

Survey on Attitudes towards the National Pension in Japan (1)

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Main Survey

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

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 (multiple checks acceptable)]

- [1] Months in which I had paid premiums were recorded as being unpaid (including months falling under the special provisions for students and premium payment exemptions)
- [2] Months in which I had been enrolled in a welfare pension or mutual aid pension had not been recorded
- [3] There were no mistakes <EX>

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

Q10 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 more (max. 3 half-width digits)

Q11 Which of the following do you consider to be problems with the public pension system? Please select all appropriate responses. [Required (multiple checks acceptable)]

- [1] Recording of/tampering with pensions
- [2] Organizational issues within the Social Insurance Agency (Japan Pension Service) and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- [3] Wasteful use of the pension reserve fund
- [4] Citizens feel it is unfair they should have to pay national pension premiums given the high percentage of non-payers
- [5] Each new generation derives less benefit from the pension system
- [6] The fact that 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] Citizens are not dissatisfied with public pensions <EX>

Q12. 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.)

Q13. 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

Q14. 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

Q15. 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

Q16. 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

Q17. 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]

Q18. 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

Q19. Do you have a spouse (husband or wife)? * Includes spouses through de facto marriage (common-law spouses) [Required]

- [1] Yes
- [2] No → go to Q22

Q20. 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]

Q21. 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

Q22. 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

Q23 Do you currently support a particular political party? [Required]

- [1] Yes
- [2] No → Q25

Q24 Which political party do you have most support for at present? [Required]

- [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] Your Party (Minna-no-tou)
- [9] Other () [Required] FA

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 regarding savings. [Required]

- [1] [A] I want my savings to be safe, even if the interest rate is low
- [2] [B] Even if my savings are not very safe, I want the interest rate to be high

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

Please enter an amount. [Required]

* Unit: yen

Example: for "50,000 yen" → enter "50,000"

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

Q29 «At present, persons who made all necessary pension premium payments from the ages of 20 to 59 receive 66,000 yen in benefits per month»

So that you would be able to receive this amount in the future, what is the maximum you would be willing to pay in premiums? [Required]

* Unit: yen

Example: for "50,000 yen" → enter "50,000"

A maximum of () yen per month (max. 6 half-width digits)

Q30 Did you vote in the House of Representatives election on August 30, 2009? [Required]

- [1] Yes, I voted in the single-seat elections and proportional-representation elections
- [2] I voted in the single-seat elections but not the proportional-representation elections
- [3] I voted in the proportional-representation elections but not the single-seat elections
- [4] I did not vote in either election → Q33

Q31 To what political party did the Diet member for whom you voted in the single-seat elections of the House of Representatives election on August 30, 2009 belong? [Required]

- [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] Your Party (Minna-no-tou)
- [9] Other () [Required] FA

Q32 To what political party did the Diet member for whom you voted in the proportional-representation elections of the House of Representatives election on August 30, 2009 belong? [Required]

- [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] Your Party (Minna-no-tou)
- [9] Other () [Required] FA

*Which of the welfare areas in the table below do you consider important for your life, either at present or in the future? Which areas would you like the government to focus on?

In Q33, please identify the welfare areas you consider most, second most, and third most important. In Q34, please identify the welfare areas you would like the government to focus on, again in order of importance.

Please select welfare areas from the table below.

[1] Medical care and health	Health promotion, disease prevention, upgrading of medical facilities and services
[2] Education and Culture	Improvement of cultural /educational facilities (kindergartens, schools, libraries, etc.), consolidation of the education system, provision of equal opportunities in education, protection of cultural heritage, etc.
[3] Working life	Workplace safety, employment stability, security of employment opportunities, development/promotion of work skills
[4] Holidays and leisure	Improvement of the holiday system, development of leisure facilities and services (parks, sports facilities, transportation/accommodation agencies, etc.)
[5] Income and consumers' affairs	[[Securing]] a steady increase in income, price stability, ensuring safety of products, optimization of commodity prices, etc.
[6] Living conditions	Securing housing/improving housing quality, improving living environment (treatment of garbage/human waste/sewage, etc.) reduction of pollution/disaster damage, etc.
[7] Safety and personal protection	Reduction of crime, protection of human rights, fair law enforcement, etc.
[8] Family	[[Building]] trust between parents/children/ siblings, improvement of family welfare services, [[prevention of?]]family disintegration
[9] Community life	Improvement of community facilities (civic centers, assembly halls, etc.), support for local events/social education, vitalization of

	community activities
[10] Justice and life security	Fair income distribution, inequality correction, improvement of welfare for the disabled and the elderly

Q33 Important areas [required]

1st Priority [1]

2nd Priority [2]

3rd Priority [3]

Q34 Areas you would like the government to focus on [Required]

1st Priority [1]

2nd Priority [2]

3rd Priority [3]

The average economic growth rate for the period 1998 to 2008 was (-) 0.28%.

In addition, the average rate of price increase during this period was (-)0.27%.

Furthermore, the average growth rate of household income per household was (-) 1.53% for the period 1997 to 2006.

The following question asks you to predict the economic situation in ten years' time.

Do you think that economic growth/your income/price levels will increase on average over the next ten years?

For the following items, please select the plus if you think they will increase, or the minus if you think they will decrease.

After answering, please indicate to the second decimal place the average increase/decrease that you think will take place over the next ten years.

*Only one digit can be entered per box. For example, for "5%" ⇒ enter "05.00" (%).

Q35, 36 ⇒ [1] Economic growth

Q37, 38 ⇒ [3] Your income

Q39, 40 ⇒ [3] Price levels

Q35 [1] Economic growth

Please select the plus or the minus. [Required]

[1] Plus

[2] Minus

Q36 [1] Economic growth

Please enter an appropriate number. *Only one digit can be entered per column. [Required]

Example: for "5%" →

Tens column "0"

Single digit column "5"

First decimal point column "0"

Second decimal point column "0" (%).

