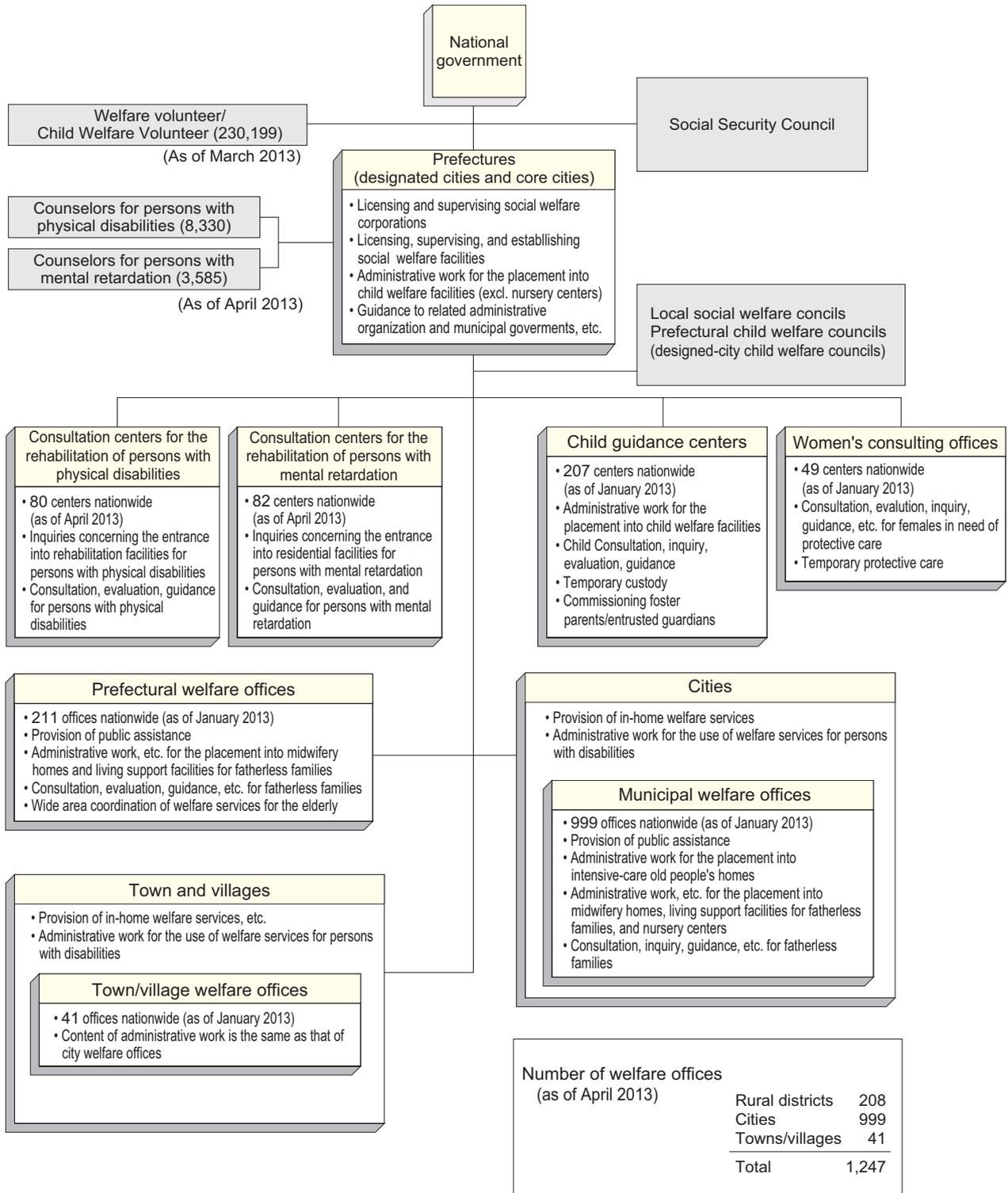


# [8] Social Welfare and Relief for War Victims

## Social Welfare Implementation System

### Overview Outline of Social Welfare Implementation System



Total number of welfare office employees: 145,025 (as of October 1, 2009)

## Social Welfare Corporations

### Overview

### Outline of Social Welfare Corporations

Social welfare corporations are juridical persons established under the Social Welfare Act for the purpose of conducting the social welfare services (Type I and Type II social welfare services) prescribed in Article 2 of the Social Welfare Act.

Due to the public nature of social welfare services the establishment and management of social welfare corporations are more strictly regulated than civil law-based public service corporations.

