

Survey on Life Attitudes of Parents and Children (FOR PARENTS)

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<REQUEST>

- ◆ This questionnaire should be completed by the parent who is most familiar with the everyday life of the child selected for this survey. (In households in which both parents are absent, please have this completed by a guardian who is familiar with the child's life.)

<INSTRUCTIONS>

- ◆ Most of the questions will ask you to circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. Please answer each question in the manner shown in the following examples.

EXAMPLE 1) For each of the following sentences, please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that best describes your attitude. (Circle one per statement)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
A I feel good when I wake up early.	①	2	3	4
B I like Western confectioneries better than Japanese confectioneries.	1	2	③	4

EXAMPLE 2) Which animals do you like? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to answers that apply to you.

(Circle as many as you want)

①	Dogs	4	Ducks	⑦	Other (Elephants)
2	Cats	5	Giraffes		
3	Rabbits	⑥	Horses		

- ◆ Please answer each question by circling the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you.
- ◆ For the number of items to circle, please follow the instructions shown at the end of each question, such as "(Circle one)" or "(Circle as many as you want)."
- ◆ Please follow the question numbers and arrows (→) to enter your responses.
- ◆ Please use a pencil, a black or blue ink pen, or a ballpoint pen to enter your responses.
- ◆ When choosing "Other," please enter the details in the () space.
- ◆ When choosing between responses, please pick the response that most closely represents your feelings and opinion.
- ◆ After answering all of the questions, please put the questionnaire in the collection envelope, seal it, and give the envelope to the survey staff.

*For items for which the n is not shown, use the total number of respondents (3,197) as the base. Numbers are in %.

We'd like to start by asking about you.

Q 1 What is your gender? (Circle one)

1 Male	14.6	2 Female	85.4
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Q 2 How old are you?

(Avg. 44.63) years old

Q 3 What is your relationship to the child (hereinafter called "Child") who was selected for this survey?

(Circle one)

1 Biological father	14.5	6 Older sister	0.0
2 Biological mother	84.8	7 Grandfather	0.0
3 Stepfather or adoptive father	0.1	8 Grandmother	0.3
4 Stepmother or adoptive mother	0.1	9 Other relative	0.0
5 Older brother	-	10 Other	0.2

We'd like to ask about the Child selected for this survey.

Q 4 How many brothers and sisters does the Child have? (If the Child is an only child, please enter "0" for each category.)

Older brothers (Ave. 0.38)	Older sisters (Ave. 0.33)	Younger brothers (Ave. 0.36)
Younger sisters (Ave. 0.31)		

Q 5 On average, how many hours on a weekday do you do something with or spend time with the Child? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1 0 to less than 15 minutes	6.3
2 15 to less than 30 minutes	12.1
3 30 minutes to less than 1 hour	22.4
4 1 to less than 2 hours	26.8
5 2 to less than 3 hours	16.5
6 3 to less than 4 hours	7.8
7 4 hours or more	7.3

Q 6 Does the Child talk a lot at home about school and his/her friends? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you.

(Circle one)

1 Talks a lot	42.0
2 Sometimes talks	42.9
3 Does not talk much	12.8
4 Does not talk at all	1.8

Q 7 Please rate the relationship between you and the Child. Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Good	49.7
2	Somewhat good	25.9
3	Neither good nor bad	21.6
4	Somewhat bad	1.8
5	Bad	0.5

Q 8 How important in your parenting of the Child is it for you to foster the following characteristics in the Child? For each of the statements A–J, please circle the number between 1 and 4 that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one per statement)

	1 Very important	2 Important	3 Somewhat important	4 Not important
A Being honest	54.3	40.3	4.3	0.4
B Having self-control	23.1	58.1	15.6	1.9
C Obeying what parents tell him/her	4.6	31.6	48.8	13.5
D Being curious about how things occur	12.0	41.9	33.3	11.4
E Dressing neatly and tidily	25.9	49.0	22.3	2.0
F Setting a goal and working hard towards it	33.8	47.6	15.8	1.8
G Caring for others	58.1	35.7	4.9	0.5
H Able to work with others	27.6	51.3	18.2	1.8
I Able to firmly express his/her opinion	31.0	51.1	15.4	1.7
J Thinking independently	32.2	48.9	15.8	2.4

Q 9 Ideally, which level of schooling do you wish the Child to advance to? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Up to junior high school	0.1
2	Up to high school	15.4
3	Up to specialized training college (attending after high school)	9.9
4	Up to college of technology/junior college	6.3
5	Up to college	57.5
6	Up to graduate school	3.0
7	Other	1.7
8	No particular expectations	5.7

