

Study on demand for higher education in an era of a declining 18-year-old population

This research project aims to empirically clarify the current status of demand for higher education in Japan in an era of a declining 18-year-old population.

In this research, we will be working on the following three themes through an analysis of the inter-region movement of students which correspond to admission to higher education:

- (1) Predict demand for future higher education by region,
- (2) Envisage a supply and demand structure of higher education based on the patterns of intra / interregional progression to higher education,
- (3) Examine the mechanism of disparities in educational opportunities

Through this project's analysis, we will provide facts that will contribute to the policy planning for demand for progression to higher education.

Focus topics

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Selected data

- MEXT "School Basic Survey"
- NIER "A National Study of College Student Engagement"
- Statistical data on institutional attributes ("Japanese College and University Portraits" by N IAD-QE, etc.)



Selected approach

- A) Literature review
- B) Analysis of official / governmental statistics
- C) Analysis of national student survey data
- D) Interview



Expected research outcomes

Empirical sketch of "Regional Higher Education Areas" (structure of supply and demand for higher education in each region affected by hierarchy and functions divided loosely by the differences of selectivity and fields of study of the higher education institutions)