

2021 Survey of Japanese Language Education

The understanding and tolerance for diverse cultures nurtured through the study of foreign languages and cultures are now more important than ever. Japanese language education also serves a critical role in connecting Japan with the rest of the world. We would like to express our profound respect for the instructors and related persons active in Japanese-language educational organisations throughout the world, who have undertaken this vital activity.

The Japan Foundation conducts a survey of Japanese-language educational organisations once every three years. The 2021 survey is a continuation of the previous survey conducted in 2018, and we are contacting your organisation to request your kind cooperation.

In the previous survey, we confirmed that 3.85 million people are studying the Japanese language at 19,000 organizations in 142 countries and regions around the world. Comparing the results from 1979 survey, for which The Japan Foundation consistently used the same survey method, we can see that the number of organizations providing Japanese language education has increased 16 times, and the number of students studying Japanese has grown 30 times.

In addition to publicising a survey report in Japanese and English based on the 2021 survey in the same manner as the 2018 survey, we will also publicise the information of organisations conducting Japanese-language education in a database on The Japan Foundation website to disseminate the survey results widely throughout society. There is no other globally conducted survey of a similar nature, and the results of this survey are used in the activities of researchers, international exchange organisations, and Japanese-language educational organisations throughout the world. We also hope that the results of this survey can be utilized in the educational activities of all the organisations participating in the survey.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this survey, please contact the local survey implementing organisation or The Japan Foundation, Japanese-Language Department, Planning and Coordination Section Survey Team (kikan@jpf.go.jp). In order for a greater number of people to gain an understanding of the state of Japanese-language education, and for the results of our survey to reflect the most up-to-date information with as many organisations as possible, we sincerely request your kind cooperation.

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About this survey

1. Who should respond to this survey

The purpose of the survey is to understand the current state of Japanese-language education now and to contribute to its future development. If your organisation teaches Japanese as a foreign language, please respond to this survey.

If one of the following cases applies to your institution, do not proceed with the survey:

- i) Your organisation does not physically exist.
- ii) Your organisation is a Japanese school teaching the children of Japanese nationals currently living overseas
- iii) You are a broadcasting station or a website providing Japanese-language education for an unspecified large number of people.
- iv) You only offer a one-off activity to give your students an experience of Japanese language.

* Organisations teaching Japanese as a foreign language to children of Japanese descent/children with Japanese heritage in all countries should respond to this survey. (Excluding supplementary schools approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

If your school/organisation is not eligible to fill this survey based on the description above, please tick the box on the left below. In a case where Japanese is not currently being taught at your school/organisation, but it has been taught in the past and/or may be taught again in the future, please check the box on the right below. Then please return the form or contact the survey provider.

My school/organisation is not subject to this survey

Japanese language program is temporarily suspended at my school/organisation

2. About this survey

(1) In this survey you are required to provide information, such as the number of students in each educational stage (level), so please confirm the stages of Japanese education in your organisation.

The definitions of educational stages used in this survey are provided below.

If your organisation offers more than one of these stages, please provide answers for the respective stages offered.

* * The categories in Australia are defined as below.

Primary Education

Secondary Education

Higher Education

Other Education

(2) The name of your organisation and other basic information will be publicised in our internet database after completing the survey.

<https://jpsurvey.net/jfsearch/do/lang/jpn/index> (Japanese)

<https://jpsurvey.net/jfsearch/do/lang/eng/index> (English)

Numerical data such as the number of students or teachers per organisation will not be publicised in the database.

Only aggregated data will be published.

Please note that data that is to be publicised will be indicated with "(Public)" next to the applicable survey question.

(3) In principle, one institution fills out one survey form. However, for example, if you work in a large organisation and do not have information from other departments, faculties or campus, then provide information related only to your own department, faculty or campus in Question [2].

3. Privacy policy

We may use the contact information you provide in the <Contact information> section of the survey for future correspondence from The Japan Foundation, such as to send you post or to contact you. The Japan Foundation collects, uses, and controls all personal information in accordance with the relevant laws and ordinances. Please refer to our website for our policy on protecting personal information.

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/privacy/> (Japanese)

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/privacy/> (English)

Your ID is written in the e-mail you were sent with this survey.

Question 1: Name of your organisation (Public : will be released publicly on Japan Foundation's web database)

(1) Please enter the official name of your organisation.

* Please refrain from using abbreviations.

