

Pregnancy and Birth Survey: Outline (1/2)

[Eligible subjects]

Pregnant women who obtained a maternity handbook within Fukushima Prefecture and those who obtained a maternity handbook somewhere else but gave birth in the prefecture during the survey period for every fiscal year

Fiscal year	Eligible subjects	Responses from			
FY2011	16,001 people	9,316 people (58.2%)			
FY2012	14,516 people	7,181 people (49.5%)			
FY2013	15,218 people	7,260 people (47.7%)			
FY2014	15,125 people	7,132 people (47.2%)			
FY2015	14,572 people	7,031 people (48.3%)			
FY2016	14,154 people	7,326 people (51.8%)			
FY2017	13,552 people	6,449 people (47.6%)			
FY2018	12,838 people	6,649 people (51.8%)			
FY2019	11,909 people	6,328 people (53.1%)			
FY2020	11,382 people	6,359 people (55.9%)			

Conducted a follow-up survey in approx. 4 years after delivery

Eligible subjects	Responses from			
7,252 people	2,554 people (35.2%)			
5,602 people	2,021 people (36.1%)			
5,734 people	2,706 people (47.2%)			
5,856 people	2,719 people (46.4%)			

Conducted the second follow-up survey in approx. 8 years after delivery

Eligible subjects	Responses from			
6,643 people	2,354 people (35.4%)			
5,152 people	2,178 people (42.3%)			

[Survey method]

Inquiry sheets are sent to the targeted pregnant women, asking them to fill in the sheets and send them back. (From the FY2016 survey, responses are accepted by post or online.)

Major survey items are as follows:

- Pregnant women's mental health conditions
- Present living conditions (circumstances of a refugee life or forced separation from family members)
- Situations during delivery and pregnant women's physical health conditions
- Confidence in raising children
- Attitude toward the next pregnancy

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The Pregnancy and Birth Survey covers (i) pregnant women who newly obtained a maternity handbook in Fukushima Prefecture and (ii) those who obtained a maternity handbook elsewhere but gave birth in the prefecture during the survey period.

For those falling under (i), inquiry sheets are sent based on information provided by each municipality in the prefecture. Those falling under (ii) may use inquiry sheets provided by obstetric institutions in the prefecture or request the Radiation Medical Science Center for the Fukushima Health Management Survey, Fukushima Medical University, to send them inquiry sheets.

For respondents to the main survey in FY2011 to FY2014, the first follow-up survey (4 years after delivery) was completed and the second follow-up survey (8 years after delivery) is being conducted.

Survey targets are asked to fill in inquiry sheets and send them back. From the FY2016 survey, responses can also be submitted online.

The number of women who become pregnant and give birth in Fukushima Prefecture decreased after the earthquake in FY2012 but temporarily increased in FY2013. However, the number has been on a decline thereafter as seen nationwide.

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