

The Summary Result of 2017 Social Survey (Welfare, Social Participation, Culture & leisure, Incom & Consumption, Labor)

I . Welfare

1. Change in Living Conditions

- 41.1 percent of Koreans aged 19 or more thought overall living conditions got better compared to three years ago.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Overall Living Conditions			Medical Care Service			Social Security System			Culture or Leisure Life		
		Better	No change	Worse	Better	No change	Worse	Better	No change	Worse	Better	No change	Worse
2015	100.0	38.8	46.0	15.3	52.7	42.4	4.9	48.5	42.5	9.0	43.9	45.9	10.2
2017	100.0	41.1	45.8	13.0	51.9	43.9	4.2	45.9	47.1	7.0	43.9	46.1	10.0

2. Welfare Services Requiring Expansion

- 33.9 percent of Koreans thought 「Employment support services」 should be expanded in the future.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Employment support services	Income support services	Housing-related services	Safety-related services	Medical and health care services	Child care and education-related services	Leisure and culture services	Other
2015	100.0	33.5	15.5	9.4	9.6	19.4	7.4	5.1	0.1
2017	100.0	33.9	16.5	10.3	8.0	19.5	7.4	4.3	0.1

3. Contact with Disabled Persons and Contact Persons

- 21.4 percent of Koreans maintained continuous relationships with disabled persons through meeting in person or sending messages online.

【 Contact with Disabled Persons and Contact Persons 】

(Unit: %)

	Total	Contacted	Subtotal							Didn't contact
				Family	Friend or Neighbor	Relative	Coworker	Society	Other	
2017	100.0	21.4	100.0	52.4	21.7	14.4	6.6	3.8	1.1	78.6

4. Preparation for the Retirement

- More and more Koreans aged 19 or more were preparing for retirement. As for the methods to prepare for the old age, the national pension marked the highest share.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Preparing (having prepared)	Sub total	National pension	Other public pensions	Private pensions	Retirement allowances	Bank deposit, installment savings or savings insurance	Real estate	Other ¹⁾
2015	100.0	65.3	100.0	50.5	8.1	11.4	3.5	21.1	4.9	0.6
2017	100.0	65.4	100.0	53.3	8.8	9.8	3.5	18.8	5.4	0.3

1) Includes 'Stocks, bonds, etc.'

5. Making Ends Meet

- As for the method to make ends meet of the elderly aged 60 or more, 'Myself or spouse' occupied the highest share, which was followed by 'Support from children or relatives' and 'Assistance from the government or social organizations'.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Myself or spouse	Sub total	Wages, salary or business income	Income from assets	Pension and retirement allowances	Bank deposit (installment savings)	Support from children or relatives	Assistance from the government or social organizations	Other
2015	100.0	66.6	100.0	54.4	11.7	27.6	6.3	23.0	10.4	0.1
2017	100.0	69.9	100.0	54.2	10.3	28.1	7.3	20.2	9.9	-

II. Social participation

1. Social Networks

- Eight out of ten Koreans said that they could ask for help from their acquaintance when they couldn't do household chores because of illness or when they needed a person to talk with because of depression.
- As Koreans grew older, the percentage of Koreans who could get help from their acquaintance decreased. As Koreans grew older, the number of acquaintances from whom Koreans could get help decreased.

(Unit: %, persons)

	Total	When asking for doing household chores because of illness ¹⁾		When borrowing a large sum of money		When needing a person to talk with because of depression	
		There's a person	Number of persons	There's a person	Number of persons	There's a person	Number of persons
2015	100.0	76.8	2.2	50.1	2.4	82.4	2.9
2017	100.0	78.4	2.4	51.9	2.3	83.6	3.1
13~18 years	100.0	-	-	59.6	3.1	88.8	4.4
19~29 years	100.0	84.7	2.8	65.2	2.8	89.1	4.0
30~39 years	100.0	82.0	2.4	62.9	2.2	88.8	3.2
40~49 years	100.0	77.7	2.3	53.9	2.2	84.9	2.9
50~59 years	100.0	74.8	2.3	43.9	2.1	80.7	2.8
60 years old and over	100.0	74.8	2.1	37.1	2.0	75.6	2.4

