

Japanese Life Course Panel Survey of High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes

Administered by the "High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes Survey" research group.

The following questions ask you about your status.

Q.1 Which of the following describes your current status? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have failed to enter a university/college and am studying for entrance into a university/junior college in a future year (enrolled at a university preparatory school)
- 2 I have failed to enter a university/college and am studying for entrance into a university/junior college in a future year (studying at home)
- 3 I am planning for entrance into a specialized training college
- 4 I am unemployed, and am searching for full-time/part-time employment
- 5 I stay home (includes household helpers)
- 6 I am doing nothing in particular
- 7 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.2 Have you maintained the status you answered in question 1 throughout the period since graduation from high school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have maintained the same status since graduation from high school → Go to question 3
- 2 My status has changed since graduation from high school → Go to question 2-1
- 3 There was a period during which I had a different status → Go to question 2-1

Q.2-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 or 3 to question 2. Which of the following describes your status in October last year (2004)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I was not a student, and was working as a regular, full-time employee
- 2 I was not a student, and was working part-time
- 3 I was enrolled at a four-year university
- 4 I was enrolled at a junior college
- 5 I was enrolled at a specialized training college
- 6 I was enrolled at a vocational training school
- 7 I failed to enter a university/college and was studying for entrance in a future year (includes those who were enrolled at a university preparatory school)
- 8 I was unemployed and searching for a job
- 9 I was staying home (includes household helpers)/I was doing nothing
- 10 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.3 Overall, how satisfied are you with your own career path choices? Circle the number that best fits your feelings.

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
1	2	3	4

Q.4 How do you currently live? Please circle the one answer that applies.

1 With my parents	3 By myself
2 School/company dormitory	4 Other (Specify: _____)

Example: Sharing a room with my friend(s)

Q.5 How do you currently pay for your tuition and living expenses? For A and B, please follow the example and enter appropriate percentages so that they add up to 100%. If you are not enrolled at a university preparatory school, please enter a circle in the box with the heading "I am not enrolled at a university preparatory school."

	Parents	Savings and part-time job income	Scholarship and loans	Regular job income	Other	
Example: If 80% of your expenses are covered by your parents and 20% are covered by part-time job income	80 %	20 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	I am not enrolled at a university preparatory school
A. Living expenses	%	%	%	%	%	
B. Tuition for a university preparatory school	%	%	%	%	%	

Q.6 Have you worked part-time since you graduated from high school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

1 I have	2 I have not
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→ Go to question 7
→ Go to question 8

Q.7 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 6. Why did you leave your part-time job? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

1 I was asked to leave by my employer
2 The job did not suit me
3 I did not get along well with my coworkers
4 It did not pay well
5 It required long work hours/offered few days off
6 Health reasons
7 My family wanted me to leave the job
8 I found something else that I wanted to pursue
9 I lost my enthusiasm for work
10 Other (Specify: _____)

→ For those who completed question 7, please proceed to question 9.

Q.8 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 6. Why have you not worked part-time? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

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| 1 | I failed an interview with the employer of my choice |
| 2 | I have not found any job that I like |
| 3 | I have not found any job with my preferred terms of employment |
| 4 | Relationships at work are bothersome |
| 5 | I have no need to work |
| 6 | I do not like to be pressed for time by working |
| 7 | Health reasons |
| 8 | My family did not want me to work |
| 9 | I had something else that I wanted to pursue |
| 10 | I have no enthusiasm for work |
| 11 | Other (Specify: _____) |

The following questions are for everyone to reply to.

Q.9 What do you think is the primary reason that you are not currently in education or employment, or that you have failed to enter a university/college? Please select the one answer that best applies.

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| 1 | Myself | 5 | Guidance counseling at high school |
| 2 | My family | 6 | My health |
| 3 | My friends | 7 | My luck |
| 4 | The number of job openings is limited due to economic recession | 8 | Other (Specify: _____) |

Q.10 In your daily life, how often are you troubled by or worried about the following things? Circle one number for each item.

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
A. Relationships with friends	1	2	3
B. Relationships with family members	1	2	3
C. Relationships with people at work	1	2	3
D. Making a living (income)	1	2	3
E. Having enough time	1	2	3
F. Health concerns	1	2	3
G. Romantic relationships	1	2	3
H. Work Issues	1	2	3
I. Future prospects	1	2	3

The following questions ask you about your family.

Q.11 Regarding your family structure when you were in your third year of high school, please circle all answers that apply. Please also enter the numbers of your grandparents and siblings (C through H) in the appropriate brackets.

