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

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

Q.1 Which of the following describes your status as of October 2009? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Employment	1	Full-time company employee
	2	Government employee
	3	Self-employed
	4	Family business employee
	5	Non-regular employee (part-time, temporary, fixed contract etc.)
Education	6	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs)
	7	Junior college
	8	Specialized training college
	9	Public occupational training course
	10	Graduate school
	11	Non-traditional (adult) student
Other	12	Studying for entrance exams (including cram school)
	13	Unemployed but actively job searching
	14	Maternity or parental leave
	15	Receiving medical care
	16	At home (including homemakers and domestic workers)
	17	Nothing in particular

Q.2 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.3 How do you currently live? Please circle the one answer that applies

1	With my parents	4	With my spouse/children
2	Company/school dormitory	5	Other
3	By myself	(Specify: _____)	

Q.4 Circle the number of the last type of school you attended or currently attend.

1	High school	3	Junior college	6	Graduate school
2	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs)	4	Specialized training college	7	Other
		5	Public occupational training course	(Specify: _____)	

Q.4-1 Did you graduate from your last school, drop out, or are you currently enrolled? Circle the number of your answer.

1 Graduated 2 Dropped out 3 Currently enrolled

Q.4-2 Circle one number below by your course of study in the last school you attended or currently attend.

(a) Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs), graduate school, or junior college

- 1 Science and engineering
- 2 Agriculture (agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary medicine, animal husbandry)
- 3 Social sciences (economics, business, commerce, law, political science, or sociology)
- 4 Humanities (literature, foreign languages, philosophy, history, or psychology)
- 5 Education (school education, sports science, childcare)
- 6 Family and consumer sciences (homemaking, food science, apparel, or interior design interior)
- 7 Health sciences (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing)
- 8 Fine arts (fine arts, music, design)
- 9 Other (please specify: _____)

(b) Specialized training college or public occupational training course

- 1 Science and technology, information and communications, construction, or machinery.
- 2 Agriculture, animal husbandry
- 3 Health-related (medical, dental, etc.)
- 4 Food services, nutrition, etc.
- 5 Hair styling, cosmetology, etc.
- 6 Education, childcare, social welfare, etc.
- 7 Business, management, accounting, etc.
- 8 Apparel, fashion design, etc.
- 9 Fine arts, culture, performing arts, foreign languages, etc.
- 10 Civil service exam prep course
- 11 Other (please specify: _____)

Q.5 Do you feel that the subjects you learned and experiences you gained at school are helping you at your current job or in shaping you as a person? For A through D, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

- * Please answer this question regardless of whether you currently work full-time or part-time.
- * If you are currently in school, please answer this question based on how you think you will feel after graduation.
- * If you have graduated from school and do not currently have a job, please answer C and D only.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all
A. The subjects I learned help me at my current job	1	2	3	4
B. The experiences I gained help me at my current job	1	2	3	4
C. The subjects I learned help me in shaping myself as a person	1	2	3	4
D. The experiences I gained help me in shaping myself as a person	1	2	3	4

Q.5-1 In particular, what specific things that you learned or experienced in school have helped you, and in what aspects of your life? (If you are currently in school, what do you think will help you in your future life?) Please write your response in the box below.

If you are currently working (full-time or part-time), please also answer questions 6 through 11.
If you are currently not working, please proceed to question 12.

Q.6 This section asks about the job you have now. In (a), enter the date you were hired for your current job. In (b) – (e), circle one answer to each question. In (f), please describe your current job.

(a) When did you start your current job?

Year:

Month:

(b) What is your employment status?

- 1 Manager or executive
- 2 Regular, full-time employee
- 3 Part-time, fixed term, or contract employee
- 4 Temporary agency employee
- 5 Contractor

- 6 Self-employed or free-lance worker
- 7 Family business employee
- 8 Working at home
- 9 Other (please specify: _____)

(c) Industry sector

1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or mining	9	Finance, insurance
2	Construction	10	Real estate
3	Machinery, electronics, or automotive manufacturing	11	Personal service sector (hotels, hair salons, etc.)
4	Other manufacturing	12	Information services, surveys, or advertising
5	Utilities (electricity, gas, heat supply, water)	13	Medical, health, or social services
6	Transportation	14	Other services (leasing, security, business contracting, etc.)
7	Communications	15	Government employee
8	Wholesale, retail, or restaurant	16	Other (please specify: _____)