The establishment, etc. of social welfare corporations has to be approved by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (with corporations providing services in two or more prefectures and thus established as nationwide organizations, etc.), the directors of Regional Bureau of Health and Welfare (with corporations providing services in two or more prefectures but are not under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare), prefectural governors, or mayors (including mayors of designated cities).

#### Type I social welfare services

- Relief facilities and rehabilitation facilities provided for in the Public Assistance Act
- Facilities with the purpose of admitting the needy, free of charge or at a low cost and providing them with livelihood assistance
- The provision of funeral services for the needy
- Homes for infants, living support facilities for fatherless families, foster care facilities, facilities for children with disabilities, short-term therapeutic for emotionally disturbed children, and children's self-reliance support facilities provided for in the Child Welfare Act
- Nursing homes for the elderly, intensive nursing homes for the elderly, and low-cost homes for the elderly
- Support facilities for persons with disabilities as provided for in the General Support for Persons with Disabilities Act
- Women's shelters provided for in the Anti-Prostitution Act
- Vocational facilities
- Services that advances funds to the needy with zero or low interest
- The organization of a community chest

#### Type II social welfare services

- Services that provide the needy with daily necessities or the money
- Living consultation services for the needy
- Day-care support services for children with disabilities, consultation support services for children with disabilities, services that support children's efforts at self-reliant living, after-school services for children's sound upbringing, short-term child care support services, house-call services for all households with an infant, house-call services to support childrearing, local childrearing support center services, temporary custody services, and small-scale foster home services as provided for in the Child Welfare Act
- Services of operating midwifery homes, nursery centers, children's recreational facilities, and child and family support centers as provided for in the same Act
- Services of providing consultation on improving child welfare
- Services that provide support for daily life to fatherless families, and services that provide support for daily life to widows as provided for in the Mother and Child and Widows Welfare Act
- Operation of a mother and child welfare facility as provided for in the same Act
- In-home care services for the elderly, daycare services for the elderly, short in-patient services for the elderly, multifunctional long-term care services in small group homes, and communal daily long-term care services for dementia patients as provided for in the Act on Social Welfare for the Elderly
- Operation of a long-term care day service center for the elderly, short-term in-patient facility for the elderly, welfare center for the elderly, and long-term care support center for the elderly as provided for in the same Act
- Welfare services for persons with disabilities, general consultation support services, specific consultation support services, transportation support services, local activity support centers, and welfare home as provided for in the Services and Support for Persons with Disabilities Act
- Daily life training services for persons with physical disabilities, sign language interpretation services, service dog training services, or hearing dog training services as provided for in the Act on the Welfare of Persons with Physical Disabilities
- Operation of a welfare center for persons with physical disabilities, facility for producing prosthetic devices, guide dog training facility, or facility for providing information to persons with a visual or hearing impairment as provided for in the Act on the Welfare of Persons with Physical Disabilities
- Services that provide consultation about rehabilitation for persons with physical disabilities
- Services that provide consultation about rehabilitation for persons with intellectual disabilities
- services through which the needy are rented simple, prefabricated houses or given the use of lodging facilities or other facilities, free of charge or at low cost
- Services through which the needy are provided with medical care, free of charge or at low cost
- Services through which the needy are given the use of long-term care health facilities for the elderly, free of charge or at low cost
- Settlement services
- Services to assist with the utilization of welfare services
- Coordination of various social welfare services
- Subsidies for various social welfare services

## Requirements for Establishing Social Welfare Corporations

The following requirements need to be met when establishing social welfare corporations.

(Extracts of the main parts of "Approval for Social Welfare Foundations (Director-General Notification)", etc. are provided below)

### 1. Organization

The board members of social welfare corporations must consist of no less than six directors and no less than two auditors. The directors must include persons with knowledge and experience in social welfare services or involved in local welfare and the heads of the facilities managed by the corporation.

In addition, selecting officials of relevant administrative agencies or persons who cannot actually participate in the operation of the corporation is considered inappropriate. Selection of specially-related persons, such as relatives, etc., is also restricted.

A council must be established for each corporation except for those exclusively engaged in the following services.

- [1] Social welfare services of prefectures or municipalities that implement measures for persons requiring welfare services
- [2] Services of managing nursery centers (including attached regional centers for childcare support and temporary childcare (temporary day-care) services)
- [3] Services of long-term care insurance

### 2. Assets

Property such as land and buildings, which are needed in the provision of the social welfare services, should be allocated as basic property.

