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Ⅰ　Purpose

The Syrian Refugee Survey in Turkey (2017), through the analysis of tally and quantitation of results of the opinion survey conducted on the Syrian refugees, has the purpose of (1) grasping how the Syrian refugees view other countries in terms of politics, social economy and culture, and (2) proposing what contributions should be made to the Syrian politics, social economy and culture.

Ⅱ　Cooperative Organizations and Collaborative Research Projects

In conducting the survey, we have had full support of Infakto Research workshop to finalize the contents of the questionnaire, doing samplings, making interviews with poll subjects and inputting data. Coordination with the Infakto was made en bloc by Kohei IMAI (research fellow of Institute of Developing Economy-JETRO), co-investigator of this project. Also, in making preparations for the public opinion survey and processing data, we had the cooperation of the "Studies of Political Order and Political Changes in the Middle East" (Scientific research fund subsidy projects for 2015-2018 (B) 15H03308), represented by Shingo HAMANAKA.

Ⅲ　Method of Public Opinion Survey

1.　SURVEY SCHEDULE

- September 7, 2017: Permission granted to Infakto for conducting the survey
- September 7, 2017: Pretest conducted by Infakto
- October 24, 2017: Contents of the questionnaire finally formulated between Infakto and the survey teams.
- October 29, 2017, through November 11: All the interviews have been conducted with face to face interviewing method, in houses selected according to the criteria explained above. Average length of the interview is approximately 24 minutes.
- December 7, 2017: Methodology Report completed by Infakto analysis team.
- December 17, 2017: Data file completed by Infakto

2.　SURVEY SUBJECTS

The target population of the survey is defined as the Syrian refugees (namely Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) living in Turkey. Since conducting surveys in refugee camps under the control of the Turkish government is the subject to the approval of authorities, the scope of the survey is limited with Syrian refugees living outside of the camps.

3.   SURVEY METHODS

According to the official statistics, 3.359.165 Syrians are living in Turkey. Same statistics show that 70 percent of them are hosted in 7 provinces: İstanbul, Şanlıurfa, Hatay, Gaziantep, Adana, Mersin and Kilis. We propose to use these provinces as self-representing units and define the number of interviews proportionate to number of Syrians living there. Our survey covers these 7 provinces.

TABLE 1. DISTRIBUTION OF SAMPLE

	Province	Number of Syrians	Number of Syrians in Camps	N
SRU	İstanbul	532,802		190
SRU	Şanlıurfa	457,225	79,389	160
SRU	Hatay	450,493	17,838	159
SRU	Gaziantep	346,322	24,490	152
SRU	Adana	167,732	26,180	64
SRU	Mersin	186,010		60
SRU	Kilis	131,671	26,058	27
Total		2,272,225	173,955	812

4.   CONDUCTING INTERVIEW AND QUALITY CONTROLS

In selected provinces listed above, neighborhoods are selected with consultation with the local authorities, by fixing the number of interviews conducted in each neighborhood with 12. In these neighborhoods, 3 streets are selected by using a Kish table and 4 interviews are completed in each street through random walk.

Interviewers and supervisors experienced in social and political surveys are assigned in this project. In order to conduct interviews with Syrian respondents, Arabic speaking interviewers, being at least graduated from high school are employed.

At the beginning of the fieldwork, interviewers and supervisors are trained about the questionnaire by the project team, in local field offices.

Interviewers are supervised and controlled in terms of selection of the respondents and interview process (10-15%). Interviews completed in the provinces are controlled by the local offices (20%) daily and sent to the central office in Istanbul. All the completed forms are controlled for inconsistencies.

5.   DATA COLLECTION AND DATA PROCESSING

Field work of the project had been conducted by Infakto RW between October 29th and November 11th, 2017. All the interviews have been conducted with face to face interviewing method, in houses selected according to the criteria explained above. Average length of the interview is approximately 24 minutes.

After the approval of the final questionnaire, in parallel to the printing process, interviewers and supervisors had been trained about the questionnaire by the project team.

Interviewers had been supervised and controlled in terms of selection of the respondents and interview process (10%). Additionally, 32,0 % of the interviews had been called back by the local field offices and central field office in Istanbul.

Results of Survey

A1. All things considered, how satisfied are you your life as a whole these days?

