

Study Description Form: 'JAPAN'

2009.8.5

Drafted by KGSS

Study Title 'Japanese General Social Surveys 2008'
Fieldwork Dates 'From Oct 1, 2008 to Dec 7, 2008'
Principal Investigators 'Ichiro TANIOKA and Noriko IWAI'
Fieldwork Institution 'Central Research Services, Inc.'
Population 'Men and women 20-89 years of age living in Japan'
Sampling method 'Two-stage stratified random sampling; stratified by regional block and population size'
Fieldwork Methods 'Both face-to-face interview and placement (self-administered) method'

Way the module was fielded (Check √)

-- as an independent survey ☐

-- as part of a larger survey ☒

If the module was fielded as part of a larger survey, the survey name that the EASS module was fielded with JGSS-2008

Initial Sample Size '4003'

N. of respondents '2160'

Response Rates

Total Issue	4003
Total EASS questionnaire received (1.0)	2160
Eligible, Non-interview (2.0)	1761
Refusal and break-offs (2.10)	972
Non-contact (2.20)	651
Other (2.30)	138
Unknown eligibility (3.0)	78
Not Eligible (4.0)	4
Valid Response Rates	60.6 % (JGSS's official formula) 54.0% (N. of R. / Initial Sample Size)

Language 'Japanese'

Weighted 'Yes'

Weighting Procedure 'exact description of the weighting procedure/algorithm'

Although we did not use weighted sampling, our dataset includes a variable 'WEIGHT'. This variable adjusts the sampling error and the nonresponse bias. The distribution of respondents' sex and 10-year

age group in the weighted dataset corresponds to that of the population on October 1, 2008 which was estimated by the government based on the 2005 Census.

Known systematic properties of the sample

‘description of biases or other deviations of the sample’

Some nonresponse biases exist in the sample. The sample has fewer rates of males, youths in their 20s and 30s, and residents of big cities compared with the population.

Deviation from EASS questionnaires

‘ex. questions omitted, added, or asked in a format different from
what the original questionnaires have prescribed’

This survey uses both interview and placement method. Therefore the form of questionnaire is very different from the original questionnaire. Please refer our questionnaire for details.

Publication

‘list of publications using the present data set’

Nothing at the present moment.

Remarks on the Survey

‘other county-specific aspects of the survey that need to be known’

This survey uses both interview and placement method. Therefore, the order and forms of questions differ from those of the original questionnaire. Values of some standard background variables are constructed from responses to two or more questions.

National Population Characteristics: 'JAPAN'

* Please provide the following information about known characteristics of national population from the relevant high-quality data sources, e. g., census or other government surveys. In case when a country doesn't possess relevant statistics, the country is strongly advised to provide whatever statistics that is closest to the national characteristics. Also, the groupings of each item below could possibly be country-specific, except for Gender and Employment Status.

SOURCE OF THE STATISTICS: Population Census of Japan 2005, Population Census of Japan 2000, Labor Force Survey 2006, Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions of the People on Health and Welfare 2005

GENDER

Male	61,330,601	48.8%
Female	64,399,547	51.2%

SOURCE: Population Census of Japan 2005

AGE (Groups)

-14	17,374,429	13.8%
15-19	6,499,760	5.2%
20-29	15,227,769	12.1%
30-39	18,110,454	14.4%
40-49	15,559,236	12.4%
50-59	18,898,251	15.0%
60-69	15,889,721	12.6%
70-79	11,854,787	9.4%
80-	6,315,741	5.0%
Total	125,730,148	100.0%

SOURCE: Population Census of Japan 2005

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years or older)

1-9 (elementary school or Junior high school)	23,807,854	22.0%
10-12 (Senior high school or middle school (old))	45,024,501	41.6%
13-14 (Junior college or higher professional school)	11,923,625	11.0%
13-16 (College, university or graduate course)	14,651,266	13.5%
Persons attending school	8,845,172	8.2%
Persons never attended	1558,891	0.1%
DK	2,413,474	2.2%
Total	108,224,783	100%

SOURCE: Population Census of Japan 2000

EMPLOYMENTS STATUS (15 years or older)

Status		Percentage
Regular employees	40,617,427	37.5%
Temporary employees	7,716,203	7.1%
Directors	3,339,730	3.1%
Self-employed, employing others	1,755,823	1.6%
Self-employed, not employing others	4,788,113	4.4%
Family workers	3,079,511	2.8%
Persons doing home handicraft	200,914	0.2%
Unemployed	3,828,760	3.5%
Not in Labor Force	40,591,141	37.5%
DK	2,438,097	2.3%
Total	108,355,719	100.0%

SOURCE: Population Census of Japan 2005

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL WORK INCOME

(Annual income, Unit = 10,000 yen)

	%
Less than 100	15.0%
100 ~ 200	17.7%
200 ~ 300	16.6%
300 ~ 400	14.9%
400 ~ 500	11.0%
500 ~ 700	12.5%
700 ~ 1,000	8.7%
1,000 ~ 1,500	2.8%
1,500 or more	0.8%
Total	100.0%

SOURCE: Labor Force Survey 2006

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(Annual income, Unit = 10,000 yen)

	%
Less than 100	6.6%
100 - 200	12.1%
200 - 300	11.9%
300 - 400	12.2%
400 - 500	10.9%
500 - 600	8.0%
600 - 700	6.7%
700 - 800	5.9%
800 - 900	5.9%
900 - 1,000	4.6%
1,000 - 1,100	3.8%
1,100 - 1,200	2.6%
1,200 - 1,300	2.2%
1,300 - 1,400	1.5%
1,400 - 1,500	1.3%
1,500 - 1,600	0.7%
1,600 - 1,700	0.7%

1,700 - 1,800	0.6%
1,800 - 1,900	0.3%
1,900 - 2,000	0.1%
2,000 or more	1.3%
Total	100.0%

SOURCE: Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions of the People on Health and Welfare 2005

Data Archive and Contact Information

DATA ARCHIVE

Country	Data Archive	Web Site
Japan	Social Science Japan (SSJ) Data Archive, Institute of Social Sciences, Univ. of Tokyo	http://iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/

CONTACTS

Japan

IWAI, Noriko
 JGSS Research Center
 Osaka Univ. of Commerce
 Mikuriya-Sakaemachi, Higashi-Osaka,
 Osaka, Japan 577-8505
 Tel: +81-6-6785-6013
 Fax: +81-6-6785-6011
 E-mail: jgss@daishodai.ac.jp
 Web Site: <http://jgss.daishodai.ac.jp>