About 440,000 South Koreans prepare for civil service exams

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About 440,000 people in South Korea are estimated to be preparing to take the state-run civil service exams. The research was conducted by Kim Hyang-duck and Lee Dae-joong, who are in doctoral courses at Konkuk University and Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, **respectively**.

More than half of the test applicants **counted** "job security" as the primary motivation for choosing a civil servant as a job, while 48 percent said they study more than 10 hours every day for the exams. Only 2.9 percent of test applicants said they want to be a civil servant "to serve the country."

About 34 percent of test applicants who responded to the survey said they decided to prepare for the exam when they were **juniors** or **seniors** at college. The average age people start preparing for the exam is 24.5.

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respectively：副詞，各自地、分（個）別地。

count：動詞，計算、視為、看作。

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