Q 10 Realistically, which level of schooling do you think the Child will advance to? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Up to junior high school	0.5
2	Up to high school	22.4
3	Up to specialized training college (attending after high school)	12.9
4	Up to college of technology/junior college	7.4
5	Up to college	49.1
6	Up to graduate school	1.8
7	Other	0.7
8	I don't know	5.0

Q 11 What are the reasons you think as you answered in Q 10? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	Because that's what the Child wants to do	53.6
2	Because I think it's a normal path	23.6
3	Because that is the Child's academic ability	33.1
4	Because our family does not have sufficient financial resources	12.2
5	Because other members of the family do not agree	0.3
6	Other	9.0
7	No particular reasons	3.8

Q 12 Which of the following school types does the Child currently attend? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. "Junior high school" here includes "secondary school." (Circle one)

1	Public junior high school	86.4
2	National junior high school	1.5
3	Private junior high school	10.2
4	School for special needs education	0.7
5	Other	0.7

Q 13 Does the Child currently attend after-school classes or take lessons? "After-school classes" or "lessons" here does not include free activities such as group/club activities. Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	After-school tutoring class /cram school	62.2	} → Go to Q 15
2	Private tutor	5.1	
3	Correspondence course	10.4	
4	English conversation, abacus learning, and other academically-oriented lessons	4.6	
5	Drawing, music, calligraphy, and other art-oriented lessons	12.5	
6	Sports	10.0	} → Go to Q 14
7	Other	1.8	
8	My child does not attend after-school classes or take lessons.	20.9	

<This question is for people who answered “8 My child does not attend after-school classes or take lessons” to Q 13>

Q 14 What are the reasons the Child does not attend after-school classes or take lessons? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want) n=667

1	Because the Child does not want to	51.1
2	Because I do not feel it is necessary	23.5
3	Because our family does not have sufficient financial resources	38.8
4	Because classes and lessons are not available near our house	2.8
5	Because the Child is busy with club activities at school	14.4
6	Because the Child would have less time to spend at home	8.7
7	Because other members of the family do not want the Child to attend	0.3
8	Other	9.1
9	No particular reasons	5.4

<The following questions are for everyone>

Q 15 Do you feel that any of the following education-related expenses for the Child are a major financial burden? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	Tuition	14.9
2	School supplies	10.7
3	School lunch	5.7
4	School trip fees	15.5
5	Club activity fees	13.6
6	Education expenses outside of school (after-school class fees, fees for tutoring and/or correspondence classes)	63.0
7	Other	3.8
8	I don't feel that any of these are a major burden	16.3

Q 16 What do you think about the following statements? For each of the statements A–C, please circle the number between 1 and 4 corresponding to the statement that is closest to your attitude. (Circle one per statement)

	1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
A You can't have a job that you like if you have a low educational attainment.	36.4	49.3	8.8	5.3
B You should spend money on a child's education even if you must sacrifice other things.	18.4	53.0	20.7	7.6
C You can learn different ways of thinking by studying.	56.1	36.2	6.3	1.2

Q 17 What do you wish for the future of the Child? For each of the statements A–F, please circle the number between 1 and 4 corresponding to the statement that is closest to your attitude. (Circle one per statement)

	1 True	2 Somewhat true	3 Somewhat untrue	4 Untrue
A I want him/her to achieve a high social status.	5.3	30.4	44.0	18.4
B I want him/her to have a job that helps society.	34.4	50.2	11.4	2.4
C I want him/her to find a job that he/she finds worth doing.	82.8	15.5	0.3	0.1
D I want him/her to start working as quickly as he/she can.	2.9	20.6	43.5	31.5
E I want him/her to succeed to the family business or have the same occupation as the parent(s).	1.1	3.6	21.3	72.5
F I want him/her to leave home and live independently soon.	7.3	30.8	37.6	22.6

We'd like to ask about your household.

Q 18 How many people are there in your household, including yourself, who stay with you most of the time and share the household income (household members)? (“Household members” do not include individuals who live in another place for work/study or who are in social welfare facilities such as welfare facilities for the elderly. Individuals who are temporarily away from home for travel and business trips as well as individuals whose location of work is not fixed, such as mariners, are included. Individuals who are hospitalized are included, but if they change their residency registration to the hospital, they are not included.)

(Avg. 4.22) person/people including yourself

Q 19 Who are the household members as defined in Q 18? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you.

