

Outline of the 2020 Population Census of Japan

History

The population census is the most fundamental statistical survey of Japan for the purpose of clarifying the actual conditions of the population, households, industrial structure, etc. of Japan, and obtaining basic data on various administrative measures in the national and local governments. The population census has been conducted in Japan almost every five years since 1920, with the 2020 Population Census being the twenty-first. It is a survey at a turning point in its 100th anniversary.

In addition to these regular censuses, special censuses were taken in 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1948 due to the particular administrative needs of the respective time.

Names and dates of these censuses are:

1920Population Census	1 October 1920
1925Population Census	1 October 1925
1930Population Census	1 October 1930
1935Population Census	1 October 1935
1940Population Census	1 October 1940
(1944Population Census	22 February 1944)
(1945Population Census	1 November 1945)
(1946Population Census	26 April 1946)
1947Extraordinary Population Census	1 October 1947
(1948Population Census	1 August 1948)
1950Population Census	1 October 1950
1955Population Census	1 October 1955
1960Population Census	1 October 1960
1965Population Census	1 October 1965
1970Population Census	1 October 1970
1975Population Census	1 October 1975
1980Population Census	1 October 1980
1985Population Census	1 October 1985
1990Population Census	1 October 1990
1995Population Census	1 October 1995
2000Population Census	1 October 2000
2005Population Census	1 October 2005
2010Population Census	1 October 2010
2015Population Census	1 October 2015
2020Population Census	1 October 2020

The first census was conducted in 1920 in conformity with “the Act Concerning the Population Census” (Act No.49, 1902)

After the first census, which was taken in 1920, by the amendment of the Act Concerning the Population Census in 1922, the population censuses came to be conducted every five years, with the large-scale census and the simplified census

alternately.

The prewar censuses were conducted in conformity with the Act Concerning the Population Census. The 1925 and 1935 censuses were simplified censuses, and the 1920, 1930 and 1940 censuses were large-scale censuses.

The 1945 simplified census was not taken because of World War II.

After the War, “Statistics Act” (Act No.18, 1947) was enacted and provisions on the population census were established. The Statistics Act also aims at regulating the designated statistics which, according to the Statistics Act, have been prepared or sponsored by the Government or the local public entity and designated and notified to the public by the Director of the Management and coordination Agency. The population census was designated as “Designated Statistics No.1” by the “Designation of the Population Census” (Cabinet Notification No.21, 2 May 1947). The Extraordinary Population Census was conducted in 1947 in conformity with the provisions of the Statistics Act. In this act, it was provided that the census should be conducted every five years.

But after the 1950 census, this act was amended in 1954 to conduct the census every ten years and the simplified census in the fifth year after the census, and the 1955 census was conducted as a simplified census.

Since then, in 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, the large-scale censuses were conducted and in 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005 the simplified census were conducted.

After then the population census was designated as “Fundamental Statistics Survey” by the “Statistics Act” (Act No.53, 2007) revised in 2007. Based on it, the 2010 census was conducted as large-scale census, the 2015 census was conducted as simplified census. The 2020 census was conducted as large-scale census.

The main difference between a large-scale census and a simplified census is the number of questions asked in the census. During the prewar period questions of a simplified census were limited to the basic characteristics of the population, i.e, name, sex, age, marital status, while a large-scale census covered questions on economic characteristics such as industry and occupation in addition to the basic characteristics of the population.

After the War, the scale of census-taking has generally been amplified so as to satisfy the increased demands from a wider variety of users for the census results.

The large-scale censuses (1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010) covered questions on dwellings, internal migration and education in addition to basic and economic characteristics of the population.

The simplified censuses (1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015) covered questions on economic characteristics and dwelling besides basic characteristics of the population.

Population Censuses of Okinawa-ken

Okinawa-ken reverted to Japan on May 15, 1972, and has been covered from the 1975 Population Census. Before reversion, the census had been conducted by the U.S. Military Government in the Ryukyu Islands or Government of the Ryukyu Island five

times in Okinawa-ken.

Names and dates of these censuses are:

1950Population Census	1 December 1950
1955Provisional Population Census	1 December 1955
1960Population Census	1 December 1960
1965Provisional Population Census	1 October 1965
1970Population Census	1 October 1970

The 1950 census was conducted in conformity with the U.S. Military Government in the Ryukyu Island Order (Act No.25 enacted on 18 October 1950), and the 1955, 1960 and 1965 censuses were conducted in conformity with Articles 5 of the Statistics Act established by the Government of the Ryukyu Islands (Act No.43 enacted on 14 September 1954).

The 1970 census was conducted in conformity with the recommendation of the Japan- America- Ryukyu Consultative Committee (No.32, 11 March 1969). This was the first census that was carried out in Okinawa at the same time and by the same method as in Japan proper.

Date of the Census

The 2020 Population Census was taken as of 0:00 a.m., October 1, 2020. This date has been kept unchanged throughout regular censuses since 1920.

Legal Basis of the Census

The 2020 Population Census was conducted in conformity with the provisions of Article 5, Clause 2 of the Statistics Act, the Cabinet Order for the Population Census (Cabinet Order No.98 of 1980), the Regulation for the Execution of the Population Census (Prime Minister's Office Order No.21 of 1980) and the Prime Minister's Office Order for Instruction for the Establishment of Enumeration Districts for the Population Census (Prime Minister's Office Order No.24 of 1984).

Therefore, the population census is subject to provisions related to Fundamental Statistics Survey in the Statistics Act and in the Cabinet Order for the Enforcement of the Statistics Act, such as obligation to report, field investigation, safeguard of secrecy and publication of results.

Cabinet Order for the Population Census provides date and coverage of census, enumeration items, method of survey, and so on.

The Rules for the Execution of the Population Census provides documents relate to the survey and the forms of questionnaires.

Area Coverage of the Census

The 2020 Population Census covered the whole territory of Japan excluding the following islands in accordance with the Regulation for the Execution of the Population Census mentioned above.

