



Wakayama Prefecture Child Living Conditions Survey (Guardian Questionnaire)

Survey purpose, overview, etc.

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- This survey is being conducted to ask guardians of 5th year elementary school students and 2nd year junior high school students about your household situation, including your interactions with your child and your own circumstances. It also aims to assist in the providing of support to the children of Wakayama Prefecture. Your answers will help in enhancing and improving future support policies, so they are very important. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Data handling

- This questionnaire is anonymous.
- Answers are collated, and that collation will be processed statistically, so individuals and households will remain unidentified.
- The school will not be notified of your answers to the questionnaire or if you took part in the survey or not.
- Also, you will not be contacted regarding your answers from Wakayama Prefecture or any subcontracted companies.

Answering and submitting

- This questionnaire must be answered by the guardian of the child who brought it home.
- The child who brought this survey questionnaire home must, as a general rule, fill out the Elementary Student Survey or Junior High Student Survey on his/her own. However, if your child is unable to write answers on his/her own, the guardian is asked to provide support as needed.
- The term "your child" in this survey refers to your child, who brought this survey questionnaire home.
- If you have a 5th year elementary school child and a 2nd year junior high school child in your household, answer for each child.

Contacting

This survey is conducted by the Wakayama Prefectural government.

Questions about this survey should be directed to the following office, not the school.

Contact

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(Japan International Institute, Inc. *Wakayama Prefecture Child Living Conditions Survey Office)

*The company commissioned by Wakayama Prefecture to collate and analyze this survey

*In this questionnaire, "your child" refers to the child who brought this survey questionnaire home to you.

Questions about you and your household.

Question 1: What city or town do you live in? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Wakayama City	8. Kinokawa City	15. Hirokawa Town	22. Hidakagawa Town	29. Kitayama Village
2. Kainan City	9. Iwade City	16. Aridagawa Town	23. Shirahama Town	30. Kushimoto Town
3. Hashimoto City	10. Kimino Town	17. MihamaTown	24. Kamitonda Town	31. Outside Wakayama Prefecture
4. Arida City	11. Katuragi Town	18. Hidaka Town	25. Susami Town	
5. Gobo City	12. Kudoyama Town	19. Yura Town	26. Nachikatsuura Town	
6. Tanabe City	13. Koya Town	20. Inami Town	27. Taiji Town	
7. Shingu City	14. Yuasa Town	21. Minabe Town	28. Kozagawa Town	

Question 2: Which of the following describes your (the respondent's) relationship to the child who brought this survey questionnaire home to you? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Father	4. Grandmother	7. Foster parent
2. Mother	5. Uncle	8. Facility staff member
3. Grandfather	6. Aunt	9. Other
(Specify:)		

***Foster parents and facility staff members may answer the following questions to the extent of their ability to answer.**

Question 3: What is your age group? (Circle 1 answer)

1. 20's or younger	2. 30's	3. 40's	4. 50's	5. 60's	6. 70's or older
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Question 4: What is the current relationship between your child's parents (Circle 1 answer)

1. Married (this includes legally valid marriages, work transfers away from home, and other types of separations)
2. Not married (divorced or separation that is equivalent to divorce)
3. Not married (death of spouse)
4. Not married (the guardian has never married)
5. Other (Specify:)

Question 5: How many people are there in your immediate family? Include everyone who shares the family budget, including family members who are working away from home on transfer, hospitalized and imprisoned family members, and children who are lodging at places like universities and who receive an allowance or assistance.

(Do not include children who have left the household and become independent from the family through means such as a job or marriage (i.e., children who are not included in the family budget).)

(Write a number in the parenthesis below)

() family members

Question 6: Including the child who brought home this survey questionnaire, how many children are in your family (the child plus siblings)?

(Write a number in the parenthesis below)

() children

Question 7: What relationships do your family members have towards the child who brought this questionnaire home?

(Circle any answers that apply)

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| 1. Mother | 3. Sibling | 5. Relative, such as uncle or aunt |
| 2. Father | 4. Grandparent | 6. Other () |

Question 8: Do you have someone to talk to when you have worries or serious problems?

(Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Yes | 2. No |
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Question 8–1: If you answered "1. Yes" in Question 8, answer the following question.

