

Maternal and Child Health Measures

Overview

Primary Measures for Maternal and Child Health

(As of April 2011)

Category	Adolescence	Marriage	Pregnancy	Child birth	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3
Health checkups, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prenatal/postnatal health checkups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health checkups for infants ● Hearing test for the newborn ● Mass-screening for congenital dysbolism, Cretinism examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 yr. 6 mo. child health checkups 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 yr. child health checkups
Health guidance, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vertical Hepatitis B transmission prevention project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report on pregnancy and issuance of MCH handbook ● Distribution of the Maternity Mark ● Home-visit guidance, etc. by public health nurses, etc. ○ Home visit services for all families with infants ("Hello Baby projects") (*2) 			
Medical aid, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation and guidance services for maternal and child health (premarital classes)(classes for newly weds) ○ Women's lifetime health assistance projects (*1) (General health counseling and centers for specialized infertility counseling) ○ Intensified projects of child accident prevention (*2) ○ Maternal and child health related projects using subsidy for child rearing support (*2) ○ Promotion of food education (*2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical care for premature infants ○ Subsidy for specific infertility treatment expenses (*1) ● Medical aid for toxemia in pregnancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical aid for specific chronic pediatric diseases ○ Provision of daily necessities for children with specific chronic pediatric diseases ○ Medical treatment and education services for children with tuberculosis ○ Treatment guidance services (*1) 		
Medical measures, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next generation development basic research project for overcoming children's diseases, etc. (health, labour, welfare and science research fund) 				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthy pregnancy support projects (*1) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child mental care network projects (*1) 	

○ State-subsidized projects ● Projects on general finance
 *1 General support projects for maternal and child health measures *2 Projects using subsidy for child rearing support

(Note) Of required number of health checkups for pregnant women (approx. 14 times), 5 are funded by local governments and 9 by state subsidy (1/2) and local government (1/2) through support fund for health checkups for pregnant women (until FY2011).

Promotion System of Maternal and Child Health Services

	Municipalities (Health centers)	Prefectures (Health centers)
	○ Basic maternal and child health services	○ Specialized maternal and child health services
Health checkups, etc.	• Health checkups for expectant or nursing mothers, infants and toddlers (those aged 1 year and 6 months, those aged 3)	• Screening for congenital dysbolism, etc
Health care guidance, etc.	• Issuance of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) handbook • Pre-marital class, mothers' class, child-rearing class, etc.	• Infertility counseling, health care education for women, etc.
Home-visit guidance	• Home-visit guidance for expectant or nursing mothers and newborns	• Home-visit guidance for premature infants
Medical aid, etc.		• Medical care for premature babies, medical aid projects for specific chronic pediatric diseases, etc.

← Technical assistance

Detailed Data 1 Changes in Maternal and Child Health Indices

Year	Live birth rates (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Perinatal death rate (per 1,000 total births ¹⁾)	Maternal mortality rates (per 100,000 total births ²⁾)	Foetal death rates (per 1,000 total births ²⁾)
1965	18.6	18.5	11.7	...	80.4	81.4
1975	17.1	10.0	6.8	...	27.3	50.8
1985	11.9	5.5	3.4	15.4	15.1	46.0
1995	9.6	4.3	2.2	7.0	6.9	32.1
1997	9.5	3.7	1.9	6.4	6.3	32.1
1998	9.6	3.6	2.0	6.2	6.9	31.4
1999	9.4	3.4	1.8	6.0	5.9	31.6
2000	9.5	3.2	1.8	5.8	6.3	31.2
2001	9.3	3.1	1.6	5.5	6.3	31.0
2002	9.2	3.0	1.7	5.5	7.1	31.1
2003	8.9	3.0	1.7	5.3	6.0	30.5
2004	8.8	2.8	1.5	5.0	4.3	30.0
2005	8.4	2.8	1.4	4.8	5.7	29.1
2006	8.7	2.6	1.3	4.7	4.8	27.5
2007	8.6	2.6	1.3	4.5	3.1	26.2
2008	8.7	2.6	1.2	4.3	3.5	25.2
2009	8.5	2.4	1.2	4.2	4.8	24.6
2010	8.5	2.3	1.1	4.2	...	24.2

Source: "Vital Statistics", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) 1. The figures denote the sum of the number of live births and that of foetal deaths at 22 completed weeks and over of gestation.

2. The figures denote the sum of the number of live births and that of foetal deaths.

3. The figures for 2010 are preliminary numbers.

Detailed Data 2 Status of Screening for Inborn Error of Metabolism, etc. (FY2008)

Number of births (A) (person)	Screening for inborn error of metabolism		Screening for cretinism	
	Screened (B) (person)	Screening rate (B/A) (%)	Screened (B) (person)	Screening rate (B/A) (%)
1,065,905	1,140,782	107.0	1,136,104	106.6

Source: Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau, MHLW

(Note) The screening rates may exceed 100% because rescreened low-weight children with 2,000g or less are included in the number of those screened.

Detailed Data 3 Number of Cases of Medical Care Benefits for Premature Babies, etc.

Home-visit guidance		Number of cases where provision of benefits for medical aid for premature infants was decided
Actual number of persons received guidance	Cumulative number of persons received guidance	
40,594	49,163	29,281

Source: "Report on Regional Public Health Services and Health Promotion Services" (FY2009), Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

"FY2009 Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW for the number of cases where provision of benefits for medical aid for premature infants was decided.