- (1) Habomai Islands, Shikotan Island, Kunashiri Island and Etorofu Island
- (2) Takeshima in Okinoshima-cho, Oki-gun Shimane-ken

There are considerable differences in the area coverage between the prewar and the postwar censuses.

- (1) The censuses of prewar time covered Korea, Taiwan and other areas which were removed from the Japanese territory according to the Peace Treaty, after the War. These areas have, of course, been excluded from the coverage of censuses since 1945.
- (2) After the War, Tokara Islands (*Toshima-mura* in *Oshima-gun*, *Kagoshima-ken*) and Amami Islands (major portions of *Oshima-gun*) which were returned to Japan in 1952 and 1953 respectively have been included in the censuses since 1955. The Ogasawara Islands returned in 1968 and *Okinawa-ken* returned in 1972 have been included in the censuses since 1970 and 1975 respectively.

The population and land areas covered in each census are presented in “Comparison of Population and Area Covered in Each Population Census of Japan (1920 to 2020)” on Part2 Appendix.

Population Enumerated in the Census

The 2020 Population Census used what is known as the *de jure* population concept for enumerating the people. That is, a person was enumerated at the place where he or she usually lives, and was counted in the population of the area including the place.

The term “persons usually living” was defined in the census as those persons who had lived or were going to live for three months or more at their respective households at the census date. Persons who had no usual places of living in this sense were enumerated at the places where they were present on the date of the census. There were, however, exceptions to this general rule for the following population groups:

- (1) Students and pupils of regular schools as well as those attending special training schools or miscellaneous schools and living in school dormitories, boarding houses or the like were enumerated at the places where they lived regardless of their period of stay.
- (2) Inpatients at hospitals were enumerated in the hospitals (only those with facilities for hospitalization of patients) only when they had been hospitalized for three months or more at the census date. Otherwise, they were enumerated at their homes even if they were expected to be in the hospital for three months or more.
- (3) Crews aboard ships, except ships of the Self-Defense Forces, were enumerated at their residential places on land, if any. Otherwise, they were enumerated on the ships if the ships were of the Japanese flag and were at anchor at a port of Japan at the census date, or if the ships left a port of Japan before the census date and entered a port of Japan within five days after the census date without calling at any foreign ports.
- (4) Residents in the camps of the Self-Defense Forces were enumerated in the camps. Crews aboard ships of the Self-Defense Forces were enumerated at the places of the local general headquarters to which their ships belonged.
- (5) Persons in prisons or detention houses whose penalties had been fixed, and inmates of reformatories or women's guidance homes were enumerated at those

institutions.

In accordance with the rules described above, all persons living in Japan were enumerated whether they were foreigners or not. However, the following persons were excluded from the enumeration.

- (1) Foreign diplomatic corps, their suites and their dependents
- (2) Foreign military personnel including both military corps and civilians, and their dependents

The persons indicated in the group (1) numbered 7,529, (2) numbered 108,866 as of 1 October 2020.

Among Japanese who were living or traveling abroad, those who were expected to be absent from home for less than three months around the date of the census were enumerated at their homes in Japan, but others were excluded from the enumeration.

Among Japanese who were staying in foreign countries, those who were staying for more than three months numbered 827,916 as of 1 October 2020, according to the Annual Report of Statistics on Japanese Nationals Overseas (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan), Permanent residents who had Japanese nationality numbered 529,808 and the total number of overseas residents reached 1,357,724.

Topics to be surveyed

In the 2020 Population Census, 15 items related to household members, such as sex, year and month of birth, etc., and 4 items related to households, such as type of household, number of household members, etc., were surveyed for a total of 19 items.

“area of floor space of dwelling” was removed from the item to reduce the burden of respondents.

For household members:

- (1) Name
- (2) Sex
- (3) Year and month of birth
- (4) Relationship to the household head
- (5) Marital status
- (6) Nationality
- (7) Duration of residency at the current domicile
- (8) Place of 5 years previous residence
- (9) Education
- (10) Type of activity
- (11) Name of establishment and kind of business (Industry)
- (12) Kind of work (Occupation)
- (13) Employments status
- (14) Place of work or schooling
- (15) Means of transportation to your place of work or schooling

For households:

- (1) Type of household
- (2) Number of household members
- (3) Type and tenure of dwelling

(4) Type of building and number of stories

Census Organization

The 2020 Population Census was conducted through the following flow: the Statistics Bureau, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications — Prefectures (*To, Do, Fu* and *Ken*) — Municipalities (*Shi, Machi* and *Mura*) — Supervisors — Enumerators (or private office undertaking enumerators' field work) — Households.

The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications was in charge of the planning, arrangement of materials and documents and supervision for census work of prefectures and municipalities.

The statistics sections of prefectural governments took responsibility for census operations in each prefecture. Census work, including distribution of reserve census documents to municipal governments, supervision of field work, scrutinizing of the census documents which were submitted to the prefecture, and so forth, had been performed through the statistics sections of prefectural governments.

Shi (city), *Machi* (town) and *Mura* (village) offices performed such work as the establishment of enumeration districts, the selection and training of supervisors and enumerators, and scrutinizing of the census documents which were submitted from enumerators.

The field work was carried out by about 700,000 enumerators specially appointed for this census. Moreover, about 100,000 supervisors were appointed to take the responsibility of training and supervising enumerators, of scrutinizing the entries on the census questionnaires, and so forth. These enumerators and supervisors were appointed by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications.

These census data were tabulated by the National Statistics Center and the results are released by the Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Method of the Census

1. Enumeration Districts

Before the census-taking, the whole area to be covered by the census was divided into enumeration districts and accurately mapped.

There were three types of enumeration districts; Ordinary Enumeration Districts, Special Enumeration Districts, Water Enumeration Districts.

Ordinary Enumeration Districts were set up in the areas where residents were comparatively concentrated; they were delineated to comprise 50 households per enumeration district on the average utilizing geographically apparent features for their boundaries.

Special Enumeration Districts were established in the areas which were broad but thinly populated or in the areas where special population groups formed their communities such as social institutions and large hospitals.