What kind of person can you talk to?

(Circle any answers that apply)

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| 1. Spouse/partner | 8. Teacher or counselor at school, etc. |
| 2. Your parent(s) | 9. Counselor at an official institution |
| 3. Your spouse/partner's parent(s) | 10. Doctor or nurse at a medical institution |
| 4. Siblings/relatives | 11. Private counselor or telephone call-line |
| 5. Your children | 12. Social worker/child social worker |
| 6. Friends/acquaintances | 13. Internet website |
| 7. Someone at work | 14. Other () |

Question 9: Do you have someone to look after your child/children or help you in an emergency?

(Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Yes | 2. No |
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Questions about your child.

Question 10: Circle all care/education facilities your child attended before starting school.

(Circle any answers that apply)

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| 1. Accredited daycare | 4. Preschool | 7. Did not attend any |
| 2. Non-accredited daycare facility | 5. Child raising assistance center | childcare/education facilities |
| 3. Accredited childcare | 6. Other (Specify:) | before starting school |

Question 11: Has your child ever been absent for one month or more of school? (Not including illness or injury)

(Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. That has never happened | 3. My child is currently absent for one month or more |
| 2. That has happened in the past | 4. I do not know |

Question 12: What level of education do you want your child to complete? Circle the answer that is closest to your plans. (Circle 1 answer)

1. Up to junior high school (junior high school degree)	4. Junior college/Vocational high school (Tech college)	→ Go to Question 12-1
2. Up to high school (high school degree)	5. University or higher	
3. Vocational school (the type students enter after graduating from high school)	6. Currently undecided → Go to Question 13	

Question 12-1: If you circled 1 to 5 in Question 12, select one of the following.

What is the reason? Circle the answer that is the most pertinent reason. (Circle 1 answer)

1. It is what your child wants	5. It fits best with your household's economic circumstances
2. You think it is the most common route	6. Other (Specify:)
3. You feel this is most appropriate for your child's academic abilities	7. There is no reason in particular
4. This is what you want as a guardian	

Questions about your and your child's state of health.

Question 13: These are questions about your and your child's state of health. Circle the closest answers for both you and your child below.

Question 13-1: You (the respondent) (Circle 1 answer)

1. Very good	3. Normal	4. Slightly poor
2. Fairly good		5. Bad

Question: 13-2 Your child (Circle 1 answer)

1. Very good	3. Normal	4. Slightly poor
2. Fairly good		5. Bad

Question 14: Does your child have any cavities? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Yes (untreated)	3. In the past, yes (treated)
2. Yes (being treated currently)	4. No

Question 15: Within the past year, did you feel like you should have your child examined at a medical institution but did not have your child examined? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Yes → Go to Question 15-1	2. No → Go to Question 16
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Question 15–1: If you answered "yes" in Question 15, answer the following question.

What was the reason? Circle any of the following that apply.

(Circle any answers that apply)

1. You had concerns about paying the medical bills	5. Your own state of health was poor
2. There was not enough time in your schedule to get an examination	6. Other (Specify: _____)
3. Your child did not want to get examined	
4. The location was too far to take your child there	

Question 16: Circle the most applicable answer from below regarding your child's vaccination situation.

*Periodic vaccinations (tuberculosis (BCG), measles/rubella, polio, etc.) are available free of charge.

Optional vaccinations (influenza, mumps, etc.) incur a fee.

(Circle 1 the applicable number for each vaccination, from A–D below)

	Yes	No	Not sure
A. Periodic vaccination →	1	2	3
B. Optional vaccination (influenza) *Within 1 year ago →	1	2	3
C. Optional vaccination (mumps) →	1	2	3
D. Optional vaccination (chicken pox) → <small>*This became a periodic vaccination from October 2014 onward.</small>	1	2	3



Question 16–1: If you answered "2 No" for "A Periodic vaccination" in Question 16, answer the following question.

Why did your child not receive a periodic vaccination?

