

Number of Pachinko Parlors and Parlor Operators: Key Research Findings 2014

◆ Research Outline

Yano Research Institute has conducted a study on number of pachinko parlors and operators with the following conditions:

1. Research period: September to December, 2014
2. Research target: Nationwide pachinko parlor operators and their pachinko parlors.
3. Research methodologies: Face-to-face interviews by the specialized researchers, telephone/e-mail surveys and literature research

◆ Key Findings

■ Number of Pachinko Operators 3,702 and Number of Parlors 11,292, as of End of December 2014

Number of pachinko operators was 3,702, as of end of December 2014, a decline by 116 companies during the period between the fiscal year ends of 2013 to 2014. Number of groups of pachinko parlors, consolidated by the capital or the same management, became 2,850, down by 93 groups. With number of pachinko parlors operated by those 3,702 companies decreased to 11,292, down by 246 parlors since the fiscal year end of 2013, the parlors together with the operators seem to continue diminishing.

■ Number of Pachinko Parlors Newly Opened in 2014: 222

Number of new pachinko parlors that 3,702 of operators opened in 2014 remained at 222, showing slight decline year by year. The location of such newly opened parlors continues to be confined to metropolitan areas. Recent newly-opened parlors tend to be large scale with more than 1,000 game machines.

■ On the Contrary to Declining Parlors, Pachinko Machines Show Slight Increase with 4.58 Million Machines as of Year End of 2014

Number of new machines introduced in newly-opened parlors exceeded number of those decreasing machines in closing parlors because newly-opened parlors tend to be large in size and need more machines in number, leading to slight increase of pachinko machines nationwide.

When comparing the numbers of pachinko machines and pachislot machines, pachislot machines is more in the tendency of rising than pachinko machines, achieving 125.6% of the number in 2010.

◆ Report format:

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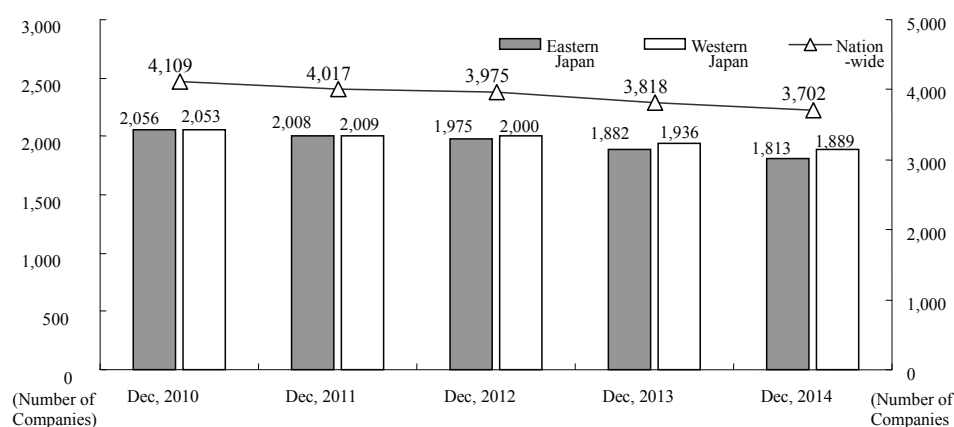
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■ **Figure 1: Transition of Number of Pachinko Operators**

