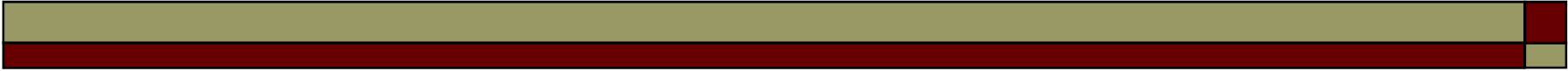


The Survey Concerning Awareness of Aging Issues among Japanese and Japanese American in the New York Area

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The number of the Japanese in “the Greater New York Area”

- According to the Consulate General of Japan
 - 59,298 (as of Oct. 1st, 2005)
 - The largest number within all Japanese Embassies and Consulates

“Greater New York Area”= New York State, New Jersey State, Connecticut State, Pennsylvania State,

The number of Japanese and Japanese Americans in the New York Area

Table 1. The Percentage of the Japanese and Japanese Americans

	Total Population	Japanese and Japanese Americans	Percentage
New York State	18,976,457	45,237	0.24%
New Jersey State	8,414,350	18,830	0.22%
Pennsylvania State	12,281,054	10,436	0.09%
Connecticut State	3,405,565	5,767	0.17%

By Census 2000 Demographic Profile Highlights
(including Japanese, Japanese American, and Japanese with other race)

Aging Population

Table 2. The Percentage of the Japanese and Japanese Americans over 65

	Total Population	Japanese and Japanese Americans	Percentage
New York State	2,448,352	2,430	0.1%
New Jersey State	1,113,136	1,407	0.13%
Pennsylvania State	1,919,165	1,030	0.05%
Connecticut State	470,183	313	0.07%



Why it is important to discuss about aging issues among Japanese and Japanese Americans

- The number of the Japanese Americans
 - Total number is not small, but still small in each area
- Aging population is increasing
 - language, culture, custom
- Aging is a normal process
 - But one should prepare for later life,
e.g. Collecting information about Medicare (which doctors accept Medicare, how much you will pay, etc.)
e.g. How you get food when you can't drive a car



Purpose of the Survey

- To identify demographic trends of Japanese and Japanese Americans, age 50 and older, living in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.
- To explore their levels of awareness of aging issues



Survey Methods

- Survey Sheet (created by the Committee)
- Subjects
 - Japanese and Japanese Americans living in New York areas
 - Sent the survey sheets based on the information from the Consulate General of Japan in New York and the other community/ religious groups
- Distributions/ Collections
 - Distributions: 8,196 (1,517 were returned) → 6,679
 - Collections: 2,026 (02. 23, '06) → Rate of Return 30.3%



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Results

Age and Gender

Survey Respondents

1,882 out of 2,026

Eliminated:

- * 113 people who were under 49.
- * 19 people who did not specify age
- * 12 people who did not specify gender

