

Temporary Housing and Kids' Playspaces

Present Condition of Temporary Housing

Sufferes still live in the temporary housings.

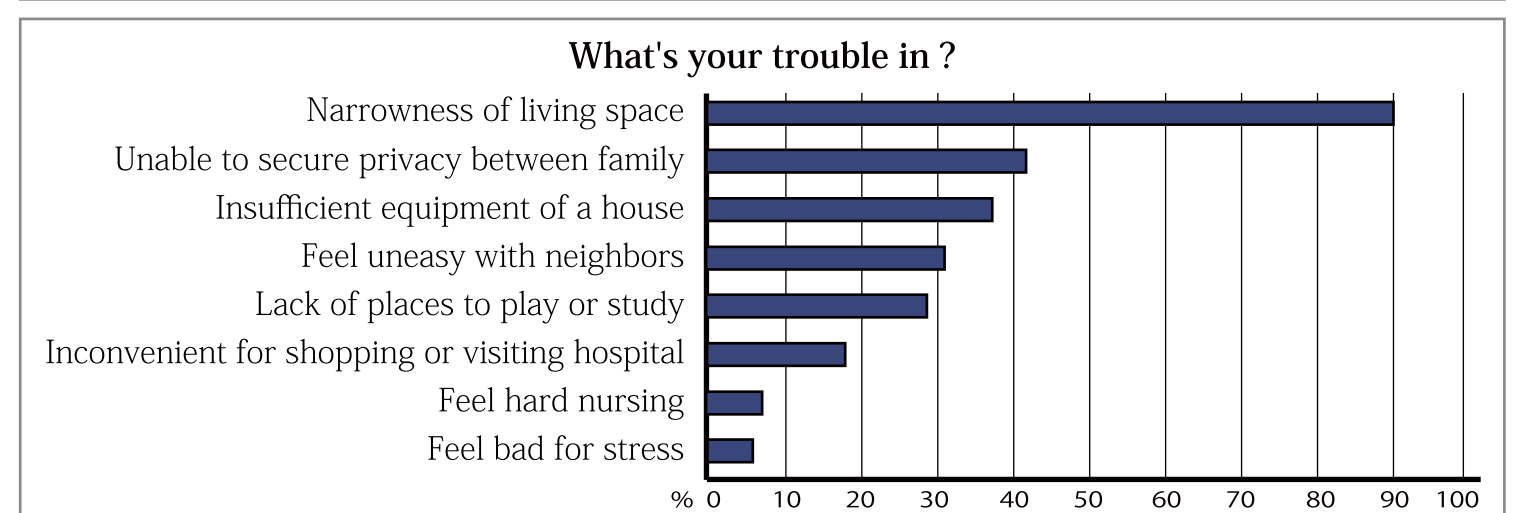
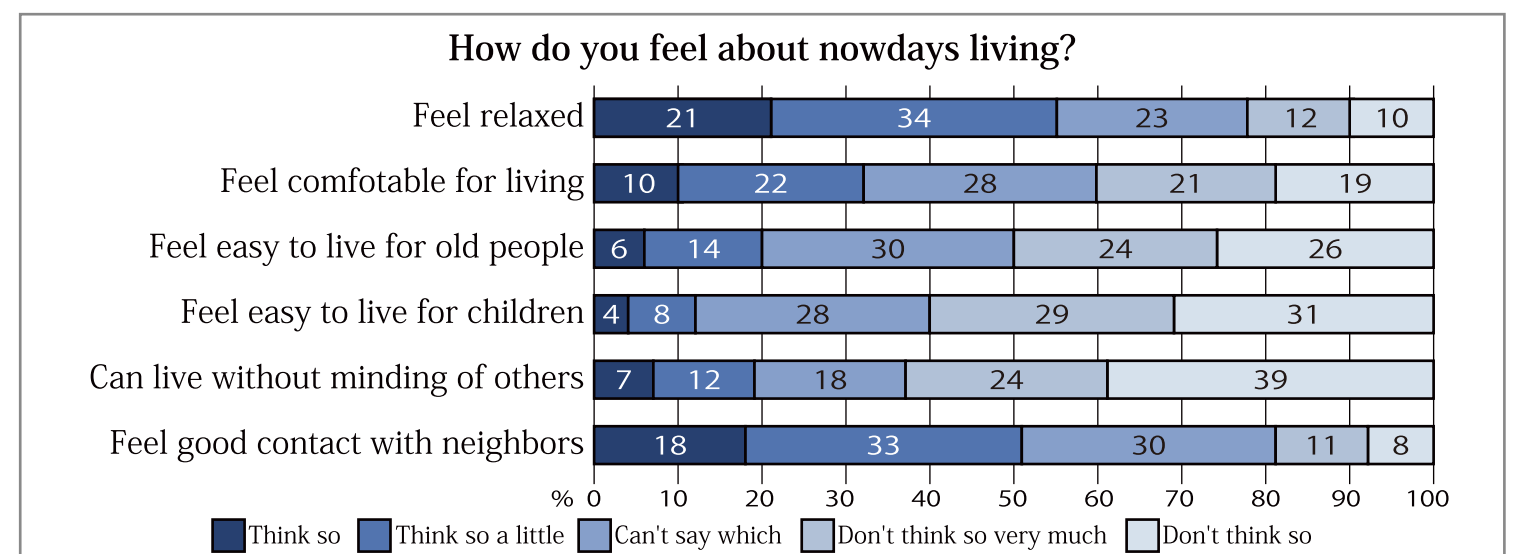
Three years have past since the earthquake. In Rikuzen-Takata, there still are about 5,000 people, one-fourth of the city population, living in the temporary housing. Period to use the temporary houses was to be up to two years, but was extended to four years maximum in 2013, and even further extension is expected. However, because the temporary houses were made for two-year-use, many problems have been occurred in the extended period.



