

National Women's Education Center

Gender Statistics Leaflet

2025

Information below is primary source and annotations for the leaflet.

A: Population / Household

- ① Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication (MIC), Population Estimates (2024)
(Population as of October 1st)
MIC, Population Census (2020) (Average age and median age)
- ② Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Overview of Abridged Life Table (2023)
(Average life expectancy)
MHLW, Document of the 4th Promotion Committee of Health Japan 21 (the Third Term) (2022)
(Healthy life expectancy)
- ③ MHLW, Vital Statistics (Final data) (2023)
National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Population Projections for Japan (2023) (data for 2050)
Note: Medium fertility, medium mortality.
- ④ MIC, Population Census (1980, 2000, 2020) (Number of households)
MHLW, Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions (2023) (Average household size)
Note: Average household size is for all households.
- ⑤ MHLW, Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions (2023)

B: Education

- ① Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), School Basic Survey (FY1995, 2010, 2024)
Note1: Enroll rates for Specialized Training College (Postsecondary Course), Junior College and University are calculated as "Number of enrollments to Specialized Training College (Postsecondary Course), Junior College and University (from High School (Full-time, Part-time, Correspondence), Secondary School (Upper Education), Special Support School (Senior High School Section))" / "Number of graduates from High School (Full-time, Part-time, Correspondence), Secondary School (Upper Education), Special Support School (Senior High School Section)" * 100.
Number of enrollments to Junior College and University do not include those to Correspondence Department.
Note2: Enroll rate for Graduate School is calculated as "Number of enrollments to Graduate School" / "Number of graduates from University" * 100.
- ② MEXT, School Basic Survey (FY2024)

C: Time Use

- ① MIC, Survey on Time Use and Leisure Activities (2021)
Note: "Paid work" is the total time spent on "1 Paid work"(include Main job, Second job and Commuting to and from work). "Housework and shopping" are the total time spent on "211 Management of meals", "212 Making sweets", "213 Gardening", "214 Household upkeep", "215 Care of clothing", "216 Making clothing", "217 Building and repairing", "218 vehicle maintenance", "219 Household management", "21C Other housework", "23 Shopping and using services", "24 Travel related to housework". "Family care" is the total time spent on "21D Care of a child excluding a baby and a little child", "21E Care of family member excluding a child", "21F Help to a child excluding a baby and a little child", "21G Help to a family member excluding

a child”, “22 Childcare”. “Volunteer activity related” is the total time spent on “25 Volunteer activity related”.

For a list of all classifications, refer to the “Appendix: List of Detailed Activity Classifications for the 2021 Survey on Time Use and Leisure Activities.”

② MHLW, Basic Survey of Gender Equality in Employment Management (FY2023)

Note: The percentage is of those who returned to work after completing family care leave in the year prior to the survey (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023).

D: Labor and Income

① MIC, Labour Force Survey (2024)

Note: Ratio of women employed as regular workers is calculated as “Regular worker” / “Population 15 years old and over” * 100.

② MIC, Labour Force Survey (2024)

③ MHLW, Basic Survey of Gender Equality in Employment Management (FY2018, FY2023)

④ MHLW, Basic Survey on Wage Structure (2024)

⑤ MHLW, Basic Survey on Wage Structure (2024)

E: Health, Safety and Social Security

① National Police Agency, Number of arrests by gender of victims in spousal violence (murder, physical assault, assault) (2024)

② Ministry of Justice, White Paper on Crime 2024 (2023)

③ MHLW, Statistics of Employees’ Pension Insurance and National Pension system (FY2023)

④ MHLW, Nationwide Survey on Single parent household 2021 (2020)

F: International Status Index

① WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, Global Gender Gap Report 2025 (2025)

② Inter-Parliamentary Union(IPU), Monthly ranking of women in national parliaments (2025)

③ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTION NETWORK, Sustainable Development Report 2025 (2025)

G: Decision Making

① House of Representatives, Names of In-house Groups and Number of Members by In-house Groups (2025) (Number of members)

House of Councilors, Number of Members by Political Groups (2025) (Number of members)

② MIC, Survey on the Number of Parliamentarians and Heads of Local Governments by Groups (2024) (Except Designated City)

CAO, Research on Women’s Policy-making Participation (2024) (Designated City)

③ CAO, National Women’s Participation Map (Local Assemblies) (2025)

(Original source : MIC, Survey on the Number of Parliamentarians and Heads of Local Governments by Groups (2024))