Age and Gender

50-64: 1,161

over 65: 721

Male: 741

Female: 1,141名

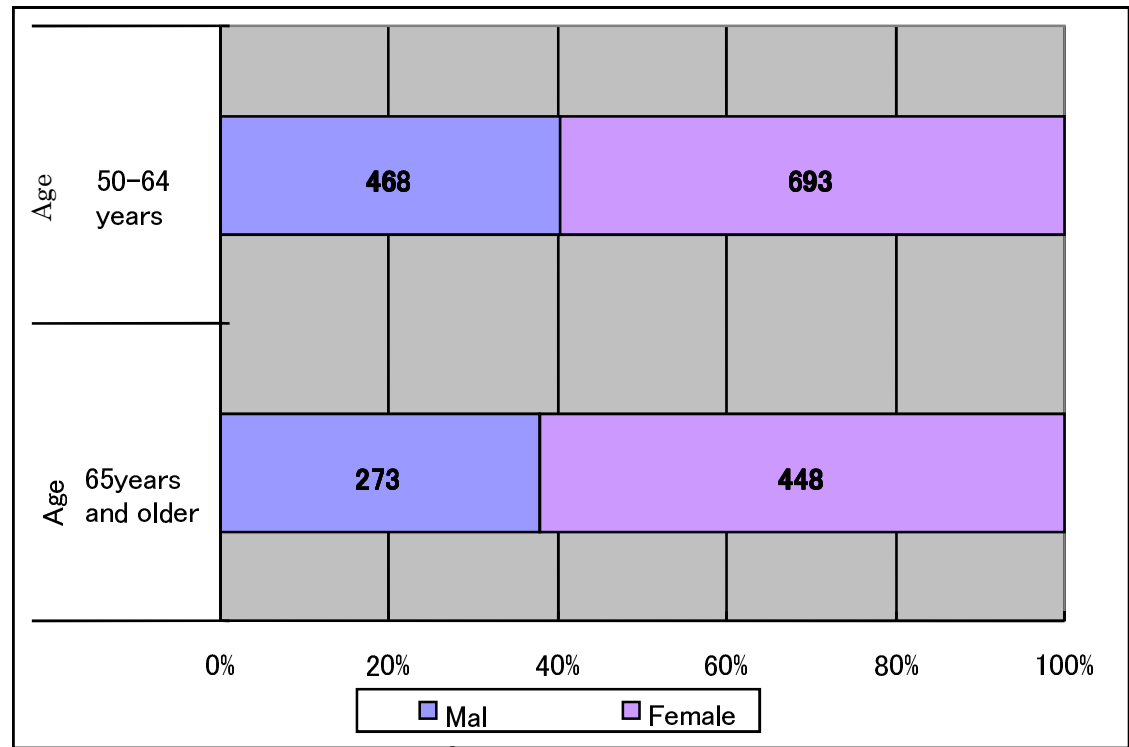


Fig. 1 Age and Gender Groups

Area of Residence

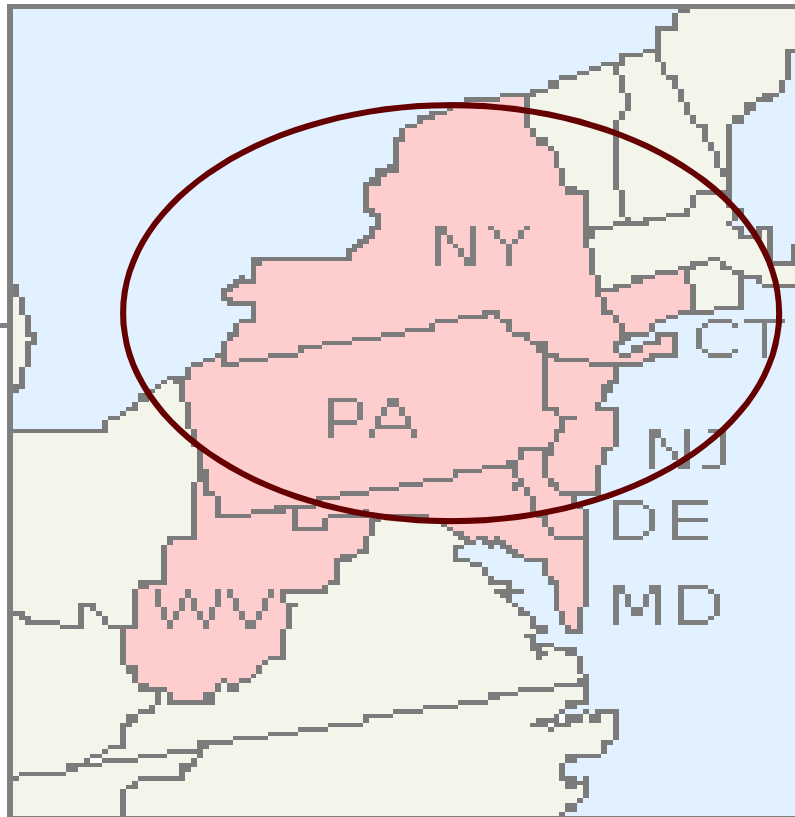


Table. 3 Area of Residence

Area	numbers	%
New York City	777	41.2%
Long Island	135	7.2%
Westchester	186	9.9%
Other New York State	131	7.0%
Northern part of NJ	339	18%
Central Part of NJ	91	4.8%
Pennsylvania	89	4.7%
Connecticut	45	2.4%
N/A	89	4.7%
Total	1,882	100.0%