Water Enumeration Districts were set up on the all port area of international tactics port, international hub port and major port, which Port and Harbor Act designates as such, and the districts where people were living in boats or ships of local port which Port and Harbor Act designates as such, and those of the fishing ports and around the mouths of rivers or canals, which Act on Development of Fishing ports and Grounds designates as such were set up.

Enumeration districts of each type is as follows:

- (1) Ordinary Enumeration Districts
- (2) Special Enumeration Districts
 - Mountains, forests, prairies, etc.
 - Areas of large factories and schools, etc.
 - Social institutions and large hospitals
 - Prisons, detention houses and reformatory institutions
 - Camps of the Self-Defense Forces
 - Areas exclusively used by foreign military forces
 - Dormitories of boarding houses having 50 single persons or more
- (3) Water Enumeration Districts

The enumeration districts were demarcated on the basis of “Basic Unit Blocks”, which had been introduced since 1990 improve small area statistics.

These enumeration districts are useful not only as a basis of census field work to ensure enumerators for confirmation of their assigned enumeration districts, but also as sampling frames to be used for various kinds of subsequent sample surveys later.

2. Enumeration Procedure

The census was conducted from September 14, 2020, with enumerators visiting households and simultaneously distributing paper questionnaires and documents for responding via the internet.

There were three ways to respond to the census: online, by mail, or by submitting the questionnaire to the enumerator. Online response could be made prior to mailed submission and submission to the enumerator.

For the households which were not canvassed due to their absence from home during the period of census-taking, the enumerator filled out the name, sex and number of household members in the questionnaires through interviews with neighbors.

3. Enumeration Documents

The questionnaire for the 2020 Population Census was designed with A4 wide size and double-sided OCRs type mark and number entry. The questionnaire could accommodate up to 4 persons. We also prepared the following auxiliary questionnaires in order to be read and filled in easily by aged persons or foreigners. Enlarged Character Questionnaires which was printed out with enlarged characters were for aged persons or amblyopic persons. Multilingual Documents in which the questionnaire was translated into 27 languages were for foreigners who were not able to understand Japanese.

All the survey items were filled out by households except “Type of Households” and “Type of building and number of stories” , which were filled out by enumerators through interviews.

Enumerators prepared “Household Listing Sheet” by Basic Unit Block, entering the family name of the head, the address and the number of questionnaires they distributed to each household. It underlay “Preliminary Counts of the Population and Households”, which had been released at the end of June 2021.

Municipalities made “Municipal Summary Sheets of Population and Households” based on the entry of “Household Listing Sheet” . Prefectural government made “Prefectural Summary Sheets of Population and Households” base on the “Municipal Summary Sheets of Population and Households” which was submitted by the municipalities.

“Summary Map of the Enumeration District” was also prepared by enumerators to prevent households from being omitted or double-enumerated, which contained boundaries among EDs and Basic Unit Blocks, locations of residences, etc.

Method of Tabulation

After being accepted and sorted, questionnaires were read using OCR (Optical Character Reader) and coded by category (industry, occupation, etc.)

Based on input data, blanks, erroneous entries, and conflicting entries in the questionnaires were checked and corrected in case of necessity automatically, and data that had been completely checked were then compiled and tabulated.

Tabulation and Publication

The National Statistics Center, Incorporated Administrative Agency, takes charge of the whole tabulation of the census results. The tabulated results are released on the website and in reports by the Statistics Bureau. The reports containing the principal results are published approximately five months after the release.

For the tabulation and release, see "Tabulation and Release of the 2020 Population Census Results" (the following chart).

Tabulation and Release of the 2020 Population Census Results

Tabulation type		Content	Industry	Occupation	Population	Tabulated area	Scheduled release timing for results	
Preliminary tabulation	Preliminary Counts of the Population and Households (based on summary sheets)	Early release of population by sex and household counts	—	—	Complete	Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	June 25, 2021 8:30 a.m.	
	Basic Complete Tabulation on Population and Households	Results on population, households and housing conditions; and on foreigners, elderly persons households, mother-child(ren) households, father-child(ren) households and parent-child(ren) households, etc.	—	—	Complete	Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	November 30, 2021 2:30 p.m.	
Basic Complete Tabulation on Labour Force	Results on labour force status of population, and on industry and occupation of employed persons and of households of parents and child(ren) etc.	Major group	Major group	May 27, 2022 2:00 p.m.				
Detailed Sample Tabulation		Detailed results on industry and occupation of employed persons etc.	Minor group	Minor group	Sample	Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	December 27, 2022 2:00 p.m.	
Tabulation on Place of Work or Schooling	Tabulation on Place of Work or Schooling for Population and Labour Force	Results on basic characteristics of population, and on industry and occupation of employed persons by place of work or schooling	Major group	Major group	Complete	Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	July 22, 2022 2:00 p.m.	
Tabulation on Internal Migration	Tabulation on Internal Migration for Population	Results on mobility of population, i.e. change in usual place of residence	—	—	Complete	Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	February 28, 2022 2:00 p.m.	
	Tabulation on Internal Migration for Labour Force	Results on population on internal migration by labour force status, industry and occupation	Major group	Major group		Whole nation, prefectures, municipalities	August 31, 2022 2:00 p.m.	
Tabulation for Small Areas	Basic Complete Tabulation on Population and Households	Fundamental results on population, households and housing conditions	—	—	Complete	Cho/aza etc., basic unit block, area mesh*	February 10, 2022 2:00 p.m.	* July 27, 2022 2:00 p.m.
	Basic Complete Tabulation on Labour Force	Fundamental results on labour force status of population, and on industry and occupation of employed persons	Major group	Major group			July 6, 2022 2:00 p.m.	* December 13, 2022 2:00 p.m.
	Tabulation on Place of Work or Schooling for Population and Labour Force	Fundamental results on place of work or schooling by usual place of residence	—	—			August 31, 2022 2:00 p.m.	
	Tabulation on Internal Migration	Fundamental results on usual place of residence five years ago	—	—			April 6, 2022 2:00 p.m.	

