The Open Data Inventory (ODIN) measures how complete a country’s statistical offerings are and whether their data meet international standards of openness. Japan ranks 32nd in the Open Data Inventory 2020 with an overall score of 68. The overall score is a combination of a data coverage subscore of 67 and a data openness subscore of 70.

### Category Scores

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### Understanding the Scores

Each category receives a coverage and openness score. Coverage scores are based on five coverage elements* and openness scores are based on five openness elements. Overall scores are an average of all 10 criteria.

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*Some categories are only scored on 3 or 4 coverage criteria. View the coverage tab for more information.

### Country Updates

This country has not submitted an official response to their assessment.

**Latest News**

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Coverage

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In general, coverage scores are based on the availability of indicators and disaggregations published, how many observations are available over the last 10 years, and if national and subnational data exist.

Indicators Not Published
Indicators are considered not published when no qualifying and disaggregated data are found. Not all indicators are required for full credit in every category. 82%

Number of Categories That Score 0
Categories that score 0 do not publish the minimum amount of data to receive a score. For most categories, the minimum amount of data is one indicator. There are 22 categories. 0

Indicators Lacking Sex Disaggregation
Sex-disaggregated data are important to reflect the realities of men and women in various policy areas and narrow gender inequalities. 38%

Coverage Element Scores, 2020

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Data License/Terms of Use

The licensing or terms of use that govern the use and reuse of data assessed in ODIN are classified as Open, Some Restrictions, Not Open or Not Available (if no license is found). Below is licensing information for data from the national statistics office on their website and most prominent data portal, if applicable.

- NSO Website
  - Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications: Open
- NSO Data Portal
  - E-Stat: Open

Openness Element Scores, 2020

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Country Context

To understand a country’s commitment to open data, it is important to look at ODIN scores in context. The information below includes assessments of the country’s statistical capacity, links to relevant laws, and comparative measures of the country’s performance on other measures of data coverage, openness, and government transparency.

Statistical Capacity Indicators

The World Bank’s Statistical Capacity Indicator is a composite score assessing the capacity of a country’s statistical system. It is based on a diagnostic framework assessing the following areas: methodology; data sources; and periodicity and timeliness. For more information, click the scores below.

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Scores are only available for low- to middle-income countries.

Legal Framework

To be sustainable, open data initiatives must be supported by a strong legal framework. Below are some of the more common national laws that should work in coordination with open data policies and data licenses.

- **Statistical Law** Statistics Act, Japan [link]
- **Right to Information Law** Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs [link]
- **Copyright Law** Copyright Amendment Act 1998 [link]

Data Commitments

**National Data Strategy**

National data strategies or National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) provide a country with a strategy for developing statistical capacity across the entire national statistical system (NSS). It presents the statistics office’s priorities for the next 5-10 years. Japan does not have a national data strategy.

**IMF Standards for Data Dissemination**

Data dissemination standards enhance the availability of timely and comprehensive statistics, which contributes to sound macroeconomic policies and the efficient functioning of financial markets. Japan is a SDDS Plus Subscriber.

**Open Data Charter (ODC)**

The ODC is a collaboration between over 100 governments and organisations working to open up data based on a shared set of seven principles. Japan has not adopted the charter.

**Open Government Partnership (OGP)**

OGP is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from national and subnational governments to promote open government, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. Japan is not a participant.
All scores have been converted to a 100 point scale.