

# Outline of the Retail Price Survey

## 1. Purpose of the survey

The purpose of the Retail Price Survey (RPS) is to get the nation-wide information on retail prices of goods and services and house rents, thereby to provide basic data for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the other economic statistics.

(History of the Retail Price Survey)

The RPS started in June 1950. Since 1946 until that time, the CPI had been compiled on the basis of “Effective Prices” (average prices weighted according to the quantity of the goods purchased at official prices and that of goods purchased at black market prices), which had been obtained from the “Consumer Price Survey” (CPS replaced later by the Family Income and Expenditure Survey), when the economic situation was confused by war causalities.

However, with the recovery of the economy and the gradual removal of government’s controls on the consumption, consumer goods became abundant at markets and it became possible to collect monthly price data on identical items regularly at retail stores. Thus in June 1950, the Statistics Bureau instituted the “Retail Price Survey” as “Designated Statistics No.35” (as “Fundamental Statistics Survey” from April 2009) in accordance with the provisions of the Statistics Act (Act No.18 of 1947).

Initially, RPS was conducted on around 210 items in 46 cities having prefectural offices and 8 other cities (Obihiro-shi, Takasaki-shi, Matsumoto-shi, Hamamatsu-shi, Matsusaka-shi, Hofu-shi, Imabari-shi, Miyakonojo-shi). Later, the survey was revised in respect of survey municipalities and survey items into the present form. Rural districts (-gun) were added to the list of survey municipalities from July 1962 to make the survey more comprehensive and nationwide in scale.

Sample municipalities included five cities and two towns in Okinawa Prefecture with its reversion to Japan in 1972, and were partly exchanged several times, the number of which is 167 in December 2010.

In principle, the survey items are revised every five years along with the base revision of CPI. But the results of the survey attracted great attention not only through the CPI, but also as data showing price levels of individual goods and services and more sample data on such individual prices were needed. Therefore in order to meet the market trend, the number of survey items was enlarged in midpoint year.

## 2. Survey system

The survey system is composed of the price survey, the house rents survey and the hotel charges survey.

### (1) Price survey

Retail prices of goods and services are surveyed. Staffs in charge of the survey are selected depending on the types of items in the following manner.

#### a Items surveyed by enumerators

Food, alcoholic beverages, domestic non-durables, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their residential districts and the prices of which vary by district (item group A), Clothing, electric appliances, etc., which consumers usually purchase in their representative commercial areas or large retail stores of each cities towns and villages and for which there are price differences among stores (item group B), Seasonings, recreational goods, etc., the prices of which do not vary much among stores and districts (item group C), Movie admission fees, forwarding charges, gasoline, etc., the prices which are surveyed in each sample city, town and village, irrespective of survey district (item group S).

#### b Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Water charges, hospital charges, etc., the prices of which are almost uniform in each prefecture or city, town, and village (item group D).

#### c Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau

Railway fares, electricity, etc., the price which are uniform throughout the whole country or within a region (item group E).

### (2) House rents survey

Rents per month and total floor spaces are surveyed. Staffs in charge of the survey are selected depending on the types of items in the following manner.

#### a Items surveyed by enumerators

Private housing rents are surveyed by enumerators.

#### b Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Public housing rents managed by a prefecture, municipality, prefectural housing corporation, city housing corporation, general incorporated association or general incorporated foundation are surveyed by the prefectural governments.

#### c Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau

Housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency are surveyed by the Statistics Bureau.

### (3) Hotel charges survey

Charges for two persons for one night on weekday and on the day before holiday are surveyed, being converted to charges for one person. Staffs in charge of the survey are selected in the following manner.

#### a Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

Hotel charges for one night with two meals or one night with breakfast on weekday and on the day before holiday, operated by private sectors are surveyed by the prefectural governments.

#### b Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau

Hotel charges for one night with two meals, operated by public sectors are surveyed by the Statistics Bureau.

## 3. Survey organization

The survey is conducted through the following channel.

### ○Items surveyed by enumerators

Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications (Director-general of the Statistics Bureau)

– Prefectural Governors – Supervisors – Enumerators – Price reporters

### ○Items surveyed by the prefectural governments

- Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications (Director-general of the Statistics Bureau)
  - Prefectural Governors – Price reporters
- Items surveyed by the Statistics Bureau
  - Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications (Director-general of the Statistics Bureau)
  - Price reporters

“Supervisors”, who are prefectural officials, supervise the field work of enumerators and take charge of collecting the prices of certain items. In total, 131 supervisors are appointed for the RPS.

“Enumerators”, who are appointed in each sample city, town and village. They have charge of survey. In total, 744 enumerators are appointed for the RPS.

