

## Survey on Behavior of Payers of Japanese Public Pension System II

### Questionnaire (1)

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#### Questionnaires

Q1. Have you ever paid national pension premiums?

Please select the appropriate response. [Required]

1. Yes
2. No → go to Q3

Q2. Please answer the following question if you answered [Yes] to Q1. Are you currently paying national pension premiums? [Required]

1. Yes → go to Q5
2. No

Q3. Do you use the contribution payment exemption system? [Required]

1. Yes → go to Q5
2. No

Q4. Please answer the following question if you answered [No] to Q3. Why do you not pay national pension premiums? [Required]

1. I cannot afford to pay
2. I can afford to pay, but choose not to
3. Other [FA Required]

Q5. Did you receive the 'Pension Coverage Special Notice'? [Required]

1. Yes
2. No → go to Q10
3. Don't know → go to Q10

Q6. When reviewing your pension status after receiving the Pension Coverage Special Notice, did you find you had missed any payments? [Required]

\*Here, a 'missed payment' corresponds to a case in which the number of months in which you paid pension premiums is less than the number of months that you have been enrolled in the pension system (including months falling under the special provisions for students and premium payment exemptions).

1. Yes
2. No

Q7. Did you find any mistakes in the Pension Coverage Special Notice? [Required]

1. Months in which I had paid premiums had not been included as having been paid (including months falling under the special provisions for students and premium payment exemptions)
2. Months in which I had been enrolled in an employees' pension insurance or mutual aid pension had not been recorded
3. There were no mistakes

Q8. Have your degree of confidence in public pensions changed due to the 'Pension Coverage Special Notice'?  
[Required]

1. Increased
2. No change
3. Decreased

Q9. How do you feel about paying national pension premiums in the future? [Required]

1. I want to pay the premiums as best I can
2. I do not want to pay the premiums
3. I don't know if I will pay the premiums

Suppose that you had to choose between receiving 10,000 yen a month later, or receiving some amount of money 13 months later.

Q10. What amount would you have to receive 13 months later for you to choose to receive money 13 months later over receiving 10,000 yen a month later? Please select the response corresponding to the minimum amount you would accept [Required]

A minimum of [     ] yen (max. 8 half-width digits)

Q11. On an ordinary day, how high would the percentage of the chance of rain have to be for you to take an umbrella upon leaving your home? [Required]

[   ] % or above (max. 3 half-width digits)

Q12. Which of the following do you consider to be problems with the public pension system? Please select one of the following options. [Required (multiple checks acceptable)]

1. Problems with recording of/tampering with pensions
2. Organizational issues within the Social Insurance Agency and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
3. Wasteful use of the pension reserve fund
4. I feel it is unfair I should have to pay national pension premiums given the high percentage of non-payers
5. Each young generation derives less benefit from the pension system
6. National pension premiums must be paid for 25 years or more in order to receive benefits
7. Benefits are too low
8. Premiums are too high
9. I am not dissatisfied with the public pension <EX>

Q13. The following questions refer to your degree of confidence in the following sources of information.

Please select one appropriate response for each information source on each line. [Required]

	1 Highly reliable	2 Fairly reliable	3 Difficult to say	4 Not very reliable	5 Totally unreliable
Television news					
Newspaper					
Internet					
Neighborhood rumors					
Rumors among co-workers					
Emails/telephone calls from friends/acquaintances					
News in weekly/monthly publications					

(Items in the left side of table are randomly disposed.)

Q14. Please select the total amount of ordinary and fixed term deposits and savings you own. [Required]

1. Less than 1,000,000 yen
2. 1,000,000 or more - Less than 5,000,000 yen
3. 5,000,000 or more - Less than 10,000,000 yen
4. 10,000,000 yen or more

Q15. Please select the total amount of ordinary and fixed term deposits and savings of your household. [Required]

1. Less than 1,000,000 yen
2. 1,000,000 or more - Less than 5,000,000 yen
3. 5,000,000 or more - Less than 10,000,000 yen
4. 10,000,000 yen or more

Q16. Please select your annual income. [Required]

