

The National Family Research of Japan: Follow-up (for Newly-Married)

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**\*\* First, we would like to ask you about yourself.**

**Q1. What is your sex? (Circle one)**

1. Male                      2. Female

**Q2. Please fill out both the year/month when you were born, and your current age. (Enter the number)**

Showa year  month  Currently  years old

**\*\*We would like to ask about your spouse.**

[Marriage includes a common law relationship without official marriage documents.  
Your spouse indicates your husband, wife, better half, and/or partner.]

**Q3. Please fill in both the year/month when your spouse was born and his/her current age. (Please circle one GENGO and enter the number)**

1. Taisho     year  month    Currently  years old  
2. Showa  
3. Heisei

**Q4. How many siblings does your spouse have (not your own siblings)?**

**Please answer the number of sibling in each category for those who are alive and deceased. Circle「0」if there is no one applicable.**

	Your spouse's older brother	Your spouse's older sister	Your spouse's younger brother	Your spouse's younger sister
<b>Alive</b>	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no live older brother	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no live older sister	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no live younger brother	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no live younger sister
<b>Deceased</b>	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no deceased older brother	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no deceased older sister	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no deceased younger brother	<input type="text"/> persons 0. no deceased younger sister
	0. no older brother	0. no older sister	0. no younger brother	0. no younger sister

**Q5. Had your current spouse been widowed or divorced from another marital partner before s/he married you?  
This includes a common-law marriage without official marriage documents. (Circle one)**

1. Experienced a divorce  
2. Experienced a death of the spouse  
3. Experienced both divorce and death of the spouse  
4. Experienced neither

**Q6. Which of the following schools did your spouse last attend? Consider not having completed and currently in school along with graduation. (Circle one)**

1. Junior high school                      5. University (four-year)  
2. High school                              6. Graduate school or university (six-year)  
3. Vocational school (after high school)    7. Other (Specify                      )  
4. Junior college and technical college

**Q7. Does your spouse currently hold an income earning job? (Circle one)**

1. Yes.                      2. Yes, but s/he is temporarily absent from work.  
 (Tell us about his/her current job)  
 3. No, but s/he had a job in the past.  
 (Tell us about the main job s/he has had)  
 4. No. s/he has never had any job. → Proceed to SQ8

**▼SQ1. Which one of the following describes this job? (Circle one)**

1. Corporate owner or executive                      5. Self-employed or freelance  
 2. Full-time year-round employee                      6. Family employee of independent business  
     (including civil worker)  
 3. Temporary or part-time employee                      7. Home handicraft worker  
 4. Dispatched, contract, or non-regular  
     staff worker

**SQ2. Which of the following classifications describes the type of his/her job? (Circle one.)**

1. Professional or technical (e.g., doctor, lawyer, teacher, engineer, nurse, writer, designer, editor)  
 2. Administrative (e.g., managerial position no lower than section chief, councilor)  
 3. Office work or business (e.g., clerk, business trade, bank employee, key puncher, bill collector)  
 4. Retail or service (e.g., shopkeeper, store clerk, salesperson, hairdresser, laundry, food server, customer service, cleaning, helper)  
 5. Skill, physical or manual work (e.g., factory worker, a self-defense force, police officer, craft worker, construction worker, driver)  
 6. Agriculture, forestry, or fishing (including gardener, nursery)  
 7. Other (Specify                      )

**SQ3. Tell us the number of his/her co-workers. If s/he works(ed) for a corporation, please tell us the total number of employees, NOT just for the branch office. (Circle one)**

1. 1 - 9 persons    5. 500 - 999 persons  
 2. 10 - 99 persons    6. 1000 or more persons  
 3. 100 - 299 persons    7. public offices  
 4. 300 - 499 persons    8. I don't know

[If your spouse does not currently hold an income earning job, proceed to Q8]

**[The following SQ4 through SQ6 are for those whose spouse currently hold an income-earning job.]**

**SQ4. How many days does your spouse currently work per month? Please answer as if a month consists of four weeks (28 days). (Enter the number)**

About  days a month

**SQ5. How many hours does your spouse currently work per day? Please answer his/her average work hours, including overtime, on his/her work days. (Include lunch and other breaks) (Enter the number)**

About  hours and  minutes per day, on average

**SQ6. How much time does your spouse spend on his/her one-way commute? If s/he works at home, please fill in "0 minute." (Enter the number)**

About  hours and  minutes one way.

