

Survey Summary of Living Conditions of Citizens in Taiwan-Fuchien Area

Period of survey June 21 to July 11, 2001

For collecting information on living satisfaction level of citizens in Taiwan-Fuchien Area, future living directions, governmental works that needed reinforcement, volunteer service, substitutive service, sexual assault prevention and domestic violence prevention, to provide, as a reference, to Ministry of the Interior and other government related agencies in setting policies and other administrative decision making, Ministry of the Interior, on June and July, 2001, conducted "Survey of living conditions of citizens in Taiwan-Fuchien Area"

This survey randomly sampled 4,067 citizens for interviews, focusing on residents living in Taiwan-Fuchien Area who were the age 20 and over. Survey method was to use computer assisted telephone interviewing system (CATI). The survey's confidence coefficient was 95% and over and sampling error was less than 1.5%. The survey result of citizens' current living satisfaction level, future living prospect etc. was summarized below:

I. Citizen's satisfaction levels of various living conditions

1. Citizen's satisfaction level of one's own current living condition

(1) 37.0% of citizens had gone through major change of life style in the pass year, amount the changes 11.3% were lost of jobs or failure of business, 7.7% were finding new jobs or starting new careers.

(2) 62.2% of citizens felt satisfied about current living condition (including satisfied and very satisfied), 34.2% felt dissatisfied about current living condition (including dissatisfied and very dissatisfied). Comparing to year 2000, citizens who felt satisfied about their current livings were lowered by 10.8 percentage points.

2. Citizen's satisfaction level of various states of current living condition

(1) Relationships with parents or parents in laws, with children, and with spouse were states of current living that 90% of citizens felt satisfied; 80% were satisfied with relationships with neighbors; 79.3% were satisfied with health condition.

(2) Relationships with parents: For citizens whose parents were still alive, 93.2% were satisfied with their relationships with their parents, only 5.4% were not satisfied. There were more male than female that were amount the ones that felt satisfied; the number of satisfied citizens decreased as the age increased.

(3) Relationships with children: For citizens who had children, 93% were satisfied with their relationships with their children, only 5.2% were not satisfied. There were no apparent differences between male and female amount the ones that felt satisfied; as age increased, number of satisfied citizens decreased.

(4)Relationship with spouse: For citizens who had spouses, 91.9% were satisfied with their relationships with their spouses, only 6.1% were not satisfied. There were no apparent differences between male and female amount the ones that felt satisfied; as age increased, number of satisfied citizens decreased.

(5)Relationship with neighbors: 85% of citizens were satisfied with their relationships with their neighbors, 9.4% were not satisfied. Amount those that were satisfied, middle and old age citizens were a lot more than younger citizens; towns and villages were noticeably higher than cities.

(6)Health conditions: 79.3% of citizens were satisfied with their health conditions, 19.7% were not satisfied. There were more male amount the satisfied than female; as age increases, number of satisfied citizens decreases.

3. Citizen' s dissatisfaction level of various states of current living condition

(1)The various states of living conditions that citizens felt dissatisfied were 51.7% financial situations, 33.1% leisure live, work and traffic were 28.4% and 27.2% respectively. 22.7% of social activities were also high.

(2)Financial situations: 45.2% were satisfied with their current financial situations, 51.7% were not satisfied. There was an increase of 16.1 percentage points when compared to year 2000. There was no apparent differences between genders amount the dissatisfied; Citizens amount ages 30-39 was the most dissatisfied which indicated that citizens during those ages were trying to establish families and thus having great financial pressure.

(3)Leisure live: 60.5% were satisfied with their leisure live, 33.1% were not satisfied. There was an increase of 3 percentage points when compared to year 2000 which indicated that qualities of leisure live of citizens had gone down in the passed year.

(4)Working conditions: For citizens who had jobs, 69.5% were satisfied with their working conditions, 27.2% were not satisfied. There was an increase of 1.3 percentage points when compared to year 2000. Amount citizens that were dissatisfied, male residents of villages had highest percentage.

(5)Traffic conditions: 71.7% of citizens were satisfied with traffic conditions near by their current dwellings, 27.2% were not satisfied. There was a decrease of 8 percentage points when compared to year 2000, showing that traffic conditions were constantly improving, but still had room for improvement. There were no apparent differences between genders amount the dissatisfied; the younger the age, the higher the number of dissatisfied; villages and cities were higher than towns.

(6)Social activities: 68.4% were satisfied about their own social activities, 22.7% were dissatisfied. There was an increase of 4 percentage points when compared to year 2000, showing there were a lot of citizens who hoped to increase their social activities.

II. Citizen satisfaction levels of social modes, maintaining social order conditions, and religious activities.

1. Citizen satisfaction levels of current social modes, moral principles

79.4% of citizens were dissatisfied about current social modes, moral principles, only 14.9% were satisfied, showing social modes and moral principles were in urgent need of improvement. Amount the dissatisfied, male had higher ratio than female; Cities had much higher ratio than towns and villages.

2. Citizen' s opinion of maintaining social order improvement over the passed year

(1)37.4% of citizens did not feel that there was any improvement of maintaining social order in the passed year, 36.5% felt it was getting worse, only 21.5% felt that there were a lot or some improvements.

(2)Amount the reasons for none or worse improvements of maintaining social order, news media reporting of criminal cases rank the highest, taking 71.4%.

3. Citizen satisfaction levels of current religious activities

(1)64% of citizens claimed to have religious believes, this number increased proportional to age.

(2)52.1% of citizens were satisfied about current religious activities in the society, 31.3% were not satisfied. This showed that although most citizens were accepting to religions in current society, there were some that were still unsatisfied.

(3)Female had higher ratio in terms of being satisfied about current religious activities in society; as age increased, satisfaction decreased; from the point of view of having a religion or not, those that had religious believes were more satisfied (55.8%) than those that did not have religious believes (45.4%).

III. Citizen expectations of future living.

1.Citizen expectations of living conditions in next year

(1)36.6% of citizen expected about the same living conditions after next year, 21.1% expected better living conditions (including better and a lot better), 31.8% expected worse living conditions (including worse and a lot worse).

(2)Those that expected worse living conditions after next year composed far more by male than female; mainly age 40-64; more of employed than jobless.

2.Issues that worried citizens the most in future living conditions

(1)93.2% of citizens had issue that worried them in their future livings. 41.1% were issues relating to financial problems, 38.7% were issues relating to careers, 35.1% were issues relating to the education of children and their schooling.

(2)Priorities of future living issues that worried male and female were different. Issues that worried male citizens rank as career issues (40%), financial issues (39.3%), children educations and schoolings (28.6%); issues that worried female citizens rank as financial issues (42.9%), children educations and schoolings (42%), and career issues (37.4%).

(3)Most pressing issue regarding future livings for citizens age 20-29 was career issues; for citizens age 30-49 was issue of children educations and schoolings; for citizens age 50-64 was financial issues; for citizen age 65 and over was health issue.

3.Citizen expectations of future living

(1)46.3% of citizens expected to have a safe living with maintaining good social order, 44.3% wished good jobs or smooth careers, 33.1% expected good health and 26% expected satisfied living with families.

(2)Male citizens expected good jobs and smooth careers (44.8%), safe livings with maintaining good social order, (44.7%). Female citizens also expected safe livings with maintaining good social order (48.1%) and good jobs and smooth careers (43.7%), but safe livings with maintaining good social order, took higher priority.

(3)Highest expected for future living for citizens age 20-39 was good jobs and smooth careers, for citizens age 40-49 was safe living with maintaining good social order, for citizens age 50-64 was also safe living with maintaining good social order, for citizens age 65 and over was good health.