(Circle any answers that apply)

1. I thought it would cost money
2. My child did not want to receive the shot
3. Medical institutions, etc. are too far away, and going there was difficult
4. I was very busy and did not have time to take my child to a medical institution
5. Looking at my child's constitution, I judged that my child would be fine without the vaccination
6. I did not know when or where to get the vaccination
7. My child had a fever when it was time to get the vaccination, and could not receive a vaccination
8. My own state of health was poor
9. I had concerns or questions about the vaccination
10. Other (Specify: _____)

Questions about your recent emotional state.

Question 17: How often have you experienced the following in the past month?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–F)

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Infrequently	Never
A. Felt upset about something unimportant →	1	2	3	4	5
B. Felt despair →	1	2	3	4	5
C. Felt irritated or unsettled →	1	2	3	4	5
D. Felt gloomy, and did not feel optimistic even when something positive happened →	1	2	3	4	5
E. Everything felt like a burden →	1	2	3	4	5
F. Felt as if I have no value →	1	2	3	4	5

Questions about your relationship with your child.

Question 18: In your household, do you do the following with your child?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–J)

	5 or more times per week	3-4 times per week	1-2 times per week	1-2 times per month	Almost never
A. Check on your child's studying →	1	2	3	4	5
B. Play actively with your child (a game of catch, etc.) →	1	2	3	4	5
C. Place a computer game with your child (video game, computer game, mobile phone game, etc.) →	1	2	3	4	5
D. Play a card game, etc., with your child (cards, board game, shogi, etc.) →	1	2	3	4	5
E. Talk about school life with your child →	1	2	3	4	5
F. Talk to your child about studying or grades →	1	2	3	4	5
G. Talk to your child about news like politics, economics, or social issues →	1	2	3	4	5
H. Talk to your child about a TV show (other than news) →	1	2	3	4	5
I. Cook together with your child →	1	2	3	4	5
J. Go out with your child →	1	2	3	4	5

Question 19: Do you and your child talk together about your child's future (dreams, future pathway, career, etc.)? (Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Often | 2. Sometimes | 3. Infrequently | 4. Almost never |
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Question 20: Do you want your child to live close to your current residence when your child gets a job or gets married? (Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Yes, I strongly feel this way | 3. No, I do not strongly feel that way |
| 2. Yes, I slightly feel this way | 4. No, I do not feel that way at all |

Question 21: Do you want to continue to live at your current residence (or close to it)? (Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Yes, I strongly feel this way | 3. No, I do not strongly feel that way |
| 2. Yes, I slightly feel this say | 4. No, I do not feel that way at all |

Question 22: In your household, do you do any of the following things with your child? If the answer is no, circle "13. None of the above". (Circle any answers that apply)

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| 1. Give a specific allowance periodically | 8. Go to a cultural museum, science museum, art museum, etc. |
| 2. Celebrate your child's birthday | |
| 3. Go on a family trip at least once per year | 9. Go to an amusement park or theme park |
| 4. Give Christmas presents and New Year's holiday money (otoshidama) | 10. Go see a sports competition |
| 5. Participate in the school activities etc. of your child as a guardian | 11. Go see a play or concert |
| 6. Go to the beach or camping | 12. Go on a trip abroad |
| 7. Do outdoor athletic activities (hiking, swimming, etc.) | 13. None of the above |

Question 23: In your household, do you do any of the following things for your child?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–K)

		Yes, definitely	Yes, slightly	Not often	No	
A. I limit time allowed for video games (including computer games and mobile phone games)	→	1	2	3	4	5. I do not let my child have video games
B. I enforce rules and promises regarding the use of mobile phones and smartphones	→	1	2	3	4	5. I do not let my child have mobile phones, etc.
C. I increase my child's self-confidence through means such as praising my child's good points, etc.	→	1	2	3	4	
D. I make sure to discipline my child when my child misbehaves	→	1	2	3	4	
E. I encourage my child to read books and newspapers	→	1	2	3	4	
F. I talk with my child about my child's opinions regarding the books my child has read	→	1	2	3	4	
G. When my child was younger, I read picture books to my child	→	1	2	3	4	
H. I frequently tell my child to study	→	1	2	3	4	
I. I give my child detailed instructions as many times as is necessary until my child is able to successfully complete necessary tasks	→	1	2	3	4	
J. I proactively have my child experience English and foreign culture	→	1	2	3	4	
K. I frequently listen to my child's concerns and problems	→	1	2	3	4	

Question 24: Does your child currently take part in any extra-curricular educational activities? (Do not include activities such as free group or club activities) If the answer is no, circle "8. My child does not do extra-curricular activities".