(Circle as many as you want)

1 Your child(ren)	97.9	5 Your sibling(s)	0.8
2 Your spouse (including common-law spouse)	78.2	6 Sibling(s) of your spouse	0.4
3 Your parent(s)	8.9	7 Other relatives	0.7
4 Parent(s) of your spouse	7.2	8 Individual(s) who is/are not a relative(s)	0.3

Q 20 What was your approximate combined household income before tax last year? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

(“Income” includes side income and allowances. If the household has a household member who lives away

from home for work and the household withdraws living expenses from this person's bank account regularly, please include this person's income in your response.)

1	Less than 1,000,000 yen	2.4
2	1,000,000 to less than 2,000,000 yen	5.6
3	2,000,000 to less than 2,500,000 yen	4.3
4	2,500,000 to less than 3,000,000 yen	4.7
5	3,000,000 to less than 3,500,000 yen	5.6
6	3,500,000 to less than 4,000,000 yen	7.3
7	4,000,000 to less than 5,500,000 yen	15.2
8	5,500,000 to less than 7,000,000 yen	16.8
9	7,000,000 to less than 8,500,000 yen	12.5
10	8,500,000 to 10,000,000 yen	9.9
11	10,000,000 to 12,000,000 yen	7.0
12	12,000,000 yen or more	5.8

Q 21 Which of the following are included in the breakdown of the income reported in Q 20? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you.

(Circle as many as you want)

1	Income from work (including the income of members who live away from home for work)	95.8
2	Child benefit	77.4
3	Childrearing Allowance (allowance for single-parent families)	9.6
4	Employment insurance payment (unemployment compensation, etc.)	0.8
5	Welfare payment	1.2
6	School expenses financial assistance	7.5
7	Financial incentives for attending a kindergarten	0.6
8	Pension payment (disability pension, survivor's pension, old-age pension)	7.6
9	Interest, dividends, rent, land rent	4.3
10	Child-support payment sent by the Child's parent(s)	1.4
11	None of these apply to me.	0.2

Q 22 How do you feel about the overall financial well-being of your family? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Greatly struggling	16.9
2	Somewhat struggling	32.7
3	Average	39.2
4	Somewhat comfortable	8.7
5	Very comfortable	1.3

Q 23 Do the following statements apply to your family's everyday life? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	We do not have enough money to cover our living expenses.	23.2
2	We do not have enough money for common medical and other nursing expenses.	7.9
3	We do not have enough money for education expenses for the Child.	38.9
4	We do not have enough money for social events.	20.5
5	We do not have enough money for travel/leisure.	45.3
6	We do not have sufficient savings for emergency expenses such as major illnesses and unexpected disasters.	50.7
7	We do not have enough money for other expenses.	5.1
8	There are no particular expenses for which we feel we do not have enough money.	19.7

We'd like to ask about you again.

Q 24 Have you engaged in any of the following activities in the past year? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	Enjoying arts such as concerts, art exhibitions, and plays	35.8
2	Engaging in cultural activities such as Japanese flower arrangement, Japanese tea ceremony, and drawing	5.9
3	Going to see sports matches and tournaments	44.3
4	Playing sports	27.0
5	Reading cartoons and magazines	56.3
6	Reading literature (other than 5)	35.9
7	Participating in social activities such as volunteering	18.2
8	None of these are applicable	

Q 25 Do you currently have a job that generates income? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	I do.	} → Go to Q 26	78.2
2	I do, but I'm currently on leave.		0.9
3	I do not currently, but I did in the past.		18.4
4	I never had a job. → Go to Q 27		1.7

<This question is for people who selected 1–3 in Q 25>

Q 26 What is/was the category of the job you have/had? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

(If you currently have a job, please answer for that job. If you currently do not have a job but did in the past, please answer for your most recent job. If you have multiple jobs, please answer for your main job.)

n=3117

1	Regular employee	35.3
2	Part-time worker/ casual part-time worker (<i>arubaito</i>)	43.3
3	Contract employee (including temporary staff, associate employee, part-time employee)	6.7
4	Dispatched employee (<i>haken shain</i>)	2.1
5	Company/organization executive	1.6
6	Self-employed (including a store/factory/farm owner of a sole proprietorship)	4.0
7	Family employee (a family member helping to work in a farm household/private store)	2.9
8	Side job at home	1.2
9	Other	0.7

<The following questions are for everyone>

Q 27 Which of the following school types represents the school you graduated from (or withdrew from) most recently or the school you are currently enrolled in? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Junior high school	2.1
2	High school	41.1
3	Specialized training college (attending after high school)	15.2
4	Collage of technology/junior college	22.4
5	College	17.2
6	Graduate school	1.0
7	Other	0.4

Q 28 Did you graduate from the school you answered in Q 27? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	I graduated.	94.6
2	I withdrew.	4.4
3	I'm currently enrolled.	0.1

Q 29 Which of the following conditions is closest to the financial well-being of your family when you were in the 3rd Grade of junior high school? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

(If the school you attended did not use the classification “3rd grade junior high school,” please answer for the period when you were 15 years old. This applies to Questions 30 and 31 as well.)