	Persons	%
1. Completely	328	40.4
2. Quite	167	20.6
3. Moderately	120	14.8
4. Not very	118	14.5
5. Not at all	68	8.4
DK	11	1.4
Total	812	100.0

A2. From viewpoint of assistance to Syrian people, how you evaluate these countries?

	1. Very Much	2. High	3. Some	4. Not very	5. Not at all	6. DK, NA	Missing	Total
1. Jordan								
Persons	50	42	48	116	434	122	0	812
%	6.2	5.2	5.9	14.3	53.4	15.0	0.0	100.0
2. Germany								
Persons	117	79	91	82	342	101	0	812
%	14.4	9.7	11.2	10.1	42.1	12.4	0.0	100.0
3. Iran								
Persons	10	17	13	94	571	107	0.0	812
%	1.2	2.1	1.6	11.6	70.3	13.2	0.0	100.0
4. United Kingdom								
Persons	17	23	44	115	485	128	0	812
%	2.1	2.8	5.4	14.2	59.7	15.8	0.0	100.0
5. Russia								
Persons	5	11	34	87	564	111	0	812
%	0.6	1.4	4.2	10.7	69.5	13.7	0.0	100.0
6. Saudi Arabia								
Persons	47	19	54	115	477	100	0	812
%	5.8	2.3	6.7	14.2	58.7	12.3	0.0	100.0
7. Sweden								
Persons	31	37	61	80	458	145	0	812
%	3.8	4.6	7.5	9.9	56.4	17.9	0.0	100.0
8. China								
Persons	3	9	13	112	517	158	0	812
%	0.4	1.1	1.6	13.8	63.7	19.5	0.0	100.0
9. France								
Persons	12	63	75	92	442	128	0	812
%	1.5	7.8	9.2	11.3	54.4	15.8	0.0	100.0

	1. Very Much	2. High	3. Some	4. Not very	5. Not at all	6. DK, NA	Missing	Total
10. Qatar								
Persons	192	59	53	84	306	118	0	812
%	23.6	7.3	6.5	10.3	37.7	14.5	0.0	100.0
11. Lebanon								
Persons	64	44	71	108	425	100	0	812
%	7.9	5.4	8.7	13.3	52.3	12.3	0.0	100.0
12. United States								
Persons	30	52	67	86	478	99	0	812
%	3.7	6.4	8.3	10.6	58.9	12.2	0.0	100.0
13. Japan								
Persons	14	17	27	94	485	175	0	812
%	1.7	2.1	3.3	11.6	59.7	21.6	0.0	100.0
14. Turkey								
Persons	559	126	66	17	30	14	0	812
%	68.8	15.5	8.1	2.1	3.7	1.7	0.0	100.0
15.. Hungary								
Persons	8	15	25	106	475	183	0	812
%	1.0	1.8	3.1	13.1	58.5	22.5	0.0	100.0
16. Greece								
Persons	15	28	41	99	476	153	0	812
%	1.8	3.4	5.0	12.2	58.6	18.8	0.0	100.0

A3. To what extent do you want to live foreign country or region (including Turkey) in future?

	Persons	%
1. Very	276	34.0
2. Quite	158	19.5
3. Moderately	135	16.6
4. Not very	118	14.5
5. Not at all	106	13.1
DK	19	2.3
Total	812	100.0

A3-1. Please specify three countries in your preference

国名	Persons	%
Australia	3	0.4
Belgium	1	0.1
Canada	11	1.4
Cyprus	2	0.2
Denmark	2	0.2
France	3	0.4
Germany	48	5.9

国名	Persons	%
Greece	1	0.1
Italy	2	0.2
Lebanon	2	0.2
Netherlands	6	0.7
Qatar	1	0.1
Sudan	2	0.2
Sweden	16	2.0
Switzerland	1	0.1
Turkey	326	40.1
Egypt	1	0.1
United Kingdom	2	0.2
United States	1	0.1
No answer	3	0.4
Missing values	378	46.6
Total	812	100.0

A3-2. Please specify three countries in your preference

国名	Persons	%
Canada	24	3.0
Cyprus	2	0.2
France	7	0.9
Germany	42	5.2
Italy	2	0.2
Japan	1	0.1
Lebanon	4	0.5
Netherlands	8	1.0
Norway	2	0.2
Russian Federation	1	0.1
Sweden	17	2.1
Turkey	16	2.0
United Kingdom	4	0.5
Europe/ European countries	2	0.2
Missing values	676	83.3
Total	812	100.0

