

# 2014 Statistics on the Youth

## Gender differences in lives and awareness

### (Health management)

In 2012, the health care practice rate of male adolescents was higher than that of female ones. In particular, the 'Exercise regularly' practice rate of male adolescents stood at 40.6%, which was 17.0%p higher than that of female ones.

\* Eat breakfast regularly, Get enough sleep (6~8 hours), Exercise regularly, etc.

### (Obesity rate)

In 2013, the obesity rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 15.3%. The obesity rate of male students was 16.7%, which was 2.8%p higher than that of female students. Compared to 2006, the obesity rate of female students increased higher than that of male students.

### (Stress)

In 2012, 69.6% of female adolescents got stress from their 'School life'. This share was 14.4%p higher than that of male ones (55.2%).

### (Opinion on marriage and housework sharing)

In 2012, 62.9% of male adolescents thought that they should marry. 38.1% of male adolescents thought that wives should lead housework, which was 16.5%p higher than female ones.

### (Awareness of gender equality)

In 2013, 91.7% of the youth thought that 'Males and females should be equal in all aspects'. This awareness of female students stood at 95.7%, which was 7.5%p higher than that of male ones (88.2%).

### (Use of mobile phone)

In 2013, out of smart phone users, the largest share of elementary, middle and high school male students (25.2%) played games. The largest share of elementary, middle and high school female students (33.6%) did on-line chatting.

### (Main reason for job choice)

In 2013, when selecting a job, female adolescents considered 'Aptitude & interest' and 'Self-fulfillment' more than male ones. In the meantime, male adolescents considered 'Income' and 'Stability' more than female ones.

## Youth population

### (Youth population)

In 2014, the youth population aged 9 to 24 occupied 19.5% of the total population.

\* In 1978, the share of the youth population recorded a peak at 36.9%. In 2014, this share fell to 19.5%. In 2060, this share dropped to 11.4%.

< Youth population >

(Unit: thousand persons, %)

	Total population	9 to 24 years		0 to 18 years <sup>1)</sup>	
			Percent		Percent
1970	32,241	11,330	35.1	16,419	50.9
1978	36,969	13,647	36.9	16,832	45.5
1990	42,869	13,553	31.6	14,489	33.8
2000	47,008	11,501	24.5	12,904	27.5
2010	49,410	10,465	21.2	10,763	21.8
2014	50,424	9,838	19.5	9,772	19.4
2020	51,435	8,403	16.3	8,659	16.8
2040	51,091	6,894	13.5	7,448	14.6
2060	43,959	5,011	11.4	5,689	12.9

Source: Statistics Korea, 「Population Projections」 Dec. 2011

### (School-going population)

In 2014, the school-going population aged 6 to 21 occupied 18.1% of the total population.

< School-going population >

(Unit: thousand persons, %)

	Total population	6 to 21 years		6 to 11 years		12 to 14 years		15 to 17 years		18 to 21 years	
			Percent	years	Percent	years	Percent	years	Percent	years	Percent
1970	32,241	12,604	39.1	5,711	17.7	2,574	8.0	2,101	6.5	2,218	6.9
1980	38,124	14,401	37.8	5,499	14.4	2,599	6.8	2,671	7.0	3,632	9.5
1990	42,869	13,361	31.2	4,786	11.2	2,317	5.4	2,595	6.1	3,663	8.5
2000	47,008	11,383	24.2	4,073	8.7	1,869	4.0	2,166	4.6	3,275	7.0
2010	49,410	10,012	20.3	3,276	6.6	1,974	4.0	2,090	4.2	2,672	5.4
2014	50,424	9,139	18.1	2,762	5.5	1,696	3.4	1,900	3.8	2,781	5.5
2020	51,435	7,757	15.1	2,719	5.3	1,359	2.6	1,370	2.7	2,308	4.5
2040	51,091	6,698	13.1	2,378	4.7	1,271	2.5	1,298	2.5	1,751	3.4
2060	43,959	4,884	11.1	1,805	4.1	906	2.1	910	2.1	1,264	2.9

Source: Statistics Korea, 「Population Projections」 Dec. 2011

### (Multi-cultural youth)

In 2013, the number of students in multi-cultural families was 55,780 persons, which rose by 18.8% from 2012.

< Multi-cultural youth >

(Unit: person, %)

	Total students (thousand persons)	Multi-cultural students		Elementary school		Middle school		High school	
			Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent
2009	7,447	26,015	0.3	21,466	82.5	3,294	12.7	1,255	4.8
2010	7,236	31,788	0.4	24,701	77.7	5,260	16.5	1,827	5.7
2011	6,987	38,678	0.6	28,667	74.1	7,634	19.7	2,377	6.1
2012	6,732	46,954	0.7	33,792	72.0	9,647	20.5	3,515	7.5
2013	6,529	55,780	0.9	39,430	70.7	11,294	20.2	5,056	9.1

Source: Ministry of Education

## Health of the youth

### □ (Physique)

In 2013, the average height of six-grade male students rose by 2.2cm compared to a decade ago. The average weight of six-grade males students rose by 2.5kg compared to a decade ago.