[* Either "Name in alphabet" or "Name in the language of your country" is required]

Name in alphabet [*]Name in the language of your country [*]

* Leave blank if your country uses the alphabet

(Name in Japanese)

* Leave blank if your organisation does not have a common Japanese name

(2) Does your organisation conduct online classes (including online classes in combination with in-person classes)?

Yes, it conducts online classes

No, it does not conduct online classes

*Required

Question 2: Name of Japanese-language education department (Public)

Please enter the official name of the department providing Japanese-language education in your organisation.

* Leave blank if it is your overall organisation that provides Japanese-language education, rather than a specific department.

* Please refrain from using abbreviations.

Name in alphabet Name in the language of your country

* Leave blank if your country uses the alphabet

(Name in Japanese)

* Leave blank if your organisation does not have a common Japanese name

Question 3: Address (Public)

Please fill out the address of your organisation (department)

* There is a space to provide your (the survey respondent) personal contact information at the end of the survey. Please enter the official address of your organisation here.

Name in alphabet

Postcode State/Territory *RequiredAddress

Name in the language of your country * Leave blank if your country uses the alphabet

Postcode State/Territory Address **Question 4: Contact information (Public)**

Please enter the contact information of your organisation/department.

* Please enter the official contact information of your organisation. Please provide contact information that can be publicised.

* There is space to provide your (the survey respondent's) personal contact information at the end of the survey.

[*You must provide either a telephone number or e-mail address.]

Telephone number (including area code) [*]E-mail address [*]Website URL

* Please include "http://" or "https://"

Question 5: Organisation type (Public)

To which of the following categories does your organisation belong? (Select the answer that best applies)

*Required

An organisation established by the Australian government, state, council, or other local government

An organisation established by a private entity or individual including Catholic and Independent schools

An organisation established by the Japanese government or its agency

Question 6: Number of Japanese-language teachers

[1] What is the number of full/part-time Japanese-language teaching staff at your organisation(department)?

(Please include teaching assistants under part-time teaching staff numbers.)

*Required

 full-time teachers

*Please enter "0" if there are no full-time teaching staff.

 part-time teachers

*Please enter "0" if there are no part-time teaching staff.

[2] How many of the teachers indicated in question [1] speak Japanese as their native language?

(The number will not be publicised, only their presence / absence)

 Teachers

*This should not be a larger number than the answer given to question [1].

Question 7 is arranged according to the order of the educational stages (levels). Please answer the questions applicable to your organisation. If your organisation covers multiple stages, please answer for all the stages offered by your organisation. Please refer back to 2. in the "About this survey" sheet at the very beginning of this message

Question 7: Number of learners per educational stage (level)

Please check the stages of education implemented by your organisation. Please indicate the curriculum status and number of learners for each of the subdivision boxes you have ticked.

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| 【Educational Stage】 (Public) (Multiple answers permitted) *Required | 【Status of Japanese-language Education】 (Public) (Multiple answers permitted) *Required | 【Number of Japanese Language Learners】 *Required, including whether or not Japanese language is taught as a heritage |
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*Heritage language education refers to the teaching of Japanese language to the descendants of Japanese people who have migrated overseas, and to children with both Japanese and non-Japanese parents.

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| Primary Education | Formal subject (Part of curriculum) | Learners | *Required Japanese language is taught as a heritage language Japanese language is not taught as a heritage language |
| | Extra-curricular activity (Club activity, etc.) | Learners | |
| Secondary Education | Formal subject (Part of curriculum) | Learners | *Required Japanese language is taught as a heritage language Japanese language is not taught as a heritage language |
| | Extra-curricular activity (Club activity, etc.) | Learners | |

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| Higher Education <small>* Courses open to the general public should be entered under "Other Education."</small> | Japanese-language Major (Studying Japanese as a major such as Japanese-language studies or Japanese-language education, etc.) | Learners |
| | Non Japanese-language Major (Learners who have a non-Japanese language major, but are studying Japanese as a foreign language) | Learners |
| | Extra-curricular activity (Japanese-language research groups, study groups, club activities, etc. operating within the organisation) | Learners |

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| Other Education <small>(Language school, Adult education, Community school, In-house training for corporations or public organisations, heritage language education... etc.)</small> | Describe the demographics and number of learners studying at your organisation. | | |
| | | | total Learners *Required |
| | Pre-school children | (Any) Learners | Japanese language is taught as a heritage language Japanese language is not taught as a heritage language |
| | Primary and secondary learners | (Any) Learners | Japanese language is taught as a heritage language Japanese language is not taught as a heritage language |
| | Higher education learners/Adult learners | (Any) Learners | Japanese language is taught as a heritage language Japanese language is not taught as a heritage language |

Question 7-1 only applies to those who checked "Higher Education" in Question 7.

