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Working Conditions; Anticipation of Changes in Household Income and Education Spending

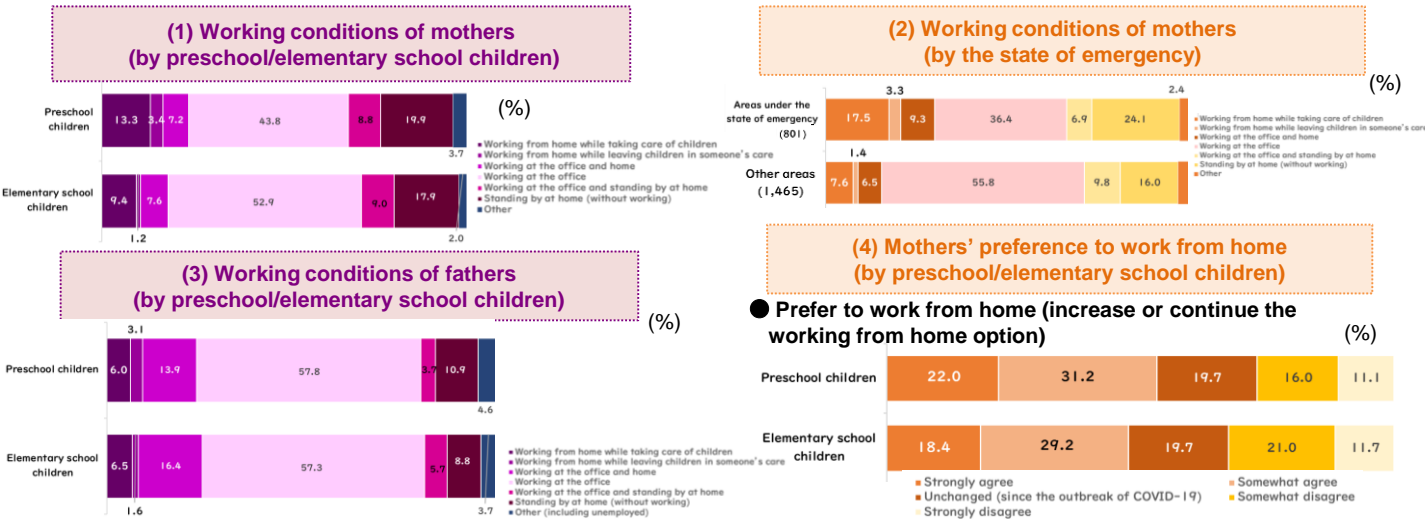
About 60% of families answered that their spending on education “Would Not Change”

As for working conditions, nearly 30% of mothers and more than 10% of fathers answered the options of “Working from home” and “Working at the office and home.” More mothers living in the areas under the ongoing state of emergency are working in the form of “Working from home” or “Working from home while taking care of children” compared to those mothers living in other areas. About 20% of overall mothers are working in the form of “Working from home.” About 50% of mothers answered that they became more eager to take the option of “Working from home” following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, more than 50% of mothers with both preschool children and elementary school children answered that they anticipated reduced annual household income, while about 60% of mothers answered that their spending on education would not change for the next year.

Q: Please tell us about the working conditions of you as well as your spouse/partner at present (when this survey is conducted). (Sub-charts 1, 2, and 3)

Q: Please tell us what you think about your life and work styles. Do you agree with the following items more than before following the outbreak of COVID-19? (Sub-chart 4)

Figure 8-1: Mothers' and fathers' working conditions and future outlook as of May 2020 (by the categories of preschool children/elementary school children)



Q: Do you think your household income will change due to the COVID-19 pandemic?/ Q: Do you think you need to change your spending on education for your child (costs for private-tutoring schools, distance learning, enrichment lessons, picture books, and toys) for the next one year, which you planned before the outbreak of COVID-19? * Fees for tuition, education materials, optional enrichment lessons at preschools (kindergartens, daycare centers, ECEC centers) and elementary schools are excluded.

Figure 8-2: Anticipation of changes in annual household income (by the categories of preschool children/elementary school children)

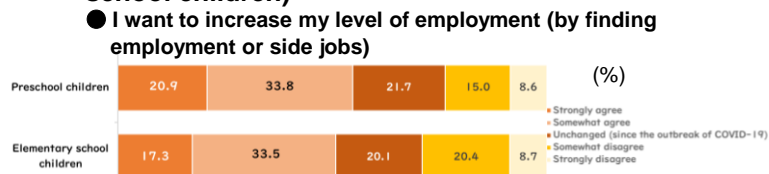


Figure 8-4: Anticipation of changes in education spending (by the categories of preschool children/elementary school children)



Q: Please tell us what you think about your life and work styles. Do you agree with the following items more than before following the outbreak of COVID-19?

Figure 8-3: Preference for increasing level of employment (by the categories of preschool children/elementary school children)



Of the participants who answered that their annual household income would substantially/slightly decrease, 63.7% of mothers with preschool children and 59% of mothers with elementary school children said they wanted to increase their level of employment.