(Circle any answers that apply)

1. Cram school (juku)	5. Art, including painting, music, dance, calligraphy, etc.
2. Tutor	
3. Correspondence learning	6. Sports, including swimming, kendo, soccer, etc.
4. English conversation, abacus, etc.	7. Other ()
	8. <u>My child does not do extra-curricular activities</u>

Question 25: In your household, have you ever wanted to send your child to a cram school (juku) or extra-curricular educational activity, but could not because there were no locations within a commutable distance or for financial reasons even if there was a location within a commutable distance? (Circle 1 answer each for A and B below)

	Yes	No
A. My child was not able to go to a cram school (juku) or extra-curricular educational activity because there was no location within a commutable distance →	1	2
B. My child was not able to go to a cram school (juku) or extra-curricular educational activity because of financial reasons →	1	2

Questions about your household lifestyle.

Question 26: How do you feel about your current living situation? (Circle 1 answer)

1. It is very comfortable	3. It is average	4. It is a bit difficult
2. It is fairly comfortable		5. It is very difficult

Question 27: Select the statement that best describes your household finances. (Circle 1 answer)

1. We are in the red. We rely on loans to get by.	4. We are in the black. We are saving money monthly.
2. We are in the red. We are dipping into our savings.	5. Other (Specify:)
3. We are neither constantly in the red or in the black.	

Question 28: In your household, have you ever not been able to purchase **food** the family needs within the past year because you did not have enough money? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Frequently	2. Sometimes	3. A few times	4. Never
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Question 29: In your household, have you ever not been able to purchase **clothing** the family needs within the past year because you did not have enough money? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Frequently	2. Sometimes	3. A few times	4. Never
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Question 30: Within the past year, have you been unable to pay any of the following fees due to financial reasons? If the answer is no, circle "9. None of the above". (Circle 1 answer)

1. Electricity fee	4. Telephone fee	7. Public pension or health insurance premium
2. Gas fee	5. Rent	8. Money required for your child's school
3. Water fee	6. Taxes	9. None of the above

Question 31: Are there any **items** below that you do not have in your household for financial reasons? If the answer is no, circle "16. None of the above". (Circle any answers that apply)

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| 1. Books in your child's age-group | 9. Microwave oven |
| 2. Child's sports items and toys | 10. Telephone (landline or mobile) |
| 3. Place for your child to do homework in the house | 11. Household bathtub |
| 4. Clothes washing machine | 12. Beds or futons for everyone in the household |
| 5. Rice cooker | 13. Savings for emergencies (at least 50,000 yen) |
| 6. Vacuum cleaner | 14. Computer (or tablet) |
| 7. Heater (including air conditioners) | 15. Newspaper subscription (or internet newspapers) |
| 8. Cooler (including air conditioners) | 16. None of the above |

Question 32: About how much was the sum total revenue for every family member in your household (in other words, your spendable income) from the previous year (2017)?

*Circle the amount that reflects your revenue after paying taxes and social security premiums. In addition to salaries earned from work, also include stock disbursements and side revenue in the calculation.

*Include public assistance, allowances, child support, and aid money as well.

(Circle 1 answer)

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| 1. Less than 500,000 yen | 14. 6,500,000 yen – less than 7,000,000 yen |
| 2. 500,000 yen – less than 1,000,000 yen | 15. 7,000,000 yen – less than 7,500,000 yen |
| 3. 1,000,000 yen – less than 1,500,000 yen | 16. 7,500,000 yen – less than 8,000,000 yen |
| 4. 1,500,000 yen – less than 2,000,000 yen | 17. 8,000,000 yen – less than 8,500,000 yen |
| 5. 2,000,000 yen – less than 2,500,000 yen | 18. 8,500,000 yen – less than 9,000,000 yen |
| 6. 2,500,000 yen – less than 3,000,000 yen | 19. 9,000,000 yen – less than 9,500,000 yen |
| 7. 3,000,000 yen – less than 3,500,000 yen | 20. 9,500,000 yen – less than 10,000,000 yen |
| 8. 3,500,000 yen – less than 4,000,000 yen | 21. 10,000,000 yen – less than 11,000,000 yen |
| 9. 4,000,000 yen – less than 4,500,000 yen | 22. 11,000,000 yen – less than 12,000,000 yen |
| 10. 4,500,000 yen – less than 5,000,000 yen | 23. 12,000,000 yen – less than 13,000,000 yen |
| 11. 5,000,000 yen – less than 5,500,000 yen | 24. 13,000,000 yen – less than 14,000,000 yen |
| 12. 5,500,000 yen – less than 6,000,000 yen | 25. 14,000,000 yen – less than 15,000,000 yen |
| 13. 6,000,000 yen – less than 6,500,000 yen | 26. 15,000,000 yen or more |

