

Abstract

The Japanese Panel Survey of Consumers (JPSC) is the longest running nationwide panel survey of individuals in Japan. The central aim of the survey is to collect information on the lifestyles of relatively young women and their income and expenditure. The Institute of Research on Household Economics started this survey in 1993 with a sample of 1,500 young females. Since then, the survey has been conducted annually and expanded to include four new cohorts of younger females at five-year intervals. As of 2013, about 2,540 women aged 24– 54 are covered in the survey.