#### **4. Classification of survey items and the number of prices collected**

Prices of goods and services for 533 items are surveyed. The items are important to peoples’ livelihoods and are selected according to the results of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES). If household expenditure on a particular item accounts for one-ten thousandth or more of the total household expenditure, the item is included as survey items. There are times when the survey items are varied considerably in quality or performance and not distributed in some survey municipalities. For that reason we set up calling “Basic Specifications” which the quality, performance and characteristics (features) are specified for each item. 533 items\* 737 basic Specifications are selected for each survey item and their prices are surveyed. (See Appendix 3)

The survey items are classified into six groups according to the consumer behavior, nature of goods, variation of prices among stores and other characteristics. (See Table 1-1)

There are times when these specification items are not distributed in some survey municipalities. For that reason we set up a specified number of survey districts in each municipality taking account of the actual market conditions based on the size of the population and so on. (See Table 1-2)

##### **(1) Price survey**

The number of prices collected in each city, town and village is approximately 218,000 every month, shown in Table 6.

The number of prices collected for items surveyed by the prefectural governments (group D) is one in each city, town and village, in principle. Exceptions are listed in Table 2.

The number of prices collected for item group S is listed in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2.

##### **(2) House rents survey**

Approximately 26,000 rents per month and total floor spaces for all rented houses owned by private sectors in house rents survey district are surveyed.

Besides, rents and total floor spaces for rented houses owned by public sectors and Urban Renaissance Agency in all sample cities, towns and villages are surveyed.

##### **(3) Hotel charges survey**

Approximately 1,000 prices (each sample cities, towns and villages have 2to7 prices) are surveyed in the whole country.

#### **5. Specifications**

##### **(1) Basic specifications**

The quality, performance and characteristics (features) are specified for each item. These specifications are established so that the prescribed articles of commerce can be investigated in a uniform way.

The brands, standards, model number, etc. are specified in addition to definition of basic specifications when investigating certain items. These specifications are called “Detailed Specifications”, which should be distributed in the largest quantities and can be conducted continually. Detailed specifications include “Designated brands” of specifying a brand only, and “Designated brand and model number” of specifying model number, and so on. “Basic Specifications” and “Detailed Specifications” are updated considering the change of the supply of goods at the markets. The number of basic specifications is shown in Table 1-2.

##### **(2) Local specifications**

In municipalities in which basic specifications are not distributed in sufficient quantities, alternative items that are distributed in larger quantities are designated as “Local specifications” reflecting the actual market conditions.

#### **6. Sample cities, towns and villages**

##### **(1) Price survey and house rents survey**

As of December 2010, the sample cities, towns and villages of the price survey and the house rents survey were the following 167 cities.

- Cities with prefectural government; 47 cities
- Kawasaki-shi ,Hamamatsu-shi,Sakai-shi and Kitakyushu-shi; 4 cities
- The other cities, towns and villages; each city, town or village was selected from 116 strata that were sorted cities, towns and villages by the size of population, the geographic location, the industrial characteristic and so on.

##### **(2) Hotel charges survey**

For hotels operated by the private sectors, the regions with a large number of tourists are selected as sample cities, towns and villages (101) from cities with prefectural government or sightseeing spots around the county (see Table 5).

For hotels operated by the public sectors, prices are surveyed across the whole country.

#### **7. Survey districts**

“Price Survey Districts” are established to survey prices of products and charges of services, and “House Rents Survey Districts” are established to survey rents managed by private sectors in each sample municipalities. The number of survey districts and prices collected is designated in Table 6 on the basis of population size. For the item group D,the item group E and the item group S , public housing rents, housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency and hotel charges, however, prices are surveyed directly in the whole area of a prefecture or each sample city, town and village, not through the survey districts.

##### **(1) Price survey districts**

The total number of price survey districts is 589 as of December 2010.

a Establishment of price survey districts

The whole area of each city, town and village for the survey is divided into the same number of price survey districts as those of prices for the item group A, consolidating districts of the Establishment and Enterprise Census, referring to distribution of densely commercial districts along geographical features.

b Methods of the survey for every classification of the survey items

In principle, prices for items in the group A are surveyed in all price survey districts, while those for the group B and C are surveyed in price survey districts where representative stores of the items exist.

c Methods of the survey on price survey districts before fiscal 2003

Price survey districts were divided into ordinary districts for the group A and shopping districts for the group B and C before fiscal 2003. However, they did not cover the whole area of a sample municipality, but were selected on the basis of commercial circumstances when established, and what was more, so uniformly (not dependent to each item) that they are not always the best survey districts to some items. Thus, in order to respond to changes in retail structure and consumption pattern, such as appearance of new commercial areas or large retail stores in the suburbs as soon as possible, establishment of price survey districts have followed to the above "a" since fiscal year 2003.