1. The entries in the "industry" and "occupation" columns show that corresponding tabulation results are available.

2. The "tabulated area" column shows the areas for which results are available for the corresponding tabulation types. However, not all of the results cover the whole area.

Reference : Dealing with the impact of COVID-19

The spread of COVID-19 caused heavy damage to Japan's socio-economy and people lives. And it also did serious impact on the preparations of the 2020 Population Census.

Based on the assumption that the Census was going to be conducted on October 1, 2020, the following actions were taken as the preparations for the case the Census was conducted with fewer enumerators than planned in advance, considering the possibility of the pandemic of COVID-19 during the enumeration period.

In consideration of the implementation of these actions, the timing of the release of each aggregation category was postponed from the initially planned schedule such as the release of the Preliminary Counts of the Population and Households postponed by four months and the release of the Basic Complete Tabulation on Population and Households postponed by two months (see "Release of the 2020 Population Census Results" for details).

1. Introduction of non-contact enumeration methods

In order to prevent the pandemic and spread of COVID-19, a non-contact enumeration method (distribution of enumeration documents and collection of questionnaires), in which households and enumerators do not face each other, was introduced in consideration of the circumstances of each district.

2. Extension of the period for distribution of enumeration documents

The period for distributing enumeration documents, which had been scheduled for seven days from September 14 to 20, was flexibly extended. As a result, the distribution period was extended at a maximum of 17 days from September 14 to 30.

3. Easing the number of revisits to absent households

The number (3 times) of revisits, which were required if households were absent, was eased depending on the number of enumeration districts which enumerators were assigned.

4. Extension of the enumeration period (period for collecting questionnaires)

The enumeration deadline (deadline for collecting questionnaires), which was set on October 20, was extended to November 20 in some districts.

5. Extension of the check period

The check period for municipalities was extended at a maximum of 2 months, in consideration of the circumstances of each district.

Pilot Surveys

In the 2020 Population Census, pilot surveys were taken three times, prior to the execution of the Census in order to evaluate the adequacy of census schemes.

The first pilot survey was taken in July 2017 in the cities; Sendai-*shi* · Rifu-*cho* of Miyagi-*ken*, Minato-*ku* · Kita-*ku* of Tokyo-*to*, Toyama-*shi* · Nyuzen-*machi* of Toyama-*ken*, Hamamatsu-*shi* · Oyama-*cho* of Shizuoka-*ken*, Higashiomi-*shi* · Hino-*cho* of Shiga-*ken*, Kyoto-*shi* · Seika-*cho* of Kyoto-*fu*, Okayama-*shi* · Yakage-*cho* of Okayama-*ken*, and Miyazaki-*shi* · Hyuga-*shi* of Miyazaki-*ken*. This survey mainly tested the methods on the Census, working load involved in operating the Census.

The second pilot survey was taken in June 2018 in the cities; Kuroishi-*shi* of Aomori-*ken*, Kasama-*shi* of Ibaraki-*ken*, Taito-*ku* • Setagaya-*ku* of Tokyo-*to*, Nagoya-*shi* of Aichi-*ken*, Osaka-*shi* of Osaka-*fu*, Kochi-*shi* of Kochi-*ken*, and Naha-*shi* of Okinawa-*ken*. Based on the last survey results, this survey mainly tested the methods on the Census, working load involved in operating the Census, setting of the topics to be surveyed.

The third pilot survey was taken in June 2019 in all prefectural capitals and the cities designated by the Cabinet Order, aiming at providing local governments. Based on previous survey results, this survey mainly tested the methods on the Census, working load involved in operating the Census, and design of the census questionnaire.

Through the pilot surveys, the Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications finalized the operational plan, evaluating the way of establishing EDs, the form and design of the questionnaire, the enumeration methods, the tabulating procedure, etc.

Post-Enumeration Survey

For the purpose of verifying the appropriateness of the Population Census method and the identification of the coverage to be surveyed as well as obtaining reference data for the plan of the future Censuses, Post-Enumeration Surveys were conducted after the previous Censuses. However, the Post-Enumeration Survey of the 2020 Population Census was not conducted because of dealing with COVID-19.

Budget for the 2020 Population Census

The budget appropriated for the 2020 Population Census totaled 80 billion yen for seven years from 2017 fiscal year, as is shown in Table.

It is noted that the budgets appropriated for three years from 2017 fiscal year were the cost required for establishing enumeration districts and for conducting pilot surveys as the preliminary undertaking of the 2020 Population Census. For the 2020 budget, nearly all were the cost for the central government and the cost entrusted to local governments to carry out the census operation including fieldwork. A part of the 2020 budget and the budgets following 2021 fiscal year were the cost required for tabulation, releases of the results and preparation of the publications.

