

## Notes

1. Means and standard deviations are the simple arithmetic means of the prefectural indicators and their standard deviations.
2. Presented fiscal years  
In principle, data are presented for three Japanese fiscal years: 2015, 2020 and the latest one.
3. Time span  
The time span is based on the Japanese fiscal year, i.e. from 1 April to 31 March. Therefore, data on the book refer to the period or date of the fiscal year indicated at the top of the relevant table. Data for which the period extends over two fiscal years are assumed to belong to the fiscal year that occupies a longer period than the other.  
Each of the times of basic data are shown at the bottom of the tables of “II Basic Data.”
4. Data
  - (1) Basic data figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding or in case of including data not available.
  - (2) The Social Indicators by Prefecture are calculated according to “Formulae of indicators.” (5. The 「※」 symbol is excluded.)  
However, a part of the indicator is not necessarily equal to the ratios, the rates, etc. of the published original source, because of differences in using basic data for calculation, absence of the original figures, etc.
  - (3) Please refer to the explanation of terms with that of the source books in using data.
5. Symbols
  - \* : Data refer to the cities with prefectural governments. However, for the seven items in pages 26 to 28 (Climate; #B02101–#B02103, #B02201, #B02401, #B02402, #B02303), Kumagaya-shi observations are used for Saitama-ken, Chiyoda-ku for Tokyo-to, and Hikone-shi for Shiga-ken.
  - ... : Not available
  - : Not applicable (Denominator is 0)
  - X : Figures kept undisclosed
  - ※ : Original data quoted from the source books (indices, rates, etc.) without any calculation.
6. For further information  
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7. Others
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