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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.

ient	1	Full-time company employee
	2	Government employee
Employment	3	Self-employed
Emp	4	Family business employee
	5	Non-regular employee (part-time, temporary, fixed contract etc.)
	6	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs)
ion	7	Junior college
Education	8	Specialized training college
Edi	9	Public occupational training course
	10	Graduate school
	11	Non-traditional (adult) student
	12	Studying for entrance exams (including cram school)
	13	Unemployed but actively job searching
Other	14	Maternity or parental leave
Oť	15	Receiving medical care
	16	At home (including homemakers and domestic workers)
	17	Nothing in particular
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Q.2 Overall, how satisfied are you with your own career path choices? Circle the number that best fits your feelings.

Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied
1	2	3	5

Q.3 Are you currently working (full-time, part-time, or while going to school)? Please <u>circle the one</u> <u>answer</u> that applies.

1 I am currently working Please proceed to question 4

2 I am not currently working — Please proceed to question 9

Q.4 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) V	(a) When did you start your current job?					
	Year:			Month:		
(b) V	(b) What is your employment status?					
1	Manager or executive	6	Self-	employed or free-lance worker		
2	Regular, full-time employee	7	Fam	ily business employee		
3	Part-time, fixed term, or contract employee	8	Worl	king at home		
4	Temporary agency employee	9	Othe	r (please specify:	)	
5	Contractor					
(c) lı	ndustry sector		_			
1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or mining	9	Fina	nce, insurance		
2	Construction	10	Real	estate		
3	Machinery, electronics, or automotive manufacturi	ng 11	Pers	onal service sector (hotels, hair salons, etc.)		
4	Other manufacturing	12	Info	mation services, surveys, or advertising		
5	Utilities (electricity, gas, heat supply, water)	13	Med	ical, health, or social services		
6	Transportation	14	Othe	r services (leasing, security, business contracting, etc.)		
7	Communications	15	Gov	ernment employee		
8	Wholesale, retail, or restaurant	16	Othe	r (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-
2	30-99	4	300-

3	100-299
4	300-499

	5	500-999
I	6	1000 or more

7 Government employee

## (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.)
- Transportation and communications (truck and taxi drivers, sailors, mail carriers, radio dispatchers, etc.) 6
- 7 Public safety and security (police officers, firefighters, SDF personnel, security guards, etc.)
- Farming, forestry, and fishing (farming, livestock, forestry, logging, aquaculture, fishing, etc.) 8
- 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

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.5 How many hours do you usually work in a week? Please give separate answers for official working hours and overtime hours (holidays and after-hours). \* If you have two or more jobs, please provide the total number of hours.
  - A. Official working hours

B. Overtime hours (holidays and after-hours)



Q.6 Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies with regards to how you feel about your working hours.

1 I wish to work longer hours	2 I am happ working h	<i>yyy</i>	I wish to work shorter hours
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- Q.7 At your current worksite, how satisfied are you with the following issues? For items A-J, circle the number of your satisfaction level.
  - A. Work conditions (salary)
  - B. Work conditions (working hours)
  - C. Work conditions (vacation days)
  - D. Opportunities for promotion or advancement
  - E. Opportunities to develop skills or expertise
  - F. Your relationships with your superiors
  - G. Your relationships with your colleagues
  - H. The company's line of business
  - I. Your own work duties
  - J. Job security
  - K. Benefits
  - L. Opportunities to leverage my education and training

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4

Q.8 Do you wish to continue working for your company or running your business for the foreseeable future (the next five years or so)? Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies. Please also provide, in the box below, the reasons why you wish (or do not wish) to keep your job.

1 I plan to keep my job (business) for now

2 I am thinking about leaving my job (business)

3 I am planning to leave my job (business) very soon
4 Don't know

Reasons why you wish (or do not wish) to keep your job:

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

Q.9 Circle the number of the last type of school you attended or currently attend.

	1	High school —		Go to question 10
	2	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharm	acy pr	ograms)
	3	Junior college		
	4	Specialized training college		Go to question 9-1, 9-2
	5	Public occupational training course		
	6	Graduate school		
	7	Other (please specify:		
	<ul> <li>Q.9-1 Did you graduate from your last school, drop out, or are you currently enrolled? Circle the number of your answer.         <ol> <li>Graduated</li> <li>Dropped out</li> <li>Currently enrolled</li> </ol> </li> <li>Q.9-2 Circle one number below by your course of study in the last school you attended or currently attend.</li> </ul>			
(	(a)	Four-year university (including medical, dental and pharmacy programs), graduate school, or junior college	(b)	Specialized training college or public occupational training course
	1	Science and engineering	1	Science and technology, information and communications, construction, or machinery.
	2	Agriculture (agriculture, forestry, fisheries, veterinary medicine, animal husbandry)	2	Agriculture, animal husbandry
	3	Social sciences (economics, business, commerce, law,	3	Health-related (medical, dental, etc.)



