

II Explanation of Terms

Total households

The sum of two-or-more-person households plus one-person households.

Districts

Hokkaido

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Tohoku

Aomori-ken, Iwate-ken, Miyagi-ken, Akita-ken, Yamagata-ken, Fukushima-ken

Kanto

Ibaraki-ken, Tochigi-ken, Gumma-ken, Saitama-ken, Chiba-ken, Tokyo-to, Kanagawa-ken, Yamanashi-ken, Nagano-ken

Hokuriku

Niigata-ken, Toyama-ken, Ishikawa-ken, Fukui-ken

Tokai

Gifu-ken, Shizuoka-ken, Aichi-ken, Mie-ken

Kinki

Shiga-ken, Kyoto-fu, Osaka-fu, Hyogo-ken, Nara-ken, Wakayama-ken

Chugoku

Tottori-ken, Shimane-ken, Okayama-ken, Hiroshima-ken, Yamaguchi-ken

Shikoku

Tokushima-ken, Kagawa-ken, Ehime-ken, Kochi-ken

Kyushu & Okinawa

Fukuoka-ken, Saga-ken, Nagasaki-ken, Kumamoto-ken, Oita-ken, Miyazaki-ken, Kagoshima-ken, Okinawa-ken

City Groups

Cities and Ku-area of Tokyo are classified into the following four groups by the size of population based on the result of 2010 Population Census

Major cities

Designated cities under article 252-19 of the Local Autonomy Law and Ku-areas (ward) of Tokyo

Middle cities

Cities with population of 150,000 or more (excluding Major cities)

Small cities A

Cities with population of 50,000 or more, but less than 150,000

Small cities B・Towns and villages

Cities with population of less than 50,000, towns and villages

(Items Related to Expenditure①)

Goods and services purchased through the internet

Total expenditure for goods and services ordered or reserved through the internet, Goods and services ordered or reserved at a store counter are excluded.

Gift items

[Gift]

(summer gifts, year-end gifts, and celebratory gifts for other households)

Gifts for other households which do not share housing or living with gift givers.

Items for households

[Food]

Foods (excluding health food)

Food, drink, and delivery of such as a gift as well as health food are excluded.

Beverages (including alcoholic beverages)

Drinks of all forms including powder, other than medicinal beverages.

Canned, bottled, packed, and plastic-bottled beverages are included as well.

Deliveries

(packed lunch, home-delivered pizzas, etc.)

What eating and drinking places provide, including cases of eating out reserved via the internet.

[Home electronics]

Home electronics

(including peripherals, parts, and non-durable goods)

Durable goods assisting housework including microwave ovens, heating and cooling appliances, recreational durable goods including personal computers, recreational goods including TV game software, and communication equipment including mobile telephones.

[Furniture]

Furniture

(general furniture, interior furnishings and decorations, bedding, etc.)

Dining tables and chairs, lighting appliances, beds, quilts, etc.

[Clothing]

Men's clothing

Men's clothes for seventh graders and upward, including Japanese clothing.

Women's clothing

Women's clothes for seventh graders and upward, including Japanese clothing.

Footwear and other clothing

(kids clothing, hats, neckties, socks, etc.)

Footwear such as shoes, and clothing other than men's or women's clothing (things to put on). Children's dresses refers to clothing for babies to elementary school students (including Japanese clothing).

[Medical care]

Medicines (including quasi-drugs)

Medicines and quasi-drugs of all forms, including pills and health drinks.

Health foods (supplements, etc.)

Food for maintenance and promotion of health by replenishing nutrition in forms similar to those of medicines, including pills, capsules, granules, powder, grains, liquid (extract), etc.

[Cosmetics]

Cosmetics

Skin cream, skin lotion, makeup foundation, lipsticks, perfume, hair color, etc.

[Private transportation]

Automotive-related products

(including automobiles, motorbikes, bicycles, etc. and their parts)

Vehicles such as automobiles, motorbikes, bicycles, etc. (including second hand goods). Expenditure related to goods and services necessary for maintenance and use of such vehicles is also included.

[Books]

Books

(including reading materials such as magazines, excluding digital books)

Reading materials and books such as newspapers, magazines, calendars, including used books.

[Music/ video software, etc.]

Software

(music, video, personal computer, TV game)

Various forms of storage media with sound and/or images, including rented goods.

