

**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.

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|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 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) | } | To question 2   |
| 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   | } | To question 1-1 |
| 5 | I stay home (includes household helpers)   |   |                 |
| 6 | I am doing nothing in particular   |   |                 |
| 7 | Other (Specify _____):   |   |                 |

Q.1-1 Do you intend to engage in any work for money? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Very much	Somewhat	Not very much	Never	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5

Q.2 Which of the following describes your status in October last year (2005)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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|----|---|---|---|
| 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.2-1 [This question is for those who selected answers 3 through 6 to question 2.]

Please provide the name of the school and the faculty/department/course in which you were enrolled.

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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 any school, please enter a circle in the box with the heading "I am not enrolled at any 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 any school
A. Living expenses	%	%	%	%	%	
B. Tuition	%	%	%	%	%	

Q.3 How many hours per week do you usually work part-time? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Never	1 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours	11 to 15 hours	16 to 20 hours	21 to 25 hours	26 to 30 hours	31 to 35 hours	36 to 40 hours	41 hours or more
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q.4 Which of the following describes your current living conditions? 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 daily life.**

Q.5 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

Q.6 How close are your experiences and views to the following statements? Circle the appropriate number showing the accuracy of items A-J.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Slightly accurate	Not at all accurate
A I try to follow a healthy lifestyle.	1	2	3	4
B I am healthy.	1	2	3	4
C I do not have opportunities to meet people of the opposite sex.	1	2	3	4
D I cannot be open with someone of the opposite sex.	1	2	3	4
E There is someone of the opposite sex I especially like.	1	2	3	4
F I don't know how to interact with children.	1	2	3	4
G I like children.	1	2	3	4
H I know someone nearby who has children.	1	2	3	4
I My life is financially secure.	1	2	3	4
J I am financially independent.	1	2	3	4

Q.7 How many cigarettes do you smoke each day? Please circle the one answer that applies.

I do not smoke	Less than 1 cigarette	1 to 5 cigarettes	6 cigarettes to less than half a pack	Half a pack to less than 1 pack	1 pack to less than 2 packs	2 packs or more
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q.8 On how many occasions in the past month did you drink alcohol? Please circle the one answer that applies.

I do not drink	1 or 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 or more
1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.9 How often do you read newspapers? Please circle the one answer that applies

Every day	Once every few days	Once a week	Once a month	Almost never
1	2	3	4	5

Q.10 How many hours a day do you spend engaging in the following activities? For A through D, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

\* If you have a computer but not an Internet connection at home, please select answer 7 ("I do not have access").

	Almost never	2 hours or less	3 hours or less	5 hours or less	10 hours or less	More than 10 hours	I do not have access
A. Watch TV (weekdays)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B. Watch TV (weekends/holidays)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C. Browse the Internet (mobile phone)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D. Browse the Internet (computer)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

\* "Browse the Internet (computer)" excludes the use of the Internet at work.



**The following questions ask you about your family.**

Q.12 How do you currently live? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 With my parents  
2 Company dormitory

- 3 By myself  
4 Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Example: Sharing a room with my friend(s)

Q.13 This question asks you about your current family structure. For A through J, please circle all the answers that apply in each case. Please also enter the number 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: You are single and have no children. Father is working away from home, and mother and maternal grandmother live with you. Paternal grandparents live elsewhere. No siblings.			Example 2: You are single and have no children. Father, mother, and two older sisters. One of the sisters is married and lives elsewhere. No brothers or younger sisters. Grandparents live elsewhere.					
	Living together		Living apart			Living together		Living apart	Living together		Living apart	Total number (both living together and 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	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 0 )
F. Younger brother	1	2	3	( )		1	2	3	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 0 )
G. Older sister	1	2	3	( )		1	2	3	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 2 )
H. Younger sister	1	2	3	( )		1	2	3	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 0 )
I. Spouse	1	2	3			1	2	3	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 0 )
J. Children	1	2	3	( )		1	2	3	( 0 )		1	2	3	( 0 )

Q.14 When you were in your third year at junior high school, which of the following did you/your family have at home? Please circle all answers that apply.

