

Study Description Form: South Korea

Study Title **2018 KGSS (Korean General Social Survey)**
Fieldwork Dates **2018-06-28 to 2018-10-05**
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Fieldwork Institution **Survey Research Center at Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea**
Population **Adult citizens aged 18 or over who live in households of Korea**
Sampling method **Multi-stage area probability sampling**
Fieldwork Methods **Face-to-face interviews**

Way the module was fielded (Check ✓)

-- as an independent survey

-- as part of a larger survey

If the module was fielded as part of a larger survey, the survey name that the EASS module was fielded with

Korean General Social Survey 2018

Initial Sample Size **2,400**
N. of respondents **1,031**
Response Rates **43.0%**

Total Issue	2,400
Ineligible	52
Total eligible	2,348
Non-contact	258
Refusal	786
Other	273
Total EASS questionnaire received	1,031
Valid Response Rates (%)	43.0

Language **Korean**

Weighted **Yes**

Weighting Procedure **Post-stratification weight was constructed using the following 4 variables with specific categories: Gender (Male, Female), Age (18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over), Region (Seoul, Kyunggi, Kangwon/Jeju, Chungchong, Kyungsang, Cholla), and Urbanicity (Urban, Rural). The distribution of respondents' gender, age, region, and urbanicity in the weighted dataset corresponds to that of the total population on the 2015 Census. The name of weight variable in the dataset is FINALWT.**

Known systematic properties of the sample

Deviation from EASS questionnaires **None**

Publication **Kim, Jibum, Jeong-han Kang, Seok-ho Kim, Changhwan Kim, Wonho Park, Yun-Suk Lee, Seongsoo Choi, Seulgi Choi, and Sori Kim. (2019). Korean General Social Survey 2003-2018. Seoul, Korea: Sungkyunkwan University.**

Remarks on the Survey

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National Population Characteristics: South Korea

SOURCE OF THE STATISTICS: *Population Census 2015*

GENDER

Source: *Population Census 2015*

Category		Percentage
Male	25,608,502	50.1%
Female	25,460,873	49.9%
Total	51,069,375	100%

AGE (Groups)

Source: *Population Census 2015*

Category		Percentage
0-14	6,954,313	13.6%
15-19	3,194,079	6.3%
20-29	6,796,396	13.3%
30-39	7,738,472	15.2%
40-49	8,726,984	17.1%
50-59	8,220,296	16.1%
60-69	4,965,480	9.7%
70-79	3,133,410	6.1%
80-	1,339,945	2.6%
Total	51,069,375	100%

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years or older)

Source: *Population Census 2015*

Category		Percentage
No schooling	1,641,250	3.5%
1~6 (elementary school)	6,384,848	13.6%
7~9 (middle school)	4,926,726	10.5%
10~12 (High school)	14,436,616	30.8%
13~16 (University)	17,528,266	37.3%
17~21 (Graduate school)	2,026,031	4.3%
Total	46,943,737	100%

EMPLOYMENTS STATUS (15 years or older)

Source: *Economically Active Population Survey*, Korean Statistical Information Service, 2020

Category	Percentage
Employed (wage worker)	45.4%
Self-employed without employees	9.3%
Self-employed with employees	3.1%
Working for own family's business	2.3%
Unemployed	2.5%
Not in labor force	37.5%
Total	100%

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL WORK INCOME

Source: *Survey on Labor Conditions by Employment Type 2019*

(Monthly income, Unit = 1,000 Won)

Category	Percentage
Less than 850	8.7%
850 ~ 1,500	9.5%
1,500 ~ 2,500	36.5%
2,500 ~ 3,500	21.3%
3,500 ~ 4,500	11.1%
4,500 ~ 5,500	5.7%
5,500 ~ 6,500	3.2%
6,500 ~ 8,000	2.3%
8,000 ~ 10,000	1.0%
More than 10,000	0.7%
Total	100%

NATIONAL STATISTICS ON DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Source: *Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2019*

(Monthly income, Unit = 1,000 Won)

Category	Percentage
Less than 1,000	10.1%
1,000 ~ 2,000	14.6%
2,000 ~ 3,000	15.6%
3,000 ~ 4,000	14.8%
4,000 ~ 5,000	12.1%
5,000 ~ 6,000	10.7%
6,000 ~ 7,000	6.9%
More than 7,000	15.2%
Total	100%