[Digital contents]

Digital books

(including newspapers, magazines etc.)

Types of books read on personal computers, mobile telephones, tablet computers, etc. Printed reading materials are excluded.

Downloaded music, video, and applications, etc.

Downloaded music/ video, and software/ applications, including rented contents.

[Insurance]

Insurance

(life insurance, medical insurance, automotive insurance, fire insurance, etc.)

Various types of insurance purchased or applied for through the internet (including types for which payment is made at a convenience store)

[Accommodation services (hotels, inns, etc.), fares (railways, airplanes, etc.), and package tour costs]

Payment on the Internet

Charges for accommodation services, fares, and package tour costs (in case of payment on the internet).

Payment on-site

(the internet used for reservation only)

Charges for accommodation services, fares, and package tour costs (in cases where payment is not made through the internet).

[Tickets]

Tickets

(including those for movies, plays, concerts, sports, etc., excluding shopping vouchers, etc.)

Fees for entrance and viewing.

[Others]

Other goods and services

(such as accessories, domestic utensils, non-durable goods, etc.)

Everything that does not fall under any category of the above from "Gift items" to "Tickets." Purchase, move, investment, and donation of assets are excluded.

(Items Related to Information and Communication Technology)

Electronic money

In this survey, the definition of electronic money is currency value stored in media, like the such as IC cards and pre-paid card, etc.

e.g.) Suica, ICOCA, PASMO, nanaco, WAON, Rakuten Edy, WebMoney, BitCash, QuoCard, etc.

Recharging only and using electronic money only

as a season ticket for railways and bus are excluded.

Average amount of money per household using electronic money by railways and bus

Amount used to purchase a season ticket is excluded.

(Items Related to Expenditure②)

[Communications, broadcasting]

(including packet charges) Mobile telephone (cell phone, PHS) charges

Basic fees, call charges, and optional service fees for smartphones, cell phones, PHS, car phones, etc. Packet charges are included.

Internet connection charges

(including combined contracts with cable TV services, etc.)

Internet connection charges (ADSL, ISDN, optical fiber, etc.) and provider fees (including entry fees, and line usage charge if provider contracts include it).

[Furniture, etc.]

Chests of drawers

Chest of drawers, wardrobes, dressers, etc.

Beds

Water beds, pipe beds, beds for kids, etc.

Quilts

Set of comforters, sleeved quilts, thinner comforters, etc.

Bedding for babies is excluded.

Sideboards

Sideboard, tea cabinets, dining cabinets, living cabinets, cupboards, etc.

Drawing room suites

Items mainly used for receiving guests, including single items (such as sofa only or table only).

Musical instruments

(including parts of instruments)

Upright pianos, organs, electronic instruments, violins, trumpets, harmonicas, drums, koto, shamisen, etc.

[Clothing]

Men's suits

(excluding jacket only or trousers only)

Suits and formal wear for men from seventh grade of school and upward. Uniforms and single items (jacket only or trousers only) are excluded.

Women's suits and one-piece dresses

(excluding jacket only or skirt only)

Suits, one-piece dresses and formal dresses for women from seventh grade of school and upward. Uniforms and single items (jacket only, skirt only, or slacks only) are excluded.

Japanese clothing

(for men and women)(kimonos, obis, etc.)

Japanese clothes for men and women from seventh graders of school and upward, including festival wear, underwear for Japanese clothes, and obi materials.

Wrist watches

Pocket watches, pendant watches, ring watches, etc.

Accessories

Rings, necklaces, earrings, brooches, jewels, precious metals, necktie-pins, corsages, etc.

[Motor cars - related costs]

Automobiles (new, second-hand)

Base price covering standard equipment at the time of purchase plus automobile acquisition tax (less trade-in price if any).

Automobile (second-hand) include deregistered new cars (shinkosya).

Automotive insurance premium (compulsion)

Premium for compulsory automobile liability insurance charged at the time of purchase or periodic official car inspection.

Automotive insurance premium (optional)

Premiums for voluntary insurance, not compulsory automobile insurance.

Motorized vehicles (motorbikes, etc.) other than automobiles

Base price for motorized vehicles other than automobiles, covering standard equipment at the time of purchase plus automobile acquisition tax. Secondhand purchase is included.

Automotive maintenance and repairs (repair charges and technical fees for official car inspection)

Cost of services necessary for maintenance and repair of automobiles, excluding fitting or repair fees for automobile-related articles and cost of automobile parts.