(2) House rents survey districts

House rents survey districts are selected every five years, following to sampling with varying probabilities from enumeration districts (outside of mountains or deserts) of the Population Census on 2005. The total number of house rents survey districts is 1,221.

Public housing rents and housing rents managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency are surveyed in the whole area of sample cities, towns and villages.

## 8. Prices reporters

Price reporters for survey items including goods and service charges are specified for each survey item group (see Table 1).

Price reporters designated amount to approximately 27,000 for the goods and services. There are approximately 26,000 reporters for house rents (owned by private sectors) and approximately 530 reporters for hotel charges.

Price reporters are selected by the following principles.

(1) Price survey

a For items of group A, B, and C, price reporters are selected in each survey district. They must be managers of retail stores or service establishments with largest amount of sales of the item concerned in that district. If there is little information on the amount of sales at the store, the scale of the store is considered (e.g. the number of employees). For group S, price reporters are designated in each sample city, town and village.

b For items of group D, price reporters are designated not in each survey district, but in each sample city, town and village. The method of the selection of stores is the same as in group A, B, and C.

c For items of group E, price reporters must be representatives of selected establishments or authorities in the whole country.

(2) House rents survey

For private housing rents, heads of households residing in rented houses in the survey district are designated as price reporters.

For public housing rents, representatives of competent authorities in each sample city, town and village are designated as price reporters.

(3) Hotel charges survey

For hotel charges, managers of hotels are designated as price reporters.

## 9. Survey dates

(1) Price survey and House rents survey

Prices are surveyed on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the week which includes the 12th of each month.

However, prices of item group D and E are surveyed on Friday of the week which includes the 12th of each month (as for recreation ground admission fees are collected on Sunday of the week which includes the 12th of each month).

Moreover, 45 perishable items (fresh fishes, vegetables, fruits and cut flowers) have three survey dates a month. Prices for the three consecutive days ending with the survey date are collected, and the median price is taken.

(2) Hotel charges survey

Hotel charges are collected on Friday for the normal charge (in case the next day is a holiday, the next Monday is to be the survey date) and on Saturday for the extra-charge before the holiday, both of the week which includes the 5th of each month.

## 10. Survey method

(1) Price survey

Items surveyed by enumerators, the enumerators visit price reporters and collect prices by interviews and enter them into portable equipments (Personal Digital Assistants: PDAs) by themselves.

In principle, prices to be collected for the survey are normal retail prices or normal service charges for the specified item at stores or establishments surveyed on the survey date.

Therefore, the following prices are excluded.

- Extra-low prices due to the bargain sales, clearance sales, discount sales, etc., which are held for less than seven days.
- Prices of odd items, incomplete sets and goods sold in combination
- Reduced prices for quantity purchases
- Prices of second-hand articles, auctioned goods and those sold on installments

(2) House rents survey

a Rents of houses owned by private sectors

From all households in rented houses in survey districts for house rents, the data on monthly rents and total floor spaces are collected.

Every house rents survey district is divided into the group 1, the group 2 and the group 3, and inquiries are made every three months for the first group in January, April, July and October, the second group in February, May, August and November and the third group in March, June, September and December.

Rent per unit area is obtained by dividing total gross rents for all the survey districts for house rents by total floor spaces rented. The calculation result is announced as a rent per 3.3 m<sup>2</sup>. As for house rents survey districts not surveyed in current month, the data from the most recent survey month are substituted. House rents survey districts correspond to those of the Population Census.

b Rents of houses owned by public sectors

Rents and total floor spaces of rented houses owned by a prefecture, municipality, prefectural housing corporation, city housing corporation, general incorporated association or general incorporated foundation are surveyed by the prefectural governments every month.

And rents and total floor spaces of rented houses owned by the urban renaissance agency are surveyed by the statistics bureau every month.

(3) Hotel charges survey

a Hotel charges owned by private sectors

Representative hotels are selected in the each sample cities, towns or villages by the prefectural officials and hotel charges for two persons for one night with two meals and one night with breakfast on weekday and on the day before holiday at a typical room in a surveyed hotel are collected, being converted to charges for one person.

b Hotel charges owned by public sectors

For hotels operated by the public sectors, representative hotels are selected by the staffs of the Statistics Bureau and hotel charges for two persons for one night with two meals are collected for one person.