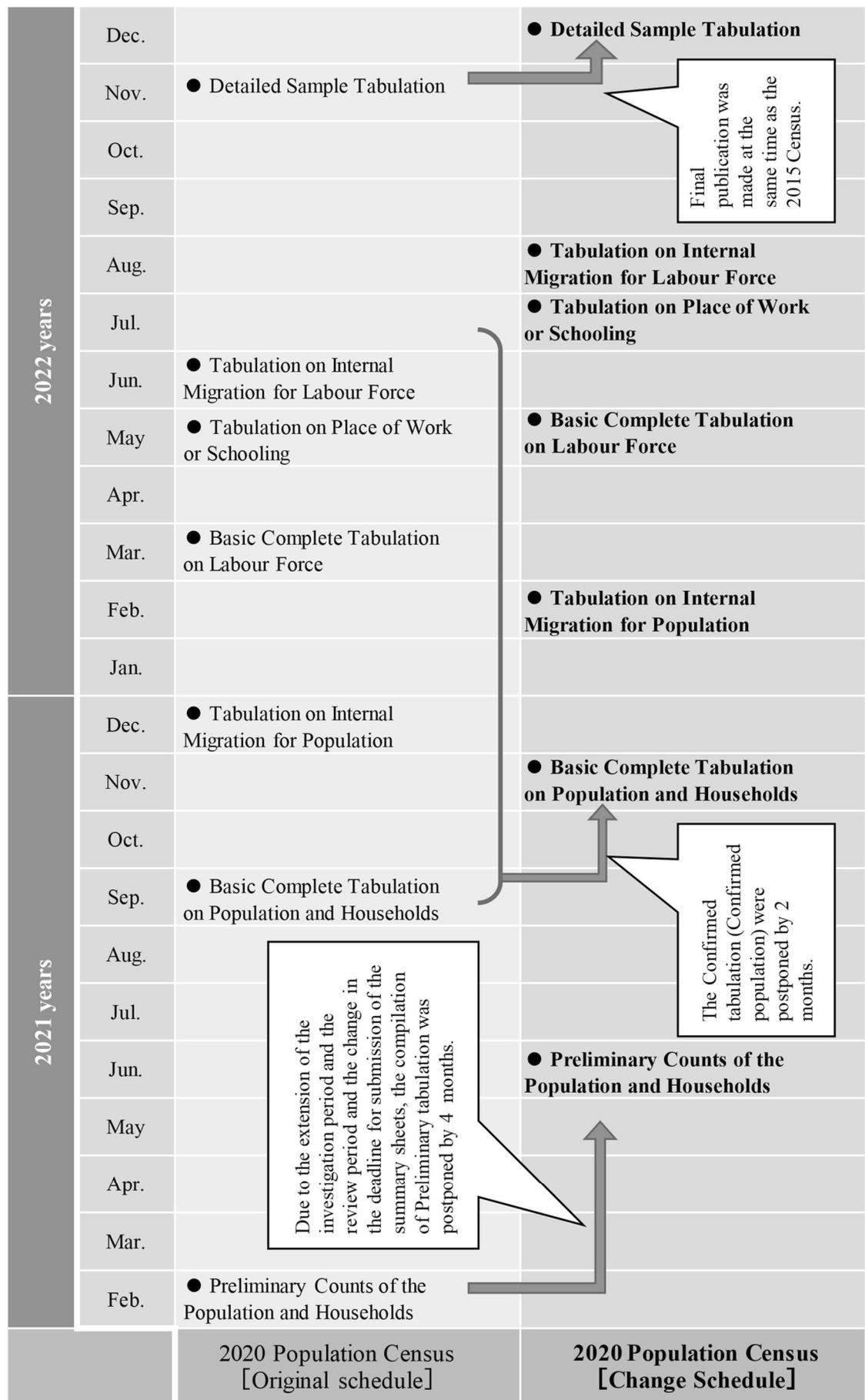
Table Budget for the 2020 Population Census of Census by Fiscal year

(Fiscal year, Unit : 1,000 yen)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 ¹⁾	Total
Total	123,963	416,455	2,508,897	74,896,204	1,439,904	161,712	22,652	79,569,787
Total expenses for central governments	99,184	385,864	1,653,414	14,222,683	1,382,822	161,712	22,652	17,928,331
for Statistics Bureau	99,184	385,864	1,653,414	13,571,027	52,143	22,657	22,652	15,806,941
for the National Statistics Center	—	—	—	651,656	1,330,679	139,055	—	2,121,390
Entrusted expenses for local governments	24,779	30,591	855,483	60,673,521	57,082	—	—	61,641,456

1) Initial budget

Release of the 2020 Population Census Results



Appendix. Comparison of Population and Area Covered in Each

Part I Population

Area	1920 Oct. 1	1925 Oct. 1	1930 Oct. 1	1935 Oct. 1	1940 Oct. 1	1945 Nov. 1	1947 Oct. 1	1950 Oct. 1	1955 Oct. 1	1960 Oct. 1
Hokkaido	2,359,183	2,498,679	2,812,335	3,068,282	3,272,718	3,518,389	3,852,821	4,295,567	4,773,087	5,039,206
Uruppu-gun, Shinshiru-gun and Shumushu-gun	3,115	500	459	2,881	1,933	※	※	※	※	※
Etorofu Island (Shana-mura, Rubetsu-mura and Shibetoro-mura)	4,949	5,184	6,363	6,109	5,121	-	-	-	-	-
Kunashiri Island (Tomari-mura, Ruyobetsu-mura)	6,530	8,252	7,386	8,547	8,996	-	-	-	-	-
Shikotan Island (Shikotan-mura)	542	857	911	1,177	1,499	-	-	-	-	-
Nemuro-shi ¹⁾	24,770	28,890	29,986	32,012	35,554	26,801	26,047	29,934	35,799	42,740
Habomai Islands (Suisho Island, Yuri Island, Akiyuri Island, Shibotsu Island and Taraku Island)	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-
Other areas	...	...	...	...	...	26,801	26,047	29,934	35,799	42,740
Other areas	2,319,277	2,454,996	2,767,230	3,017,556	3,219,615	3,491,588	3,826,774	4,265,633	4,737,288	4,996,466
Tokyo-to	3,699,428	4,485,144	5,408,678	6,369,919	7,354,971	3,488,284	5,000,777	6,277,500	8,037,084	9,683,802
Ogasawara-mura ²⁾	5,425	5,780	5,742	6,729	7,361	-	-	-	-	-
Other areas	3,694,003	4,479,364	5,402,936	6,363,190	7,347,610	3,488,284	5,000,777	6,277,500	8,037,084	9,683,802
Shimane-ken	714,712	722,402	739,507	747,119	740,940	860,275	894,267	912,551	929,066	888,886
Oki-gun ³⁾	36,539	34,580	34,134	32,750	31,794	39,663	42,400	44,842	43,814	41,639
Okinoshima-cho ⁴⁾	3,522	3,330	3,175	3,006	2,853	3,699	3,748	4,091	3,969	3,693
Takeshima	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-
Other areas	...	...	...	...	...	3,699	3,748	4,091	3,969	3,693
Other areas	33,017	31,250	30,959	29,744	28,941	35,964	38,652	40,751	39,845	37,946
Other areas	678,173	687,822	705,373	714,369	709,146	820,612	851,867	867,709	885,252	847,247
Kagoshima-ken	1,415,582	1,472,193	1,556,690	1,591,466	1,589,467	1,538,466	1,746,305	1,804,118	2,044,112	1,963,104
Amami Islands ⁵⁾										
(Amami-shi and Oshima-gun)	210,511	203,912	204,062	200,973	181,495	-	-	11)	205,363	196,483
Kagoshima-gun ⁶⁾	16,258	16,602	17,915	17,788	17,242	18,220	18,919	19,206	21,252	19,925
Mishima-mura (includes Iojima Island, Takeshima Island and Kuroshima Island) ⁷⁾	3,338	3,340	3,723	3,667	3,564	-	1,304	1,484	1,352	1,363
Toshima-mura and Yokoatejima Island ⁸⁾ (Tokara Islands)						-	0	0	2,658	2,602
Other areas ⁹⁾	12,920	13,262	14,192	14,121	13,678	18,220	17,615	17,722	17,242	15,960
Other areas	1,188,813	1,251,679	1,334,713	1,372,705	1,390,730	1,520,246	1,727,386	1,784,912	1,817,497	1,746,696
Okinawa-ken ¹⁰⁾	571,572	557,622	577,509	592,494	574,579	-	-	(914,937)	(801,065)	(883,122)
Remaining 42 prefectures	47,202,576	50,000,782	53,355,286	56,884,868	59,581,633	62,592,690	66,607,303	69,909,901	73,492,180	75,843,430
Japan	55,963,053	59,736,822	64,450,005	69,254,148	73,114,308	71,998,104	78,101,473	84,114,574	90,076,594	94,301,623 ¹²⁾

