

Survey on Behavior of Category I Insured People in the National Pension

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Questionnaires

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Q1. Have you ever paid National Pension Premiums?

Please select the appropriate response. [Q1:SA]

1. Yes
2. No [-->Q3]

Q2. Please answer the following question if you answered [Yes] to Q1.

Are you currently paying National Pension premiums? Please select the appropriate response. [Q2:SA]

1. Yes [-->Q11]
2. No

Q3. Please answer the following question if you answered [No] to Q1 or [No] to Q2.

Please select the appropriate response. [Q3:SA]

1. I use the exemption from payment of premium 【-->Q11】
2. I do not use the exemption from payment of premium

Q4. Please answer the following question if you answered [I do not use the exemption from payment of premium] to Q3.

Why do you not pay national pension premiums? Please select the appropriate response. [Q4:SA]

1. I cannot afford to pay
2. I can afford to pay, but do not

Q5. What source of information was the basis for your choice not to pay National Pension premiums? Please select one appropriate response. [Q5:SA]

1. Television news
2. Newspaper(s) (except for news sites on the Internet) 【-->Q7】
3. News in weekly/monthly publications 【-->Q8】
4. Internet (news sites of news agency / electronic bulletin board / blog / SNS, etc.) 【-->Q9】
5. Telephone call or email from friends, acquaintances, etc. 【-->Q10】
6. Other 【-->Q11】

Q6. Please answer the following question if you answered [Television news] to Q5.

Which broadcasting station do you trust the most? Please select the appropriate response. [Q6:SA]

1. NHK
2. The five major private networks
3. CATV (Cable TV)

Q7. Please answer the following question if you answered [Newspaper(s)] to Q5.

Q7-1. How many newspapers does your household purchase? Please select the appropriate response. [Q7_1:SA]

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4 or more
5. 0

Q7-2. Which newspaper do you trust the most? Please select one appropriate response. [Q7_2:SA]

1. Asahi Shimbun
2. Yomiuri Shimbun
3. Nihon Keizai Shimbun
4. Mainichi Shimbun
5. Sankei Shimbun
6. Local newspapers
7. Sports newspaper
8. Evening newspaper
9. Other

Q8. Please answer the following question if you answered [News in weekly/monthly magazines] to Q5.

Q8-1. How many weekly/monthly magazines do you purchase on a regular basis? Please select the appropriate response. [Q8_1:SA]

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4 or more
5. 0

Q8-2. Please enter the name of the weekly/monthly magazines you trust the most.
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Q9. Please answer the following question if you answered [Internet] to Q5.

What source of information on the Internet do you trust the most? Please select one appropriate response. [Q9:SA]

1. News page on portal site (Yahoo! JAPAN News page, etc.)
2. News site of news agency (asahi.com, etc.)
3. BBS (bulletin board)
4. SNS (mixi, etc.)
5. Blog
6. Email magazine

Q10. Please answer the following question if you answered [Telephone call or email from friends, acquaintances, etc.] to Q5.

Q10-1. How many of your neighbors do you talk with in person every day? Please select one appropriate response. [Q10_1:SA]

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4 or more

Q10-2. How often do you talk with your neighbors in person? Please select one appropriate response. [Q10_2:SA]

1. One or more times per day
2. Once every two to three days
3. Once per week
4. Once or twice per month
5. Almost never

Q11. The following questions refer to your degree of trust in the following sources of information. Please select one appropriate response for each information source on each line. [Q11:MT]

	Highly reliable	Fairly reliable	Difficult to say	Not very reliable	Totally unreliable
1. Television news	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
2. Newspapers	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
3. Internet	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
4. Neighborhood rumors	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
5. Rumors among co-workers	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
6. Emails/telephone calls from friends/acquaintances	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()
7. Weekly/monthly magazines	1()	2()	3()	4()	5()

Q12 Please select the total amount of ordinary and fixed term deposits and savings you own. [Q12:SA]

