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The Public assistance system is a system which provides necessary assistance to all people who are destitute in accordance with their level of needs. This system is intended to guarantee the minimum standards of a wholesome and cultured living and to enhance independence.

The system consists of 8 kinds of assistance: livelihood assistance, education assistance, housing assistance, medical assistance, long-term care assistance, maternity aid, occupational aid and funeral aid. 1 or more of these aid Programs are offered according to the needs of each person in need of protection.

Setting the Amount of Public Assistance

(Calculation of Minimum Living Expenses)

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• In addition to the above items, a standard amount is added in the case of child birth, funeral, etc.

(Calculation of Income Appropriation Amount)

Average monthly income – (Actual necessary expenses + Basic deductions) = Income appropriation amount

(Calculation of Assistance Amount)

Minimum living expenses – Income appropriation amount = Assistance amount

[Standard Amount for Public Assistance]

Among the standards for public assistance programs, the livelihood aid standard, which denotes the minimum standards for daily living for such items as food and clothing, is determined by a balanced maintenance method which is revised based on the growth of the consumption level of the general public.

Livelihood assistance Standard by Type of Household (FY 2009)

(Unit:yen)

	Standard 3-person household: 33-year-old man, 29-year-old woman and 4-year-old child	Household with a single elderly person: 68-year-old woman	Elderly couple household: 68-year-old man and 65-year-old woman	Fatherless household of three: 30-year-old woman and 9 and 4-year-old
1st class area - 1	162, 170	80, 820	121, 940	155, 970
1st class area - 2	154, 870	77, 190	116, 460	148, 950
2nd class area - 1	147, 580	73, 540	110, 960	141, 930
2nd class area - 2	140, 270	69, 910	105, 480	134, 910
3rd class area - 1	132, 980	66, 260	99, 990	127, 900
3rd class area - 2	125, 680	62, 640	94, 500	120, 870

Note: Above figures include winter season additional amounts(Area VI x 5/12).

Changes in the Standard Amount of Livelihood assistance (monthly amount as of April of each FY)

FY		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Standard 3-person household in 1st class area - 1	Standard amount (yen)	155, 717	157, 274	158, 375	161, 859	163, 316	163, 806	163, 970	163, 970	163, 970	162, 490	162, 170	162, 170	162, 170	162, 170	162, 170	162, 170
	Ratio to the previous year (%)	101.6	101.0	100.7	102.2	100.9	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.1	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0