## 11. Publication of the results

The survey results are calculated by National Statistics Center. And these are released on Friday of the week including the 26th of each month in principle as retail prices in cities with prefectural government and with population 150,000 or more on the preceding month, and those in Ku-are of Tokyo and nationwide uniform prices and charges on the current month. Therefore, the survey results of gasoline are released by the 20th of each month since March 2010, as retail prices in cities with prefectural government and with population 150,000 or more on the preceding month. The results are published by Internet, the reports of “Annual Report on the Retail Price Survey”, etc.

Table 1-1 Survey systems by Contents

Classification	Contents of survey items and specifications	Survey organization
Item group A	Food,alcoholic beverages,domestic non-durables,etc., which consumers usually purchase in their residential districts and the price of which vary by district	Enumerator
Item group B	Clothing,electric appliances,etc.,which consumers usually purchase in their representative commercial areas or large retail stores of each cities towns and villages and for which there are price differences among stores	Enumerator
Item group C	Recreational goods,etc., the price of which do not vary much among stores and districts	Enumerator
Item group D	Water chages,hospital charges,etc., the price of which are almost uniform in each prefecture or city,town,and village	Prefectural governments
Item group E	Electricity,Railway fares., the price which are uniform throughout the whole country or within a region	Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications
Item group S	Forwarding charges,gasoline,etc., the price which are surveyed in each sample city,town and village,irrespective of survey district	Enumerator

Table 1-2 Number of survey items and basic specifications by survey classification and city groups

Level of survey classification	Survey classification		Number of items	Number of specifications								
				total	Item group A	Item group B	Item group C	Item group D	Item group E	Item group S	Rent	
											Priv-ate	Pub-lic
			533	737	165	164	92	81	142	88	1	4
Level of survey classification	Without sign	Items and specifications surveyed by all cities, towns and villages	201	341	91	28	17	67	125	8	1	4
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 50,000 or more	60	72	21	27	15	2	5	2		
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 150,000 or more	36	38	11	17	3	2		5		
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with prefectural government	228	278	37	89	57	10	12	73		
	*	Items and specifications surveyed by Okinawa prefecture	8	8	5	3						
	City groups		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population less than 50,000 and towns and villages (Without sign)	201	341	91	28	17	67	125	8	1
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000 (Without sign + )	261	413	112	55	32	69	130	10	1	4
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with population 150,000 or more excluding cities with prefectural government (Without sign + + )	297	451	123	72	35	71	130	15	1	4
		Items and specifications surveyed by cities with prefectural government (Without sign + + + )	525	729	160	161	92	81	142	88	1	4

Table 2 Number of prices collected for Water charges, College & university fees, Lesson fees, etc.

Survey items	Number of prices collected
Water charges, Sewerage charges, Sewage disposal charges	1 in each survey city, town and village
Domestic help fees	Cities with population 50,000 or more ..... 1 in each city
Medical treatment (national health insurance)	1 in each survey city, town and village
Hospital charges	4 prices are collected in each prefecture (2 in each national hospital and public hospital)
Fees for complete medical checkup	Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city
Fees for immunization	Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city
Bus fares	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 3 Sendai-shi, Yokohama-shi, Kawasaki-shi, Kyoto-shi, Osaka-shi, Kobe-shi, Hiroshima-shi and Kitakyushu-shi ..... 2 in each city Other survey cities ..... 1 in each city
Expressway Bus fares	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 3 Miyagi-ken, Kanagawa-ken, Aichi-ken, Kyoto-fu, Osaka-fu, Hyogo-ken, Hiroshima-ken ..... 2 in each prefecture Other prefecture ..... 1 in each prefecture
Taxi fares	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 Osaka-shi ..... 7 Government-ordinance-designated city in Cities with prefectural government and Naha-shi ..... 5 in each city Other cities with prefectural government ..... 3 in each city Other survey cities, towns and villages ..... 1 in each city, town and village
Charges for driver's licence, Passport acquisition fees	Cities with prefectural government ..... 1 in each city
Lesson fees (Elementary school)	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 5 Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city
Lesson fees (Junior high school)	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 Cities with prefectural government ..... 3 in each city
Newspapers (local, block)	1 in each survey city, town and village
Driving lesson fees	5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 3 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to
Charges for playing golf, Tennis court fees	10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 3 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to
Swimming pool charges	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city
Game fees, bowling	Cities with population 50,000 or more ..... 1 in each city
Charges for CATV	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 3 Cities with prefectural government ..... 1 in each city
Museum admissions (public)	10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 2 prices are collected in each prefecture excluding Tokyo-to
Bathing charges (Price Control law is not applied to)	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 5 Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city
Charges for certificates of registered seals, Charges for certificates of resident registration	1 in each survey city, town and village
Nursery school fees	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 1 in each ward Cities with prefectural government ..... 1 in each city
School lunch fees (Elementary school)  (Junior high school)	The 8 major cities (Ku-area of Tokyo, Yokohama-shi, Kawasaki-shi, Nagoya-shi, Kyoto-shi, Osaka-shi, Kobe-shi and Kitakyushu-shi) ..... 10 in each city Prefectural government (excluding Ku-area of Tokyo, Yokohama-shi, Nagoya-shi, Kyoto-shi, Osaka-shi and Kobe-shi) ..... 5 in each city
P.T.A. Membership fees (Elementary school) (Junior high school)	Cities with population 50,000 or more ..... 3 in each city Cities with population less than 50,000, town and village ..... 1 in each city
Junior high school fees (private)	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 18 Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo (The limit is 5)

