

Study Description Form

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Study Title Japanese General Social Surveys 2015
Fieldwork Dates From Feb., 2015 to May, 2015
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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-2015

Initial Sample Size 4,500

N. of respondents 2,079

Response Rates

Total Issue	4,500
Total EASS questionnaire received (1.0)	2,079
Eligible, Non-interview (2.0)	2,374
Refusal and break-offs (2.10)	1,365
Non-contact (2.20)	774
Other (2.30)	235
Unknown eligibility (3.0)	45
Not Eligible (4.0)	2
Valid Response Rates	52.6% (JGSS's official formula) 46.2% (N. of R. / Initial Sample Size)

Language Japanese

Weighted Yes

Weighting Procedure 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, 2011 which was estimated by the government based on the 2010 Census.

Known systematic properties 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

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

Nothing at the present moment.

Remarks on the Survey

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 2010, Labor Force Survey 2012, Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions of the People on Health and Welfare 2012

GENDER

Male	61,027,859	48.7%
Female	64,330,995	51.3%

Source: Population Census of Japan 2010

AGE (Groups)

-14	16,632,607	13.3%
15-19	5,965,402	4.8%
20-29	13,176,761	10.5%
30-39	17,645,517	14.1%
40-49	16,404,228	13.1%
50-59	16,071,708	12.8%
60-69	18,065,578	14.4%
70-79	12,798,345	10.2%
80-	8,092,829	6.5%
Total	125,358,854	100.0%

Source: Population Census of Japan 2010

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years or older)

1-9 (elementary school or Junior high school)	16,756,162	15.2%
10-12 (Senior high school or middle school (old))	41,400,268	37.5%
13-14 (Junior college or higher professional school)	13,187,048	12.0%
13-16 (College, university or graduate course)	17,716,535	16.1%
Persons attending school	7,701,126	7.0%
Persons never attended	128,187	0.1%
DK	13,375,764	12.1%
Total	110,277,485	100.0%

Source: Population Census of Japan 2010

EMPLOYMENTS STATUS (15 years or older)

Regular employees	30,436,159	27.6%
Temporary employees	1,530,590	1.4%
Part-time employees	14,319,906	13.0%
Directors	3,180,334	2.9%
Self-employed, employing others	1,336,939	1.2%
Self-employed, not employing others	4,120,625	3.7%
Family workers	2,321,536	2.1%
Persons doing home handicraft	120,591	0.1%
Unemployed	4,087,790	3.7%
Not in Labor Force	40,372,373	36.6%
DK	8,450,642	7.7%
Total*	110,277,485	100.0%

Source: Population Census of Japan 2010

*This total population includes those who do not have Japanese citizenship.

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL WORK INCOME (Annual income, Unit = 10,000 yen)

Less than 100	17.8%
100-200	18.9%
200-300	16.6%
300-400	14.8%
400-500	10.4%
500-700	11.6%
700-1,000	7.0%
1,000-1,500	2.2%
1,500 or more	0.9%
Total	100.0%

Source: Labor Force Survey 2012

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Annual income, Unit = 10,000 yen)

Less than 100	6.9%
100-200	13.0%
200-300	12.4%
300-400	13.4%
400-500	11.6%
500-600	9.1%
600-700	7.0%
700-800	6.2%
800-900	4.8%
900-1,000	4.0%
1,000-1,100	2.9%
1,100-1,200	2.0%
1,200-1,300	1.4%
1,300-1,400	1.2%
1,400-1,500	0.8%
1,500-1,600	0.6%
1,600-1,700	0.5%
1,700-1,800	0.4%
1,800-1,900	0.3%
1,900-2,000	0.2%
2,000 or more	1.3%
Total	100.0%

Source: Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions of the People on Health and Welfare 2012