Question 7-1: Which of the following degrees, if any, does your institution award to students who have majored in Japanese language or Japanese studies? (Public)

*The intention of this question is not to ask about the degrees held by the faculty members of your institution.

*Select all that apply.

***Required**

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| Associate degree/Foundation degree/Diploma | Bachelor's degree | Master's degree | Doctoral degree | Degree not awarded |
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Question 7-2 below only applies to those who ticked "Japanese language is taught as a heritage language" in question 7 above.

Question 7-2. What is the number of people learning Japanese language as a heritage language at your organisation?

*Please enter the number of students enrolled in the classes where Japanese language is taught as a heritage language.

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| Primary school students <input type="text"/> Learners | Secondary school students <input type="text"/> Learners |
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Question 7-3 below only applies to those who ticked "Japanese language is taught as a heritage language" for "Other Education" in question 7 above.

Question 7-3. What is the number of people learning Japanese language as a heritage language at your organisation?

*Please enter the number of students enrolled in the classes where Japanese language is taught as a heritage language.

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| Pre-school children <input type="text"/> Learners | Primary and secondary learners <input type="text"/> Learners | Higher education learners/Adult learners <input type="text"/> Learners |
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Question 8: Training for Japanese language teachers (Public)

Does your institution/department offer a course to train learners of Japanese language to become Japanese language teachers? (Select one answer.)

*The intention of this question is not to ask about the qualifications or credentials of the faculty members of your institution.

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| Yes. | No. |
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***Required**

Question 9: Reasons for Japanese language study

In your opinion, what are the reasons your learners study Japanese?
(Select all that apply.)

***Required**

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| 1. Interest in Japanese culture, including history, literature, and art |
| 2. Interest in Japanese culture such as anime, manga, J-POP, fashion, etc. |
| 3. Interest in Japanese politics, economy, society, etc. |
| 4. Interest in Japanese science and technology |
| 5. Interest in the Japanese language itself |
| 6. To advance to the next grade, take exams, or go on to higher education in their country |
| 7. For current or future employment in their country |
| 8. To study in Japan |
| 9. To find a job in Japan in the future |
| 10. To make a sightseeing trip to Japan |
| 11. Broad interest in international understanding, international goodwill activities, and cross-cultural exchange in general |
| 12. Because it is their native language or the language of their family or relatives (inherited language) |
| 13. Other (Please provide details in question 11) |

Question 10: State of Japanese-language education implementation

This is a question about Japanese language education at your institution (department). For each of the questions from 1 to 11, please select one answer that you think is applicable.

| | Yes | No | I do not know |
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| 1. There are enough teachers | | | |
| 2. There is an adequate number of native speaker teachers | | | |
| 3. The teacher in charge has the Japanese language skills necessary for the class or course. | | | |
| 4. The teacher in charge has the knowledge and skills in Japanese teaching methods necessary for the class or course. | | | |
| 5. There is enough information about Japanese culture and society | | | |
| 6. There is a sufficient amount of teaching materials | | | |
| 7. There are materials that meet the needs and levels of learners | | | |
| 8. Facilities and equipment are well maintained | | | |
| 9. The learners are enthusiastic. | | | |
| 10. The number of learners is increasing | | | |
| 11. Consideration is being conducted on introducing other languages and eliminating Japanese language courses | | | |

Question 11: Other noteworthy information (free response)

If you have any noteworthy information that is not listed in the options, please write about it here.

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<Contact Information> Please share your (the respondent) contact information below.

1. Your name

2. Your (the respondent's) personal contact address. Please enter only if it is different from the official address of your organization.

Telephone number

(including area code)

Email address

3. Are you also teaching the Japanese language at other organisations?

Yes.

No.

If you answered "Yes" to the above, please share the name of the other organisation/s, if possible.

(This is because we would like to request responses to this survey from as many organisations as possible.)

◆ Thank you for helping us with the survey.

Please return the completed form (this file) to the local survey coordinator.