• The symbol [-] indicates the areas not to be enumerated.

The symbol [...] indicates "Unknown".

The symbol [*] indicates the areas which are not included in the territory of Japan.

• The population in the 1940 census and the preceding censuses do not include those of Karafuto, Korea, Taiwan, Kantoshu and Nanyo-gunto.

1) On 1 August 1957, both Nemuro-cho and Wada-mura in Nemuro-shicho were amalgamated into Nemuro-shi, and on 1 April 1959 Nemuro-shi was reestablished comprising Habomai-mura in Nemuro-shicho.

2) The Nampo-shoto (the Ogasawara Islands, Nishinoshima Island and Kazan Islands) located at the southern part of sofu-gan, Okinotorishima Island and Minamitorishima Island were restored to the Japanese Administration on 26 June 1968, and the population census for those islands were taken by Tokyo-to as of 30 July 1968. (Population:378)

3) The old name Oki-to was changed to Oki-gun as of 1 April 1969.

4) On 1 October 2004, Saigo-cho, Fuse-mura, Goka-mura, Tsuma-mura were amalgamated into Okinosima-cho. The population in 2000 census and the preceding censuses do not include the other area besides Goka-mura. The symbol () after 2005 indicates the areas of Goka-mura. In addition, the area of Goka-mura after 2005 shows the area as of 2000.

5) These areas locate to the south of lat.29°North in Kagoshima-ken and they consist of Amami-shi and Ohima-gun.

On 20 March 2006, Naze-shi, Oshima-gun Sumiyo-son, Kasari-cho, were amalgamated into Amami-shi. The population in 2005 census and the preceding censuses do not include the other area besides Naze-shi, Oshima-gun.

The areas, which had been under the administrative authority of the Allied Powers for Japan, were reverted to the Japanese Administration on 25 December 1953 in accordance with "Agreement between Japan and the United States of America concerning the Amami Islands" becoming effective. The population census for those areas was conducted as of 1 March 1954 by the Statistics Bureau, Prime Minister's Office (Population:201,132)

6) Both Mishima-mura and Toshima-mura in Oshima-gun were included in Kagoshima-gun as of 1 April 1973.

7) These areas in Jutto-son of then Oshima-gun which are located to the north of lat.30°North (excluding Kuchinoshima Island) were incorporated as Mishima-mura as of 10 February 1952.