Status in the United States

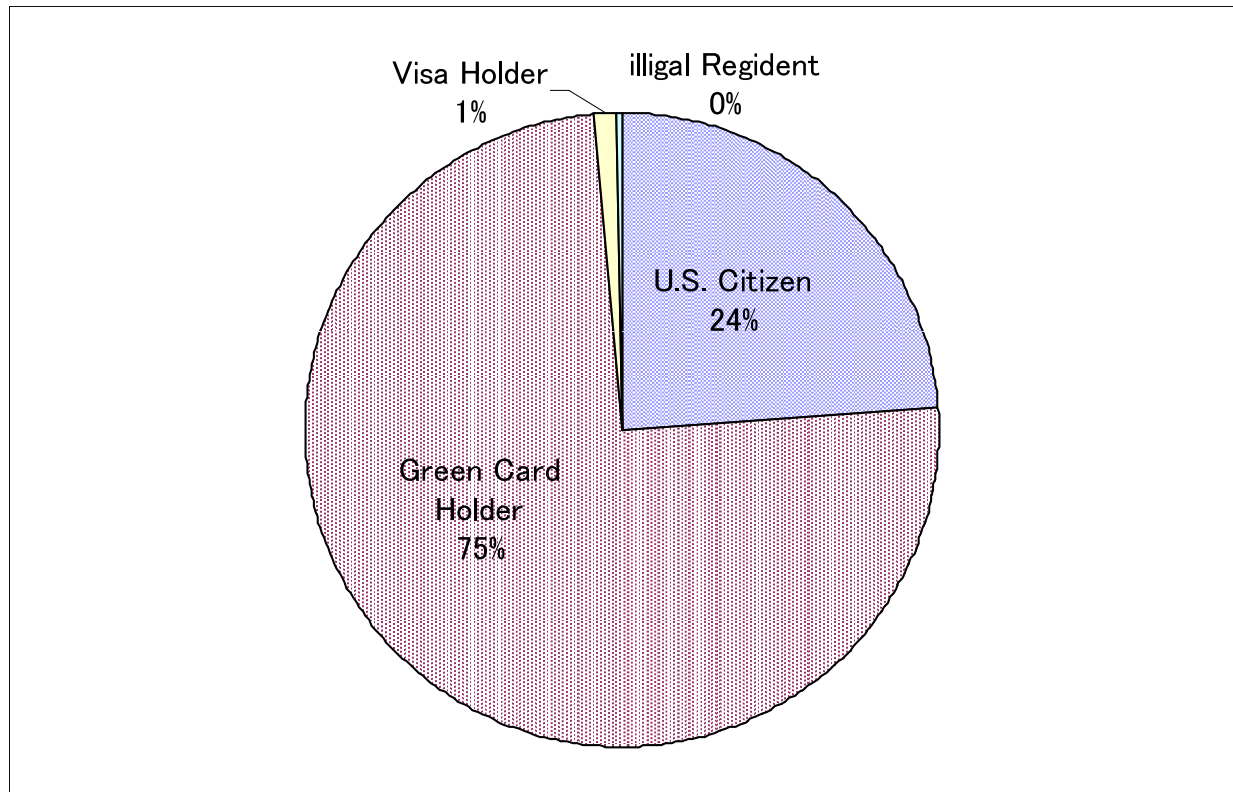


Fig. 2 Status in the U.S.



Educational Background and Language Preference

□ Educational Background

- Less than High School, Some High School: 5.3%
- High School, Some Vocational/Technical College: 41.6%
- College, Graduate School: 52.2%