< Average height by school level >

(Unit: cm)

	Sixth-year students of elementary school		Third-year students of middle school		Third-year students of high school	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
2003	148.7	149.8	167.7	159.3	173.6	161.0
2010	150.2	151.2	168.9	159.6	173.7	160.9
2011	150.4	151.1	168.9	159.5	173.7	161.1
2012	150.6	151.1	168.7	159.3	173.6	160.9
2013	150.9	151.2	169.0	159.5	173.5	160.8
Change from a decade ago	2.2	1.4	1.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2

Source: Ministry of Education

< Average weight by school level >

(Unit: kg)

	Sixth grade students of elementary school		Third-year students of middle school		Third-year students of high school	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
2003	43.8	43.1	60.2	53.3	67.6	55.4
2010	46.1	44.4	61.5	53.2	68.1	55.6
2011	46.0	44.4	61.6	53.6	68.3	56.2
2012	46.2	44.2	61.6	53.7	68.4	56.2
2013	46.3	44.7	62.1	54.2	68.7	56.3
Change from a decade ago	2.5	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.1	0.9

Source: Ministry of Education

**(Smoking and drinking)**

In 2013, the smoking rate of middle and high school students stood at 9.7%. And the drinking rate of middle and high school students stood at 16.3%.

**(Problems to worry)**

In 2013, adolescents aged 13 to 24 were mainly concerned about 'Study' (35.9%), 'Job' (22.1%) and 'Appearance & health' (17.8%).

**Education and labor of the youth**

**(Participation in private education and after-school programs)**

In 2013, the private education participation rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 68.8%. The after-school program participation rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 60.2%.

< Private education participation by school level >

(Unit: %, ten thousand won)

	Total		Elementary school		Middle school		High school <sup>1)</sup>	
	Participation rate	Expenditures <sup>2)</sup>	Participation rate	Expenditures <sup>2)</sup>	Participation rate	Expenditures <sup>2)</sup>	Participation rate	Expenditures <sup>2)</sup>
2011	71.7	24.0	84.6	24.1	71.0	26.2	58.7	25.9
2012	69.4	23.6	80.9	21.9	70.6	27.6	57.6	26.5
2013	68.8	23.9	81.8	23.2	69.5	26.7	55.9	26.2

Source: Statistics Korea, 「Report on Private Education Expenditures Survey」

Note 1) General high school

2) Monthly private education expenditures per student

**(Reading)**

In 2013, 72.2% of elementary, middle and high school students read a book or more.

**(Wage)**

In 2013, the monthly average wages of workers aged 29 or less marked 1,956 thousand won, which increased by 3.1% from 1,897 thousand won in 2012.

< Wage of workers aged 29 or less >

(Unit: thousand won, %)

	Wage			Year-on-year percent change		
	29 or less	24 or less	25 to 29	29 or less	24 or less	25 to 29
2000	978	821	1,077	8.3	8.3	8.1
2005	1,410	1,190	1,532	8.8	7.9	8.3
2006	1,494	1,278	1,590	5.9	7.4	3.8
2007	1,542	1,317	1,632	3.2	3.1	2.6
2008	1,644	1,364	1,741	6.6	3.6	6.7
2009	1,661	1,364	1,757	1.1	0.0	0.9
2010	1,733	1,400	1,841	4.3	2.6	4.8
2011	1,832	1,545	1,942	5.7	10.3	5.4
2012	1,897	1,597	2,017	3.6	3.4	3.9
2013	1,956	1,645	2,087	3.1	3.0	3.5

Source: Ministry of Employment and Labor

**(Reason for quitting the first job)**

As of May 2013, youth graduates or dropouts of final educational attainment aged 15 to 29 quit their first job due to 'Dissatisfaction with working conditions' (45.1%) and 'Personal and family affairs' (18.7%).

## Culture and leisure of the youth

**(Visiting cultural facilities and sporting events or venues)**

In 2013, the share of 'Visiting cultural facilities and sporting events or venues' stood at 87.1% of the youth aged 13 to 24. 'Watching a movie' occupied 90.1% of them.

**(Overseas travel)**

In 2013, 13.3% of the youth aged 13 to 24 travelled overseas, which rose by 2.3%p from 11.0% in 2011.

**(Donation experience)**

In 2013, 25.9% of the youth aged 13 to 24 made donations - mainly in cash (24.1%) rather than in kind (4.0%).

**(Use of Social Networking Service (SNS))**

In 2013, 77.1% of elementary, middle and high school students had an account for SNS, which rose by 17.4%p from 59.7% in 2011.

## Safety and awareness of the youth

**(Use of harmful media)**

In 2012, 45.5% of middle and high school students had experience of 'Adult contents on the computer'. This share was followed by 'Publications for adults (40.0%) and 'Games for adults' (32.3%).

**(Violence victim)**

In 2012, 5.6% of middle and high school students had experience of violence, which dropped by 1.1%p from 6.7% in 2011. 'No specific reason for violence' occupied the largest share for reasons for violence victimization.

**(Child abuse)**

In 2013, the number of child abuses was 6,796 cases. The majority of them were abused by their biological parents.

**(Awareness of human rights)**

In 2013, 76.9% of the youth were ready to help friends in need. 56.3% of them were ready to help people whose human rights were infringed.