Question 33: Does your household receive any of the following allowances or assistance?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–E)

	Currently receiving	Have received in the past	Have never received
A. Childcare Allowance *This is an allowance supplied to single-parent households raising a child under 18 years old. It is different from the "Child Benefits" that applies to every kind of household raising children. →	1	2	3
B. Allowance for disabilities and intractable diseases →	1	2	3
C. Pension (bereaved family pension, elderly pension, etc.) →	1	2	3
D. Social relief →	1	2	3
E. School expense subsidy *A system for assisting with a portion of expenses for things like food costs and school supplies. →	1	2	3

Questions about you.

*Foster parents and facility staff members are asked to answer to the extent possible about the mother and father of the child.

Question 34: Have you experienced any of the following circumstances? If you have never experienced any of these circumstances, then circle "14. I have never experienced any of these circumstances". (Circle any answers that apply)

1. When I was a child, I received social care (admission to facilities, care by foster parents, etc.)
2. My parents divorced before I became an adult
3. My father or my mother died before I became an adult
4. It was financially difficult to live before I became an adult
5. I had to withdraw from school or give up on higher education due to household financial reasons
6. I am (or was) burdened by the need to care for a parent
7. I have worried about my relationship with my parents
8. I am estranged from my parents
9. I have received physical abuse from my (previous) spouse (or partner)
10. I have physically punished my child
11. I have suffered depression from giving birth or child raising, and experienced a period of time in which I was unable to provide child care
12. I have worried about my relationship with my child
13. I have thought about committing suicide
14. I have never experienced any of these circumstances
15. I am not sure

Question 35: How did your parents treat you when you were a child?

Circle the answer you feel best fits your circumstances

(Circle 1 answer each for A–E)

	Yes, very much	Yes	Not so much	Definitely no	I am not sure
A. They enjoyed being with me →	1	2	3	4	5
B. They did things that made me happy →	1	2	3	4	5
C. I was disciplined when I misbehaved →	1	2	3	4	5
D. They gave me instructions repeatedly →	1	2	3	4	5
E. They took out their worries and irritations on me →	1	2	3	4	5

Questions about the mother and father of the child.

*Foster parents and facility staff members are asked to answer to the extent possible about the mother and father of the child.

Question 36: Which of the following is the closest to the current work situation of the mother of the child? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Executive of a company or organization 2. Full time employee of a private company or organization 3. Full time governmental employee 4. Contracted employee, temporary staff member, commissioned employee	5. Part time worker, day-worker/part time staff member 6. Self-employed (including family business employee) 7. Freelance 8. Other type of work	9. Housewife 10. Student 11. Unemployed 12. I am not sure 13. There is no mother	→ Go to Question 37
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Question 36–1: If you answered 1 – 8 in Question 36, answer the following question.

How many hours on average does the mother of the child work **per week**? (Answer by entering a number in the field below)

*If the mother works multiple jobs, combine the hours.

About hours average **weekly**

Question 36–2: If you answered 1 – 8 in Question 36, answer the following question.