1	Greatly struggling	11.5
2	Somewhat struggling	22.8
3	Average	47.5
4	Somewhat comfortable	13.9
5	Very comfortable	3.8

Q 30 When you were in the 3rd Grade of junior high school, where did your grades stand in comparison to others in the same grade? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Far above average	15.0
2	Above average	23.3
3	Average	37.8
4	Below average	15.1
5	Far below average	7.8
6	None of the above	0.3

Q 31 When you were in the 3rd grade of junior high school, what were your parents like? Please circle all the numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle as many as you want)

1	My father and mother got along well.	69.4
2	My father and mother were always arguing and fighting.	13.4
3	My father and mother were separated.	1.6
4	I was raised by one parent.	7.6
5	I was not living with my parents.	0.8
6	None of these are applicable.	8.1

Q 32 How satisfied are you with your current life overall? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Satisfied	22.8
2	Somewhat satisfied	50.7
3	Somewhat dissatisfied	19.8
4	Dissatisfied	5.8

Q 33 We'd like to ask about the typical condition of your health. How do you rate the condition of your own health? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

1	Good	29.1
2	Somewhat good	22.7
3	Average	31.1
4	Somewhat bad	14.0
5	Bad	2.3

Q 34 We'd like to ask about the state of your mind in the last week. How often have you experienced the following feelings in the past week? For each of the items A–C, please circle the number between 1 and 4 that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one per item)

	1 Never	2 1 to 2 days a week	3 3 to 4 days a week	4 More than 4 days a week
A Sad	54.0	35.4	6.2	3.3
B Depressed	39.1	41.1	11.5	7.2
C Lonely	83.6	11.3	2.2	1.7

Q 35 How much do the following statements apply to you? For each of the statements A–C, please circle the number between 1 and 4 that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one per statement)

	1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
A I'm generally satisfied with myself.	13.2	45.3	29.2	11.3
B I feel I have many strengths.	8.5	45.3	36.7	8.5
C I sometimes feel strongly that I'm useless.	7.1	22.1	42.2	27.7

Q 36 Who do you turn to when you want assistance with the following problems or someone to talk to about the following problems? For each of the statements A–D, please circle all numbers between 1 and 8 that correspond to the answers that apply to you.

(Circle as many as you want)

	1 Spouse	2 Relative(s)	3 My child(ren)	4 Friends and colleagues at work	5 Neighbors and members of my community	6 Professionals and service institutions (government, financial institutions, school staff, helpers, etc.)	7 Other people	8 I have no one to turn to
A When I get depressed or confused when I experience a problem.	61.8	41.3	24.5	57.0	4.9	5.1	3.3	3.4
B When I need to borrow money quickly (about 300,000 yen)	42.3	67.2	2.1	2.9	0.1	10.6	1.5	6.8
C When I desperately need someone's assistance because I or a family member am/is sick or got involved in an accident	56.6	79.0	33.1	19.5	8.9	9.5	1.2	2.3
D When I have worries and concerns about the Child	69.5	49.5	10.6	58.4	7.6	10.3	3.7	2.0

Q 37 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements. For each of the statements A–F, please circle the number between 1 and 4 that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one per statement)

	1 Agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Somewhat disagree	4 Disagree
A I'd rather enjoy my life right now than save and work hard for the future.	4.2	28.0	47.7	19.3
B There are large gaps between the rich and poor in today's society.	51.6	37.0	8.5	1.6
C The husband should work outside the home and the wife should look after the home and family.	4.0	19.8	33.9	40.8
D You should not marry if you don't have sufficient income.	14.2	34.4	31.1	19.0
E You don't have to force yourself to get a job if you can't find a job you want	2.4	13.2	44.7	38.4
F Your hopes and dreams will be fulfilled if you work hard.	29.4	52.8	11.8	4.7

Q 38 What kind of parenting support do you think you require (required) in raising the Child? Please circle up to three numbers that correspond to the answers that apply to you. (Circle up to three)

1	Financial aid for children's education expenses	63.4
2	Job assistance to help parents earn more income	30.4
3	Spaces and services to take care of children when parents are not at home	37.7
4	Study spaces for children outside the school	26.1
5	Opportunities for children to partake in various activities such as experiencing nature and group play	30.5
6	Spaces for children in the local community	19.5
7	More consultation services for children and their families	7.4
8	Other	3.7
9	I don't need anything	0.9
10	I don't know	2.1

We'd like to ask about your spouse.