No less than 1/12 (no less than 2/12 is desirable for corporations partly engaged in services related to the Long-Term Care Insurance Act, etc.) of annual operating expenses shall be allocated as operating assets in the form of cash or deposits, etc.

### 3. Services

Social welfare corporations can engage in public benefit services and profit-making services in addition to the social welfare services listed on the previous page.

Public benefit services denotes services intended to benefit the public but which do not fall into the category of being social welfare services (services with no relation to social welfare do not get approved). More concretely, in-home long-term care support services and the services of managing health care facilities for the elderly or fee-based homes for the elderly, etc. are included as being public benefit services.

Profit-making services refer to services whose profit is appropriated to run social welfare services or public benefit services implemented by the corporation, and can include the management of leasing buildings, parking lots, and running stores, etc. utilizing property owned by the corporation.

Both public benefit services and profit-making services must be subordinate businesses to the main business of social welfare services. In addition, the assets to be used in those purposes should be managed separately from basic and operating assets.

### 4. Disclosure

All the corporations must prepare statements on their operation, a general inventory, balance sheet, and revenue and expense statement by May every year and then submit a report on the current status of the social welfare corporation, including the abovementioned statements, to the competent agencies by the end of June.

The corporation must retain these documents and auditors' opinions at its office and have them available for public inspection, except with due reason.

Active use of external audits made by certified public accountants and licensed tax accountants is considered appropriate.

### 5. Counseling on establishment

In the course of establishing social welfare corporations the departments and bureaus of prefectures, designated cities, and core cities in charge of the pertinent social welfare corporation should be consulted.

### 6. Other

Qualification as head of a facility

The head of a social welfare facility must meet the qualifications provided for in the ordinances of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and of the former Ministry of Health and Welfare and the "Head of Social Welfare Facilities Managed by Social Welfare Corporation (Director-General Notification)" in 1972.

## Changes in Number of Social Welfare Corporations

(As of March 31 of each year)

Year	1980	85	90	95	00	01	02	03	04
Under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare	9,471	11,672	118	127	138	144	146	151	164
Under the jurisdiction of prefectural governor, etc.	—	—	13,305	14,705	16,596	17,002	17,560	18,150	18,613
Year	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare	181	195	222	242	285	308	330	364	403
Under the jurisdiction of prefectural governor, etc.	18,630	18,258	18,412	18,537	18,625	18,674	18,727	19,246	19,407

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

(Note) 1. All social welfare corporations were under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare until April 1987.

2. The figure for 2011 excludes Fukushima Prefecture (apart from Koriyama City and Iwaki City) due to the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

## Councils of Social Welfare

### Overview

### Outline of Councils of Social Welfare

#### 1. Outline of Councils of Social Welfare (as of April 1, 2013)

- National Council of Social Welfare: 1 council
  - Councils of social welfare in prefectures and designated cities: 67 councils
  - Municipal councils of social welfare: 1,852 councils
- Source: National Council of Social Welfare

#### 2. Major Projects Conducted by Municipal Councils of Social Welfare (actual status of FY2012)

(The numbers represent the percentage of municipal councils of social welfare which have implemented each project: %)

Planning		Formulation of community welfare activity plans	52.7
Consultation *1		Comprehensive consultation (any consultation and not limited to certain subjects) services	87.2
Loan		Living welfare fund loan	96.8
		Emergency temporary loan/benefits	61.4
Activities in small communities *2		Establishment of basic organizations for community welfare promotion	49.9
		Small community network activities	66.9
Resident participation/volunteer *3		Establishment of volunteer centers (corners, etc.)	95.7
		Establishment of Fureai Ikiiki Salons (Side-by-Side and Lively Salons)	89.6
		In-home social welfare services management by councils with resident participation (meal service, transfer service, house work support, etc.)	24.2
In-home welfare services	Insured long-term care services	Home-visit care services	72.0
		Commuting care services	49.3
	Independence support benefits	Home-Visit bathing care services	25.1
		In-home care services	67.5
		Home-visit care services for persons with severe disabilities	55.5
		Activity support services	16.7
Support for welfare service usage *4		Daily life and independence support services	48.7
Guardianship *5		Corporation guardianship services	14.0
Organizing and management support for associations for persons requiring support (and their families)		Association for persons with physical disabilities (and families)	63.2
		Association for persons with mental retardation (and families)	54.4
		Association for persons with mental disorders (and families)	28.6
		Association for the elderly with dementia (and families)	17.6
		Society of elderly living alone	13.7
		Association for the fatherless families	37.8
Affairs of organizations		Association for the motherless families	6.2
		Division/section of community chest	92.3
Support for children and child rearing families		Federation of elderly clubs	49.9
		Family support services	15.0
		After-school day-care (after-school child sound upbringing services)	14.6
		Support for organization and operation of children's society/children's clubs	14.3
Others		Operation of child centers and children's centers	10.5
		Operation of small-scale workshops, etc.	4.5
		Transportation support services (community life support service)	37.9
		Prevention activities against malicious sales practices targeting elderly and persons with disabilities, etc.	26.6
		Meal services	59.3
		Transfer services	47.7