A3-3. Please specify three countries in your preference

国名	Persons	%
Australia	1	0.1
Belgium	1	0.1
Canada	17	2.1
France	4	0.5

国名	Persons	%
Germany	14	1.7
Japan	1	0.1
Lebanon	2	0.2
Netherlands	7	0.9
Qatar	2	0.2
Russian Federation	4	0.5
Saudi Arabia	1	0.1
Sweden	17	2.1
Switzerland	1	0.1
United Arab Emirates	1	0.1
Turkey	12	1.5
United Kingdom	3	0.4
Missing values	724	89.2
Total	812	100.0

A5. To what extent do you give importance in the following advantages for your hope of stay or migration?

	1. The most importance	2. More importance	3. Moderately	4. Less importance	5. The least importance	6. DK, NA	Missing values	Total
1. Good Income								
Persons	331	68	10	7	17	1	378	812
%	40.8	8.4	1.2	0.9	2.1	0.1	46.6	100.0
2. Better chances to use your abilities								
Persons	152	92	50	12	117	11	378	812
%	18.7	11.3	6.2	1.5	14.4	1.4	46.6	100.0
3. Better chances to develop your abilities								
Persons	158	83	47	17	119	10	378	812
%	19.5	10.2	5.8	2.1	14.7	1.2	46.6	100.0
4. Better chances to improve your life								
Persons	201	81	26	10	111	5	378	812
%	24.8	10.0	3.2	1.2	13.7	0.6	46.6	100.0
5. Better security and peaceful situation								
Persons	337	59	18	3	13	4	378	812
%	41.5	7.3	2.2	0.4	1.6	0.5	46.6	100.0
6. Better welfare policy								
Persons	181	74	41	13	119	6	378	812
%	22.3	9.1	5.0	1.6	14.7	0.7	46.6	100.0
7. You have a family/ relatives/ friends/ acquaintance from your hometown there								
Persons	219	72	37	8	89	9	378	812
%	27.0	8.9	4.6	1.0	11.0	1.1	46.6	100.0

	1. The most importance	2. More importance	3. Moderately	4. Less importance	5. The least importance	6. DK, NA	Missing values	Total
8. Living with your family								
Persons	312	74	7	7	30	4	378	812
%	38.4	9.1	0.9	0.9	3.7	0.5	46.6	100.0
9. Culturally familiar to you								
Persons	94	96	57	16	166	5	378	812
%	11.6	11.8	7.0	20.4	40.2	0.6	46.6	100.0
10. Language there is your mother language								
Persons	104	112	26	7	178	7	378	812
%	12.8	13.8	3.2	0.9	21.9	0.9	46.6	100.0
11. Religious affiliation								
Persons	230	91	47	8	46	12	378	812
%	28.3	11.2	5.8	1.0	5.7	1.5	46.6	100.0
12. Better education for your children								
Persons	333	61	15	2	16	7	378	812
%	41.0	7.5	1.8	0.2	2.0	0.9	46.6	100.0
13. Living cost								
Persons	295	87	26	2	18	6	378	812
%	36.3	10.7	3.2	0.2	2.2	0.7	46.6	100.0
14. Political transition in Syria								
Persons	174	38	31	15	103	73	378	812
%	21.4	4.7	3.8	1.8	12.7	9.0	46.6	100.0
15. Easier to get citizenship								
Persons	183	77	28	7	115	24	378	812
%	22.5	9.5	3.4	0.9	14.2	3.0	46.6	100.0

A6. What is the most important factor for you among above mentioned factors?

	Persons	%
1. Good income	64	14.7
2. Better chances to use your abilities	2	0.2
3. Better chances to develop your abilities	1	0.1
4. Better chances to improve your life	14	1.7
5. Better security and peaceful situation	72	8.9
6. Better welfare policy	17	2.1
7. You have a family /relatives/ friends…	43	5.3
8. Living with your family	56	6.9
9. Culturally familiar to you	1	0.1
10. Language there is your mother language	3	0.4
11. Religious affiliation	60	7.4
12. Better education for your children	46	5.7
13. Living cost	27	3.3

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	Persons	%
14.Political transition in Syria	16	2.0
15. Easier to get citizenship	6	0.7
DK, NA	6	0.7
Missing values	378	46.6
Total	812	100.0

A7. To what extent do you want to return to Syria?