Survey items	Number of prices collected
High school fees (public) High school fees (private) general course commercial course technical course	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 1 1 in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo { Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 47 Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo (The limit is 10) { Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo (The limit is 5) { Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 5 Completely enumerated in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo (The limit is 3)
College & university fees (national, public) law, literature and economics course natural science and engineering course College & university fees (private) law, literature and economics course natural science and engineering course	Completely enumerated in each prefecture { 22 prices are collected in Tokyo-to Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 10) { 10 prices are collected in Tokyo-to Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 5)
Junior college fees (private) law, literature and economics course home economics course	15 prices are collected in Tokyo-to Completely enumerated in each prefecture (The limit is 10)
Vocational school fees	5 prices are collected in Tokyo-to 2 prices are collected in each prefecture
Kindergarten fees (public) Kindergarten fees (private)	{ Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 1 in each ward 1 in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo { Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 3 in each survey city, town and village excluding Ku-area of Tokyo
Preparatory school fees	Tokyo-to ..... 5 Cities with prefectural government ..... 3 in each city

Table 3-1 Number of prices collected for Fresh milk (delivered, bottled), Carpentering, etc.

Survey items (specifications)	Number of prices collected
Fresh milk (delivered, bottled), Shoe repair charges, Gasoline (regular)	Same as item group A
Hamburgers, Bowl of rice topped with seasoned beef, Kitchen cabinets, Carpets, Contact lenses, Bicycles, Desks, Pet foods (dog foods), Pet foods (cat foods),	Same as item group B
Yakiniku, roast meat, Doughnuts, Bathtubs, Toilet seat with a hot douche, Hot-water supply equipment, Board, Paint, Tatami reupholstering, Sheet-glass replacement, "Fusuma", sliding doors reupholstering, Carpentering, Plumbing, Fence construction, Plastering, Dining sets, Beds, Over range cabinet, Bathroom scales, Charges for clothing rent, Sphygmomanometers, Tires, Car wax, Automotive maintenance charges (regular inspection), Automotive maintenance charges (puncture repairs), Motor oil replacement, Car wash fees, Soccer Balls, Fishing rods, Sweatpants, Swimming suits, horticultural fertilizer, Gardening earth, Flowerpots, Grooming parlor fees, Veterinary surgeon fees	Same as item group C

Table 3-2 Number of prices collected for Delivered pizza, Admissions to movies, Lesson fees, etc.

Survey items (specifications)	Number of prices collected
Delivered pizza, Personal computers, Printers (for Personal computers) Memory cards "Karaoke" room charges	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10 Osaka-shi ..... 7 Niigata-shi, Shizuoka-shi, Okayama-shi ..... 3 in each city Government ordinance-designed city ..... 5 in each city (excepting those mentioned above) Cities with prefectural government (excepting those mentioned above) ..... 3 in each city
Box lunch, Gardening, Massaging fees, Chests of drawers, Garage rental charges, Parking fees, Lesson fees (swimming, cooking, music, English, calligraphy), Charges for practicing golf (entrance fees), Charges for practicing golf (minimum number of balls for lend out), Charges for practicing golf (charge of balls)	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 10  Cities with prefectural government ..... 3 in each city  Cities with population 150,000 or more ..... 3 in each city
Fermented lactic drinks, sterilized, Custom kitchen	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 3 Cities with prefectural government ..... 1 in each city
Sushi (eating out) (a conveyor-belt "sushi"), Fried chicken, Locks, Mop-rental fees, Automobile batteries, Automobile navigation, Devices for Electronic Toll Collection System, Forwarding fee, Mobile phones, Baseball gloves, Bideo software, Lesson fees (Ballroom dance), Admissions to movies, Fitness club fees, Charges for aesthetics	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 5  Cities with prefectural government ..... 2 in each city  Cities with population 50,000 or more ..... 2 in each city
Liquefied propane (basic charges), Liquefied propane (meter charges), Kerosene	Ku-area of Tokyo ..... 12 Osaka-shi ..... 6 Cities with prefectural government (excepting those mentioned above) ..... 3 in each city Cities with population 150,000 or more ..... 3 in each city Cities and Towns and Villages (excepting those mentioned above) ..... 1 in each city

