

Detailed Information 1 Annual Changes in the Actual Number of Households and Population Receiving Public Assistance, the Assistance Rate, the Number of assistance Recipients and the assistance Rate

The most recent trend in public assistance shows slowed decrease since FY 1992, followed by the increase mainly in cities from the late FY 1996 both in the numbers of households and the population receiving public assistance.

There were 1,543,321 recipients (1,105,275 households) in FY 2007 and the ratio of recipients was 12.1%per thousand. By type of aid, medical aid recipients are increasing year by year.

(Monthly average)

FY	Actual recipients households (1,000 households)	Actual recipients (1,000 people)	Actual rate (1/1,000)	Livelihood assistance recipients (1,000 people)	Housing assistance recipients (1,000 people)	Education assistance recipients (1,000 people)	Long-term Care assistance recipients (1,000 people)	medical assistance recipients (1,000 people)	Other assistance recipients (1,000)	assistance rate (actual recipients=100.0)					
										Livelihood assistance	Housing assistance	Education assistance	Long-term care assistance	medical assistance	Other assistance
1965	644	1,599	16.3	1,438	728	433	·	616	11	89.9	45.5	27.1	·	38.5	0.7
1970	658	1,344	13.0	1,143	643	263	·	702	7	85.0	47.9	19.6	·	52.2	0.5
1975	708	1,349	12.1	1,160	705	229	·	785	5	86.0	52.3	17.0	·	58.2	0.4
1980	747	1,427	12.2	1,251	867	261	·	856	5	87.7	60.8	18.3	·	60.0	0.4
1984	790	1,469	12.2	1,301	974	267	·	912	4	88.6	66.3	18.2	·	62.1	0.3
1990	624	1,015	8.2	890	730	136	·	711	3	87.7	71.9	13.4	·	70.0	0.3
1993	586	883	7.1	765	639	97	·	659	3	86.6	72.4	11.0	·	74.6	0.3
1994	595	885	7.1	766	645	92	·	671	3	86.6	72.9	10.4	·	75.8	0.3
1995	602	882	7.0	760	639	88	·	680	2	86.2	72.4	10.0	·	77.1	0.2
1996	613	887	7.1	766	649	85	·	695	3	86.4	73.2	9.6	·	78.4	0.3
1997	631	906	7.2	784	669	84	·	716	3	86.6	73.8	9.3	·	79.0	0.3
1998	663	947	7.5	822	707	86	·	753	2	86.8	74.7	9.1	·	79.6	0.3
1999	704	1,004	7.9	877	763	91	·	804	2	87.3	76.0	9.1	·	80.0	0.2
2000	751	1,072	8.4	943	824	97	67	864	2	88.0	76.9	9.0	6.2	80.6	0.2
2001	805	1,148	9.0	1,015	891	105	84	929	2	88.4	77.6	9.1	7.4	80.9	0.2
2002	871	1,243	9.8	1,105	975	114	106	1,003	3	89.0	78.5	9.2	8.5	80.7	0.2
2003	941	1,344	10.5	1,202	1,069	124	127	1,083	3	89.4	79.5	9.2	9.5	80.5	0.2
2004	999	1,423	11.1	1,274	1,143	132	147	1,155	3	89.5	80.3	9.3	10.3	81.1	0.2
2005	1,042	1,476	11.6	1,320	1,194	136	164	1,208	32	89.5	80.9	9.2	11.1	81.8	2.1
2006	1,076	1,514	11.8	1,354	1,233	137	172	1,226	36	89.5	81.5	9.1	11.4	81.0	2.4
2007	1,105	1,543	12.1	1,380	1,262	136	184	1,248	38	89.4	81.8	8.8	11.9	80.9	2.5

Source: "Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services (Statistical Report on Welfare Administration),"Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

Note: "Other aid recipients" has increased since FY 2005, due to an addition of the expense necessary for attending high school.

Detailed Information 2 Changes in the Proportion of Households Receiving Public Assistance by Household Type

By type of household, the ratio of households with elderly people is the highest accounting for 45.1% among the households receiving public assistance. With regard to the decrease of the ratio of households with elderly in 2005, it is due to a change of the definition on households with elderly people; before FY 2004, it had been applied to "the households that is composed of only males over 65 and/or females over 60, or that a person under 18 joining to those households;" after FY 2005, the definition has changed to "the households that is composed of only males and/or females over 65, or that a person under 18 joining to those households."

(Unit:%)

FY	Households with elderly people	Fatherless households	Households of people with diseases/injures and disabilities	Other households
1971	30.7	9.9	40.9	18.6
1975	31.4	10.0	45.8	12.9
1980	30.3	12.8	46.0	10.9
1984	30.7	14.6	45.1	9.6
1990	37.2	11.7	42.9	8.1
1993	41.1	9.3	42.3	7.2
1994	41.8	9.0	42.1	7.1
1995	42.3	8.7	42.0	6.9
1996	43.2	8.4	41.6	6.8
1997	44.0	8.3	41.0	6.7
1998	44.5	8.2	40.4	6.8
1999	44.9	8.3	39.6	7.1
2000	45.5	8.4	38.7	7.4
2001	46.0	8.5	37.8	7.7
2002	46.3	8.6	36.7	8.3
2003	46.4	8.7	35.8	9.0
2004	46.7	8.8	35.1	9.4
2005	43.5	8.7	37.5	10.3
2006	44.1	8.6	37.0	10.2
2007	45.1	8.4	36.4	10.1

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