Summary of the Results

The Basic Complete Tabulation on Population and Households of the 2010 Population Census of Japan includes statistics on the basic characteristics of population and households, and statistics on aged persons household, for the whole country, prefectures and municipalities.

The population of Japan remained at virtually the same level—increasing only 0.2% from 2005, or 0.05% on an annual basis. This is the lowest increase rate since the Population Census started in 1920.

Broken down by sex, the male population numbered 62,327,737 (48.7% of the total population) and the females numbered 65,729,615 (51.3%).

The Japanese population stood at 125,359 thousand, remaining almost at the same level as 2005.

The population of foreign residents usually living in Japan was 1,648 thousand, a 5.9% increase from 2005.

Population and population growth rate -Japan: 1920 to 2010

1) Population adjusted by deducting the military and civilian personnel stationed outside Japan from the census population.
2) Based on the result of "Population Survey" in 1945. Adjusted population obtained by adding the estimated 149,000 of military and civilian personnel and foreigners to the population of November 1 which excludes Okinawa ken.
3) Population growth rates for 1945 and 1950 exclude the population of Okinawa ken.
Tokyo ranked at the top in the population increase rate with 4.6%, followed by Kanagawa-ken (2.9%), Chiba-ken (2.6%), etc. 9 prefectures experienced population increase from 2005 to 2010, which was a decrease from 15 prefectures from 2000 to 2005.

On the other hand, Akita-ken showed the highest population decrease rate of 5.2%, followed by Aomori-ken (4.4%), Kochi-ken (4.0%), etc. 38 prefectures lost the population from 2005 to 2010.

Population Change Rate by Prefecture: 2005 to 2010

Rate of Population Change

- Decrease (3.0% and more)
- Decrease (1.5%~less than 3.0%)
- Decrease (less than 1.5%)
- Increase
The population under 15 years old was 16,803 thousand (13.2% of the total population), those aged 15 to 64 totaled 81,032 thousand (63.8%) and those aged 65 years old and over numbered 29,246 thousand (23.0%).

The population aged under 15 years old decreased by 718 thousand (4.1%) from 2005, and those aged 15 to 64 years old decreased by 3,061 thousand (3.6%).

The population aged 65 years old and over increased by 3,574 thousand (13.9%).

The percentage of the population aged 65 years old and over increased from 20.2% to 23.0%.

The population in 1945 is based on the result of "Population Survey".

1) Excluding population of Okinawa ken.

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2010 Population Census (Statistics Bureau of Japan)
The number of households of Japan was 51,950,504 as of October 1, 2010. The number of private households was 51,842 thousand, and exceeded 50,000 thousand for the first time since the Population Census of Japan started (1920). The number of one-person households was 16,785 thousand and formed the largest category among private households. Larger households are much less numerous than smaller ones. The number of three-person or fewer households increased, but the number of four-person and over households decreased.

In the population aged 65 and over, one in 10 males and one in 5 females were living alone.

The percentage of "aged-single-person" to the population aged 65 years old and over had risen—those aged 65 years old and over were 11.1% for males and 20.3% for females, indicating the fact that one out of 10 males and one out of 5 females were living alone.

The number of people who live as "Inmates of social institutions" was 1,201 thousand. This is approximately 1.5 times the number of 2005.

The number of the population aged 65 and over by type of households and sex

-Japan: 1995 to 2010