	I have one			I do not have one	Total number (both living together and apart)	Example 1: Father is working away from home, and mother and maternal grandmother live with you. Paternal grandparents live elsewhere. No siblings.			I do not have one	Total number (both living together and apart)	Example 2: Father, mother, and two older sisters. One of the sisters is married and lives elsewhere. No brothers or younger sisters. Grandparents live elsewhere.			I do not have one	Total number (both living together and apart)
	Living together		Living apart			Living together	Living apart	Living together			Living apart				
	1	2	3			1	2	3			1	2	3		
A. Father or stepfather	1	2	3			1	2	3			1	2	3		
B. Mother or stepmother	1	2	3			1	2	3			1	2	3		
C. Grandfather	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(1)		1	2	3	(2)	
D. Grandmother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(2)		1	2	3	(2)	
E. Older brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()	
F. Younger brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()	
G. Older sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(2)	
H. Younger sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()	

Q.12 What were the living conditions at home when you were in your third year at high school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Rich	Somewhat rich	Average	Not very rich	Not rich	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6

The following questions ask you about your views.

Q.13 Recently, an increasing number of people are making a living doing part-time jobs without engaging in regular full-time employment, have no interest in pursuing education, employment, or vocational training (NEET=Not in employment, education or training), or remain single and continue to live with their parents. What do you think about these lifestyles? For A through V, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
[Living on part-time jobs]	A. With the decreasing number of job openings, it is inevitable	1	2	3	4
	B. It helps in searching for the path one wishes to pursue	1	2	3	4
	C. It is a result of an individual's apathy	1	2	3	4
	D. It is a result of inadequate career counseling at high school	1	2	3	4
	E. It is not a big problem, as many of these people will eventually obtain proper jobs	1	2	3	4
	F. People who work part-time to pursue their dream are cool	1	2	3	4
	G. Anyone can become a part-time worker	1	2	3	4
	H. Being a part-time worker causes a lasting disadvantage	1	2	3	4
	I. Being a part-time worker is an honorable way of working	1	2	3	4
[NEET]	J. With the decreasing number of job openings, it is inevitable	1	2	3	4
	K. If there is no need, one need not venture to work	1	2	3	4
	L. Sometimes it takes time to find a path to pursue with confidence	1	2	3	4
	M. In order to find the path one wishes to pursue, it is better to do something	1	2	3	4
	N. It is a result of parents spoiling their children	1	2	3	4
	O. It is a result of an individual's apathy	1	2	3	4
	P. These people have difficulty communicating with others	1	2	3	4
	Q. It is nice to have parents do household chores	1	2	3	4
	R. It is better to leave home soon and become independent	1	2	3	4
[Living with parents]	S. Parents are happy living with their children, so it is a good thing	1	2	3	4
	T. For people whose income is not enough to earn a living, it can't be helped	1	2	3	4
	U. It is an advantage to be able to save living expenses and invest in what one loves	1	2	3	4
	V. Living with parents makes it difficult for one to marry	1	2	3	4

Q.14 What does it mean to you to be valuable to others? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Slightly accurate	Not at all accurate
A. To live by mutual help among the people close to me, such as my family and friends	1	2	3	4
B. To do what I can for those in need, even people with whom I am unfamiliar	1	2	3	4
C. To be responsible in performing my duties and fulfilling my roles	1	2	3	4
D. To obtain a job that is rated highly by the society	1	2	3	4
E. To obtain a job that directly helps to improve people's lives (e.g., in social welfare, environment, security, education, healthcare)	1	2	3	4
F. To participate in volunteering/community service activities	1	2	3	4

Q.15 Have you participated in any of the following social activities during the past year? Please circle all answers that apply.

- 1 Political activities (e.g., support group activities, campaigns)
- 2 Volunteer activities (e.g., disaster relief, international cooperation, community chest, blood donation)
- 3 Grassroots/consumer campaigns (e.g., environmental conservation, regional autonomy)
- 4 Religious activities (e.g., community service)
- 5 Youth development activities (e.g., scouting, children's baseball/soccer)
- 6 Hobbies (e.g., band, theatrical company, choir, alpine club)
- 7 Other (Specify: _____)

The following questions ask you about the National Pension plan.

