

(Opinions Regarding Births)

Regarding the number of desired children and the actual number of children, in each country (Japan, Korea, USA, France and Sweden), the actual current number of children is 1.1 to 1.4 people (average), and the desired number of children is 2.2 to 2.4 people (average), there is no great difference among the countries.

However, regarding the desire to increase the number of children, it is different from country to country, and in Japan 42.8% answered that 'they would like to increase the number of children until they reach the desired number', and 47.5% answered that 'they would not like or cannot increase the number of children more than the current number'.

As the reason for that for both Japanese men and women the most common answer was: 'Because child-rearing and education requires too much money', with 45% for men and 40% for women. The next most common reason was: 'I do not want to have more children due to old age' (26.8% for men and 35.1% for women). In addition, people who answered: 'The environment for raising children and working at the same time is not good' has increased to 26.3% among women.

Figure 1-2-10: the number of children you 'want to have' and 'have'

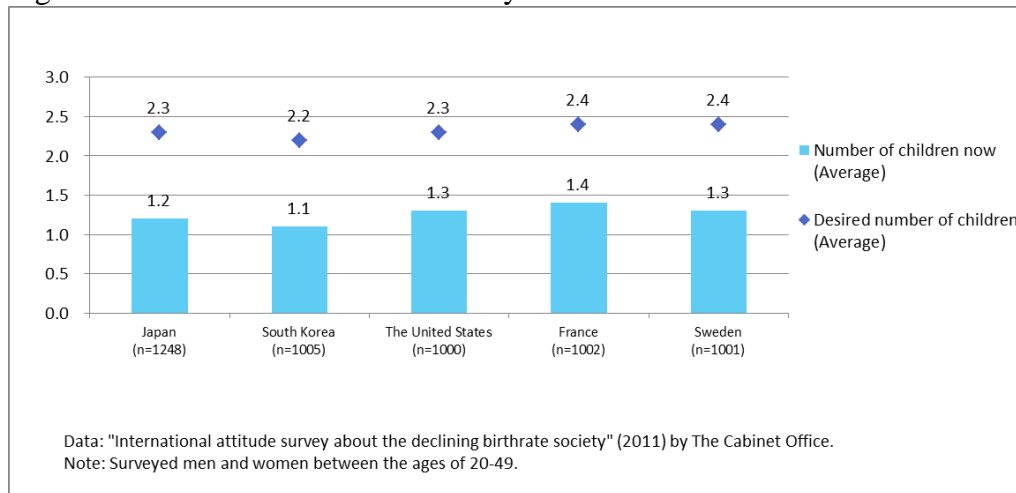


Figure 1-2-11: Will you have children to the number of children you want to have?

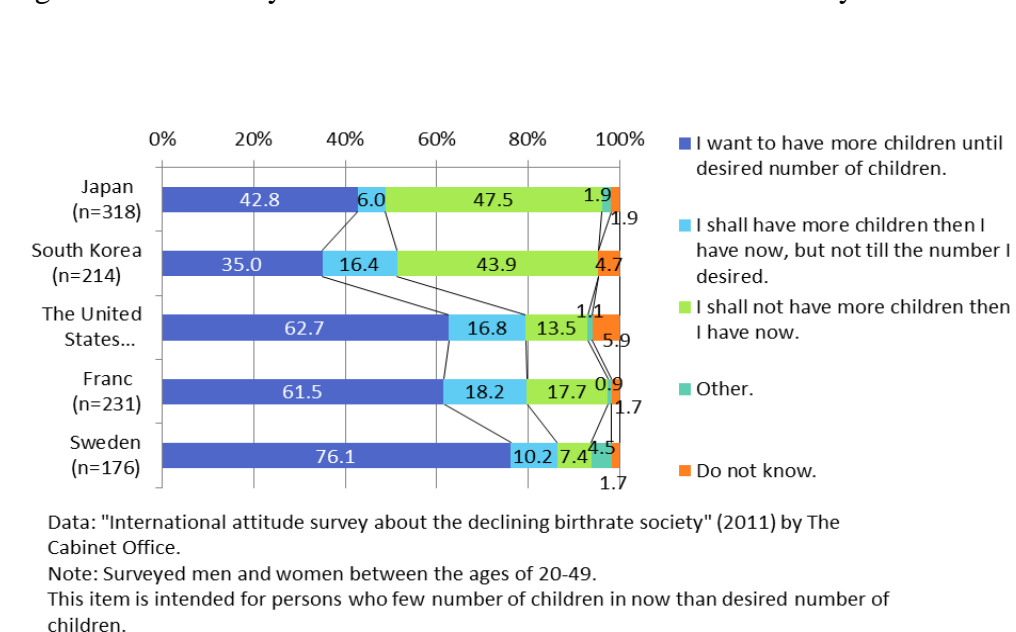
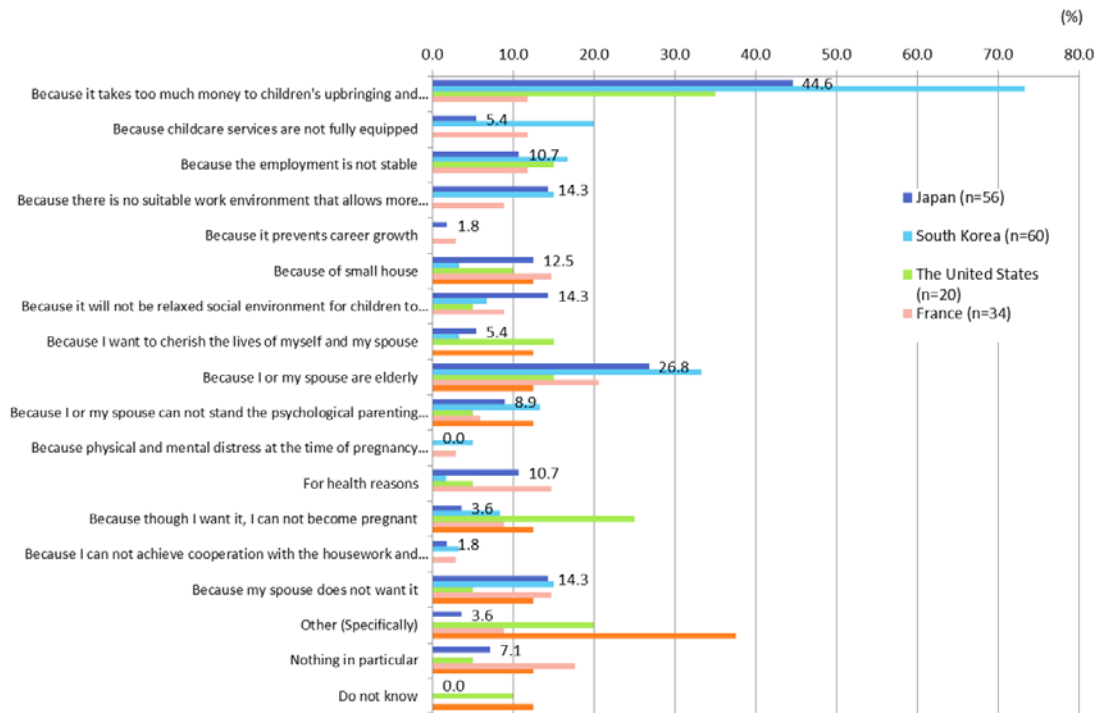