(max. 1 half-width digit)

Tens column Single digit column First decimal point column Second decimal point column

Q37 [2] Your income

Please select the plus or the minus. [Required]

[1] Plus

[2] Minus

Q38 [2] Your income

Please enter an appropriate number. *Only one digit can be entered per column. [Required]

Example: for "5%" →

Tens column "0"

Single digit column "5"

First decimal point column "0"

Second decimal point column "0" (%).

(max. 1 half-width digit)

Tens column Single digit column First decimal point column Second decimal point column

Q39 [3] Price levels

Please select the plus or the minus. [Required]

[1] Plus

[2] Minus

Q40 [3] Price levels

Please enter an appropriate number. *Only one digit can be entered per column. [Required]

Example: for "5%" →

Tens column "0"

Single digit column "5"

First decimal point column "0"

Second decimal point column "0" (%).

(max. 1 half-width digit)

Tens column Single digit column First decimal point column Second decimal point column

Q41 Suppose that you had to choose between [A] receiving a specified amount of money today, or [B] receiving some other amount of money in one week's time.

For Q1-5, please select either A or B. [Required]

	[A]	[B]
1	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,000 yen in one week
2	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,004 yen in one week
3	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,012 yen in one week
4	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,019 yen in one week
5	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,038 yen in one week

Q42 Suppose that you had to choose between [A] receiving a specified amount of money today, or [B] receiving some other amount of money in one year's time.

For Q1-5, please select either A or B. [Required]

	[A]	[B]
1	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,000 yen in one year
2	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,200 yen in one year
3	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,600 yen in one year
4	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 11,000 yen in one year
5	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 12,000 yen in one year

Q43 Suppose that you had to choose between [A] receiving a specified amount of money today, or [B] receiving some other amount of money in ten years' time.

For Q1-5, please select either A or B. [Required]

	[A]	[B]
1	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 10,000 yen in ten years
2	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 12,190 yen in ten years
3	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 17,908 yen in ten years
4	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 25,937 yen in ten years
5	[A] Receive 10,000 yen today	[B] Receive 61,917 yen in ten years

Q44 Suppose there were a lottery with a 50/50 chance of winning or losing in which you would receive 2,000 yen if you won and nothing if you lost.

Would you buy a lottery ticket for 200 yen? Please select one of the following options. [Required]

[1] Yes

[2] No → Q46

If you answered [Yes] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q45 If the cost of the ticket in the previous question were to increase, up to what amount would you be willing to pay?

*Please enter an amount greater than 200 yen. [Required]

I would pay up to () yen (more than 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

If you answered [No] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q46 If the cost of the ticket in the previous question were to decrease, below what amount would you be willing to pay? Please select the very maximum amount you would pay from the options below.

*If you would not even pay one yen, please enter a zero (0).

*Please enter an amount below 200 yen. [Required] [Required]

I would pay up to () yen (below 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

Q47 <Suppose there were a lottery with a 50/50 chance of winning or losing in which you would receive 2,000 yen if you won and nothing if you lost.>

Would you sell someone your ticket for 200 yen? Please select one of the following options.

[Required]

[1] Yes

[2] No → Q49

If you answered [Yes] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q48 If the price of the ticket were to fall, down to what price would you still sell the ticket? Please select the very minimum amount you would accept for the ticket from the options below.

*Please enter an amount below 200 yen. [Required] [Required]

I would still sell if the price fell to () yen (below 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

If you answered [No] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q49 If the cost of the ticket were to increase, above what price would you sell the ticket? Please select the very maximum amount you would accept for the ticket from the options below.

*Please enter an amount above 200 yen. [Required] [Required]

I would sell if the price rose above () yen (above 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

Q50 Suppose there were a lottery with a 1/100 chance of winning or losing in which you would receive 100,000 yen if you won and nothing if you lost.

Would you buy a lottery ticket for 200 yen? Please select one of the following options. [Required]

[1] Yes

[2] No → Q52

If you answered [Yes] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q51 If the cost of the ticket in the previous question were to increase, up to what amount would you be willing to pay?

*Please enter an amount greater than 200 yen. [Required]

I would pay up to () yen (more than 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

If you answered [No] to the previous question, please answer the following question.

Q52 If the cost of the ticket in the previous question were to decrease, below what amount would you be willing to pay? Please select the very maximum amount you would pay from the options below.

*If you would not even pay one yen, please enter a zero (0).

*Please enter an amount below 200 yen. [Required]

I would pay up to () yen (below 200 yen) (max. 5 half-width digits)

Q53 What do you think the minimum living expenses per month are for an elderly person?

[Required]

* Unit: yen

Example: for "50,000 yen" → enter "50,000"

() yen (max. 7 half-width digits)

Q54 Please select an appropriate response for each of the following. [Required]

	Yes	No
If my friends or acquaintances were paying pension premiums, I would pay as well		
Even if my friends or acquaintances were not paying pension premiums, I would pay		
If I were paying pension premiums, my friends and acquaintances would pay		
Even if I were not paying pension premiums, my friends and acquaintances would pay		

Q55 What percentage of your friends/acquaintances would have to be paying pension premiums for you to pay them as well?

If you would definitely pay, irrespective of the percentage of your friends/acquaintances who pay premiums, please enter a zero (0). If you definitely would not pay, irrespective of the percentage of your friends/acquaintances who pay premiums, please enter 100. [Required]

If ()% of my friends/acquaintances were paying premiums, I would pay (max. 3 half-width digits)

Q56. Please enter the first three digits of your postcode. [Required]

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