Does the mother work hours other than weekday daytime (8:00 – 20:00) hours, including overtime work? (Circle any answers that apply)

1. Early morning (5:00–8:00)	4. Saturdays	7. The mother does not work hours other than weekday daytime hours
2. Night (20:00–22:00)	5. Sundays/holidays	
3. Late night (22:00–5:00)	6. Other (Specify:)	

Question 37: Which of the following is the closest to the current work situation of the father of the child? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Executive of a company or organization	5. Part time worker, day-worker/part time staff member	9. Househusband
2. Full time employee of a private company or organization	6. Self-employed (including family business employee)	10. Student
3. Full time governmental employee	7. Freelance	11. Unemployed
4. Contracted employee, temporary staff member, commissioned employee	8. Other type of work	12. I am not sure
		13. There is no father

→ Go to Question 37

Question 37-1: If you answered 1 – 8 in Question 37, answer the following question.

How many hours on average does the father of the child work **per week**? (Answer by entering a number in the field below)

*If the father works multiple jobs, combine the hours.

About hours average **weekly**

Question 37-2: If you answered 1 – 8 in Question 37, answer the following question.

Does the father work hours other than weekday daytime (8:00 – 20:00) hours, including overtime work? (Circle any answers that apply)

1. Early morning (5:00–8:00)	4. Saturdays	7. The mother does not work hours other than weekday daytime hours
2. Night (20:00–22:00)	5. Sundays/holidays	
3. Late night (22:00–5:00)	6. Other (Specify:)	

Question 38: From the following items, what was the highest level of schooling the mother of the child attended? (Circle 1 answer)

1. Junior high school (Junior high school degree)
2. High school (standard) (High school degree)
3. High school (part time or correspondence)
4. Vocational school (after graduating from junior high or high school)
5. Technical college (5 year school entered into after graduating from junior high school, Tech college)
6. Junior college
7. Vocational school (Specialized curriculum in a specialist school approx. 1-4 years long entered into after graduating from high school) (including a major program)
8. University
9. Graduate school
10. Other (Specify:)
11. I do not know → Go to Question 39

Question 38-1: If you answered 1-10 in Question 38, answer the following question.

Did the mother of the child graduate from the school selected in Question 38?

(Circle 1 answer)

1. She graduated	2. She withdrew before graduating	3. Other (Specify:)
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Question 39: From the following items, what was the highest level of schooling the father of the child attended? (Circle 1 answer)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior high school (Junior high school degree) 2. High school (standard) (High school degree) 3. High school (part time or correspondence) 4. Vocational school (after graduating from junior high or high school) 5. Technical college (5 year school entered into after graduating from junior high school, Tech college) 6. Junior college 7. Vocational school (Specialized curriculum in a specialist school approx. 1-4 years long entered into after graduating from high school) (including a major program) 8. University 9. Graduate school 10. Other (Specify: _____) 	
11. I do not know → Go to Question 40	

Question 39-1: If you answered 1-10 in Question 39, answer the following question.

Did the father of the child graduate from the school selected in Question 39? (Circle 1 answer)

1. He graduated	2. He withdrew before graduating	3. Other (Specify: _____)
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Questions about public aid usage.

Question 40: What methods do you use to acquire information on policies concerning children, etc.?

Also, what methods do you want to use in the future?

(Circle any answers that apply for both A and B)

A. Current information acquisition method	B. Information acquisition methods you want to use in the future
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-house public information journals from administrative institutions ("Kenmin no Tomo", etc.) 2. Administrative institution websites 3. SNS (Line, Twitter, etc.) 4. School notices (paper notices) 5. E-mails from school 6. Information from family and friends 7. Other (Specify: _____) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-house public information journals from administrative institutions ("Kenmin no Tomo", etc.) 2. Administrative institution websites 3. SNS (Line, Twitter, etc.) 4. School notices (paper notices) 5. E-mails from school 6. Information from family and friends 7. Other (Specify: _____)

Question 41: Have you ever used any of the aid systems from A-H below? Also, are you aware they exist? (Circle 1 answer each for A–H)

		I have used this before	I know it exists, but have never used it	I did not know this system existed
A. Child Cafeteria	→	1	2	3
B. After school children's club	→	1	2	3
C. Supplementary learning at school (learning assistance)	→	1	2	3
D. Learning assistance at a Kid's Club	→	1	2	3
E. Learning assistance from another source	→	1	2	3
F. Short-period childcare support (short stay)	→	1	2	3
G. Family Support Center	→	1	2	3
H. Childcare Generation Comprehensive Support Center	→	1	2	3