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|-----------------|---|---|
| 1 Own house     | 8 Air conditioner                         | 15 Complete literature collection/illustrated guide |
| 2 Bath          | 9 Dryer                                   | 16 Artworks/antiques                                |
| 3 Your own room | 10 Phone (including mobile phone and PHS) | 17 Private car                                      |
| 4 Piano         | 11 Satellite/cable TV                     | 18 Vacation home                                    |
| 5 Refrigerator  | 12 VCR                                    | 19 Farmland (excluding home garden)                 |
| 6 Dishwasher    | 13 Computer/word processor                |   |

7 Microwave

14 Encyclopedia

Q.15 When you were in your third year at junior high school, how many books did you/your family have at home? Please circle the one answer that applies (please do not include magazines, newspapers, textbooks, mangas, and comic books).

1 10 or less  
2 11 to 25

3 26 to 50  
4 51 to 100

5 101 to 200  
6 201 to 500

7 501 or more  
8 Don't know

Q.16 Which of the following describes the living conditions at home when you were in your third year at junior 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

Q.17 Have you, your close friends, or your family ever experienced the following? For A through H, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Yes	No
A. You have a history with the police/have been arrested	1	2
B. Your close friend has a history with the police/has been arrested	1	2
C. You have experienced a serious illness/disability	1	2
D. A family member has experienced a serious illness/disability	1	2
E. You have suffered serious damage as a victim of a crime	1	2
F. A family member has suffered serious damage as a victim of a crime	1	2
G. A family member has passed away	1	2
H. A close friend has passed away	1	2

**The following questions ask you about your future.**

Q.18 By what age do you wish to experience the following life events? For A through D, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Already did	22 to 25	26 to 29	30 to 34	35 or older	Not planning to
A. Engage in full-time employment	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. Live away from my parents	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. Marry	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. Have a first child	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.19 When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Working as a regular, full-time employee. | 6 | Working as a housewife or househusband. |
| 2 | Running my own business.                  | 7 | Other (please specify: _____ )          |
| 3 | Running my family's business.             | 8 | Don't know.                             |
| 4 | Working independently without employees.  |   |   |
| 5 | Working part-time.                        |   |   |

If you chose an answer from 1-5, go to question 20-1.

If you chose an answer from 6-8, go to question 21

Q.20-1 [This question to be answered only if you selected an answer from 1 – 5 in question 20 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**

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| 1 | Agriculture, forestry, and fishing related jobs.<br>(excluding part-time work and jobs processing foodstuffs or lumber) |
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**Manufacturing, construction, and technical jobs.**

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| 2 | Factory technician or machine operator                   |
| 3 | Automotive mechanic, electrician, etc.                   |
| 4 | Construction trades: carpenter, plasterer, plumber, etc. |

**Retail and restaurants**

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| 5 | Department store staff, salesperson, etc.   |
| 6 | Shop, supermarket, convenience store staff. |
| 7 | Owner of a cafe, restaurant, or boutique.   |

**Business administration jobs**

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| 8 | Businessman, bank employee, trading company employee, office lady |
| 9 | Government employee   |

**Management**

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| 10 | Company executive, division or section chief |
| 11 | Corporate manager                            |
| 12 | Politician                                   |

**Service sector jobs**

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| 13 | Barber or beautician                             |
| 14 | Cook or chef                                     |
| 15 | Flight attendant, waitress, hotel employee, etc. |

**Public safety jobs**

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| 16 | Police officer, firefighter, SDF personnel |
| 17 | Security guard                             |

**Professional or technical jobs**

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| 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                        |
| 29 | System engineer, computer programmer                            |
| 30 | Mechanical, electrical, architectural, or civil engineer        |
| 31 | Reporter, journalist, or editor                                 |
| 32 | TV or radio broadcasting related jobs                           |
| 33 | Designer, stylist, or cameraman                                 |
| 34 | Novelist, writer, or manga artist                               |
| 35 | Artist  |
| 36 | Singer or television personality                                |
| 37 | Professional athlete  |

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| 38 | Don't know                     |
| 39 | Other (please specify: _____ ) |

Transportation and communications jobs

- 18 Truck driver, train operator, pilot, etc.
- 19 Radio dispatcher, mail carrier, etc.