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1965 Oct. 1	1970 Oct. 1	1975 Oct. 1	1980 Oct. 1	1985 Oct. 1	1990 Oct. 1	1995 Oct. 1	2000 Oct. 1	2005 Oct. 1	2010 Oct. 1	2015 Oct. 1	2020 Oct. 1
5, 171, 800 ※	5, 184, 287 ※	5, 338, 206 ※	5, 575, 989 ※	5, 679, 439 ※	5, 643, 647 ※	5, 692, 321 ※	5, 683, 062 ※	5, 627, 737 ※	5, 506, 419 ※	5, 381, 733 ※	5, 224, 614 ※
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45, 149	45, 381	45, 817	42, 880	40, 675	36, 912	34, 934	33, 150	31, 202	29, 201	26, 917	24, 636
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45, 149	45, 381	45, 817	42, 880	40, 675	36, 912	34, 934	33, 150	31, 202	29, 201	26, 917	24, 636
5, 126, 651	5, 138, 906	5, 292, 389	5, 533, 109	5, 638, 764	5, 606, 735	5, 657, 387	5, 649, 912	5, 596, 535	5, 477, 218	5, 354, 816	5, 199, 978
10, 869, 244	11, 408, 071	11, 673, 554	11, 618, 281	11, 829, 363	11, 855, 563	11, 773, 605	12, 064, 101	12, 576, 601	13, 159, 388	13, 515, 271	14, 047, 594
-	782	1, 507	1, 879	2, 303	2, 361	2, 809	2, 824	2, 723	2, 785	3, 022	2, 929
10, 869, 244	11, 407, 289	11, 672, 047	11, 616, 402	11, 827, 060	11, 853, 202	11, 770, 796	12, 061, 277	12, 573, 878	13, 156, 603	13, 512, 249	14, 044, 665
821, 620	773, 575	768, 886	784, 795	794, 629	781, 021	771, 441	761, 503	742, 223	717, 397	694, 352	671, 126
36, 185	31, 214	29, 767	29, 478	28, 841	27, 493	26, 074	25, 239	23, 696	21, 688	20, 603	19, 122
2, 924	2, 394	2, 305	2, 328	2, 298	2, 276	2, 247	2, 173	16, 904 (2, 063)	15, 521 (1, 920)	14, 608 (1, 771)	13, 433 (1, 604)
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2, 924	2, 394	2, 305	2, 328	2, 298	2, 276	2, 247	2, 173	16, 904	15, 521	14, 608	13, 433
33, 261	28, 820	27, 462	27, 150	26, 543	25, 217	23, 827	23, 066	6, 792	6, 167	5, 995	5, 689
785, 435	742, 361	739, 119	755, 317	765, 788	753, 528	745, 367	736, 264	718, 527	695, 709	673, 749	652, 004
1, 853, 541	1, 729, 150	1, 723, 902	1, 784, 623	1, 819, 270	1, 797, 824	1, 794, 224	1, 786, 194	1, 753, 179	1, 706, 242	1, 648, 177	1, 588, 256
183, 471	164, 114	155, 879	156, 074	153, 062	142, 834	135, 791	132, 315	126, 483	118, 773	110, 147	104, 281
17, 385	15, 864	15, 239	15, 038	15, 309	16, 362	17, 376	17, 670	1, 135	1, 075	1, 163	1, 145
874	655	628	619	552	503	513	500	462	418	407	405
1, 848	1, 407	1, 120	903	787	790	776	756	673	657	756	740
14, 663	13, 802	13, 491	13, 516	13, 970	15, 069	16, 087	16, 414	-	-	-	-
1, 652, 685	1, 549, 172	1, 552, 784	1, 613, 511	1, 650, 899	1, 638, 628	1, 641, 057	1, 636, 929	1, 625, 561	1, 586, 394	1, 536, 867	1, 482, 830
(934, 176)	(945, 111)	1, 042, 572	1, 106, 559	1, 179, 097	1, 222, 398	1, 273, 440	1, 318, 220	1, 361, 594	1, 392, 818	1, 433, 566	1, 467, 480
79, 558, 756	84, 624, 977	91, 392, 523	96, 190, 149	99, 747, 125	102, 310, 714	105, 265, 215	105, 312, 763	105, 706, 660	105, 575, 088	104, 421, 646	103, 147, 029
99, 209, 137	104, 665, 171	111, 939, 643	117, 060, 396	121, 048, 923	123, 611, 167	125, 570, 246	126, 925, 843	127, 767, 994	128, 057, 352	127, 094, 745	126, 146, 099

8) These are the areas in *Jutto-son* of then *Oshima-gun* which are located to the south of lat.30° North (including *Kuchinoshima Island*).

The areas, which had been under the administrative authority of the Allied Powers for Japan, were reverted to Japanese Administration on 5 December 1951, in accordance with "Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan" going into effect.

The Population census for *Toshima-mura* was taken by the Statistics Bureau, Prime Minister's Office as of 1 May 1952. (Population:2,968)

9) On 1 November 2004, both *Yoshida-cho* and *Sakurajima-cho* in *Kagoshima-gun* were incorporated into *Kagoshima-shi*

10) *Io-Torishima Island*, *Iheyajima Island* and *Nansei-shoto* (including *Daito Island*) located to the south of lat.27° North which had been under the administrative authority of the Allied Powers for Japan since 2 September 1945 were reverted to the Japanese Administration on 15 May 1972 in accordance with "Agreement between Japan and the United States of America concerning the Ryukyu Islands and the Daito Islands" going into effect.

The figures in parentheses indicate population and area based on the population censuses taken and issued by the Ryukyu Government. Those parenthesized figures for 1950, 1955 and 1960 are as of 1 December of each census year. Among those censuses, the 1950 Population Census was carried out by the Headquarters of the Ryukyu Islands's Military Government, which results were published by the Headquarters including the Amami Islands (Population :216,110; Area:1237.05km²)
The area for 1945 of *Okinawa-ken* in this table is the area as of the 1950 Population Census excluding Amami Islands.

11) The Amami Islands were not included in *Kagoshima-ken* in the 1950 Population Census because were enumerated as a part of *Okinawa-ken* by the Ryukyu Island's Military Government.

12) The figure includes the population (73 persons) in the area whose boundaries between *Nagano-ken* and *Gifu-ken* were in a dispute.

Appendix. Comparison of Population and Area Covered in Each

Part 2 Area (square kilometers)