(Note) \*1. 33.4% of Councils of Social Welfare that implement comprehensive consultation services provide such services everyday as part of their reception services.

\*2. Small community network activities indicate watch and support activities implemented in a specific continuous and systematic manner by neighborhood residents and volunteers (welfare supporters, welfare staff members, etc.), welfare volunteers/child welfare volunteers, and elderly clubs, etc. in daily living areas (local Councils of Social Welfare, elementary school/junior high school districts, neighborhood self-governing bodies/neighborhood associations, etc.) for people requiring support or those at risk. The total number of activity subjects (households) was 1,966,725, mainly consisting of households of the elderly living alone, and thus covering 2.22% of the population. The total number of those engaged in activities (residents, volunteers, welfare supporters/welfare staff members, etc. excluding welfare volunteers/child welfare volunteers) was 407,736.

\*3. Fureai Ikiiki Salons (Side-by-Side and Lively Salons) have been implemented at 60,294 locations.

\*4. Daily life and independence support services are implemented by councils of social welfare in prefectures and designated cities as primary implementers with a part of services being entrusted to councils of social welfare that are deemed to be capable of operating the services (core councils of social welfare). The figures indicate the percentage of municipal councils of social welfare that were entrusted with these services to the total. In actual fact, core councils of social welfare get assigned to the areas of multiple municipal councils of un-entrusted social welfare, and thus all areas are covered nationwide. In addition, the number of actual users is increasing every year, with 40,708 persons using the services as of the end of FY2012.

\*5. The percentage of municipal councils of social welfare capable of being entrusted to the total. Based on the FY2012 MHLW social welfare promotion project "Investigations and Research on the Establishment of Comprehensive Rights Protection System in Communities".

Source: National Councils of Social Welfare

## Social Welfare Facilities

### Overview

### Outline of Social Welfare Facilities

The purpose of social welfare facilities is to care and nurture those requiring various types of services to be able to lead a social life, including the elderly, children, persons with mental and physical disabilities, and the indigent, and to provide them with various treatment and training on rehabilitation in thus improving their welfare.

Social welfare facilities can be roughly divided into welfare facilities for the elderly, support facilities for persons with disabilities, public assistance facilities, women's protection facilities, and child welfare facilities, among others.

### Number and capacity of social welfare facilities by classification

Classification	Number of facilities	User capacity
Total	(facility) 110,670	(person) 4,397,135
[1] Classification by implementing entity		
Public	20,026	1,020,484
Private	84,579	3,338,448
[2] Classification by target age group		
Facilities for adults	76,252	2,041,864
Facilities for children	34,418	2,355,271

Source: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" (as of October 1, 2012) and "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care" (as of October 1, 2012), Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) The totals of the number of facilities and user capacities are of facilities in operation among those recognized by prefectures, designated cities, and core cities.

The figures for implementing entities in "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care" are of facilities in operation among those that responded to the survey, and thus the figures do not match the totals of the number of facilities and user capacities.

### Cost Bearing with the Development and Operation of Social Welfare Facilities

The cost of developing social welfare facilities is paid by the public through state and local subsidies, special local bonds, loans from the Welfare and Medical Service Agency, and a part of the profits from public racing events, as well as by private aid systems, and by loan systems for any portion borne by the facility, etc.

The following table shows, in principle, the cost sharing relationship associated with the state subsidy for the cost of any capital investment in buildings used as social welfare facilities.

Founder	National government	Prefectures (including designated cities and core cities)	Municipalities	Social welfare corporations, etc.
Social welfare corporations, etc.	$\frac{50}{100}$	$\frac{25}{100}$	—	$\frac{25}{100}$

(Note) From FY 2005 the cost of developing facilities for the elderly or facilities related to children, which were both previously incorporated into a social welfare facility development expense subsidy, is now incorporated into a social welfare facility development expense/grant for community care and welfare space development subsidy, and a grant for developing facilities in promoting measures to support the development of the next generation, respectively.