If the survey is being completed by someone other than the Child's parent, please skip the following questions and end the survey here.

Q 39 Do you currently have a spouse (including a common-law spouse)? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

(If you have been separated or widowed multiple times, please speak about the spouse you separated from or were widowed from most recently.)

n=3178

1	I currently have a spouse	→Go to Q40	85.0	→	How many years ago did you get married? (Avg. 18.29) years ago	n=2700
2	I don't have a spouse (separated)	} →Go to Q46	11.6	→	How many years ago did you get separated? (Avg. 7.40) years ago	n=370
3	I don't have a spouse (widowed)					
4	I don't have a spouse (never been married)		0.1	→	Survey ends here	n=49

<This question is for people who answered "1 I currently have a spouse" to Q 39>

Q 40 Is that spouse your partner in your first marriage? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one) n=2700

1	He/she is the partner in my first marriage	92.9
2	He/she is the partner in my second or later marriage	5.4

Q 41 What is the relationship between this spouse and the Child selected for this survey? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one) n=2700

1	Biological father	81.2
2	Biological mother	14.0
3	Stepfather or adoptive father	2.6
4	Stepmother or adoptive mother	0.1

Q 42 How old is your spouse?

(Avg. 46.42) years old

Q 43 How would you describe the relationship between you and your spouse? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you.

(Circle one) n=2700

1	Good	43.4
2	Somewhat good	21.3
3	Average	26.3
4	Somewhat bad	5.6
5	Bad	2.9

Q 44 Does your husband or wife have a job that generates income? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one) n=2700

1	He/she does	} → Go to Q 45	94.3
2	He/she does, but is on leave right now		0.4
3	He/she does not currently, but did in the past		4.4
4	He/she has never had a job	} → Go to Q 46	0.5
5	I don't know		0.2

<This question is for people who answered 1 through 3 to Q 44>

Q 45 What is/was the category of job your spouse has/had? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

(If he/she currently has a job, please answer for that job. If he/she currently does not have a job but did in the past, please answer for the most recent job. If he/she has multiple jobs, please answer for his/her main job.)

n=2673

1	Regular employee	70.8
2	Part-time worker/casual part-time worker (<i>arubaito</i>)	8.3
3	Dispatched employee	0.7
4	Contract employee (including temporary staff and associate employee)	2.5
5	Company/organization executive	5.2
6	Self-employed (including a store/factory/farm owner of a sole proprietorship)	10.0
7	Family employee (a family member helping to work in a farm household/private store)	0.9
8	Side job at home	0.1
9	Other (Details:)	0.5

<This question is for people who currently have a spouse or did have a spouse in the past. Note that if you have been separated or widowed multiple times, please speak about the spouse you separated from or were widowed from most recently.>

Q 46 Which of the following school types represents the school your spouse graduated from (or withdrew from) most recently or the school your spouse is currently enrolled in? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

n=3119

1	Junior high school	3.7
2	High school	40.4
3	Specialized training college (attending after graduating from high school)	10.0
4	Collage of technology/junior college	6.7
5	College	32.9
6	Graduate school	3.5
7	Other	0.3
8	I don't know	0.4

Q 47 Did your spouse graduate from the school in your answer to Q 46? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

n=3119

1	He/she graduated	90.0
2	He/she withdrew	7.0
3	He/she is currently enrolled	0.0
4	I don't know	0.8

Q 48 Which educational level does your spouse (or previous spouse) wish the Child to advance to? Please circle the number that corresponds to the answer that applies to you. (Circle one)

n=3119

1	Up to junior high school	0.1
2	Up to high school	17.7
3	Up to specialized training college (attending after graduating from high school)	5.8
4	Up to collage of technology/junior college	4.8
5	Up to college	52.9
6	Up to graduate school	2.2
7	Other	3.1
8	I don't know	11.8

Thank you for your cooperation!

If you have any comments or feedback, please write them on the next page.

Comments and Feedback