(d) Company size (total number of employees at the main office and all branch offices, excluding part-time workers)

1	1-29	3	100-299	5	500-999	7	Government employee
2	30-99	4	300-499	6	1000 or more	_____	

(e) Occupation type

1	Professional or technical fields requiring specialized expertise and skills (physicians, nurses, lawyers, teachers, care manager, care worker, etc.)
2	Management (section chief or higher in business or government)
3	Administrative staff (clerical workers handling bookkeeping and other office work in business or government)
4	Sales and marketing (retail, wholesale, shop assistants, realtors, insurance sales, outside sales representatives, etc.)
5	Skilled technicians and manufacturing-related workers (manufacturing, assembly, auto repair, construction, carpentry, electrical work, food processing, etc.)
6	Transportation and communications (truck and taxi drivers, sailors, mail carriers, radio dispatchers, etc.)
7	Public safety and security (police officers, firefighters, SDF personnel, security guards, etc.)
8	Farming, forestry, and fishing (farming, livestock, forestry, logging, aquaculture, fishing, etc.)
9	Service sector (barbers, hair stylists, home care helper, cooks, chefs, waiters, waitresses, flight attendants, etc.)
10	Other (please specify: _____)

(f) Specific description of your work

Examples: Rice farmer, English teacher at a public junior high school, outside salesperson for cosmetics firm, caregiver at a welfare facility (home care helper), installing interior wiring at construction sites, manufacturing plastic toys at a factory, receptionist at a bank.

Q.7 How did you find your current job? Circle the number by your primary information source.

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| 1 | School recommendation or referral | 6 | Job placement sites on the internet or job sites via smartphones |
| 2 | Civil service general recruitment | 7 | Help wanted posters |
| 3 | Introduction from family, friend, or senior student | 8 | Transitioned from part-time to full-time at same employer |
| 4 | Job placement magazine or newspaper advertisements | 9 | Job listings at public employment security offices (Hello Work) |
| 5 | Advertising insert in newspapers or other publications | 10 | Other (please specify: _____) |

Q.8 When you accepted your current job, what factors were important in making your decision? For each of the factors listed below, circle the number that indicates its importance to you.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all	Don't know
A. I'm in the occupation I had hoped for.	1	2	3	4	5
B. My company is famous.	1	2	3	4	5
C. My salary is good.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Overtime is rare and I have many vacation days.	1	2	3	4	5
E. I am using skills I learned at school.	1	2	3	4	5
F. Senior staff explain work matters to me well.	1	2	3	4	5
G. I benefit from training opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
H. The work environment rewards effort.	1	2	3	4	5
I. My worksite is clean.	1	2	3	4	5
J. My commute is easy.	1	2	3	4	5
K. I can control the pace of my own work.	1	2	3	4	5
L. I can decide how things get done at work.	1	2	3	4	5
M. I may become unemployed (including company bankruptcy) in the next twelve months.	1	2	3	4	5
N. It is easy to take maternity and parental leave.	1	2	3	4	5
O. Company policies make it easy to raise children while working (shortened work hours, flex-time, childcare facility, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5

Q.9 How many hours in total do you usually work (including overtime) in a week? Please circle the one answer that applies. * If you have two or more jobs, please answer with the number of hours worked in total for all jobs.

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|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Less than 1 hour | 4 | 20 to less than 30 hours | 7 | 50 to less than 60 hours |
| 2 | 1 to less than 10 hours | 5 | 30 to less than 40 hours | 8 | 60 to less than 70 hours |
| 3 | 10 to less than 20 hours | 6 | 40 to less than 50 hours | 9 | 70 hours or more |

Q.10 At your current worksite, how satisfied are you with the following issues? For items A-J, circle the number of your satisfaction level.

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
A. Work conditions (salary)	1	2	3	4
B. Work conditions (working hours)	1	2	3	4
C. Work conditions (vacation days)	1	2	3	4
D. Opportunities for promotion or advancement	1	2	3	4
E. Opportunities to develop skills or expertise	1	2	3	4
F. Your relationships with your superiors	1	2	3	4
G. Your relationships with your colleagues	1	2	3	4
H. The company's line of business	1	2	3	4
I. Your own work duties	1	2	3	4
J. Job security	1	2	3	4

Q.11 How many times in total have you changed jobs since you graduated from high school? (This excludes any part-time jobs you had as a student or any relocation/transfer.) Please circle the one answer that applies. If you have changed jobs, please enter the number of times you have done so.