Q.20 When you think of the future, how worried are you about the following issues? Circle one number for items A-F.

	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
E. Suddenly getting sick	1	2	3	4
F. The possibility of being unable to marry	1	2	3	4

Q.21 To what extent do the following statements apply to you? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all
A. Luck is more important for success than hard work	1	2	3	4
B. I have decent abilities	1	2	3	4
C. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself	1	2	3	4
D. I feel like I am good for nothing	1	2	3	4
E. I have confidence in following through with my decisions	1	2	3	4
F. Opportunity and luck are important in life	1	2	3	4

Q.22 How important are the following things to you? Circle the appropriate number for items A-N.

	Very important	A little important	Not important
A. Succeeding at work	1	2	3
B. Getting married and having a happy home life	1	2	3
C. Becoming rich	1	2	3
D. Having friends	1	2	3
E. Helping people	1	2	3
F. Having children	1	2	3
G. Living near parents or relatives	1	2	3
H. Participating in social actions to eliminate various types of injustice in the world	1	2	3
I. Providing your children with more than you had	1	2	3
J. Having time to do things you enjoy	1	2	3
K. Becoming independent from your parents	1	2	3
L. Being respected at work	1	2	3



- M. Receiving a good education
- N. Finding stable employment

1	2	3
1	2	3

Q.23 What is your view on what women should do, in terms of work and marriage?

If you are female, answer the following questions based on your own life plans.

If you are male, answer based on what you would like the person you will marry to do.

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.24 How well are you informed about balancing work and family? For A through G, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	I am informed	I am somewhat informed	I have heard of it	I have never heard of it
A. About maternity/paternity leave	1	2	3	4
B. About money which you are entitled to receive when having/raising a child	1	2	3	4
C. About arrangements to support work-life balance (e.g., short work hours, flextime, on-site daycare)	1	2	3	4
D. About requirements for using daycare	1	2	3	4
E. About local agencies offering counseling on raising a child	1	2	3	4
F. About integration of kindergarten and daycare	1	2	3	4
G. About the total fertility rate	1	2	3	4

**The following questions ask you about your views.**

Q.25 Government expenditure includes spending on welfare and social services such as healthcare, social security, pensions, and education. There are typically two views, A and B, on the balance between taxes and spending on welfare and social services. Which of the two views is closer to your view? Please circle the one answer that best applies. As used here, "taxes" includes all taxes such as income tax and sales tax.

*View A: We should cut taxes even if it means less expenditure on welfare and social services.*

*View B: We should increase expenditure on welfare and social services even if it means increased taxes.*

- 1 I agree with view A
- 2 I agree with view B
- 3 Don't know

Q.26 In the next election, which party do you intend to vote for? Please circle the one answer that applies

- 1 Liberal Democratic Party
- 2 Komeito
- 3 Democratic Party
- 4 Social Democratic Party
- 5 Communist Party
- 6 People's New Party

- 7 New Party Nippon
- 8 Other (Specify:)
- 9 I have no specific party in mind
- 10 Don't know
- 11 I do not intend to vote

Q.27 If we were to divide the current Japanese society into five strata, to which stratum do you think you would belong? Please circle the one answer that best describes how you feel.

Upper class	Upper-middle class	Middle-middle class	Lower-middle class	Lower class	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.28 Looking back on the path you have taken, which of the following describes what you currently feel? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

- 1 I am happy with the path I chose
- 2 I wish I had chosen a different university preparatory school
- 3 I wish I had pursued education at a university
- 4 I wish I had pursued education at junior collage
- 5 I wish I had pursued education at a specialized training college
- 6 I wish I had pursued a regular, full-time position
- 7 I wish I had continued a regular, full-time position
- 8 I wish I had experienced working part-time
- 9 I wish I had continued working part-time