The appearance of temporary housing

Stress on Seniors and Children

We have done researches on the temporary housing, every August since 2011 in the city. The survey results show that problems related to narrowness of living space become serious as children grow up, and as residents have more living materials. Although people feel safe living there, it is not so easy to live, especially for seniors and children.



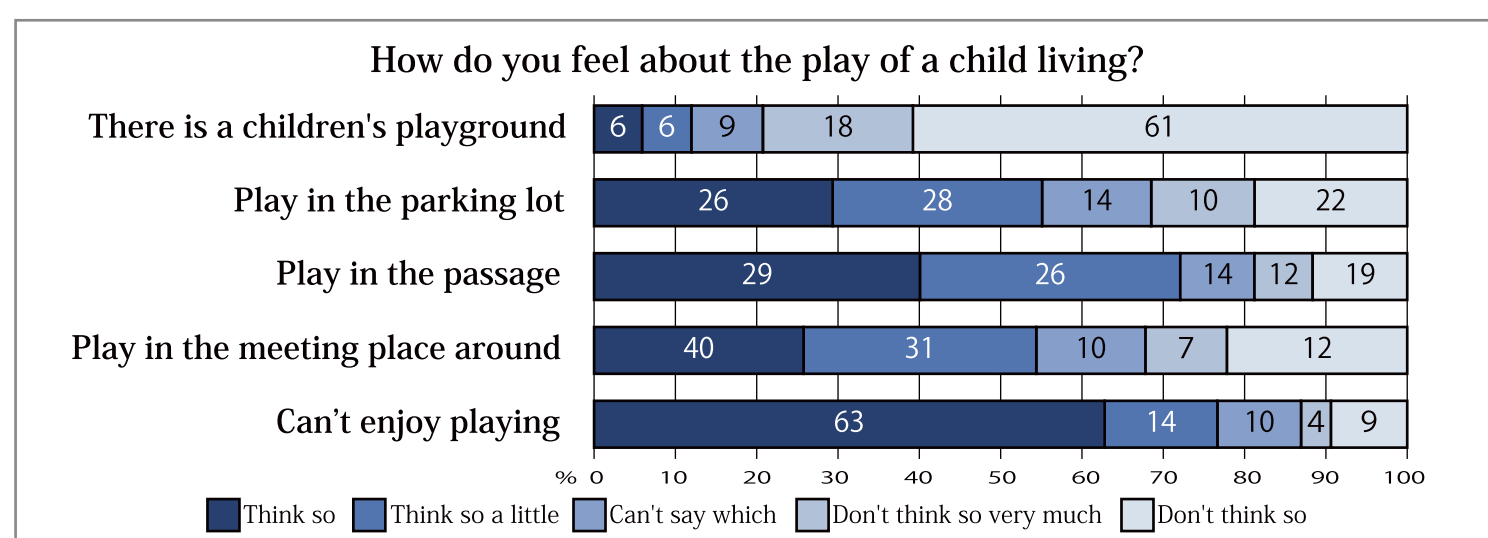
Kids cannot play safely, cannot enjoy

What's Happening?

In most of the temporary housing, there is very little play spaces or play structures for kids, and the school grounds are also fully used for temporary housing.

In the survey we heard the voices; "We can't feel relaxed because the rooms are so narrow.", "There is no space to for the kids to fully enjoy playing." The kids are forced to live in stresses."

Large scale housing sites, kids' playing on the paths, in parking lots and around community center were often observed. Yet that leaves problems of noise, physical damages and traffic accidents. Indeed, there were some accidents of automobile or bike hit the playing kids.



Temporary Houses Built in School Grounds

To Solve...

To solve these problems, NPOs, volunteers, and private companies have provided places where kids can fully enjoy playing. However, those places are far away from home or school, so they cannot go there freely.



Temporary Grounds of Elementary School



Nursery School in Temporary Arcade



Temporary Library



Temporary Playspaces in the Open



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