

## **The Business Demography of Sole proprietorships in Japan**

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We developed business demography tables of sole proprietorships by using the Japanese Labor Force Survey (LFS). This is the first time in Japan that LFS, of which reporting units are households and statistical units are individual persons, is used to make the business statistics. We observed entry and exit rate of sole proprietorships by industry, sex and age of business owners. Furthermore, we compared these tables with the Unincorporated Enterprise Survey results, of which statistical units are enterprises.

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