□ Language Preference

- English: 10.1%
- Japanese: 50.4%
- Japanese and English: 39.5%

Marital Status and Area Difference

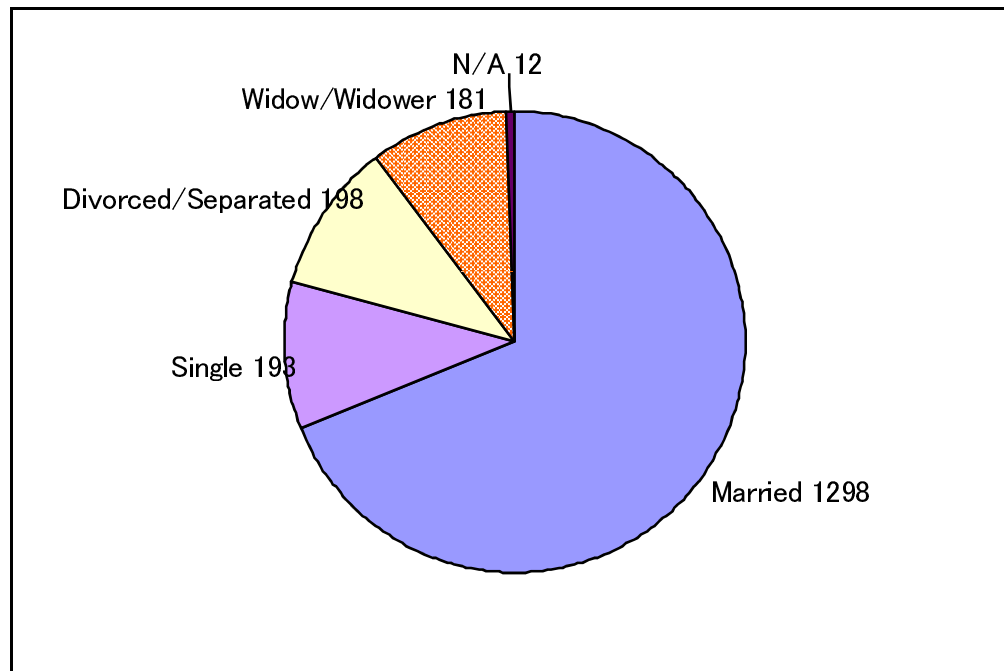


Fig. 3 Marital Status

- High Rate of Singles
New York City (45.5%)
- High Rate of Divorce
New York City (16%)
- High Rate of Widowhood
Long Island
Central Area of NJ
Connecticut

Housing and Living Arrangement

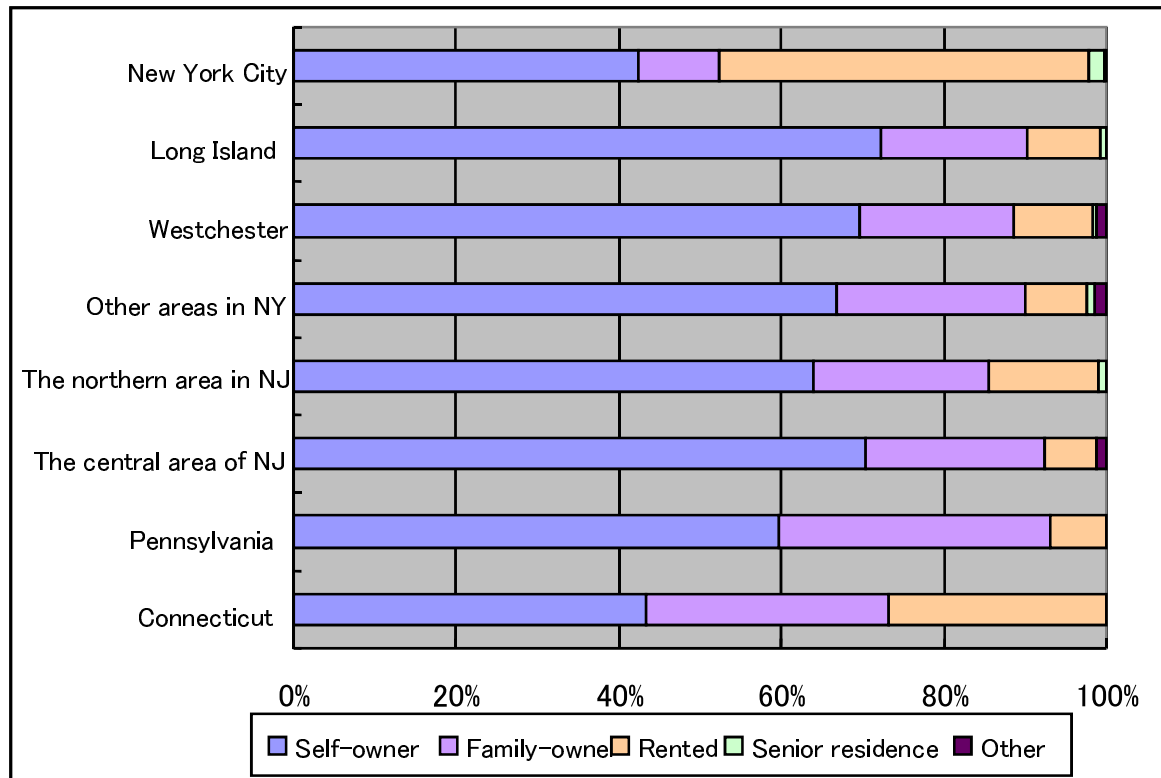


Fig. 4 Housing

Living Arrangement

Living Alone : 25.3%

* New York City : 40%

 Live with Someone :
 74.5%

* Spouse/ Partner :
 61.7%

* Spouse/ Partner +
 Child(ren) : 26.5%

* Child(ren) : 7.2%



Sources of Income

Table 4. Sources of Income (multiple answers allowed)