Note 1) More than 19 years of age surveyed

2. Cash Donator (Contributor)

- The population that made cash donation decreased compared to 2015. The largest share of Koreans donated to fundraising organizations, followed by a media channel and religious organizations.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Cash donation population ¹⁾	Method of donations					
			To a person or organization directly	Through a media channel	To a fundraising organization	To a religious organization	In the work-place	Other
2015	100.0	27.4	15.4	8.1	56.3	23.4	14.1	2.7
2017	100.0	24.3	15.3	4.6	61.0	20.9	11.3	2.4
Males	100.0	29.1	16.4	3.6	60.4	18.2	14.2	2.1
Females	100.0	25.8	14.2	5.5	61.6	23.6	8.5	2.7

Note 1) Percentage of people who donated in cash for the past year

3. Voluntary Service

- The voluntary service participation rate marked 17.8 percent in 2017, which recorded a some decrease from 2015.
- The largest share of volunteers (54.5 percent) did voluntary service in the field related to 'Children, Teenagers, Elderly, Handicapped or Prisoners'.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Voluntary service participant ¹⁾	Type of service					
			Children, teenagers, elderly, handicapped or prisoners	Environment protection or crime prevention	Child education	National & regional event	Aid for a disaster area	Other services for general public
2015	100.0	18.2	58.2	19.4	7.8	8.0	4.1	17.6
2017	100.0	17.8	54.5	18.5	9.1	8.8	3.9	20.5
Males	100.0	16.8	52.8	21.8	3.4	9.3	5.4	22.7
Females	100.0	18.8	56.0	15.6	14.2	8.2	2.5	18.6

Note 1) Percentage of people who participated in voluntary service for the past year

4. Class Awareness

- The percentage of Koreans 19 years old and over who thought they belonged to the lower socio-economic class considering their income, occupation, education and property decreased compared to 2015.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Upper	Upper		Middle	Lower		Lower	Lower	
			Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower
2015	100.0	2.2	0.4	1.7	56.5	19.1	37.5	41.3	24.7	16.6
2017	100.0	2.7	0.7	1.9	57.6	21.1	36.5	39.7	23.9	15.8

5. Class Mobility

- 22.7 percent of Koreans aged 19 or more thought that the possibility of raising their socioeconomic status was high. Meanwhile, 29.5 percent of Koreans aged 19 or more thought that the possibility of raising their next generation's socioeconomic status was high.

【 Intra-generational Class Mobility 】

(Unit: %)

	Total	Easy			Difficult			I don't know
		Very	Relatively	Very	Relatively	Very		
2015	100.0	21.5	1.8	19.7	63.0	42.6	20.4	15.5
2017	100.0	22.7	2.3	20.4	65.0	44.5	20.5	12.3

【 Inter-generational Class Mobility 】

(Unit: %)

	Total	Easy			Difficult			I don't know
		Very	Relatively	Very	Relatively	Very		
2015	100.0	30.0	3.1	27.0	51.4	35.9	15.5	18.6
2017	100.0	29.5	3.0	26.5	55.0	38.8	16.2	15.5

III. Culture & Leisure

1. Reading Books

- 54.9 percent of Koreans aged 13 or more had read books for the past year. As Koreans grew older, the less percentage of them read books. As they grew older, they read fewer books.

(Unit: %, volumes)

	Total	Reading population						Average number of volumes
		Magazines	Cultural books	Professional books	Life, hobby, and information books	Other		
2015	100.0	56.2	36.5	66.2	36.1	28.6	19.9	16.5
2017	100.0	54.9	32.7	66.8	36.4	26.8	21.8	17.3
13~19 years	100.0	73.8	23.2	76.3	19.7	16.7	45.5	21.3
20~29 years	100.0	70.4	32.9	67.1	46.7	24.7	32.6	20.6
30~39 years	100.0	67.9	32.7	60.0	44.4	39.1	26.0	18.3
40~49 years	100.0	63.3	35.2	65.8	41.9	27.9	16.0	18.4
50~59 years	100.0	47.8	36.7	66.4	34.2	24.9	7.8	12.5
60 years old and over	100.0	27.4	32.3	71.4	14.9	18.6	2.9	10.9

