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Preface

The System of Social and Demographic Statistics of Japan is the systematic compilation of statistical data collected and processed by districts demonstrating the real living conditions of the country's population.

This report presents major indicators from the "Social Indicators by Prefecture 2020", which is a report that summarizes the system of social and demographic statistics of Japan, and recompiles such information to allow that indicators be observed by prefectures in a glance. Each indicator is ranked by prefecture in order to make it easily understandable.

I hope that this report will be widely used in various fields for administrative policy, academic research, regional analysis etc.

Furthermore, we have also published the "Statistical Observations of Municipalities". All contents of these reports are accessible from the web site of the Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications or the Portal Site of Official Statistics of Japan (e-Stat).

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Notes

1. Time span

The time span is based on the Japanese fiscal year, i.e. from 1 April to 31 March. Therefore, data on the book refer to the period or date of the fiscal year indicated. Data for which the period extends over two fiscal years are assumed to belong to the fiscal year that occupies a longer period than the other.

2. Data

(1) Data figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding or in case of including data not available.

(2) The Social Indicators by Prefecture are calculated according to “Formulae of Indicators”. (Excludes those directly posting indices, rates, etc. of original sources, refer to “II Formulae of Indicators” column on page 108).

However, a part of the indicator is not necessarily equal to the ratios, the rates, etc. of the published original source, because of differences in using basic data for calculation, absence of the original figures, etc.

(3) Please refer to the explanation of terms with that of the source books in using data.

3. Symbols

* : Data refer to the cities with prefectural governments. However, for the nine items in pages 13 to 15 (Climate; #B02101-#B02103, #B02201, #B02401, #B02402, #B02301, #B02303, #B02304), Kumagaya-shi observations are used for Saitama-ken, Chiyoda-ku for Tokyo-to and Hikone-shi for Shiga-ken. Furthermore, in regard to #B02301, Choshi-shi is for Chiba-ken, and Shimonoseki-shi is for Yamaguchi-ken.

... : Not available

— : Not applicable (Denominator of formulae of indicators is 0)

4. For further information

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5. Others

(1) When any contents of the present issue are to be quoted or copied in other media (print or electronic), the title is to be referred to as follows:

Source: *Statistical Observations of Prefectures 2020*, published by the Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.

(2) Contents of the present issue published online at:

Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan:

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/k-sugata/index.html>

Portal Site of Official Statistics of Japan (e-Stat):

<https://www.e-stat.go.jp/en/regional-statistics/ssdsview>

Appendix Outline of the System of Social and Demographic Statistics of Japan

1. The System of Social and Demographic Statistics of Japan

The System of Social and Demographic Statistics of Japan is a system in which statistical data in a wide range of fields are collected, normalised and organised. The system describes the lives of Japanese people in various fields. The purpose of the system is to provide basic data useful for various kinds of administrative programmes, policy-making and analysis of regional differences. It was started by the Statistics Bureau in fiscal 1976.

What is characteristic of the system is that the data are organised for each of the prefectures (*To*, *Do*, *Fu* and *Ken*) and municipalities (*Shi*, *Ku*, *Machi* and *Mura*), thus enabling regional comparison and analysis.

2. Basic Data collected in the System

In the system, basic data are collected in 13 fields from “A. Population and Households” to “M. Daily Time”. The number of basic data items is about 2,860 for prefectures, about 730 for *Shi* and *Ku*, and about 710 for *Machi* and *Mura* respectively (as of fiscal year 2019).

3. Compilation of the System

The system is compiled by the following process:

- (1) Determination of basic data to be collected
- (2) Collection of basic data
 - Statistical Data quoted from report books and computer-readable media
- (3) Input and evaluation of basic data
- (4) Systematisation of basic data and indicator calculation
- (5) Provision of the results by report books, computer readable media, and online

4. Dissemination of the Data of the System

Data organised in the system are provided in computer readable media and publications, for free online.

- (1) Computer readable media
 - Basic Data by prefecture (time series from 1975)
 - Basic Data by municipality (time series from 1980)
 - Data in “*Social Indicators by Prefecture*”
 - Data in “*Statistical Observations of Prefectures*”
 - Data in “*Statistical Observations of Municipalities*”
- (2) Publications
 - *Social Indicators by Prefecture* (2020 edition) (bilingual, published annually; 588 social indicators and 553 basic data)
 - *Statistical Observations of Prefectures* (2020 edition) (bilingual, published annually; 439 social indicators)
 - *Statistical Observations of Municipalities* (2019 edition) (in Japanese only, published annually; 92 basic data for municipalities)

(3) Online

Portal Site of Official Statistics of Japan (e-Stat);

<https://www.e-stat.go.jp/en/regional-statistics/ssdsview>