Table 4 Number of survey cities, towns and villages

Region	Code for prefecture	Prefectures	Cities with prefectural government	Cities with population 150,000 or more	Cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000	Cities with population less than 50,000 and Towns and villages
Hokkaido	01	Hokkaido	Sapporo-shi	Hakodate-shi Asahikawa-shi	Iwamizawa-shi Chitose-shi Muroran-shi	Bibai-shi Kucchan-cho Nayoro-shi Bihoro-cho
Tohoku	02	Aomori-ken	Aomori-shi		Mutsu-shi	Misawa-shi
	03	Iwate-ken	Morioka-shi		Oshu-shi	Ninohe-shi
	04	Miyagi-ken	Sendai-shi	Ishinomaki-shi		Rifu-cho
	05	Akita-ken	Akita-shi		Yuzawa-shi	
	06	Yamagata-ken	Yamagata-shi		Tsuruoka-shi	Shonai-machi
	07	Fukushima-ken	Fukushima-shi	Koriyama-shi		Kawamata-machi
Kanto	08	Ibaraki-ken	Mito-shi	Hitachi-shi		Tsukubamirai-shi
	09	Tochigi-ken	Utsunomiya-shi	Ashikaga-shi		Fujioka-machi
	10	Gunma-ken	Maebashi-shi		Annaka-shi	Kusatsu-machi
	11	Saitama-ken	Saitama-shi	Kumagaya-shi Tokorozawa-shi Kawaguchi-shi	Honjo-shi Asaka-shi	
	12	Chiba-ken	Chiba-shi	Sakura-shi Urayasu-shi	Kisarazu-shi Mobara-shi	
	13	Tokyo-to	Ku-area of Tokyo	Tachikawa-shi Fuchu-shi Hachioji-shi	Higashimurayama-shi	
	14	Kanagawa-ken	Yokohama-shi	Kawasaki-shi Atsugi-shi Yokosuka-shi	Isehara-shi Ebina-shi	Yugawara-machi
	19	Yamanashi-ken	Kofu-shi			Ichikawamisato-cho
20	Nagano-ken	Nagano-shi	Matsumoto-shi	Ina-shi	Komoro-shi	
Hokuriku	15	Niigata-ken	Niigata-shi	Nagaoka-shi		Ojya-shi Itoigawa-shi
	16	Toyama-ken	Toyama-shi		Imizu-shi	
	17	Ishikawa-ken	Kanazawa-shi		Kaga-shi	Anamizu-machi
	18	Fukui-ken	Fukui-shi		Tsuruga-shi	
Tokai	21	Gifu-ken	Gifu-shi		Seki-shi	Mino-shi Kasamatsu-cho
	22	Shizuoka-ken	Shizuoka-shi	Hamamatsu-shi Fuji-shi		Oyama-cho
	23	Aichi-ken	Nagoya-shi	Toyohashi-shi	Kariya-shi Gamagori-shi	Mihama-cho
	24	Mie-ken	Tsu-shi	Matsusaka-shi	Kuwana-shi	
Kinki	25	Shiga-ken	Otsu-shi		Hikone-shi	
	26	Kyoto-fu	Kyoto-shi		Maizuru-shi Kyotanabe-shi	
	27	Osaka-fu	Osaka-shi	Sakai-shi Hirakata-shi Higashiosaka-shi	Tondabayashi-shi Minoh-shi	
	28	Hyogo-ken	Kobe-shi	Himeji-shi Itami-shi Nishinomiya-shi		Ono-shi Sayo-cho
	29	Nara-ken	Nara-shi			Tawaramoto-cho
	30	Wakayama-ken	Wakayama-shi		Hashimoto-shi	Nachikatsuura-cho
Chugoku	31	Tottori-ken	Tottori-shi			Iwami-cho
	32	Shimane-ken	Matsue-shi			Ohda-shi
	33	Okayama-ken	Okayama-shi		Tsuyama-shi	Ibara-shi
	34	Hiroshima-ken	Hiroshima-shi	Fukuyama-shi	Mihara-shi	
	35	Yamaguchi-ken	Yamaguchi-shi	Ube-shi	Sanyoonoda-shi	Tabuse-cho
Shikoku	36	Tokushima-ken	Tokushima-shi			Miyoshi-shi
	37	Kagawa-ken	Takamatsu-shi		Marugame-shi	Zentsuji-shi
	38	Ehime-ken	Matsuyama-shi	Imabari-shi		
	39	Kochi-ken	Kochi-shi			Shimanto-cho
Kyushu	40	Fukuoka-ken	Fukuoka-shi	Kitakyushu-shi	Yanagawa-shi Chikushino-shi Onojo-shi	Okagaki-machi
	41	Saga-ken	Saga-shi		Karatsu-shi	
	42	Nagasaki-ken	Nagasaki-shi	Sasebo-shi		Hirado-shi
	43	Kumamoto-ken	Kumamoto-shi		Yatsushiro-shi	Hitoyoshi-shi
	44	Oita-ken	Oita-shi		Hita-shi	Kunisaki-shi
	45	Miyazaki-ken	Miyazaki-shi		Nobeoka-shi	Takaharu-cho
Okinawa	46	Kagoshima-ken	Kagoshima-shi		Izumi-shi	Kimotsuki-cho
	47	Okinawa-ken	Naha-shi		Nago-shi Okinawa-shi Miyakonojo-shi	Ishigaki-shi Motobu-cho Yonabaru-cho
<b>Total</b>		<b>167</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>