[Housing]**House-related equipping/construction/repair costs (including interior, exterior, and gates/external walls/ fences, and excluding expansion and remodeling)**

Costs of equipment and appliances for house interiors, and of installation and repair of same, excluding cost of material for repair.

Water supply and drainage construction costs

Costs of construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of water supply and drainage facilities for kitchen, bathroom and toilet.

Gardens, trees and plants tending costs

Costs of services necessary for maintenance and management of plants and garden.

[Home electric appliances, etc.]**Refrigerators (including freezers)**

Refrigerator/freezers, low-temperature storage containers (rice granaries and wine cellars), etc.

Vacuum cleaners (including cyclone types/ robot types)

Rechargeable vacuum cleaners are included as well.

Washing machines (including dryers and dehydrators)

Washing machines with a dryer, gas dryers, etc.

Air conditioners

Those with both cooling and heating functions as well as those only with a cooling

function, excluding installation fees.

Personal computers (including tablet types, and excluding peripherals and software)

Displays, keyboards, and batteries are included as well if they are purchased together with computers as part of a package. Other peripherals, computer software, and non-durable goods purchased separately from computers are excluded.

Mobile telephones unit prices (cell phone, PHS)

Prepaid cell phones, and charges related to switching phones are included as well. Rental or leased phones are excluded.

TV

Portable types are excluded.

Video recorders (DVD or Blu-ray recorders, player, etc.)

Devices hooked up with a TV set for recording and playing back, excluding portable types. Types which make up part of an audio device or come with speakers are excluded.

Video games hardwares (excluding softwares)

Video game consoles, including portable types. In addition, those which are sold together with software and accessories (such as controllers) are included. Video game software is excluded.

Cameras (excluding disposable cameras)

Purchase of interchangeable lenses only is included as well. Peripheral items and repair cost are excluded.

Video cameras

Peripheral items and repair cost are excluded.

[Medical care]**Delivery fees**

All costs of hospitalization in connection with child delivery.

Hospital charges (excluding delivery)

All costs of hospitalization not connected to child delivery. Direct payment of hospital charges for family members those who are non-members of the household hospitalized for a long period (3 months or longer) are included as well. Hospitalization for a routine health checkup, such as a scheduled thorough physical checkup is excluded.

[Others]

Lesson fees, driving school

Fees for entrance and training camp at driving school

Airplane fares (including fuel surcharge)

Various fares for use of aircrafts, including coupon tickets. Charges paid for business trips are excluded.

Accommodation services

Various charges for overnight accommodation. Charges paid for business trips are excluded.

Package tour costs (domestic/ overseas)

Package fees covering transportation and hotel charges. Charges paid for business trips are excluded.

Rental fees for sports facilities

Entry fees, membership fees, and dues for gyms, as well as charges for fitness centers.

Wedding ceremony and reception costs (excluding costs of lodging, transportation, and congratulatory monetary gift)

Wedding costs, including those for ceremony, reception, etc., payable by the bridegroom or bride, including direct payment to party organizers on behalf of the bridegroom or bride who is not a member of the household.

Funeral service costs (excluding costs of lodging, transportation, monetary gift of condolence borne by the host)

Cost borne by the host of a funeral service.

Religion-related costs (donations to temples/ shrines, Buddhist and Shinto altars, gravestones, etc.)

All costs pertaining to religious services, including ritual implements, gravestones, etc.

[Total amount paid by the household]

Total expenditure

Total monthly expenditure includes food costs and utilities charges in addition to the total sum paid for purchases of specific goods and services.

The following items are not included in total expenditure.

Purchase for business use by households conducting the business

Direct taxes (local residents' tax, etc.), social insurance premiums (premiums for official pension, etc.).

Premiums for insurance (having an element of

savings).

Repayments of loans (including housing loans).

Purchases of property (real estate including land and house).

Bank or post office deposits and a reserve fund in the form of securities.

Foods

Total food cost of the household for a month.

Remittance and money gifts

Money remitted to non-members of the household to pay for livelihood, house rent, tuition fee, etc. Also, cash paid as congratulatory, consolation or ceremonial gift according to common practice, including congratulatory, farewell, consolatory, condolence and gratitude gifts. Gifts given in the form of shopping vouchers or gift vouchers bought for such purpose are included.