1. Television Stations

The number of television broadcast stations in operation as of March 1986, including those that are not in operation, is shown in table 1. Major television broadcasting companies include the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), a not-for-profit public service corporation, and several commercial companies. NHK, which has a nationwide network of 217 stations, is the only one in Japan that can broadcast in color. The other commercial companies operate a total of 1,200 stations. This number approximates 80% of the total number of stations in Japan to view more than 4 channels of private television broadcast.

2. Ratio of Subscription Contracts of Colored TV (CATV)

This table shows the number of subscription contracts for colored television service in Japan as of March 1986. The total number of subscription contracts is 8,500,000, which is approximately 80% of the total number of households in Japan. The average number of households per subscription contract is 1.4, meaning that each contract is shared among 1.4 households.

3. Circulation of Newspapers

The circulation of newspapers in Japan is shown in table 2. The total circulation of newspapers is approximately 28 million copies per day, with the daily metropolitan newspapers accounting for about 70% of the total. The circulation varies by region, with the largest newspapers in Tokyo and the smallest in rural areas.

4. Distribution of Newspapers

This map shows the distribution of newspapers in Japan, with the number of copies distributed in each region indicated by the size of the symbol. The distribution is concentrated in and around the major metropolitan areas, with a smaller number of copies distributed in rural and coastal areas.