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## **Current situation of young people who are not in employment or education in Japan (Summary)**

This research was made as one of the researches in the Statistical Research and Training Institute, Japan. The outline of the results of our research on “young people who are not in employment or education”, so-called “NEET persons”, in Japan is as follows:

The word NEET has become popular after appeared on the report of “Bridging the Gap” by British Cabinet Office in 1999. The reasons why NEET was picked up this time as a research theme are as follows: It is said that the number of NEET persons have recently been increasing rapidly and become the causes of recent social unrest sometimes. Because it has recently become outstanding that NEET persons turned into criminals sometimes. Thus, there is growing interest in NEET persons both domestic and international.

The micro data of “Labor Force Survey”, which was conducted by the Statistics Bureau of Japan, were specially tabulated for our research. And the data for the whole of Japan in September from 1980 till 2004 were used.

Here, NEET persons mean the persons who are 20-34 years old, not in employment, not in education, and not in household work. One more condition of NEET persons, that is, “not in training” is not included here.

And here, Parasite-singles mean the persons who are 20-34 years old, never married, and living with their parents. A condition whether they rely on their parents or not is not included here.

### **1. NEET persons increased rapidly from 2000 till 2003.**

The number of NEET persons in Japan was 310 thousand persons and accounted for 1.1% of population aged 20-34 in 1980. As it was 320 thousand persons and 1.2% in 2000, there was no big difference from 1980 till 2000. However, it has increased rapidly since 2000 and rose up to 500 thousand persons and 1.9% in 2003.

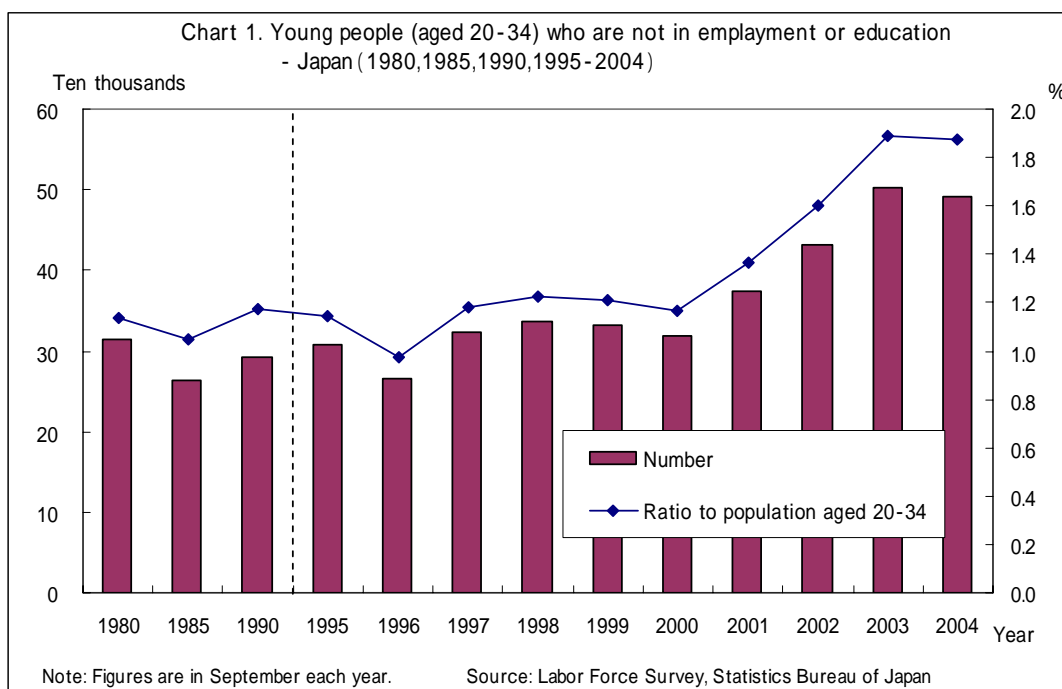


Table 1. Young people (aged 20-34) who are not in employment or education: NEET persons - Japan (1980,1985,1990,1995-2004)

Population and Rate		Year					
		1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1997
Population aged 20-34	G (Ten thousand persons)	2,765	2,507	2,492	2,689	2,720	2,735
of which NEET persons	H (Ten thousand persons)	31	26	29	31	27	32
Rate of NEET persons	H/G (%)	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2

Note: Figures are in September each year.

Source: Labor Force Survey, Statistics Bureau of Japan

Year						
1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
2,748	2,747	2,732	2,748	2,698	2,667	2,630
34	33	32	38	43	50	49
1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.9

## 2. Parasite-singles in NEET persons increased rapidly from 2000 till 2003.

The number of Parasite-singles in NEET persons was 150 thousand persons in 1980 and in 1990 as well. It has increased gradually since 1995, that is, 180 thousand persons in 1995 and 210 thousand persons in 2000. After that, it has increased rapidly since 2000 and came to 360 thousand persons in 2003. It increased around 70% for three years from 2000 till 2003. However, it slightly decreased to 350 thousand persons in 2004.

On the other hand, the ratio of Parasite-singles to NEET persons was 47.3% in 1980 and 49.6% in 1990, that is, there is only a few increase. After that, it has increased rapidly since 1995, that is, 58.5% in 1995, 67.5% in 2000, and 74.7% in 2002. However, it decreased slightly after that.

### **3. Ratio of NEET persons to Parasite-singles has risen rapidly since 2002.**

The ratio of NEET persons to Parasite-singles was 1.8% in 1980 and 1.4% in 1996. There was no big difference for these 16 years. It has increased gradually since 1996 and came to 3.0% in 2003. Specially, in 2002, it increased 0.7 points.

In addition, the ratio of NEET persons to Parasite-singles was always higher than that of NEET persons to population aged 20-34 in 1980-2004.

**Note:** Refer to the following page in Japanese for further information:

<http://www.stat.go.jp/training/2kenkyu/saika.htm>