1. Less than 1,000,000 yen
2. 1,000,000 or more - Less than 2,000,000 yen
3. 2,000,000 or more - Less than 3,000,000 yen
4. 3,000,000 or more - Less than 4,000,000 yen
5. 4,000,000 or more - Less than 5,000,000 yen
6. 5,000,000 or more - Less than 6,000,000 yen
7. 6,000,000 or more - Less than 7,000,000 yen
8. 7,000,000 or more - Less than 8,000,000 yen
9. 8,000,000 or more - Less than 9,000,000 yen
10. 9,000,000 or more - Less than 10,000,000 yen
11. 10,000,000 yen or more

Q17. Please select the annual income of your household. [Required]

1. Less than 1,000,000 yen
2. 1,000,000 or more - Less than 2,000,000 yen
3. 2,000,000 or more - Less than 3,000,000 yen
4. 3,000,000 or more - Less than 4,000,000 yen
5. 4,000,000 or more - Less than 5,000,000 yen
6. 5,000,000 or more - Less than 6,000,000 yen
7. 6,000,000 or more - Less than 7,000,000 yen
8. 7,000,000 or more - Less than 8,000,000 yen
9. 8,000,000 or more - Less than 9,000,000 yen
10. 9,000,000 or more - Less than 10,000,000 yen
11. 10,000,000 yen or more

Q18. The following question refers to your level of education. Please select the appropriate response.  
[Required]

1. Junior high school graduate
2. High school graduate
3. Vocational school graduate
4. Junior college/technical college graduate
5. University graduate
6. Graduate school graduate
7. Other [FA Required]

Q19. The following question refers to your occupation. Please select the appropriate response. [Required]

1. Self-employed
2. Family worker
3. Regular staff
4. Part-time worker / Arbeit(temporary worker)
5. Dispatched workers from temporary labour agency
6. Contract worker
7. Entrusted employee
8. Casual or seasonal worker
9. Not working, but seeking work
10. Neither working nor seeking work
11. Other [FA Required]

Q20. Do you have a spouse (husband or wife)? \* Includes spouses through de facto marriage (common-law spouses) [Required]

1. Yes
2. No → go to Q23

Q21. Please answer the following question if you have a spouse. Which of the following best describes the level of education of your spouse? [Required]

1. Junior high school graduate
2. High school graduate
3. Vocational school graduate
4. Junior college/technical college graduate
5. University graduate
6. Graduate school graduate
7. Other [FA Required]

Q22. Which of the following best describes the occupation of your spouse? [Required]

1. Self-employed
2. Family worker
3. Regular staff
4. Part-time worker / Arbeit(temporary worker)
5. Dispatched workers from temporary labour agency
6. Contract worker
7. Entrusted employee
8. Casual or seasonal worker
9. Not working, but seeking work
10. Neither working nor seeking work
11. Other [FA Required]



Q23. With which of the following family members do you live? [Required (multiple checks acceptable)]

1. Your spouse
2. Children
3. Spouse(s) of children
4. Your grandchildren
5. Father
6. Mother
7. Grandparents
8. Brothers / sisters
9. Other [FA Required]
10. I do not live with any members of my family

Q24. Do you currently support a particular political party? [Required (multiple checks acceptable)]

1. LDP (Liberal Democratic Party)
2. Democratic Party
3. New Komeito
4. Communist Party
5. Social Democratic Party
6. People's New Party
7. New Party Nippon
8. No

Q25. Please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. [Required]

	1 Disagree strongly	2 Disagree somewhat	3 Difficult to say	4 Agree somewhat	5 Agree completely
Most people are basically honest					
I tend to trust people					
Most people are basically good and kind					
Most people trust others					
Most people can be trusted					

Q26. The following question refers to your degree of confidence in Japanese public pension system. Please select one appropriate response. [Required]

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

Q27. Please select the response from the two options below that best describes your opinion. [Required]

1. [A] I want my savings to be safe, even if it is low-returning
2. [B] I want the investment yield to be high, even if it is not very safe,

Q28. If you made all necessary pension premium payments from the ages of 20 to 59, approximately how much would you expect in benefits per month at the end of this period?

If you do not know, please enter a zero (0). [Required]

Approximately [     ] yen per month (max. 6 half-width digits)

Q29. Assuming you would receive the amount of pension benefits that are currently paid to those who have made all payments from ages 20-59, what is the maximum amount you would be willing to pay per month in premiums right now?

Please answer even if you do not know how much is currently paid in pension benefits. [Required]

A maximum of [ ] yen per month (max. 8 half-width digits)

Q30. Please enter the first three digits of your postcode. [Required]

Post code[ ] (max. 3 half-width digits)