

Japan
ISSP 2008 – Religion III
Study Description

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Study title: ISSP Religion

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Sample type: Two-stage stratified random sample of Japanese 16 or older.
First, urban and rural areas are divided into a number of groups (strata) based on similarities in local features and industrial structures. From each of those groups, streets and village-sections are again grouped together to form sampling units. From among such sampling units, 150 survey spots are selected at random. Then, from *the Basic Resident Registers* for these spots, 12 sample individuals aged 16 or over are selected according to a fixed random number.

Fieldwork institute: Central Research Services, Inc.

Fieldwork methods: Self-completion

Sample size: Issued 1.800, Achieved 1.200

Response rates:

1-Total number of issued names	1.800
2-Interviews	1.200
3-Eligible,Non-Interview (A+B+C)	490
A..Refusal	253
B..Non-Contact	188
Absence 1 year and more	17
Absence 10 days and more	27
Absence 10 days and less	49
Come home at midnight	-
Refusal to receive	61
Can't drop-off	34
C..Other	49
i..Language Problems	-
ii..Miscellaneous Other	49
Physically or mentally unable	22
Miscellaneous	27
4-Unknown Eligibility, Non-Interview	38
5-Not Eligible (A+B+C+D)	72
A..Not a Residence	-
B..Vacant Residence	68
C..No Eligible (Dead)	4
D..Other (Selected Respondent Screened Out of Sample/ Duplicate Listing)	-

Language: Japanese

Weighted: No

Deviations from ISSP questionnaire: The literal translation of 'agree-disagree' scale used in the Japanese questionnaire is: (1) I think so; (2) I rather think so; (3) Can't say one way or the other; (4) I rather don't think so; (5) I don't think so.