	Number of People	Percentage (per 1,882)
Employment Wages	1,113	59.1%
Spouse's Income	501	26.6%
Social Security	979	52%
Japanese Pension	210	11.2%
Others	427	22.7%

Health Insurance

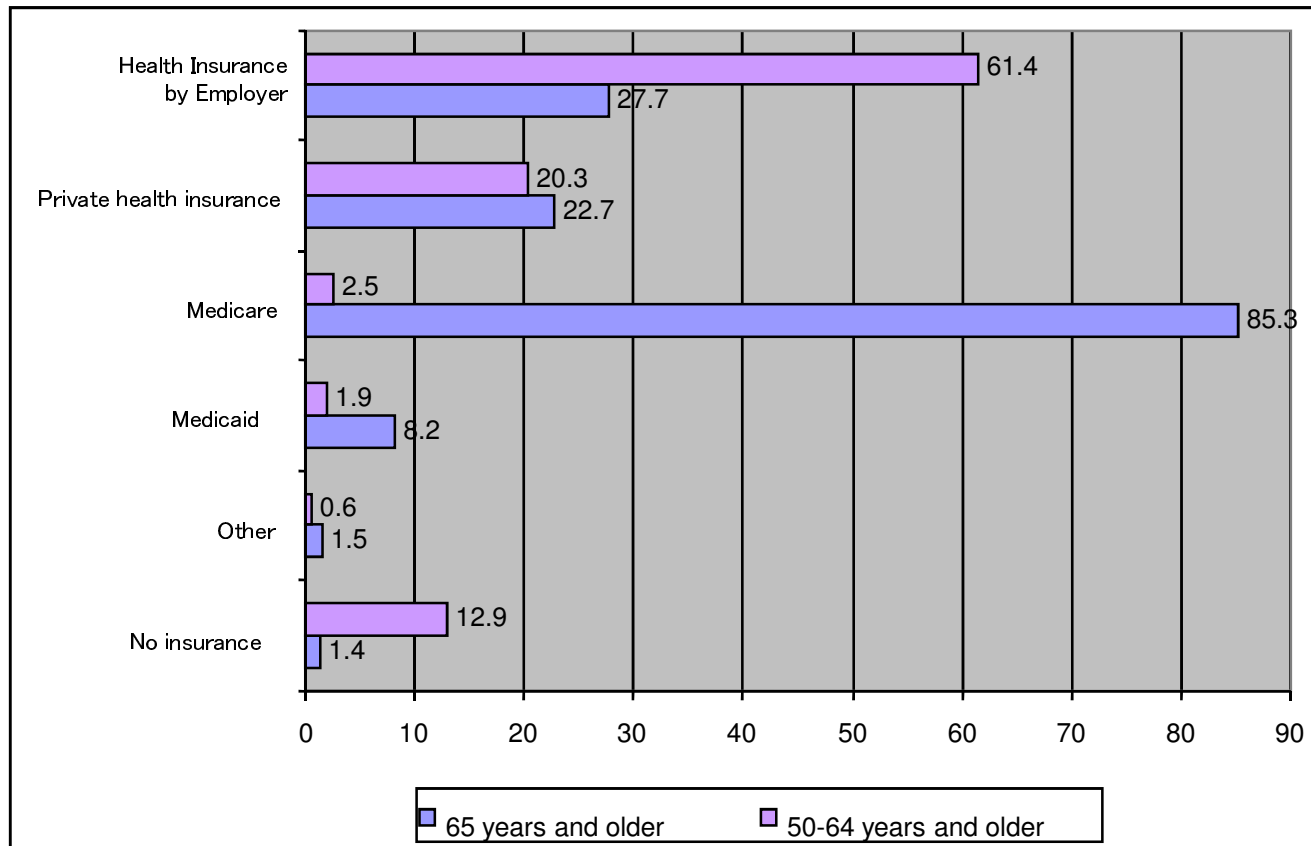


Fig. 5 Health Insurance

Current and Future Concerns

Table. 5 Major Concerns (Multiple answers allowed)