1	I have never changed jobs	
2	I have changed my jobs	→ <input style="width: 40px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> times

All survey takers are asked to answer all of the following questions.

Q.12 What is your average monthly after-tax income (including from your part-time jobs, but excluding bonuses)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

1	I have no income	6	¥120,000-¥139,000	11	¥220,000-¥239,000
2	Less than ¥50,000	7	¥140,000-¥159,000	12	¥240,000-¥259,000
3	¥50,000 – ¥79,000	8	¥160,000-¥179,000	13	¥260,000-¥279,000
4	¥80,000-¥99,000	9	¥180,000-¥199,000	14	¥280,000 or more
5	¥100,000-¥119,000	10	¥200,000-¥219,000		(Specify: _____)

Q.13 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
- H. Work Issues
- I. Future prospects

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

Q.14 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. Not being able to marry	1	2	3	4

Q.15 Which of the following rights and responsibilities do you think workers are entitled to, or are required by law? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Entitled/ required	Not entitled/ not required	Don't know
A. Part-time workers are also entitled to form a union	1	2	3
B. When you have a baby, you are required to take childcare leave	1	2	3
C. You are entitled to demand overtime pay for overtime hours worked	1	2	3
D. Workers are entitled always to be paid above a certain hourly rate	1	2	3
E. Part-time workers are not entitled to paid leave	1	2	3
F. Everyone aged 20 years or above is required to pay pension premiums	1	2	3

Q.16 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			
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
- L. Being respected at work
- M. Receiving a good education
- N. Finding stable employment

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

Q.17 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.18 Do you feel that the following inequalities exist in Japanese society today? For A through E, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very often	Occasionally	Not very often	Never
A. Inequality based on gender	1	2	3	4
B. Inequality based on age	1	2	3	4
C. Inequality based on education	1	2	3	4
D. Inequality based on employment status (full-time/part-time)	1	2	3	4
E. Inequality based on family background	1	2	3	4
F. Inequality based on region (urban/rural areas)	1	2	3	4

Q.19 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.20 In the proportional representation segment of the previous Lower House election (August 2009), which party did you vote for? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | Liberal Democratic Party | 6 | People's New Party |
| 2 | Komeito | 7 | New Party Nippon |
| 3 | Democratic Party | 8 | Your Party |
| 4 | Social Democratic Party | 9 | Other (Specify: _____) |
| 5 | Communist Party | 10 | I do not intend to vote |

Q.21 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.22 What is your current marital status? Circle one number below.

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|---|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Married | } | Go to question 23-25. |
| 2 | Widowed | | |
| 3 | Divorced | } | Go to question 26. |
| 4 | Never married | | |

Q.23 Do you currently have a boyfriend or girlfriend? Circle one number below.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No, but I did before
- 3 No, never

Q.24 How do you feel about getting married? Circle one answer in the list below.

- 1 I definitely want to get married.
- 2 If possible, I would like to get married.
- 3 I don't need to get married.
- 4 I don't want to get married.
- 5 I haven't thought about marriage.

Q.25 In the past year, which of the following have you tried in order to find a boyfriend/girlfriend?
Please circle all answers that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Asked my parents/siblings to introduce me to someone | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Attended a formal marriage interview |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Asked a relative other than my parents/siblings to introduce me to someone | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Attended a matchmaking party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Asked my friend/acquaintance/childhood friend to introduce me to someone | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Searched online/on mobile phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Asked my coworker/boss at work to introduce me to someone | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Started a conversation with a stranger on the street/while traveling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Attended class/participated in extracurricular/club activities at school | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Registered with a dating/matchmaking service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Started hobbies/taken lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Other (Specify: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Attended a singles party | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Nothing in particular |

Q.26 How do you think you will be living when you are around 30 years of age? Please write your response in the box below.

Q.27 How satisfied are you with your current life, on the whole? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied
1	2	3	5

Q.28 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.