**Q8. How would you describe your spouse's overall health during the past year? (Circle one)**

1. Very good    2. Somewhat good    3. Neither good nor poor    4. Somewhat poor    5. Very poor

**Q9. How much time per day on the average, do you have an "in depth" conversation with your spouse? Please answer for weekdays and weekend. (Circle one for each)**

<input type="text"/>	0 minute	Less than 30	30 min. ~ 1 hour	1 ~ 1.5 hours	1.5 ~ 2 hours	2 ~ 2.5 hours	2.5 ~ 3 hours	More than 3
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		min.						hours
<b>A. Weekdays</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B. Weekend</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**Q10. How would each of the following items (A) through (C) apply to you and your spouse? (Circle one for each question)**

	Applies	Somewhat Applies	Applies Little	Does Not Apply
<b>A. My spouse listens to my concerns and worries.</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>B. My spouse highly appreciates my ability and effort.</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>C. My spouse offers me helpful words and advice.</b>	1	2	3	4

**Q11. How often do you and your spouse currently engage in the household tasks described in the following A through E? Please answer for both you and your spouse. (Circle one for each)**

	Yourself					Your Spouse				
	Almost everyday (6-7 times a week)	4-5 times a week	2-3 times a week	About once a week	Rarely	Almost everyday (6-7 times a week)	4-5 times a week	2-3 times a week	About once a week	Rarely
<b>A. Preparing meals</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>B. Cleaning up after meals</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>C. Grocery shopping</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>D. Washing clothes</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>E. Housecleaning (rooms, bathtubs, toilets)</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

**Q12. How satisfied are you with your marriage life in terms of the following items (A) through (D)? If you don't have any children, please circle 5. (Circle one for each question)**

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't have children
<b>A. The way your spouse deals with child raising</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>B. The way your spouse deals with housework</b>	1	2	3	4	
<b>C. Sex life</b>	1	2	3	4	
<b>D. Spousal relationship as a whole</b>	1	2	3	4	

**\*\* We would like to ask you about the parents of your spouse (including a common law relationship**

without official marriage documents).

**Q13. For your father-in-law and mother-in-law please indicate the birth year and whether or not they are alive. (Circle one and enter the number)**

	Your father-in-law	Your mother-in-law
<b>A. Birth year</b>		
	1. Meiji 2. Taisho born in 3. Showa <input type="text"/> year 4. I don't know.	1. Meiji 2. Taisho born in 3. Showa <input type="text"/> year 4. I don't know.
<b>C. Whether they are alive or not.</b>		
	1. Alive 2. Deceased before you married 3. Deceased after you married	1. Alive 2. Deceased before you married 3. Deceased after you married

**【If both your father-in-law and mother-in-law are deceased, proceed to Q15】**

**Q14. For (A) through (C) below, please circle the most applicable choice. If either your father-in-law or mother-in-law is deceased, please answer only for the one who is alive.**

	Your father-in-law	Your mother-in-law
<b>A. Where does this person live? Answer in time required by the most common transportation method. Circle "3" if living apart in the same apartment or condominium. (Circle one for each)</b>		
	1. in the same building (sharing the front entrance) 2. in the same building (separate front entrances) 3. detached house on the same property 4. within 15 minutes 5. 15-30 minutes 6. 30-60 minutes 7. 1-3 hours 8. more than 3 hours	1. in the same building (sharing the front entrance) 2. in the same building (separate front entrances) 3. detached house on the same property 4. within 15 minutes 5. 15-30 minutes 6. 30-60 minutes 7. 1-3 hours 8. more than 3 hours
<b>B. How often did you speak in depth with this person during the past year (including phone conversation)? (Circle one for each)</b>		
<b>C. How is the relationship with this person? (Circle one for each)</b>		
	1. Good 2. Somewhat good 3. Somewhat poor 4. Poor	1. Good 2. Somewhat good 3. Somewhat poor 4. Poor

**Q15. Finally, please enter today's date. (Enter the number)**

Month:  Date:

- All the questions have been answered. Thank you for your cooperation for a long time. ○
- Please place the above in the self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail it out. ○