	Number of people	Ratio (per1,882)
Legal Matters (Wills and Transfer of Assets)	412	21.9 %
Legal Matters related to health care (Health Care Proxy)	386	20.6%
Permanent Physical Disability	359	19.1%
Chronic Illness	378	20.1%
Dementia (Alzheimer's, senility, etc.)	509	27.0%
Inability to Care for Self	1,142	60.7%
Whether Family Members will Take Care of Him/Her	168	8.9%
Housing and Residence	292	15.5%
Financial Resources (i.e. rent and medical expenses etc.)	649	34.5%
Other	53	2.8%

Preparation for Future Aging Needs

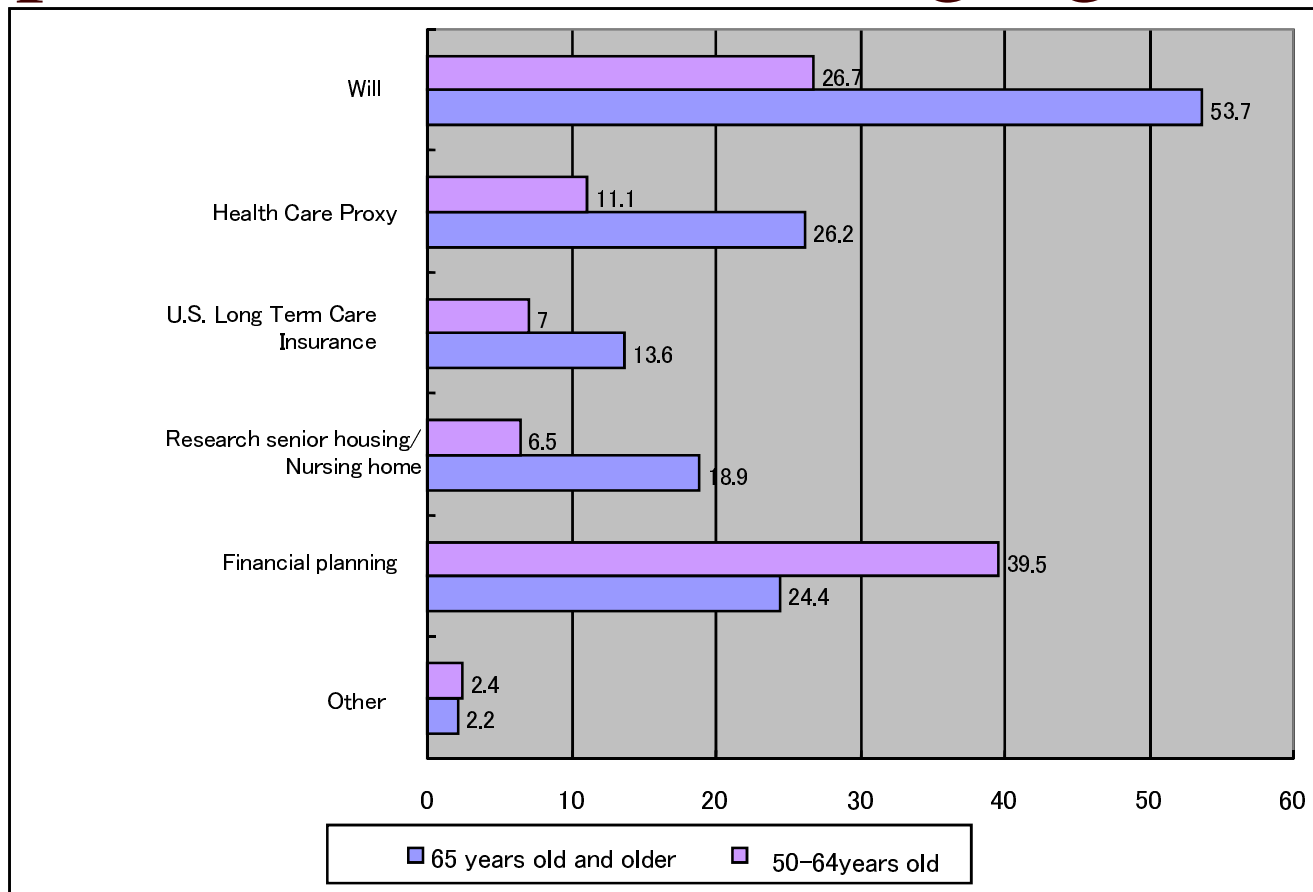


Fig. 6 Age Difference in Preparation for Future Needs (Ratio)

If You Become Unable to Care for Yourself, How Would You Like to Be Cared For?