	Persons	%
1. Very	331	40.8
2. Quite	138	17.0
3. Moderately	117	14.4
4. Not very	49	6.0
5. Not at all	146	18.0
DK	31	3.8
Total	812	100.0

A8. To what extent do you give importance in the following advantages for your hope of return to Syria?

	1. The most importance	2. More importance	3. Moderately	4. Less importance	5. The least importance	6. DK, NA	Missing values	Total
1. Good Income								
Persons	321	93	20	11	19	5	343	812
%	39.5	11.5	2.5	1.4	2.3	0.6	42.2	100.0
2. Better chances to use your abilities								
Persons	267	97	67	11	20	7	343	812
%	32.9	11.3	6.2	1.5	14.4	1.4	46.6	100.0
3. Better chances to develop your abilities								
Persons	257	104	62	18	21	7	343	812
%	31.7	12.8	7.6	2.2	2.6	0.9	42.2	100.0
4. Better chances to improve your life								
Persons	306	103	24	11	22	3	343	812
%	37.7	12.7	3.0	1.4	2.7	0.4	42.2	100.0
5. Better security and peaceful situation								
Persons	363	56	14	7	24	5	343	812
%	44.7	6.9	1.7	0.9	3.0	0.6	42.2	100.0
6. Better welfare policy								
Persons	292	89	36	19	25	8	343	812
%	36.0	11.0	4.4	2.3	3.1	1.0	42.2	100.0
7. You have a family/ relatives/ friends/ acquaintance from your hometown there								
Persons	310	82	53	9	5	10	343	812
%	38.2	10.1	6.5	1.1	0.6	1.2	42.2	100.0
8. Living with your family								

	1. The most importance	2. More importance	3. Moderately	4. Less importance	5. The least importance	6. DK, NA	Missing values	Total
Persons	343	85	22	6	8	5	343	812
%	42.2	10.5	2.7	0.7	1.0	0.6	42.2	100.0

9. Culturally familiar to you

Persons	280	91	66	20	7	5	343	812
%	34.5	11.2	8.1	2.5	0.9	0.6	42.2	100.0

	1. The most importance	2. More importance	3. Moderately	4. Less importance	5. The least importance	6. DK, NA	Missing values	Total
10. Language there is your mother language								
Persons	312	100	33	8	7	9	343	812
%	38.4	12.3	4.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	42.2	100.0
11. Religious affiliation								
Persons	299	106	43	5	6	10	343	812
%	36.8	13.1	5.3	0.6	0.7	1.2	42.2	100.0
12. Better education for your children								
Persons	330	92	12	8	18	9	343	812
%	40.6	11.3	1.5	1.0	2.2	1.1	42.2	100.0
13. Living cost								
Persons	288	117	28	10	20	6	343	812
%	35.5	14.4	3.4	1.2	2.5	0.7	42.2	100.0
14. Political transition in Syria								
Persons	290	47	25	11	37	59	343	812
%	35.7	5.8	3.1	1.4	4.6	7.3	42.2	100.0

A9. What is the most important factor for you among above mentioned factors?

	Persons	%
1. Good income	56	6.9
2. Better chances to use your abilities	9	1.1
3. Better chances to develop your abilities	4	0.5
4. Better chances to improve your life	14	1.7
5. Better security and peaceful situation	96	11.8
6. Better welfare policy	9	1.1
7. You have a family /relatives/ friends…	102	12.6
8. Living with your family	60	7.4
9. Culturally familiar to you	16	2.0
10. Language there is your mother language	24	3.0
11. Religious affiliation	22	2.7
12. Better education for your children	30	3.7
13. Living cost	6	0.7
14. Political transition in Syria	20	2.5

15. Easier to get citizenship	1	0.1
DK, NA	6	0.7
Missing values	343	42.2
Total	812	100.0

A10. To what extent do you rely individuals or institutes to form your opinion?

