

## Indicator 5.5.1

### Indicator Name, Target and Goal

**Indicator 5.5.1** Proportion of seats held by women in (a) national parliaments and (b) local governments

**Target 5.5** Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

**Goal 5** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

### Definition and Rationale

- Definition
  - Indicator 5.5.1(a): The percentage of women in the House of Representative.
  - Indicator 5.5.1(b): The percentage of Women in the local assemblies.
- Concepts
  - The House of Representatives is a Japanese legislature that takes a bicameral system.
  - Local assemblies are established prefectures, city, ward, town and village.
- Rationale and Interpretation:
  - Indicator 5.5.1(a): It shows women's participation in the diet. The percentage of women in lower or single House, which the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) ranks and announces the percentage of women in 193 countries, is an internationally comparable figure.
  - Indicator 5.5.1(b): It shows women's participation in the local assemblies.

### Data Sources and Collection Method

"Survey on women participation in policy and decision-making position" by Cabinet Office

### Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

- Computation Method
  - Indicator 5.5.1(a) :  $\frac{\text{The number of female legislators in the House of Representatives}}{\text{The number of all legislators in the House of Representatives}} \times 100$

- Indicator 5.5.1(b) : The number of female members in the local assemblies ÷ The number of all members in the local assemblies ×100

- Comments and limitations

The House of Councilors is not included.

## Data Disaggregation

The percentage of women in the local assembly is tabulated by prefecture, city, ward, town and village.

## References

“Survey on women participation in policy and decision-making position” by Cabinet Office

<http://www.gender.go.jp/research/kenkyu/sankakujokyo/statistics-index.html>

(in Japanese)

## Custodian Ministries of Data

Cabinet Office

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

## Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Cabinet Office

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

## International Organizations

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

UN Women