2. Visiting Cultural Facilities and Sporting Events or Venues

- 66.5 percent of Koreans had visited cultural facilities and sports events for the past year, recording a decrease compared to 2015.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Spectating	Other						
			Music or concert	Play or musical	Dance performance	Movie	Museum	Art gallery	Sports
2015	100.0	66.8	20.6	22.4	1.8	88.1	26.6	19.1	21.1
2017	100.0	66.5	20.8	22.6	1.9	88.4	25.1	20.3	25.2

3. Use of Recreational Facilities

- More and more Koreans used leisure facilities such as 'Golf course', 'Resort in forest' and 'Water park'.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Use of leisure facilities									
		Tourist attraction	Hot spring resort or spa	Golf course	Ski resort	Bathing resort	Resort in forest	Amusement park	Water park	Other	
2015	100.0	73.4	73.0	31.0	5.9	10.7	30.7	30.9	31.6	25.5	0.4
2017	100.0	75.3	75.0	31.8	6.7	14.7	33.5	30.3	31.1	27.1	0.4

4. Types of Leisure Activities

- As for leisure activities on weekends or non-work days, 69.4 percent of Koreans aged 13 and over watched TV or DVD. As for leisure activities that Koreans aged 13 and over wanted to do, 71.5 of them wanted to travel.

(Unit: %)

2017	Total	Watch TV or DVD	Visit art/ cultural facilities	Participate in cultural and artistic events	Watch sporting events	Play sports
Leisure Activities on Weekends or Non-work Days	100.0	69.4	21.3	2.6	5.2	15.4
Leisure Activities that Koreans Wanted to do	100.0	15.8	38.5	9.6	10.2	24.9

2017	Travel	Computer games or Internet surfing	Hobby or self-development activities	Rest	Social or other activities	Other
Leisure Activities on Weekends or Non-work Days	19.2	26.9	17.6	64.9	12.8	0.5
Leisure Activities that Koreans Wanted to do	71.5	7.8	46.4	24.0	20.6	0.2

IV. Income & Consumption

1. The Financial Condition of Households in the Next year

- 26.5 percent of household heads aged 19 or more thought that their household finances would improve in the next year.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Improve			Remain the same	Get worse		
		Sub total	Greatly	Slightly		Slightly	Greatly	
2015	100.0	22.8	1.6	21.2	56.6	20.6	17.3	3.3
2017	100.0	26.5	2.1	24.4	54.0	19.4	16.1	3.3

2. Level of Satisfaction with Income

- Among persons with income, Koreans who were satisfied with their income or those who were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied occupied 54.0 percent. This figure showed an increase compared to 53.7 percent in 2015.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Having income	Sub total	Satisfied			Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied		
				Very	Moderately	Very		Moderately	Very	
2015	100.0	78.5	100.0	11.4	1.6	9.8	42.3	46.3	33.7	12.6
2017	100.0	78.5	100.0	13.3	1.8	11.5	40.7	46.0	32.8	13.2

V. Labor

1. Reason for Job Choice

- When choosing a job, Koreans considered income first, followed by stability. More and more Koreans considered income first when choosing a job.

(Unit: %)

	Total	Honor	Stability	Income	Aptitude or Interest	Self-fulfillment	Potential development in future	Other ¹⁾
2015	100.0	2.6	28.0	38.8	16.7	5.4	5.4	3.2
2017	100.0	2.9	27.1	39.1	17.1	5.4	5.6	2.9

Note 1) Includes no opinion

2. Young People's Desired Future Career

- 25.4 of the population aged 13 to 29 wanted to work for the government, followed by public enterprises (19.9 percent).

(Unit: %)

	Total	Government	Public enterprise	Large enterprise	Venture business	Multi-national corporation	Professional enterprise	Small and medium enterprise	Get a job overseas	Self-employed	Other
2015	100.0	23.7	19.5	18.7	3.1	6.7	8.6	3.0	3.6	11.5	1.7
2017	100.0	25.4	19.9	15.1	2.9	7.3	8.2	3.7	4.5	11.3	1.7
13~18 years	100.0	25.5	14.4	22.8	3.6	6.1	10.6	2.8	3.6	8.1	2.5
19~24 years	100.0	21.9	21.7	17.3	3.8	7.0	8.3	3.5	3.8	11.4	1.1
25~29 years	100.0	23.8	22.5	15.5	1.9	7.0	6.8	2.4	3.3	15.4	1.3