

# Outline

## 1. Purpose of the survey

The purpose of the Employment Status Survey is to understand the actual status of employment and unemployment from various perspectives, to clarify the employment structure in Japan in detail, not only nationally but also by area, to acquire basic data for formulating various administrative policies such as employment and economic policies at national and local government level, and to contribute to academic research.

The Employment Status Survey has been conducted every three years between 1956 and 1982 and every five years since 1982, the 2022 Employment Status Survey was the eighteenth one.

## 2. Legal Basis of the survey

This survey, Fundamental Statistics is stipulated by the Statistics Act (Act No.53, 2007), is undertaken in accordance with the Ordinance for the Employment Status Survey (Ordinance No.25 of the Prime Minister's Office, 1982).

## 3. Date of the survey

The survey was taken as of 0:00 a.m. on October 1, 2022.

## 4. Scope of the survey

### (1) Areas surveyed

The survey covered approximately 34,000 enumeration districts selected from the enumeration districts for the 2020 Population Census, designated by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications.

### (2) Coverage of the survey

Within the designated survey area, approximately 1.08 million household members aged 15 years and over from about 540,000 households residing in the sampling unit (refers to a building or part of a building in which a single household may reside) selected by the mayor of the municipality according

to the method specified by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, were covered.

However the following persons were excluded.

- A. Foreign diplomatic corps or consular staff (including their suite and their family members)
- B. Foreign military personnel or civilians (including their family members)
- C. Persons living in camps or ships of the Self-Defense Forces
- D. Inmates of prisons, juvenile prisons, and detention centers whose sentences have been fixed
- E. Inmates of reformatory institutions or women's guidance homes

## 5. Items surveyed

Items surveyed included the following.

- (1) Items related to household members 15 years old and over
  - A. All household members
    - a) Basic Matters
      - Name
      - Sex
      - Marital status
      - Relationship to the head of household
      - Month and year of birth
      - Educational status e.g. school attendance, year of graduation
      - Type of school
      - When started living at present address
      - Reason for changing address
      - Address before changing address
      - Type of income sources
      - Usual labour force status
    - b) Training or self-development
      - Whether did training or self- development
      - Type of training or self-development
    - c) Status of childcare and family care
      - Whether providing childcare
      - Frequency of childcare
      - Whether used childcare leave or other support system, kind of childcare leave system, etc.
      - Whether providing family care
      - Frequency of family care

- Whether used family care leave or other support system, kind of family care leave system, etc.

## B. Persons engaged in work

### a) Main job

- Status in employment, type of employment at place of work
- Whether starting a business for oneself
- Employed with or without a definite contact term and a term per contact
- Number of renewals of employment contact
- Type of legal organization at place of work
- Name of place of work
- Contents of business at place of work
- Contents of work
- Number of persons engaged in enterprise
- Days worked per year
- Regularity of work
- Working hours per week
- Status of remote working
- Income
- When took up the job
- Reason to work
- Reason for working in the current type of employment
- Whether adjusting working hours and days
- Wish for work
- Reason for wishing to switch to another job
- Status of job wished to take
- Kind of job wished to take
- Whether seeking a job
- Wish for working hours
- Whether had a job

### b) Secondary job

- Status in employment
- Contents of business at place of work
- Regularity of work
- Working hours per week

### c) Previous job

- When left the previous job
- Duration engaged in work (years and months)
- Reason for leaving the previous job
- Status in employment, type of employment at place of work
- Contents of business at place of work
- Contents of work

### d) First job

- Relationship between present job or previous job and "first job"

- When took up the "first job"
- Status in employment, type of employment at place of work

## C. Persons not engaged in work

### a) Wish for work, etc.

- Whether wishing to work
- Reason for wishing to work
- Kind of job wished to take
- Status of job wished to take
- Whether seeking a job
- Reason for not seeking a job
- Duration of seeking a job
- Intention to take up a job
- Reason for not wishing to work
- Whether had working experience

### b) Previous job

- When left the previous job
- Duration engaged in work (years and months)
- Reason for leaving the previous job
- Status in employment, type of employment at place of work
- Contents of business at place of work
- Contents of work

### c) First job

- Relationship between present job or previous job and "first job"
- When took up the "first job"
- Status in employment, type of employment at place of work

## (2) Items related to households

- Annual income of household as a whole
- Number of household members less than 15 years old
- Number of household members 15 years old and over

## 6. Method of the survey

### (1) Survey channel

The survey was conducted through the following channel;

Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications - prefectural governor - mayors of municipalities - supervisors - enumerators - households

Note: In some cases, for survey areas where the entire survey area consists solely of apartment buildings, tenements, school dormitories, boarding houses, social welfare facilities, or hospitals and clinics, the

management company or operating corporation of such facilities may have been commissioned by the prefectural governor to conduct the surveyors' work.

(2) Method of the survey

Enumerators distributed questionnaires to each household to be surveyed from September 23, 2022.

The completed questionnaires were collected by the surveyed household members aged 15 or older or by the head of the household by October 23, 2022, responding online, sending a paper-based survey form by mail, or handing it to the surveyor.

## **7. Items tabulated**

The survey results were estimated by ratio estimation with a bench-mark of the population by region, sex, age and type of households after calculation of linear estimates.

## **8. Tabulation and publication**

The results were tabulated from the collected questionnaires at the National Statistics Center. The Statistics Bureau released the results in July 21, 2023.

The reports are published as the following:

- RESULTS FOR JAPAN
- RESULTS FOR REGIONS