	1. Very much	2. Much	3. Moderately	4. Not so much	5. Not at all	6. DK, NA	Missing	Total
1. Syrian Media								
Persons	59	79	71	123	389	82	0	812
%	7.3	9.7	8.7	12.1	49.0	10.1	0.0	100.0
2. Local circumstance								
Persons	34	101	110	90	372	105	0	812
%	4.2	12.4	13.5	11.1	45.8	12.9	0.0	100.0
3. Tribal leader								
Persons	12	79	70	121	408	122	0	812
%	1.5	9.7	8.6	14.9	50.2	15.0	0.0	100.0
4. Religious leader								
Persons	213	103	79	101	217	99	0	812
%	26.2	12.7	9.7	12.4	26.7	12.2	0.0	100.0
5. Superiors in your work								
Persons	42	101	110	69	367	123	0	812
%	5.2	12.4	13.5	8.5	45.2	15.1	0.0	100.0
6. Your family and relatives								
Persons	444	155	33	11	127	42	0	812
%	54.7	19.1	4.1	1.4	15.6	5.2	0.0	100.0

Demographics

D1. When were you born?

Can you tell us the year you were born?
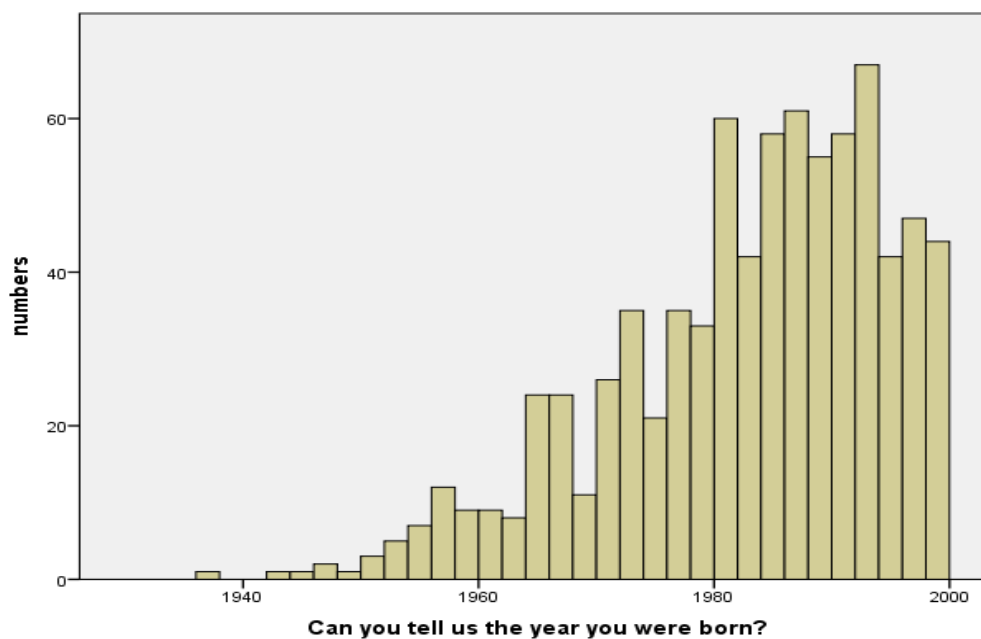
D2.Gender

	Persons	%
Male	494	60.8
Female	318	39.2
Total	812	100.0

D3. How many years have you been lived in this house?

	Persons	%
Less 1 year	11	1.4
1	128	17.1
2	169	12.7
3	146	4.2
4	166	2.3
5	123	3.2
6	37	1.5
7	9	2.1
8	1	1.6
DK	2	0.1
NA	20	0.3
Total	812	100.0

D4. Where were you born?

	Persons	%
Afrin	6	0.7
Al-Hasakeh	14	1.7
Aleppo	454	55.9
Al-Raqqa	59	7.3
Damascus	16	2.0
Dara'a	5	0.6
Deir-Ez-Zor	51	6.3
Hama	17	2.1
Homs	28	3.4
Idleb	109	13.4
Jarablus	2	0.2
Kobani ('Ain al-'Arab)	23	2.8
Lattakia	9	1.1
Menbij	4	0.5
Mosul	1	0.1
Quamishli	1	0.1
Ras al-Ain	1	0.1
Tadmor	2	0.2
Tell Abiad	3	0.4
No answer	7	0.7
Total	812	100.0

D5. Where were your father born?

	Persons	%
1. Iraq	1	0.1
2. Syria	811	99.9
Total	812	100.0

D6. Mother Tongue?

	Persons	%
1. Arabic	809	99.6
2. Other	3	0.4
Total	812	100.0

D6. Mother Tongue? Other

	Persons	%
1. Kurdish	2	0.2
2. Trukoman	1	0.1
Total	3	0.3

D7. Religious Sects?