In principle, the districts and names of cities, towns and villages are based on those as of 3 August 2009.

The details of sample municipalities are described in "Replacement of sample cities, towns and villages for RPS".

Table 5 Hotel charges survey cities, towns and villages

Code for prefecture	Prefectures	Cities, towns and villages	Code for prefecture	Prefectures	Cities, towns and villages	
01	Hokkaido	Sapporo-shi Hakodate-shi Otaru-shi Furano-shi Noboribetsu-shi Kucchan-cho Kamikawa-cho Shari-cho Abuta-cho Otofuke-cho Akan-cho	22	Shizuoka-ken	Hamamatsu-shi Atami-shi Ito-shi Shimoda-shi Izu-shi Higashiizu-cho Kawazu-cho Minamiizu-cho	
			23		Aichi-ken	Nagoya-shi
			24		Mie-ken	Toba-shi Shima-shi
02	Aomori-ken	Towadako-machi	25	Shiga-ken	Otsu-shi	
03	Iwate-ken	Morioka-shi Hanamaki-shi Shizukuishi-cho	26	Kyoto-fu	Kyoto-shi	
			27	Osaka-fu	Osaka-shi	
			28	Hyogo-ken	Kobe-shi Sumoto-shi Kinosaki-cho	
04	Miyagi-ken	Sendai-shi Matsushima-machi				
05	Akita-ken	Akita-shi	29	Nara-ken	Nara-shi	
06	Yamagata-ken	Yamagata-shi	30	Wakayama-ken	Shirahama-cho Nachikatsuura-cho	
07	Fukushima-ken	Iwaki-shi				
08	Ibaraki-ken	Mito-shi	31	Tottori-ken	Yonago-shi	
09	Tochigi-ken	Nikko-shi Fujihara-machi Nasu-machi	32	Shimane-ken	Tamayu-cho	
			10	Gumma-ken	Ikaho-machi Kusatsu-machi	33
11	Saitama-ken	Saitama-shi				34
			12	Chiba-ken	Chiba-shi Narita-shi Urayasu-shi	
13	Tokyo-to	Ku-area	36	Tokushima-ken	Tokushima-shi	
			14	Kanagawa-ken	Yokohama-shi Hakone-machi Manazuru-machi Yugawara-machi	37
15	Niigata-ken	Sado-shi Yuzawa-machi				38
			16	Toyama-ken	Toyama-shi	39
17	Ishikawa-ken	Kanazawa-shi Nanao-shi Kaga-shi				40
			18	Fukui-ken	Awara-shi Mikuni-cho	41
19	Yamanashi-ken	Fuefuki-shi Fujikawaguchiko-machi				42
			20	Nagano-ken	Omachi-shi Chino-shi Yamanouchi-machi	
21	Gifu-ken	Takayama-shi Gero-shi Kamitakara-mura				44
			45	Miyazaki-ken	Miyazaki-shi	
46	Kagoshima-ken	Kagoshima-shi Ibusuki-shi Makizono-cho				
		47	Okinawa-ken	Naha-shi Hirara-shi Ishigaki-shi Nago-shi Onna-son Yomitan-son		

The districts and names of cities, towns and villages are based on those as of 15 October 2004.