Table 6. How Would You Like to Do?

	Number of people	Ratio (per 1,882)
Stay at home being cared for by family member(s) and/or by using homecare services	1,079	57.3%
Go to a nursing facility that is Japanese specific	462	24.5%
Go to any nursing facility	177	9.4%
Other	88	4.7%
N/A	76	4.0%
Total	1,882	100.0%

Planning to Return to Japan

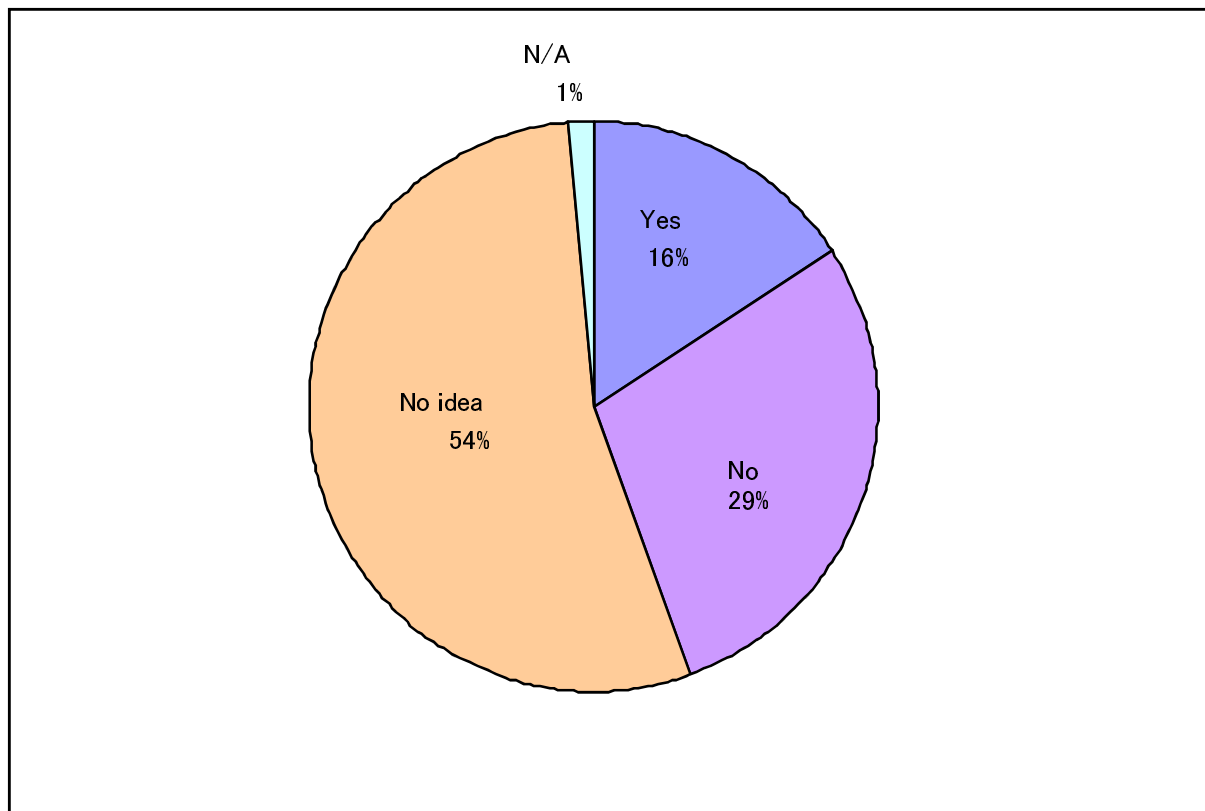


Fig. 7 Planning to Return to Japan



Discussions

- Difference in the City and Suburbs
- Health Insurance for People Age 50-64
- Requests of Home Health Care and Nursing Home
- Japanese Citizenship
 - Pensions, Health Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance



Important Aspects (What the Committee Should Do Next)

- Education regarding Aging Issues
- Needs Survey