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<News Highlights>

\* More than 40 million households (81.3%) responded online or by mail in the 2020 Census of Japan

The Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ) conducted the 2020 Census as of October 1, 12:00 AM, 2020 during the collection period from September 14 to October 20.

In the 2020 Census, households were highly encouraged to respond to the census via the internet as far as possible to protect them against COVID-19 infection.

As a result of that, the SBJ received 43.47 million responses in total during this period, which breaks down into 21.11 million households with online responses and 22.36 million households with mail responses. According to an estimate based on the number of households (53.45 million) counted by the previous census, the survey response rate for the 2020 Census was 81.3% in total, which breaks down into 39.5% online and 41.8% by mail. This shows that both response methods outweigh the previous ones (36.9% online and 34.1% by mail in the 2015 Census).

\* The figures for the number of responses and response rate are subject to change in the final results.

The SBJ will release the preliminary results by June 2021 and the final ones by November 2021.

[Release Schedule]

- By June 2021

Preliminary tabulation: Preliminary counts of the population and households

- By November 2021

Basic complete tabulation on population and households: The detailed results

including housing conditions, households of foreigners and elderly persons in addition to the final counts of population and households

After releasing the above results, the SBJ will release the results of the labour force status of population, industry and occupation of employed persons, place of work or schooling, internal migration and so on one by one.

\* The Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ) published the Statistical Handbook of Japan 2020

The Statistical Handbook of Japan 2020 is a government publication offered in English, designed to provide a clear and coherent overview of present-day Japan through statistics. It provides statistical tables, figures, maps, and photographs to portray the current situation in Japan from a variety of perspectives, including demographics, economic and social trends, and culture.

This Handbook is published annually in September and the latest one can be found at the following website.

Website: <https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/handbook/index.html>

<Recent Releases>

September 18, 2020

\* Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (August 2020, Japan)

- The consumer price index for Japan in August 2020 was 102.0 (2015=100), up 0.2 % over the year before seasonal adjustment, and down 0.1 % from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/index.html>

September 23, 2020

\* Population Estimates (April 1, 2020 (Final estimates), September 1, 2020 (Provisional estimates))

- As of April 1, 2020 (Final estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 125,930 thousand, a decrease of 324 thousand (0.26 %)

from the previous year.

- The population under 15 years old was 15,116 thousand, a decrease of 204 thousand (1.33 %) from the previous year.
- The population aged 15 to 64 was 74,763 thousand, a decrease of 418 thousand (0.56 %) from the previous year.
- The population aged 65 and over was 36,050 thousand, an increase of 298 thousand (0.83 %) from the previous year.

<Japanese Population>

- Japanese population was 123,424 thousand, a decrease of 536 thousand (0.43 %) from the previous year.

- As of September 1, 2020 (Provisional estimates)

<Total Population>

- The total population was 125.81 million, a decrease of 0.32 million (0.26 %) from the previous year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/jinsui/2.html>

September 29, 2020

\* Monthly Report on Internal Migration in Japan (August 2020)

- The number of internal migrants (All nationalities) was 369,596, a decrease of 9,197 (2.4 %) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 167,000, a decrease of 6,502 (3.7 %) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (All nationalities) was 202,596, a decrease of 2,695 (1.3 %) from the previous year.
- The number of internal migrants (Japanese) was 344,022, an increase of 2,858 (0.8 %) from the previous year.
- The number of inter-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 154,375, an increase of 712 (0.5 %) from the previous year.
- The number of intra-prefectural migrants (Japanese) was 189,647, an increase of 2,146 (1.1 %) from the previous year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/idou/3.html>

\* Consumer Price Index (2015-base) (September 2020, Ku-area of Tokyo (preliminary))

- The consumer price index for Ku-area of Tokyo in September 2020 (preliminary) was 101.9 (2015=100), up 0.2 % over the year before seasonal adjustment, and down 0.1 %

from the previous month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/cpi/1581-t.html>

September 30, 2020

\* Monthly Survey on Service Industries (July 2020 (preliminary))

- Monthly sales: 27.6 trillion yen, down 12.6 % over the year.
- Number of persons working at the location of establishment: 29.58 million persons, down 2.3 % over the year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/mssi/kekka.html>

October 2, 2020

\* Labour Force Survey (Basic Tabulation) (August 2020)

- The number of employed persons in August 2020 was 66.76 million, a decrease of 750 thousand from the previous year.
- The number of unemployed persons in August 2020 was 2.06 million, an increase of 490 thousand from the previous year.
- The unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.0 %.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/roudou/results/month/index.html>

October 9, 2020

\* Family Income and Expenditure Survey (Two-or-more-person Households: August 2020)

- Expenditures for Two-or-more-person Households

The average of monthly consumption expenditures per household for August 2020 was 276,360 yen, down 6.7 % in nominal terms and down 6.9 % in real terms from the previous year.

- Income and Expenditures for Workers' Households

The average of monthly income per household stood at 528,891 yen, up 1.4 % in nominal terms and up 1.2 % in real terms from the previous year.

The average of consumption expenditures per household was 304,458 yen, down 6.5 % in nominal terms and down 6.7 % in real terms from the previous year.

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/kakei/156.html>

\* Survey of Household Economy (Two-or-more-person households: August 2020)

- Change over the year of Monthly Expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet

<Average expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet>

- Average expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet was 16,483 yen (up 8.8 % in nominal terms).

<Main Items contributed to the change of Average Expenditure on goods and services ordered over the internet >

- Food: up 62.8 % in nominal terms
- Home electronics: up 63.0 % in nominal terms
- Clothing, footwear: up 32.5 % in nominal terms
- Medical care: up 42.2 % in nominal terms

<https://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/joukyou/12.html>

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