Q.10 Did you engage in any training or <u>personal development</u> to assist you with your job during the past year? Please <u>circle the one answer</u> that applies.



Q.10-1 Please <u>circle all answers</u> that apply with regards to any <u>training</u> that you received under orders from your employer.

1	Training at work	5	Other	
2	Taking a course at school (e.g., university, specialized training college)		(Specify:	)
3	Participating in a workshop/seminar/training session	6	I did not receive any training under orders from my employer	
4	Taking a correspondence class	7	I do not work	

Q.10-2 Please <u>circle all answers</u> that apply with regards to any <u>personal development</u> that you engaged in.

	Taking a course at school (e.g., university, specialized training college)	-	Other (Specify:
2	Participating in a workshop/seminar/training session		I did not engage in any voluntary activities

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- 3 Taking a correspondence class
- 4 Self-study/self-teaching (including TV/radio courses)

Q.10-3 With regards to the benefits of the training/personal development you engaged in, for A through E, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

		Accurate	Not accurate	Don't know
A.	I am now able to take on new tasks that are beyond my experience	1	2	3
B.	I earn more money	1	2	3
C.	I am being assigned tasks with heavier responsibilities	1	2	3
D.	I was offered a promotion	1	2	3
E.	I am able to demonstrate higher performance at work	1	2	3

Q.11 Do you feel the need to engage in personal development for your current or future job? Please circle the one answer that applies.

ngly feel the need

2 I somewhat feel the need

5

6

3 I do not feel the need

- Q.12 Are there any barriers to engaging in personal development for work? Please circle all answers that apply.
  - 1 I have no time for personal development
  - 2 Personal development entails high cost
  - Personal development does not lead to better 3

Ιc	lo	not	kn	low	W	here	to	lear	n

I do not know what to learn

- assessment
- No barriers in particular
- Q.13 What do you currently think about training and personal development? Please write your response in the box below.



Q.14 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
- 2 Less than ¥50,000
- 3 ¥50,000-¥79,000
- 6 ¥120,000-¥139,000 7 ¥140,000-¥159,000
- 4 ¥80,000-¥99,000

5 ¥100,000-¥119,000

- 8 ¥160,000-¥179,000 9
- ¥180,000-¥199,000 10 ¥200,000-¥219,000
- 11 ¥220,000-¥239,000
- 12 ¥240,000-¥259,000
- 13 ¥260,000-¥279,000
- 14 ¥280,000 or more (Specify:

Q.15 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.



- Q.16 How close are your beliefs to the following statements? Circle the appropriate number showing the accuracy of items A-S.
  - A I don't really know what kind of work I want to do.
  - B I think it is too early for me to decide what career I want.
  - C I'm already worried about what path to take.
  - D Grades in school determine your future.
  - E I'd rather enjoy life now than in the future.
  - F I have goals for ten years from now.
  - G I am worried about getting along well in society.
  - H I don't want to accept a job I don't want while I'm young.
  - I I am making an effort to get along well with people I don't like or find difficult.
  - J I believe there is a connection between your grades at school and your ability to work well.

	Very accurate	2. Somewhat accurate	Slightly accurate	Not at all accurate
	1	2	3	4
: I	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
n	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4
	1	2	3	4

Q.17 In your daily life, how often are you troubled by or worried about the following things? Circle one number for each item.

A.	Relationships with friends
B.	Relationships with family members

- C. Relationships with people at work
- D. Making a living (income)
- E. Having enough time
- F. Health concerns
- G. Romantic relationships
- H. Work Issues
- I. Future prospects

Frequently	Occasionally	Never
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

Q.18 Who currently lives with you? Please circle all of the appropriate numbers.

1	Father	5	Grandmother	9	Non-relatives
2	Mother	6	Other relatives	10	Living alone
3	Siblings	7	Spouse	11	Other
4	Grandfather	8	Children		(please specify:

Q.19 Do you have any children? Please circle the one answer that applies. If you do have children, please enter the number of children you have.

