

# 2012 Social Survey

## 1. Family

- (Views on marital culture)  
64.4 percent of Koreans said that it is acceptable to marry a foreigner.
- (Opinions on marriage)  
Less Koreans thought they must get married.
- (Opinions on adoption)  
As for a major reason for not wanting to adopt a child, 56.8 percent of Koreans don't feel the need to adopt a child.
- (Satisfaction with family relationship)  
Males are more satisfied with their spouse compared to females.
- (Sharing housework)  
There was a gap between opinions and actual conditions of sharing housework. 45.3 percent of Koreans thought both husband and wife should equally share the housework. But 16 percent of Koreans said husband and wife share the housework evenly.
- (Living with parents)  
The share of living with parents showed a decreasing trend.
- (Source of living expenses for parents)  
Less Koreans thought children should provide living expenses for their parents. And more Koreans thought parents should take care of themselves.
- (Opinions on who should take care of parents)  
Less Koreans thought family members should take care of living expenses for parents.
- (Worries of the youth)  
35.9 percent of the youth thought that study is the biggest worry to them.
- (Counseling for the youth)  
44.5 percent of the youth consulted with their friend or colleague when they had problems.
- (Family not living together)  
As for major reasons why family members don't live together, 62.3 percent of Koreans lived apart in Korea because of job. In the meantime, 53.2 percent of Koreans lived apart abroad because of study.

## 2. Education

- (Satisfaction with school life)  
46.7 percent of students were satisfied with their overall school lives.
- (Expected level of educational attainment)  
47.4 percent of students wanted to get college education or higher so as to have a good job.
- (Parents' expected level of education for children)  
Most of parents expected their children to get college education or higher because they wanted their children to obtain a good job.
- (Funding for college tuition)  
67.8 percent of college students paid tuition through assistance from their parents or other family members.
- (View on educational expenditures)  
73 percent of Koreans felt burden of educational expenditures. Among them, 64.5 percent thought extra-curricular classes was the greatest burden to them.
- (Level of satisfaction with educational attainment)  
47.0 percent of non-student Koreans were satisfied with their educational attainment.
- (Relevance between occupation and major field of study)  
4 out of 10 non-student Koreans said their current job was related to their major field of study.
- (Parent involvement in schools)  
28.3 percent of parents participated in their children's school operation.
- (Views on children's study abroad)  
The share of Koreans aged 30 or more with children attending school who want their children to study abroad showed a decreasing trend.
  - To broaden perspectives to become a global talent was the main reason why parents want their children to study abroad.

## 3. Health

- (Health care)  
53.4 percent of Koreans got a regular medical checkup.
- (Smoking)  
Smokers aged 20 or more occupied 24.0 percent, which showed a steady decrease from 1999.
- (Difficulty in quitting smoking)  
53.3 percent of smokers had difficulty in quitting smoking because of stress.
- (Drinking)  
69.3 percent of Koreans drank more than one glass of alcohol for the past year (May 23, 2011 ~ May 22, 2012).

- 25.6 percent of Koreans who drank more than once per week tried to be restrained in drinking or abstain from drinking.
- (Prevalence rate)  
During the reference period of two weeks (May 9 ~ May 22, 2012), the prevalence rate stood at 24.1 percent.
- (Level of satisfaction with medical services)  
As for medical services, 'Public health centers' showed the highest satisfaction level.
- (Stress)  
7 out of 10 Koreans felt stress in their overall daily lives.
- (Impulse to commit suicide)  
9.1 percent of Koreans thought about committing suicide for the past year.

#### **4. Safety**

- (Views on social safety)  
More than half of Koreans felt anxious about 'Traffic accidents' and 'Crimes'.
- (Main reason for social anxiety)  
As for a major reason for social anxiety, 3 out of 10 Koreans referred crimes as a major reason for anxiety.
- (Views on safety of imported food)  
54.7 percent of Koreans thought imported food is unsafe.
- (Views on safety of food in schools and day care centers)  
72.9 percent of Koreans thought food in schools and day care centers is safe.
- (Views on safety on food sold around school zones)  
48.0 percent of Koreans thought food sold around school zones is unsafe.
- (Food safety)  
As for reasons for worries about food safety, 42.8 percent indicated 'Lack of awareness on food safety among food companies'. And 37.0 percent indicated 'Poor management of government regulation'.
- (Level of law-abiding)  
Koreans thought that they observe the law well, but other people don't observe the law well.

#### **5. Environment**

- (Tax on environmental protection)  
34.9 percent of Koreans agreed to pay extra taxes if necessary for the environment.
- (Efforts to prevent environmental pollution)  
91.0 percent of Koreans recycled waste to reduce environmental pollution.
- (Anxiety about the use of chemicals on agricultural products)  
Koreans were more worried about imported agricultural products than domestic agricultural products.