Area	1940	1945	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980
Hokkaido	88,775.04	83,455.43	83,504.43	83,507.36	83,509.04	83,512.87	83,516.57
Uruppu-gun, Shinshiru-gun and Shumushu-gun	5,319.61	※	※	※	※	※	※
Etorofu-to (Shana-mura, Rubetsu-mura and Shibetoro-mura)	3,139.00	<i>3,139.00</i>	<i>3,139.00</i>	<i>3,139.00</i>	<i>3,139.00</i>	<i>3,139.00</i>	<i>3,139.00</i>
Kunashiri-to (Tomari-mura and Ruyobetsu-mura)	1,500.04	<i>1,500.04</i>	<i>1,500.04</i>	<i>1,500.04</i>	<i>1,500.04</i>	<i>1,500.04</i>	<i>1,500.04</i>
Shikotan-to (Shikotan-mura)	255.12	<i>255.12</i>	<i>255.12</i>	<i>255.12</i>	<i>255.12</i>	<i>255.12</i>	<i>255.12</i>
Nemuro-shi ¹⁾	536.88	536.88	504.82	504.89	518.53	518.82	518.91
Habomai-gunto (Suisho-to, Yuri-to, Akiyuri-to, Shibotsu-to and Taraku-to)	101.60	<i>101.60</i>	<i>101.60</i>	<i>101.60</i>	<i>101.60</i>	<i>101.60</i>	<i>101.60</i>
Other areas	435.28	435.28	403.22	403.29	416.93	417.22	417.31
Other areas	78,024.39	78,024.39	78,105.45	78,108.31	78,096.35	78,099.89	78,103.50
Tokyo-to ¹¹⁾	2,144.80	2,148.00	2,133.03	2,135.11	2,141.11	2,145.38	2,156.35
Ogasawara-mura ²⁾	102.94	<i>106.14</i>	<i>106.14</i>	<i>106.14</i>	106.14	106.14	106.14
Other areas	2,041.86	2,041.86	2,026.89	2,028.97	2,034.97	2,039.24	2,050.21
Shimane-ken	6,624.60	6,624.60	6,625.26	6,625.95	6,626.12	6,626.80	6,627.41
Okii-gun ³⁾	348.03	348.03	347.94	347.94	347.97	348.15	348.23
Okinoshima-cho ⁴⁾	51.86	51.86	51.80	51.80	51.80	51.97	51.98
Take-shima	0.23	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>0.23</i>
Other areas	51.63	51.63	51.57	51.57	51.57	51.74	51.75
Other areas	296.17	296.17	296.14	296.14	296.17	296.18	296.25
Other areas	6,276.57	6,276.57	6,277.32	6,278.01	6,278.15	6,278.65	6,279.18
Kagoshima-ken	9,103.81	9,170.97	9,140.17	9,141.58	9,144.97	9,153.38	9,162.81
Amami-gunto ⁵⁾							
(Amami-shi and Oshima-gun)	1,270.61	<i>1,237.05</i>	1,237.05	1,237.13	1,237.82	1,238.30	1,238.83
Kagoshima-gun ⁶⁾	105.59	206.31	205.61	205.61	205.61	205.61	205.61
Mishima-mura ⁷⁾		<i>31.61</i>	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61
(includes Iwo-shima, Take-shima and Kuro-shima)	18.43						
Toshima-mura and Yokoate-shima ⁸⁾		<i>87.54</i>	87.54	87.54	87.54	87.54	87.54
(Tokara-retto)							
Other areas ⁹⁾	87.16	87.16	86.46	86.46	86.46	86.46	86.46
Other areas	7,727.61	7,727.61	7,697.51	7,698.84	7,701.54	7,709.47	7,718.37
Okinawa-ken ¹⁰⁾	2,386.24	<i>2,388.22</i>	(2,388.22)	(2,388.22)	(2,239.22)	2,245.87	2,249.91
Remaining 42 prefectures	273,510.93	273,510.93	273,359.98	273,468.96	273,648.23	273,850.69	273,995.04
Japan	382,545.42	377,298.15	377,151.09	377,267.18	377,308.69	377,534.99	377,708.09

- The symbol "※" indicates the area which are not included in the territory of Japan.
- The area in the 1940 census and the preceding censuses do not include those of Karafuto, Korea, Taiwan, Kantoshu and Nanyo-gunto.
- The figures in italics in this Table are the areas which were excluded in calculating the population density.
- Figures for the years 1920 to 1935, 1947, 1950 and 1955 are omitted.

1) }
 5) } See "Part 1 Population".
 10) }

11) Excludes Minamitorishima Island.

12) Excludes Torishima Island in Shimajiri-gun.

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1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
83,519.22 ※	83,408.35 ※	83,451.59 ※	83,453.04 ※	83,455.73 ※	83,456.87 ※	83,424.31 ※	83,424.44 ※
3,139.00	3,139.00	3,184.04	3,184.04	3,184.04	3,184.04	3,167.75	3,167.74
1,500.04	1,500.04	1,498.83	1,498.83	1,498.83	1,498.83	1,489.90	1,489.91
255.12	255.12	253.33	253.33	253.33	253.33	250.57	250.57
519.03	514.21	512.62	512.64	512.60	512.72	506.25	506.25
101.60	101.60	99.94	99.94	99.94	99.94	94.84	94.84
417.43	412.61	412.68	412.70	412.66	412.78	411.41	411.41
78,106.03	77,999.98	78,002.77	78,004.20	78,006.93	78,007.95	78,009.84	78,009.97
2,162.34	2,183.26	2,186.62	2,186.90	2,186.96	2,187.50	2,190.93	2,194.03
106.18	104.41	104.41	104.41	104.41	104.41	104.35	106.88
2,056.16	2,078.85	2,082.21	2,082.49	2,082.55	2,083.09	2,086.58	2,087.15
6,628.42	6,626.24	6,706.70	6,707.29	6,707.56	6,707.95	6,708.24	6,707.89
348.42	345.88	345.97	346.04	346.19	346.22	345.93	345.93
51.98	52.39	52.39	52.39	242.97 (52.39)	242.95 (52.39)	242.83 (52.39)	242.82 (52.39)
0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.20
51.75	52.16	52.16	52.16	242.74	242.74	242.63	242.62
296.44	293.49	293.58	293.65	103.22	103.27	103.10	103.11
6,280.00	6,280.36	6,360.73	6,361.25	6,361.37	6,361.73	6,362.31	6,361.96
9,165.03	9,183.26	9,185.99	9,186.71	9,187.69	9,188.78	9,186.94	9,187.06
1,239.38	1,238.66	1,239.79	1,240.02	1,240.23	1,240.39	1,240.18	1,240.24
205.63	219.69	219.70	219.70	132.71	132.71	132.54	132.53
31.61	31.36	31.36	31.36	31.36	31.36	31.40	31.39
87.54	101.35	101.35	101.35	101.35	101.36	101.14	101.14
86.48	86.98	86.99	86.99	-	-	-	-
7,720.02	7,724.91	7,726.50	7,726.99	7,814.75	7,815.68	7,814.22	7,814.29
2,254.17	2,264.00	2,266.04	2,271.30	2,274.59	2,276.15	2,281.12	2,282.59
274,071.96	274,072.00	274,032.47	274,067.82	274,102.25	274,132.85	274,179.21	274,180.40
377,801.14	377,737.11	377,829.41	377,873.06	377,914.78	377,950.10	377,970.75	377,976.41