宗派	Persons	%
1. Sunni	799	98.4
2. Shiite	5	0.6
3. No response, Refuges	8	1.0
Total	812	100.0

D7. I pray five time a day – answer following statement yes or no

	Persons	%
Yes	770	94.8
No	22	2.7
DK, NA	20	2.5
Total	812	100

D7. I read Quran a few times in a week – answer following statement yes or no

	Persons	%
Yes	726	89.4
No	58	7.1
DK, NA	28	3.4
Total	812	100

D7. I am less religious compared to the before the conflict

	Persons	%
Yes	43	5.3
No	680	83.7
DK, NA	89	11.0
Total	812	100

D7b. Regardless of your religious practice, which one of the following would you consider yourself?

	Persons	%
Very Religious	177	21.8
Religious	517	63.7
Not very religious	72	8.9
Secular	13	1.6
Atheist	3	0.4
DK, NA	30	3.7
Total	812	100

D8. How many persons are living in your household including yourself?

	Persons	%
1	17	2.1
2	29	3.6

	Persons	%
3	42	5.2
4	116	14.3
5	181	22.3
6	142	17.5
7	100	12.3
8	57	7.0
9	33	4.1
10	37	4.6
11	12	1.5
12	8	1.0
13	2	0.2
14	5	0.6
15	3	0.4
17	1	0.1
19	1	0.1
DK, NA	26	3.2
Total	812	100.0

D9. Your relationship with the household head?

	Persons	%
1. Household head	433	53.3
2. Spouse	259	31.9
3. Family member	108	13.3
4 Non-family member	8	1.0
DK, NA	4	0.5
Total	812	100.0

D10. Your social status?

	Persons	%
1. Single	102	12.6
2. Married	663	81.7
3. Widower, widow	38	4.7
4. Divorced	5	0.6
DK, NA	4	0.5
Total	812	100.0

D11.Do you understand the following languages?

	Yes		2. No		DK, NA		Total	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
1. English	119	14.7	693	85.3	0	0.0	812	100.0
2. Turkish	324	39.9	488	60.1	0	0.0	812	100.0

	Yes		2. No		DK, NA		Total	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
3. Armenian	16	2.0	796	98.0	0	0.0	812	100.0
4. German	15	1.8	797	98.2	0	0.0	812	100.0
5. French	19	2.3	793	97.7	0	0.0	812	100.0
6. Kurdish	72	8.9	740	91.1	0	0.0	812	100.0
7. Russian	1	0.1	811	99.9	0	0.0	812	100.0

D12. Your Education?

	Persons	%
1. Illiteracy	139	17.1
2. Lower	112	13.8
3. Elementary	188	23.2
4. Preparatory	123	15.1
5. Secondary	123	15.1
6. Intermediate	57	7.0
7. University	55	6.8
8. Graduate School	10	1.2
99. DK, NA	5	0.6
Total	812	100.0

D.13. Are you the main breadwinner?

	Persons	%
1. Yes	451	55.5
2. No	358	44.1
9. DK, NA	3	0.4
Total	812	100.0

D14. Nature of work

	Persons	%
1. Labor	393	48.4
2. Government Employee	5	0.6
3. Private Society Employee	3	0.4
4. Housewife	254	31.3
5. Student	4	0.5
6. Farmer, Fishman	2	0.2
7. Business owner	9	1.1
8. Professional Doctor, Engineer	1	0.1
9. Technician Mechanic, Electric	2	0.2
10. Unemployed, Irregular worker	117	14.4
11. Retired	5	0.6
12. Self-employed	14	1.7

	Persons	%
DK, NA	3	0.4
Total	812	100.0

D17. What do you think about your family's monthly income in comparison with average – 1220 TL (around 350 US$ monthly)?

	Persons	%
1. Much higher	28	3.4
2. A bit higher	95	11.7
3. Close	227	28.0
4. A bit less	204	25.1
5. Much less	250	30.8
DK, NA	8	1.0
Total	812	100.0

D18. How satisfied are you with the current financial situation of your household?

	Persons	%
1. Very much satisfied	9	1.1
2. Quite satisfied	59	7.3
3. Moderately	248	30.5
4. Not so much satisfied	219	27.0
5. Not at all	271	33.4
DK, NA	6	0.7
Total	812	100.0