



IV Group Collection of Steel Cans

4. What are the Reasons for Promoting Group Collection?

■ The Position of Group Collection

Majority recording 72.3% of the municipalities think that the group collection is supplement system of separation collection. However, almost 10% think it is the main method of collection.

	FY2009		FY2008		FY2007	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Supplement system for separation collection	418	72.3	400	67.5	351	62.6
Group collection is main system	62	10.7	68	11.5	58	10.3
Not so much concerned	26	4.5	21	3.5	21	3.7
Other	55	9.5	60	10.1	49	8.7
Unknown	17	2.9	44	7.4	82	14.6
Total	578	100.0	593	100.0	561	100.0

■ Merits of Group Collection (multiple answers)

There were many answers pointing all 3 items from the top, the most largest number of answers was "improvement of environmental awareness" recording 83.4%, followed by "activate the community" recording 68.3%, and "reduce the cost of separation collection" recording 43.1%.

	FY2009	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Improvement of Environmental awareness	482	83.4
Activate community	395	68.3
Reduce the cost of separate collection	249	43.1
Improve the quality of recycling	77	13.3
Other	11	1.9
Unknown	38	6.6
Total	578	100.0

■ The Differences of Measures by the Position of Group Collection

The municipalities that think the group collection as a main system, of course there are various measures taken. It varies from financial support to support PR and physically. However, the financial initiatives are granted at more than 80% of the municipalities and practiced at a high ratio.

	Supplement System		Main		Not so much concerned		Others	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Financial Initiative	393	94.0	61	98.4	21	80.8	52	94.5
Subsidies	109	26.1	31	50.0	4	15.4	13	23.6
PR	176	42.1	37	59.7	3	11.5	33	60.0
Encouragement to the agencies	86	20.6	21	33.9	2	7.7	15	27.3
Coordination	27	6.5	7	11.3	0	0.0	9	16.4
Provide equipments	31	7.4	14	22.6	0	0.0	12	21.8
Other	11	2.6	3	4.8	0	0.0	1	1.8
Total	418	100.0	62	100.0	26	100.0	55	100.0

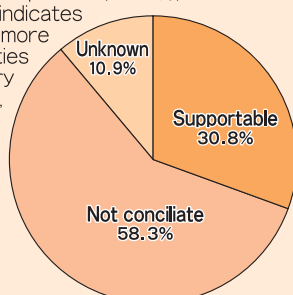
Note. The numbers of the municipalities answered are the municipalities that answered to the questionnaire about the position of the group collection and indicate the ratio of the supporting measures in the position that they think.

Column 3. About the System of Registered Collection Companies or Group Collection

There are municipalities that ask the agencies to show the list of collecting companies, or established registry system of collecting companies to grant financial support. How many municipalities are there practicing this system in Japan.

■ Whether the registry system exists or not

here are only 178 municipalities (30.8%) out of 578 municipalities and indicates that there are not more than half municipalities which have the registry system. By regions, there are relatively higher ratio in Kanto region and Hokuriku region.



■ Whether the registry system, conciliation of agencies and correlative relationship exist or not

The municipalities that have registry systems and practice conciliation of agency are recording 13.5% and most of them do not conciliate agency. On the other side, there are 18 municipalities that conciliates agency but do not have registry system.

	Conciliate		Not conciliate		Others		Unknown		Total	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Registry System	24	13.5	145	81.5	1	0.6	8	4.5	178	100.0
No Registry System	18	5.3	276	81.9	6	1.8	37	11.0	337	100.0
Unknown	0	0.0	4	6.3	0	0.0	59	93.7	63	100.0

The term "Conciliation" means when the group cannot find appropriate collecting companies, the municipalities support the group to contract with collecting company. The distribution of list of the collecting companies is not included in the definition of conciliation.