<Aid explanations>

A. Child Cafeteria	Places where private organizations offer free or inexpensive meals with the goal of helping feed and providing a stable environment for children.
B. After school children's club	Places to play freely, do homework, and other activities under the watch of community adults at school playgrounds and child activity centers after school and on summer break, etc.
D. Kid's Club	A group organized locally with the goal of healthy growth and maturation for children. These are places that conduct activities such as recreation, sports, cultural activities, learning, and community service under the watch of guardians and child caregivers.
E. Learning assistance from other source	Places where community adults read books aloud and teach children outside of the school. The names differ from community to community, including names such as Saturday School, Temple School, Learning Support School.
F. Short-period childcare support (short stay)	A system for taking care of children at a child welfare facility when a parent has temporary difficulty caring for their child due to reasons such as being hospitalized, giving birth, caretaking, or job responsibilities.
G. Family Support Center	A service in which people who want help with child raising (User Members) and people who want to help with child raising (Service Members) register. That assistance allows families to maintain jobs while raising children and supports households raising children so that they can live in comfort.
H. Childcare Generation Comprehensive Support Center	Places where parents can talk with people like public health nurses and receive advice and health guidance from pregnancy through the child raising stage.

Question 42: If the following places were available, would you want to use them?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–F)

		I would want to use this	I would not want to use this	I am not sure
A.	A place (other than your house) your child could be on weekdays after school until night time →	1	2	3
B.	A place (other than your house) your child could be on days off →	1	2	3
C.	A place (other than your house) where your child could eat dinner with other people →	1	2	3
D.	A place (other than your house) where your child could study →	1	2	3
E.	A place where people like university students and community members would teach your child academic subjects free of charge →	1	2	3
F.	A place (other than school) where your child could seek advice or talk about anything →	1	2	3

Question 43: Have you ever sought advice at any of the following places when facing a problem? Also, do you know about the consultation services available at these sources?

(Circle 1 answer each for A–H)

		I have sought advice	I know of this, but have never sought advice	I did not know help was available
A.	Consultation services at your prefectural or municipal office →	1	2	3
B.	School, daycare, or preschool teacher, school counselor, etc. →	1	2	3
C.	Social worker / children's social worker →	1	2	3
D.	Healthcare center →	1	2	3
E.	Hello Work (job finding service) →	1	2	3
F.	Child consultation center →	1	2	3
G.	A public institution other than the above →	1	2	3
H.	Social welfare council →	1	2	3

Question 44: What kind of support would you like to have now or in the future for our child?

(Circle any answers that apply)

1. A place or service that takes care of children when the guardian is not home
2. A place to live with inexpensive rent
3. Financial aid for living and school such as benefits and loans
4. A place to talk and consult about anything regarding life path and daily living
5. Opportunities for a wide array of activities such as experiences with nature and group play
6. A place for children in the community
7. Support for fundamental learning such as reading, writing, and calculating
8. Opportunities to experience society, such as visits to workplaces
9. Job assistance to help find work
10. A place that serves food to children only, free of charge or for an inexpensive fee
11. Learning assistance to go on to higher education and acquire certifications
12. Other (Specify: _____)
13. I do not feel the need for any specific form of support
14. I do not know

Question 45: What do you currently need? What is assistance you feel is important?

(Circle any answers that apply)

1. The ability to talk and consult about worries and problems concerning my child and daily life
2. The opportunity to interact with people who share the same kinds of concerns and problems
3. Receiving help from people in the community
4. The opportunity to receive advice on specialist topics such as divorce and childcare expenses
5. The opportunity to receive advice on specialist topics such as family illness and disability
6. Being able to receive support for finding a residence or reducing residence expenses
7. Being able to receive temporary care for your child if you become ill, give birth, have an accident, etc.
8. Being able to decrease expenses for your child's schooling or advancing to higher education
9. Being able to easily borrow necessary funds temporarily
10. Being able to seek advice and receive information about job finding and career changes
11. Other (Specify: _____)
12. I do not feel the need for any specific form of support
13. I do not know

Question 46: If you have any concerns or problems you are facing currently, write about them below.

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You have answered all of the questions. Thank you very much.