

JAPAN

TOTAL POPULATION 127,635,000
CHILD POPULATION 17,868,900

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

The Constitution bans the exploitation of children. By law, children under the age of 15 may not be employed, and those under age 18 may not be employed in dangerous or harmful jobs

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 67,127,000 are estimated to be economically active in Japan. No child in the age group 10-14 is expected to be economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1041 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

1900 children of the primary school going age were out of school in 2001

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Data not available

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Japan is a destination country for a large number of Asian, Latin American, and Eastern European women and children who are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Japanese organized crime groups (yakuza) that operate internationally are involved in trafficking.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION

Teenage prostitution, dating for money, and child pornography continued to be problems. According to the Cabinet Office's white paper, there were 722 sex-related crimes associated with

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

dating sites during the year 2004. Easy access to web sites through mobile phones with Internet access made it easier for strangers to set up encounters with juveniles.

Prostitution occurs but it is not poverty led."Enjo Kosai" or schoolgirl prostitution occurs. In 1997, a government survey found that approximately a quarter of female students aged from 12 to 15 have taken part in telephone chat clubs.

As reported by the NGO One World South Asia, a total of 666 cases of child prostitution relating to online dating services were filed between January and November 2002, 286 more cases than those filed in 2001.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

There were no reports of under 18s in the armed forces. Fifteen year olds may become cadets but are never deployed

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data

ECPAT CSEC Database,
http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004