



Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ) 2010 Japan Census



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2010 Census Field Operation Completed

The 2010 Population Census of Japan was conducted as of October 1, 2010. The field operation for the Census, which began late in September, was completed around the end of October with no serious problems, judging from the information gathered so far.

The successful implementation of the Census owes much to newly introduced measures that worked well as expected. The most notable new measure is the introduction of the multimodal data collection method, i.e. collecting through census takers, by mail to municipal offices, and via the Internet (Tokyo-to only). Each household could choose the way to submit its census form. This made the submission of census forms become easier. As a result, more than half of the households in Japan seem to have chosen the mail-back option. While the Internet response rate in Tokyo-to reached around 8.4% of total households, which is more than expected.

Other new measures include setting up of the Headquarters for Implementation of the 2010 Population Census and holding the National Conference of Census Supporters. The Headquarters, headed by Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, have strengthened close cooperation among governmental and private organizations in conducting the Census. The National Conference of Census Supporters, consisting of various parties concerned such as associations of apartment management companies and education institutions, functioned as key to cooperative relations among different kinds of quarters.

Collected census forms are now under examination by census supervisors and municipal officers. After the examination, census forms will be submitted through the prefectural governments to the Statistics Bureau from December 2010. Then data processing for the Census will be done at the National Statistics Center, data processing arm for the Census.

The very first results of the 2010 Census will be released in February 2011 as the Preliminary Count of Population and Households. The results mainly consist of the population and the number of households by municipality.

In June 2011, we are going to release the results of the Prompt Sample Tabulation, whose sample size is about 1% households in Japan. In this tabulation, major results on all topics surveyed will be included. The results of the Basic Complete Tabulations, which are based on all the census forms collected, will be released in several stages from October 2011.

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