1. Under 5 million yen
2. 5-10 million yen
3. Over 10 million yen

Q13. Please select the total amount of ordinary and fixed term deposits and savings of your household. [Q13:SA]

1. Under 5 million yen
2. 5-10 million yen
3. Over 10 million yen

Q14. Please select your annual income. Please select the pre-tax income. [Q14:SA]

1. Under 2 million yen
2. 2-3 million yen
3. 3-4 million yen
4. 4-5 million yen
5. 5-6 million yen
6. 6-7 million yen
7. 7-8 million yen
8. 8-9 million yen
9. 9-10 million yen
10. Over 10 million yen

Q15. Please select the annual income of your household. Please select the pre-tax income. [Q15:SA]

1. Under 2 million yen
2. 2-3 million yen
3. 3-4 million yen
4. 4-5 million yen
5. 5-6 million yen
6. 6-7 million yen
7. 7-8 million yen
8. 8-9 million yen
9. 9-10 million yen
10. Over 10 million yen

Q16. The following question refers to your level of education. Please select the appropriate response. [Q16:SA]

1. Junior high school graduate
2. Junior college/high school graduate
3. Technical college graduate
4. University graduate
5. Graduate school graduate
6. Other

Q17-1. Do you have a spouse (husband or wife)? [Q17:SA]

1. Yes
2. No [-->Q18]

Q17-2. Please answer the following question if you have a spouse.

Which of the following best describes the level of education of your spouse?

[Q17_2:SA]

1. Junior high school graduate
2. Junior college/high school graduate
3. Technical college graduate
4. University graduate
5. Graduate school graduate
6. Other

Q18 Please select the response that best describes the area in which you live.

[Q18:SA]

1. Residential area
2. Commercial area
3. Industrial area
4. Farming/mountain/fishing village
5. Other

Q19. In May 2007, when it was reported that public pension records had been incorrectly recorded or not recorded, which of the following actions did you take?

Please choose the most appropriate response. [Q19:SA]

1. Immediately contacted place of employment
2. Consulted a trusted individual by phone or email
3. Contacted the Social Insurance Agency by phone or email
4. Accessed the website of the Social Insurance Agency
5. Went to the offices of the Social Insurance Agency or public institution for a consultation
6. Met and consulted with someone in the vicinity (neighborhood/workplace).
7. Did nothing
8. Other

Q20. The following question refers to your occupation. Please select the appropriate response. [Q20:SA]

1. Self-employed worker
2. Family worker
3. Ordinary employee (full-time employee, etc.)
4. Temporary employee / part-time worker (including side-jobs)
5. Dispatched worker from temporary labour agency
6. Not working, but seeking work
7. Neither working nor seeking work

Q21. Please enter the number of people you live with. If you live alone, please enter a zero (0).

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Q22. Would you agree with the statement that 'most people are basically honest'?

Please select one appropriate response. [Q22:SA]

1. Disagree completely
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Difficult to say
4. Agree somewhat
5. Agree completely

Q23. Would you agree that the statement 'I tend to trust people' applies to you?

Please select one appropriate response. [Q23:SA]

1. Disagree completely
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Difficult to say
4. Agree somewhat
5. Agree completely

Q24. Would you agree with the statement that 'most people are basically good and kind'?

Please select one appropriate response. [Q24:SA]

1. Disagree completely
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Difficult to say
4. Agree somewhat
5. Agree completely

Q25. Would you agree with the statement that 'most people trust others'?

Please select one appropriate response. [Q25:SA]

1. Disagree completely
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Difficult to say
4. Agree somewhat
5. Agree completely

Q26. Would you agree with the statement that 'most people can be trusted'?

Please select one appropriate response. [Q26:SA]

1. Disagree completely
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Difficult to say
4. Agree somewhat
5. Agree completely

Q27. The following question refers to your degree of trust in the public pension system in Japan.

Please select one appropriate response. [Q27:SA]

1. Totally unreliable
2. Not very reliable
3. Difficult to say
4. Reliable to an extent
5. Completely reliable

End of Questionnaire Thank you very much.