

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

Indicator 5.5.1(a) : Cabinet Office "Survey on women participation in policy and decision-making position" by Cabinet Office

Indicator 5.5.1(b) : Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications "Investigation on the Number of Chairpersons and Members of Local Government Assemblies, by Party Affiliation"

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

○ Computation Method

- Indicator 5.5.1(a) : The number of female legislators in the House of Representatives \div 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 \div The number of all members in the local assemblies $\times 100$

○ 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

Cabinet Office “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)

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications “Investigation on the Number of Chairpersons and Members of Local Government Assemblies, by Party Affiliation”

https://www.soumu.go.jp/senkyo/senkyo_s/data/syozoku/ichiran.html

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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