**The following questions ask you about your path and job search.**

Q.29 To what extent do you value the following things when choosing a career or employer? For A through P, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very much	Somewhat	Not very much	Not at all
A. I can leverage my skills and abilities	1	2	3	4
B. The nature of the job suits my character	1	2	3	4
C. The job is stable and there is no risk of losing it	1	2	3	4
D. The company has potential to grow in the future	1	2	3	4
E. The company is well known to the general public	1	2	3	4
F. The job offers high income	1	2	3	4
G. The job requires no relocation, or relocation is limited to specific areas	1	2	3	4
H. It is easy to commute	1	2	3	4
I. It is my family's preference	1	2	3	4
J. The employment is favorable in terms of work hours, holidays, and vacation	1	2	3	4
K. I can commute from my parents' place	1	2	3	4
L. The job offers attractive benefits	1	2	3	4
M. The workplace atmosphere is positive	1	2	3	4
N. The job likely offers a long-term career	1	2	3	4
O. I can be of service to others	1	2	3	4
P. It is easy to request maternity/paternity leave	1	2	3	4
Q. Other (Specify: _____)	1	2	3	4

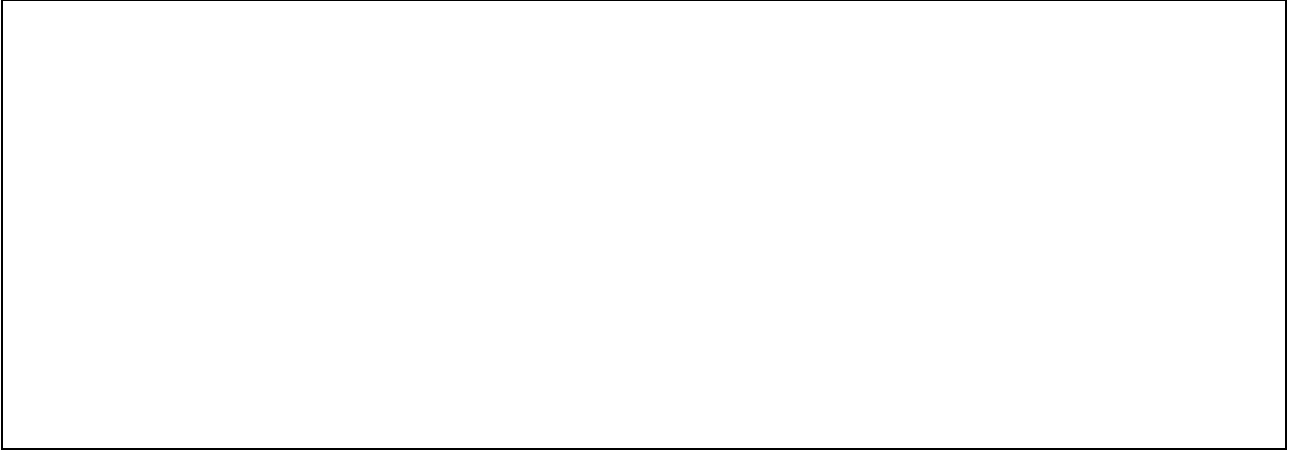
Q.30 Have you engaged in the following activities since you graduated from high school (or are you currently engaging in them)? Please circle all answers that apply.

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| 1  | Studied/studying for a qualification                                    |
| 2  | Attended/attending a qualification preparatory school                   |
| 3  | Studied/studying for TOEIC/TOEFL  |
| 4  | Attended/attending an English conversation school                       |
| 5  | Asked a senior student about his/her experience of job searching        |
| 6  | Attended an event organized by the career services office/career center |
| 7  | Taken/taking a class related to work and job search                     |
| 8  | Participated/participating in workplace experience (internship)         |
| 9  | Studied/studying abroad   |
| 10 | Registered with an online job site                                      |
| 11 | Browsed an online/mobile-optimized job site                             |
| 12 | Browsed job listings at a Hello Work office                             |
| 13 | Sought career counsel at a Job Café                                     |
| 14 | Browsed job information magazines and newspaper classifieds             |

15 Browsed newspaper inserts on job openings

16 Sought my family's/friends' help in searching for employment

Q.31 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the respondent to write their thoughts on their experiences over the past year.