Figure 1-2-12: The reason you do not have more children or cannot do. (Men)

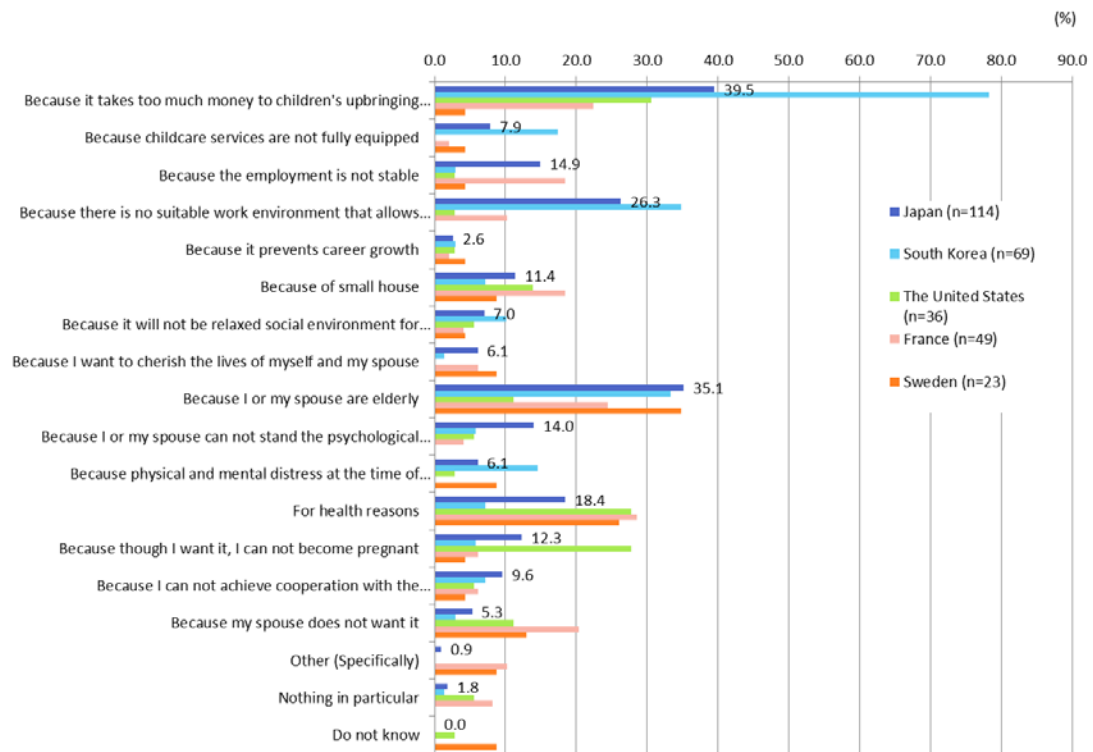


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Figure 1-2-12: The reason you do not have more children or cannot do. (Women)



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