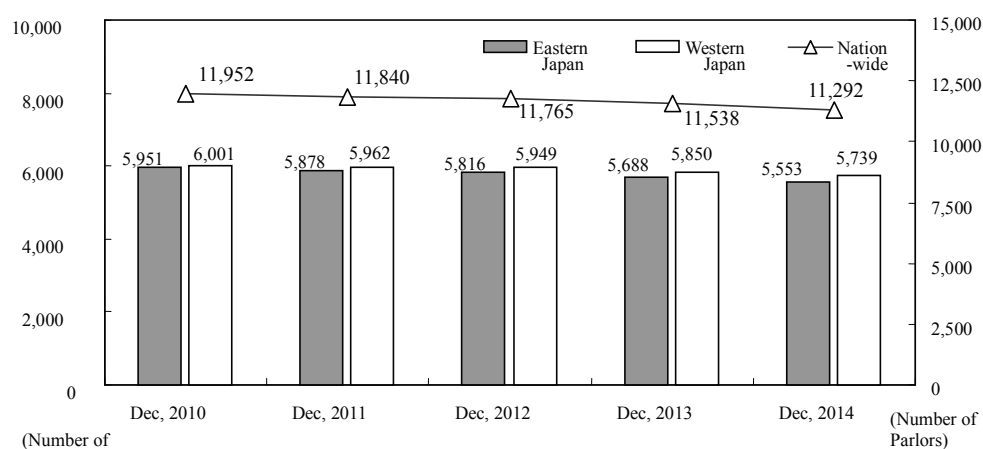


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1. Number of each year shows the number of companies as of end of each year.

■ **Figure 2: Transition of Number of Pachinko Parlors Operated by Pachinko Operators**

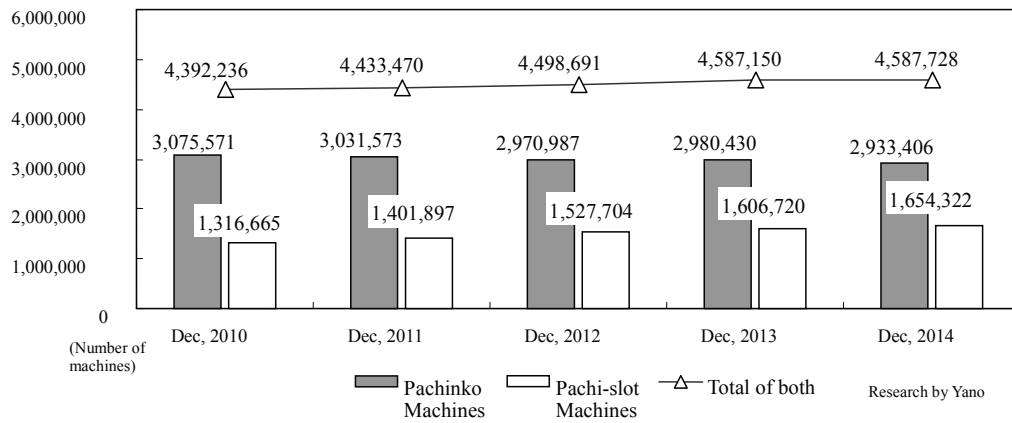


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2. Number of each year shows the number of parlors as of end of each year.

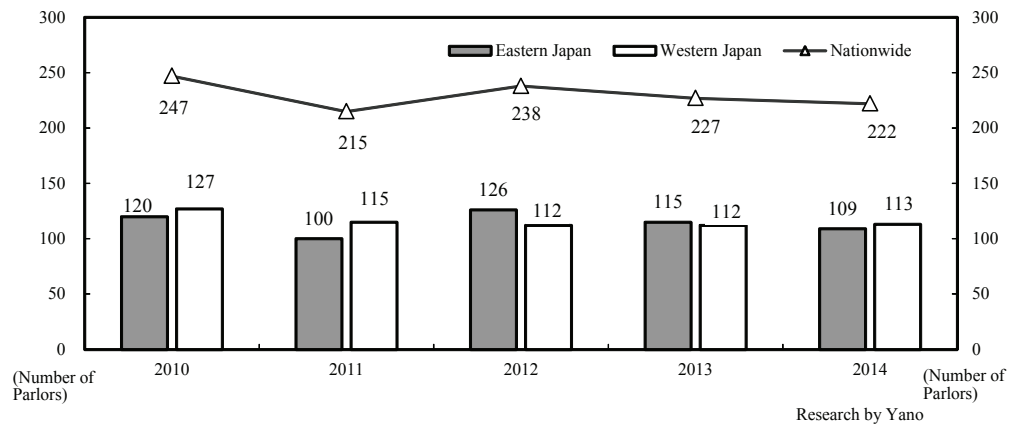
■ **Figure 3: Transition of Number of Pachinko and Pachi-Slot Machines**



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3. Number of machines possessed by the parlors that were able to confirm its operation at the end of each year. Those machines possessed by those operators that were unable to confirm the operation are not included.

■ **Figure 4: Transition of Number of Newly-Opened Parlors**



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4. Number of parlors that newly opened in the period between January and December of each year.