1 I do not have any children

2 I do have children  $\rightarrow$  children

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Q.20 How many hours a day do you spend engaging in the following activities at home? Please provide your answers for weekdays (work/school days) and holidays.

		Wee	kdays (w	ork/school	days)	Hol	idays	
A.	Watching TV, reading newspapers/magazines, searching on the internet (collecting information)		hours		minutes	hours		minutes
B.	Reading books, watching movies (on video, DVD, CD), listening to music (enjoying/appreciating)		hours		minutes	hours		minutes
C.	Having conversations/communicating with friends and acquaintances on the phone/email/online chatting (conversation)		hours		minutes	hours		minutes

Q.21 How frequently do you engage in the following activities? For A through G, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

		Almost every day	3 to 4 times a week	Once or twice a week	2 to 3 times a month	Once a month	A few times a year	Almost never
А.	Going out with your family (including to eat)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B.	Going out with your friends to spend time together/to eat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C.	Learning and personal development activities, such as taking lessons and going to school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D.	Exercising, including sports, jogging, gym, and dance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
E.	Relaxation, including going to spas and receiving massages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F.	Going out to watch movies, plays, sports games, and to music concerts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G.	Participating in community services, volunteer activities, and events for children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q.22 How do you spend your holidays? Please write your response in the box below.

Q.23 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
	A.	With the decreasing number of job openings, it is inevitable	1	2	3	4
ی]	B.	It helps in searching for the path one wishes to pursue	1	2	3	4
[sdo[	C.	It is a result of an individual's apathy	1	2	3	4
ime	D.	It is a result of inadequate career counseling at high school	1	2	3	4
[Living on part-time	E.	It is not a big problem, as many of these people will eventually obtain proper jobs	1	2	3	4
gor	F.	People who work part-time to pursue their dream are cool	1	2	3	4
ivin	G.	Anyone can become a part-time worker	1	2	3	4
ᆜ	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
	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
F	L.	Sometimes it takes time to find a path to pursue with confidence	1	2	3	4
[NEET]	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
	0.	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
[2]	R. It is better to leave home soon and become independent	1	2	3	4
parents]	S. Parents are happy living with their children, so it is a good thing	1	2	3	4
ig with	T. For people whose income is not enough to earn a living, it can't be helped	1	2	3	4
[Living	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.24 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.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.

- 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 Your Party
- 8 Other (Specify:
- 9 I do not intend to vote

- Q.27 When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.
  - 1 Working as a regular, full-time employee.
  - 2 Running my own business.
  - 3 Running my family's business.
  - 4 Working independently without employees.
  - 5 Working part-time.

6 Working as a housewife or househusband.

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- 7 Other (please specify:
- 8 Don't know.
- Q.28 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.	Live away from my parents	1	2	3	4	5	6
В.	Marry	1	2	3	4	5	6
C.	Have a first child	1	2	3	4	5	6
D.	Buy your own house	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.29 What is your current marital status? Circle one number below



Q.32 In the past year, which of the following have you tried in order to find a boyfriend/girlfriend? Please circle all answers that apply.

1	Asked my parents/siblings to introduce me to someone	8	Attended a formal marriage interview
2	Asked a relative other than my parents/siblings to introduce me to someone	9	Attended a matchmaking party
3	Asked my friend/acquaintance/childhood friend to introduce me to someone	10	Searched online/on mobile phone

	4	Asked my coworker/boss at work to introduce me to someone	11	Started a conversation with a stranger on the street/while traveling	
	5	Attended class/participated in extracurricular/club	12	Registered with a dating/matchmaking service	
		activities at school	13	Other (Specify:	)
	6 Started hobbies/taken lessons				
	7	Attended a singles party	14	Nothing in particular	
Q.33	Wha	at are the reasons why you are currently singl	le? F	Please <u>circle all answers</u> that apply.	
	1	I am still too young to marry	8	I have no time to see anyone	
	2	I do not feel the need to marry yet	9	I am not good at engaging in relationships	
	3	I want to focus on my work/studies for now	10	I have financial concerns about married life	
	<ul> <li>4 I want to spend my time on hobbies and leisure for now</li> <li>5 I have not found the right partner</li> </ul>		11	I want to deepen my current relationship	
			12	I have not had an opportunity to make the decision to marry my current boyfriend/girlfrien	
	6	I do not want to lose my freedom and unencumbered life	13	I have not saved enough money for marriage	
	7	I am comfortable at my home	14	Other (Specify:	)

Q.34 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	4

Q.35 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.