothing | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |
| Clothing | 14 | 26 | | 19 | | | | 7 | |
| Shirts & sweaters | 7 | 12 | | 12 | | | | | |
| Underwear | 7 | 7 | | 7 | | | | | |
| Other clothing | 7 | 7 | | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| Footwear | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | | | | |
| Services related to clothing | 3 | 4 | | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| Medical care | 26 | 31 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| Medicines | 11 | 14 | | 12 | | | 2 | | |
| Medical supplies & appliances | 10 | 11 | 4 | | 1 | | | 6 | |
| Medical services | 5 | 6 | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| Transportation & communication | 24 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 97 | 13 | 0 |
| Public transportation | 3 | 60 | | | | 5 | 55 | | |
| Private transportation | 17 | 45 | | | | 1 | 31 | 13 | |
| Communication | 4 | 11 | | | | | 11 | | |
| Education | 11 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| School fees | 6 | 22 | | | | 22 | | | |
| School textbook & reference books for study | 2 | 6 | | | | | 6 | | |
| Tutorial fees | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | | | |
| Reading & recreation | 55 | 68 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 19 | 27 | 0 |
| Recreational durables | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Recreational goods | 27 | 30 | 3 | | 11 | | 1 | 15 | |
| Books & other reading materials | 5 | 7 | | | | 1 | 6 | | |
| Recreational services | 21 | 29 | | 1 | | 6 | 11 | 11 | |
| Miscellaneous | 47 | 59 | 5 | 19 | 4 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 0 |
| Personal care services | 6 | 6 | 4 | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Toilet articles | 23 | 23 | 1 | 14 | 2 | | 6 | | |
| Personal effects | 8 | 8 | | 5 | 2 | | 1 | | |
| Cigarettes | 1 | 4 | | | | | 4 | | |
| Other miscellaneous | 9 | 18 | | | | 13 | 5 | | |