

# American and Japanese University Students' Views of Having Children

My name is Josh Baldwin, and I am a graduating senior at California State University Monterey Bay. For my graduating research I am conducting a survey on what university age Americans and Japanese students think about having children. I appreciate you for taking the time to complete my survey. Your responses will be strictly confidential.

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1. **1. Gender \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Male
- Female
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **2. Age \***

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **3. Religious Affiliation \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Baptist
- Jehovah's Witness
- LDS (Mormon)
- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Muslim
- None
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **4. Year in College \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. 5. What is your relationship status? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- single
- in a relationship
- in serious relationship (living together)
- in serious relationship (not living together)
- engaged
- married
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Question #1: What are the views on having children among university students?**

**6. 6. What does the "ideal family" look like to you? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- working father with stay at home mom
- working mother with stay at home dad
- two working parent household
- married couple with no kids
- single parent
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. 7. How do you feel about young parents (teens to mid-20s)? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- supportive
- slightly support
- neutral
- slightly unsupportive
- unsupportive

**8. 8. Do you want to have children? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- definitely want children
- someday want children
- not decided
- not likely to have children
- absolutely not

**9. 9. How many children do you want?**

if answered "not likely to have children" or "absolutely not" skip to #11

Mark only one oval.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. 10. If children are desired, what would be your ideal age to start having children?**

Mark only one oval.

- 20-25
- 26-30
- 31-35
- 35+
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. 11. How often have you seriously thought about having children? \***

Mark only one oval.

- constantly on my mind
- occasionally think about it
- have thought about it once or twice
- have never thought about it
- refuse to think about it

**12. 12. How important is it for you to have children after being married? \***

Mark only one oval per row.

	great importance	important	little importance	not very important	no importance	not sure
importance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. 13. List in order from highest priority to lowest (CURRENT priorities): \***

1: highest 4: lowest

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4
School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marriage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. **14. List in order from highest priority to lowest (priorities AFTER GRADUATION): \***

1: highest 4: lowest

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3	4
Work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marraige	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Research Question #2: What outside influences affect opinions of children having among Japanese and American university students?**

15. **15. How do you feel having children would affect your future plans? \***

Mark only one oval.

- great positive effect
- slight positive effect
- no effect
- slight negative effect
- great negative effect

16. **16a. Do you feel pressured to have a family? \***

Mark only one oval.

- greatly pressured
- slightly pressured
- no pressure at all

17. **16b. If pressure is present what sort of affect does it have?**

Mark only one oval.

- pressure present has positive effect
- pressure present has a negative effect
- no effect

18. **17. What factors have an influence on your views of having children? \***

Mark only one oval per row.

	very influential	somewhat influential	neutral	not very influential	not influential
a. Family (parents) influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Social norms influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Religion's influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Friend's influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Economic status' influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Partner's influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Cost of living's influence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. The influence thinking about who will take care of you when you are older	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. **18. Would incentives from the government affect your desire to have children? \***

Mark only one oval.

- very influential
- somewhat influential
- neutral
- not very influential
- not influential

20. **19. How much money would the government have to provide you for you to decide to have a child? \***

money given per month for first child until age 15

Mark only one oval.

- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Don't need incentive to have children
- Won't have children no matter the incentive
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

21. **20. Would more affordable State run daycare affect your desire to have children?**

Mark only one oval.

- very influential
- somewhat influential
- neutral
- not very influential
- not influential

**22. If you have any comments about the survey please put them in the box below**

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