Table 6 Number of survey districts and prices collected by city groups

Municipalities	Item group A		Item group B		Item group C		House Rent Survey districts
	Districts	Prices	Districts	Prices	Districts	Prices	
Ku-area of Tokyo	42	42	21	21	12	12	54
Osaka-shi	12	12	12	12	6	6	36
Yokohama-shi Nagoya-shi Kyoto-shi Kobe-shi	12	12	6	6	2	2	24
Sapporo-shi Sendai-shi Saitama-shi Chiba-shi Hiroshima-shi Fukuoka-shi	8	8	4	4	2	2	18
Kawasaki-shi Kitakyushu-shi	8	8	4	4	2	2	18
Niigata-shi Shimizu-shi Simizu-shi Sakai-shi Okayama-shi	6	6	3	3	2	2	9
Cities with prefectural Government (excl. those mentioned above)	4	4	3	3	2	2	9
Cities with population 150,000 or more (excl. those mentioned above)	4	4	3	3	1	1	9
Cities with population 50,000 or more but less than 150,000	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
Cities with population less than 50,000 , Towns and villages	1	1	1	1	1	1	3

1) As to contents of item group A, B, C, refer to Table 1.

2) The number of districts for the group B or C for municipalities where survey districts have not been established since fiscal year 2003 may be different from those in this table.

Reference Number of survey items and basic specifications by subgroups

Subgroups	Number of items	Number of specifications								
		Total	Item group A	Item group B	Item group C	Item group D	Item group E	Item group S	Rent	
									Private	Public
Total	525	729	160	161	92	81	142	88	1	4
Food	216	230	139	42	36	3	0	10	0	0
Cereals	12	14	13		1					
Fish & shellfish	32	32	26	5	1					
Meat	7	9	9							
Dairy products & eggs	6	8	3	1	3			1		
Vegetables & seaweeds	45	45	42	1	2					
Fruits	17	19	18		1					
Oils, fats & seasonings	19	19	3	4	12					
Cakes & candies	17	17	8	8	1					
Cooked food	20	20	5	9	5			1		
Beverages	12	14	5	1	7			1		
Alcoholic beverages	8	9	7		2					
Eating out	21	24		13	1	3		7		
Housing	20	25	0	1	0	0	4	15	1	4
Rent	3	6					1		1	4
Repairs & maintenance	17	19		1			3	15		
Fuel, light & water charges	6	14	0	0	0	5	6	3	0	0
Electricity	1	4					4			
Gas	2	4					2	2		
Other fuel & light	1	1						1		
Water charges	2	5				5				
Furniture & household utensils	55	59	8	24	13	5	1	8	0	0
Household durables	14	15		9	3			3		
Interior furnishings	4	4		2	1			1		
Bedding	5	5		4				1		
Domestic utensils	17	17	1	9	5			2		
Domestic non-durables	11	11	7		4					
Domestic services	4	7				5	1	1		
Clothes & footwear	48	68	2	51	13	0	0	2	0	0
Japanese clothing	2	2		2						
Clothing	15	27		23	4					
Shirts & sweaters	7	13		13						
Underwear	7	7		7						
Other clothing	7	7		6	1					
Footwear	7	8			8					
Services related to clothing	3	4	2					2		
Medical care	25	32	3	13	3	7	3	3	0	0
Medicines	12	14		12	1		1			
Medical supplies & appliances	7	8	3	1	2			2		
Medical services	6	10				7	2	1		
Transportation & communication	26	95	0	1	0	6	71	17	0	0
Public transportation	4	49				5	44			
Private transportation	17	26				1	12	13		
Communication	5	20		1			15	4		
Education	11	43	0	0	0	37	6	0	0	0
School fees	7	34				34				
School textbook & reference books for study	2	6					6			
Tutorial fees	2	3				3				
Reading & recreation	77	113	3	11	18	13	39	29	0	0
Recreational durables	12	12		7	1		1	3		
Recreational goods	32	36	3	3	16		1	13		
Books & other reading materials	6	16				1	15			
Recreational services	27	49		1	1	12	22	13		
Miscellaneous	41	50	5	18	9	5	12	1	0	0
Personal care services	6	6	4			1		1		
Toilet articles	16	20	1	13	6					
Personal effects	9	9		5	3		1			
Cigarettes	2	5					5			
Other miscellaneous	8	10				4	6			

Reference Number of survey items and basic specifications by subgroups (Only Okinawa-ken)

Subgroups	Number of items	Number of specifications								
		Total	Item group A	Item group B	Item group C	Item group D	Item group E	Item group S	Rent	
									Private	Public
Total	8	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food	8	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cereals	1	1	1							
Fish & shellfish	2	2	2							
Meat	1	1		1						
Vegetables & seaweeds	2	2	2							
Eating out	2	2		2						