Q.16 Have you heard of the term National Pension? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have ↓ Go to question 16-1
 2 I have not → Go to question 17

Q.16-1 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 19. What do you know about the National Pension? For statements A through D, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	I know	I do not know
A. Everyone aged 20 years or above is obligated to enroll	1	2
B. The amount of premium collected monthly (the current amount)	1	2
C. Students may apply for an exemption	1	2
D. The age at which you can start receiving a pension	1	2

Q.16-2 Do you intend to pay your monthly pension premiums in the future, or are you currently paying your premiums? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | I intend to pay my premiums/am currently paying my premiums → | → Go to question 17 |
| 2 | I do not intend to pay my premiums/am not currently paying my premiums | ↓ Go to question 16-3 |

Q.16-3 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 16-2. What is the reason that you do not intend to pay your premiums, or that you are not currently paying your premiums? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | I do not trust the National Pension | 4 | I do not have enough money |
| 2 | I do not trust the government | 5 | Other (Specify:) |
| 3 | I would rather save money on my own | | |

Q.17 Think about your life after retirement. Which of the following best describes your views? Please circle one answer.

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| 1 | I am responsible for my own life after retirement, and should not depend on a pension |
| 2 | In principle I am responsible for my own life after retirement, and may use a pension to cover any shortages |
| 3 | My family, such as my children, will be responsible for my life after retirement, and I need not depend on a pension |
| 4 | In principle my family, such as my children, will be responsible for my life after retirement, and I may use a pension to cover any shortages |
| 5 | I would like to depend on a pension for my life after retirement |
| 6 | Don't know |

Q.18 The falling birthrate and the aging population in our society will lead to growing welfare needs. Under such circumstances, who do you think should primarily assume the burden? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

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| 1 | Each individual and his/her family |
| 2 | More towards each individual and his/her family |
| 3 | More towards the government |
| 4 | The government |
| 5 | Don't know |

The following questions ask you about your future.

Q.19 When you think of the future, how worried are you about the following issues? Circle one number for items A-D.

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not that worried	Not worried at all
A. Not finding a job or losing a job	1	2	3	4
B. Not making enough money to get by	1	2	3	4
C. Having to provide care for family members	1	2	3	4
D. Suddenly suffering an accident	1	2	3	4

Q.20 What is your view of raising children? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Fun	Somewhat fun	Neither fun nor burdensome	Somewhat burdensome	Burdensome
1	2	3	4	5

Q.21 Do you wish to have children of your own in the future? Please circle the one answer that applies. If you do, how many children do you wish to have? Please enter a number in the bracket.

- 1 I wish to have children → () children → Go to question 22
 2 I do not wish to have children → Go to question 21-1

Q.21-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 21. Why do you not wish to have children? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

- 1 The financial burden of raising children would be heavy
 2 Raising children would be stressful
 3 I do not like the fact that it would take up my leisure time
 4 I would rather live with my partner alone
 5 I have other family member(s) that I have to take care of
 6 I do not like children
 7 I have concerns about the environment in which we raise children
 8 I do not have confidence in my ability to raise children
 9 I would rather focus on my work
 10 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.22 What is your view on what women should do, in terms of work and marriage? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | Become a homemaker without getting a job |
| 2 | Find a job, but quit after marrying. |
| 3 | Keep job after marriage, but quit after having a child |
| 4 | Quit job after having a child, but return to work once children require less attention |
| 5 | Continue working after marriage and having children |
| 6 | Keep job after marriage and never have children |
| 7 | Keep working without getting married |
| 8 | Other (please specify: _____) |
| 9 | Don't know |

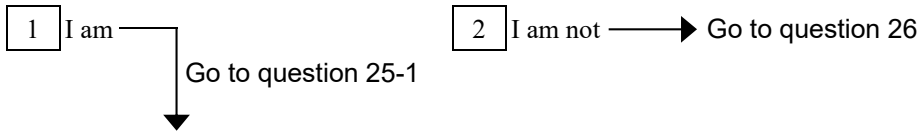
Q.23 How do you feel about the role of men in the family? For items A-E, circle the number that indicates how you agree with each statement.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
A. Men should provide for their families.	1	2	3	4
B. Men without stable work don't have to get married.	1	2	3	4
C. Men should leave housework and child rearing to women and focus on work instead.	1	2	3	4
D. It is fine for men to stay at home and focus on housework and child rearing.	1	2	3	4
E. It is important for men to be involved in raising their children.	1	2	3	4

Q.24 What will you be doing one year from now? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | I will be working as a regular, full-time employee |
| 2 | I will be working as a part-time employee |
| 3 | I will be enrolled at a four-year university |
| 4 | I will be enrolled at a junior college |
| 5 | I will be enrolled at a specialized training college |
| 6 | I will be enrolled at a vocational training school |
| 7 | I will be studying for entrance into a university/college (including attending a university preparatory school) |
| 8 | I will be unemployed and searching for employment |
| 9 | I will be staying home (including household helping) |
| 10 | I will be doing nothing in particular |
| 11 | I have no plans |
| 12 | Other (Specify: _____) |

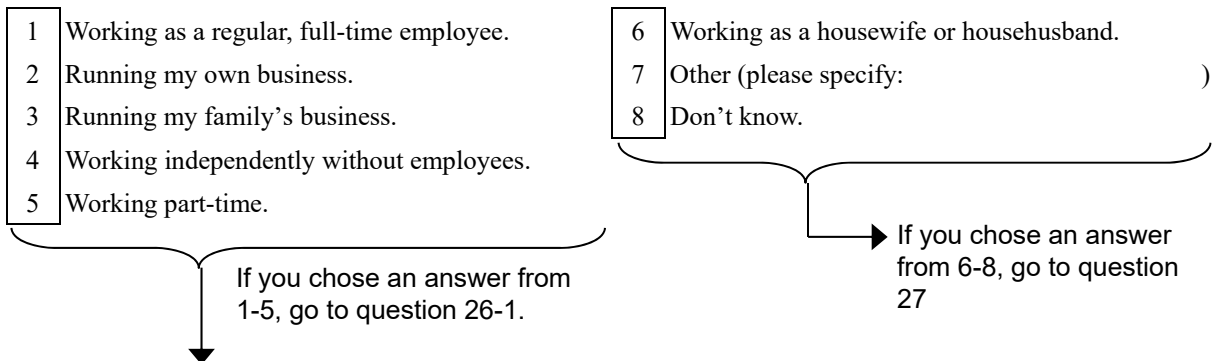
Q.25 Are you currently doing anything in particular to achieve the status selected in question 24?



Q.25-1 What are you currently doing to achieve the status selected in question 24? Please circle all answers that apply.

- 1 I am studying
- 2 I am searching for full-time/part-time employment
- 3 I am seeking information online
- 4 I am seeking information from books and magazines
- 5 I am seeking counsel at public/not-for-profit counseling services
- 6 I am seeing a counselor
- 7 I am seeking my parents' counsel
- 8 I am seeking my friends' counsel
- 9 I am seeking the counsel of my high school teacher
- 10 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.26 When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.



Q.26-1 [This question to be answered only if you selected an answer from 1 – 5 in question 26 above]. What type of job would you like to have when you are around 30 years old? Circle one number in the list below.

Agriculture, forestry, fishing

- 1 Agriculture, forestry, and fishing related jobs. (excluding part-time work and jobs processing foodstuffs or lumber)
 - 2 Factory technician or machine operator
 - 3 Automotive mechanic, electrician, etc.
 - 4 Construction trades: carpenter, plasterer, plumber, etc.
- Retail and restaurants**
- 5 Department store staff, salesperson, etc.
 - 6 Shop, supermarket, convenience store staff.

Professional or technical jobs

- 20 Physician
- 21 Pharmacist, nutritionist, nurse, clinical laboratory technician
- 22 Case worker, counselor, or other welfare related worker
- 23 Attorney, prosecutor, judge, etc
- 24 Accountant, licensed tax accountant, etc.
- 25 Diplomat
- 26 Scientist, researcher, or college professor
- 27 Elementary, middle, or high school teacher
- 28 Kindergarten teacher or childcare worker

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| <p>7 Owner of a cafe, restaurant, or boutique.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business administration jobs</p> <p>8 Businessman, bank employee, trading company employee, office lady</p> <p>9 Government employee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Management</p> <p>10 Company executive, division or section chief</p> <p>11 Corporate manager</p> <p>12 Politician</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service sector jobs</p> <p>13 Barber or beautician</p> <p>14 Cook or chef</p> <p>15 Flight attendant, waitress, hotel employee, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public safety jobs</p> <p>16 Police officer, firefighter, SDF personnel</p> <p>17 Security guard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transportation and communications jobs</p> <p>18 Truck driver, train operator, pilot, etc.</p> <p>19 Radio dispatcher, mail carrier, etc.</p> | <p>29 System engineer, computer programmer</p> <p>30 Mechanical, electrical, architectural, or civil engineer</p> <p>31 Reporter, journalist, or editor</p> <p>32 TV or radio broadcasting related jobs</p> <p>33 Designer, stylist, or cameraman</p> <p>34 Novelist, writer, or manga artist</p> <p>35 Artist</p> <p>36 Singer or television personality</p> <p>37 Professional athlete</p> <p>38 Don't know</p> <p>39 Other (please specify: _____)</p> |
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Q.27 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.