With regard to strategic policies of development in FY2008 priority will be given to [1] those actively utilizing wood, including timber constructions, wooden interiors, and using timber products, etc., in thus contributing to the development of comfortable serene living environments for those admitted and the establishment of an environmentally-sound material cycle society, [2] those that promote asbestos removal, and [3] those that promote the quakeproofing of the facilities, etc.

The cost of operating social welfare facilities (placement expenses) is borne by those admitted to the facilities or allowed use of them or have commissioned a third party to do so, and as described in the following table.

**Detailed Data 1**
**Number and Capacity of Social Welfare Facilities by Facility Type**

(As of October 1 of each year)

Type of facility	Number of facilities			Capacity		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,227</b>	<b>91,682</b>	<b>110,670</b>	<b>3,838,550</b>	<b>3,933,161</b>	<b>4,397,135</b>
Public assistance facilities	297	294	295	20,463	20,239	19,567
Relief facilities	188	184	184	17,286	16,885	16,515
Rehabilitation facilities	19	21	20	1,832	1,911	1,579
Medical facilities for persons requiring public assistance	60	58	60	...	...	...
Vocational facilities	20	20	20	645	623	653
Facilities providing accommodation	10	11	11	700	820	820
Welfare facilities for the elderly	43,792	46,380	60,112	1,237,315	1,307,761	1,491,946
Care facilities for the elderly	909	893	953	62,307	60,752	65,113
Care facilities for the elderly (general)	861	847	904	59,533	58,083	62,299
Care facilities for the elderly (blind)	48	46	49	2,774	2,669	2,814
Intensive-care old people's homes <sup>2)</sup>	5,978	6,403	7,544	410,965	439,276	500,910
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly	1,964	2,001	2,182	83,845	85,220	91,474
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (type A)	218	208	215	12,835	12,232	12,656
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (type B)	28	24	24	1,285	1,090	1,170
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (care houses)	1,718	1,769	1,943	69,725	71,898	77,648
Welfare centers for the elderly	1,985	1,933	2,188	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (special type A)	236	222	259	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (type A)	1,363	1,306	1,479	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (type B)	386	405	450	.	.	.
Long-term care day service centers for the elderly <sup>3)</sup>	25,860	27,635	38,265	583,344	618,702	719,068
Short-term admission facilities for the elderly <sup>4)</sup>	7,096	7,515	8,980	96,854	103,811	115,381
Long-term care support centers for the elderly	...	...	...	.	.	.
Support facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.	3,764	4,263	5,962	114,509	141,048	201,782
Support facilities for persons with disabilities	1,204	1,661	2,660	69,832	94,405	145,889
Community activity support centers	2,410	2,446	3,135	42,759	44,702	53,748
Welfare homes	150	156	167	1,918	1,941	2,145
Rehabilitation facilities for physically disabled persons under the former Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons	498	286	.	20,731	11,768	.
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with physical disabilities	31	15	.	1,715	844	.
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with visual disabilities	1	1	.	90	90	.
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with hearing or speech disabilities	1	1	.	30	30	.
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with internal disorders	3	2	.	262	202	.
Care facilities for persons with physical disabilities	190	106	.	10,062	5,834	.
Residential vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	82	44	.	4,023	1,965	.
Daycare vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	122	78	.	3,016	1,856	.
Small-scale daycare vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	57	31	.	1,032	542	.
Welfare factories for persons with physical disabilities	11	8	.	501	405	.
Facility for people with mental retardation under the former Act on Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons	2,001	1,127	.	90,782	50,617	.
Residential rehabilitation facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities	733	397	.	45,830	24,883	.
Daycare rehabilitation facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities	238	133	.	7,791	4,231	.
Residential vocational facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities	134	94	.	8,160	5,596	.
Daycare vocational facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities	753	424	.	25,820	14,106	.
Small-scale daycare vocational facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities	57	20	.	963	323	.
Dormitories for persons with intellectual disabilities at work	73	54	.	1,793	1,333	.
Welfare factories for persons with intellectual disabilities	13	5	.	375	145	.
Social rehabilitation facility for persons with mental disorders under the former Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled	504	366	.	10,475	7,572	.
Daily living training facilities for persons with mental disabilities	195	162	.	4,008	3,285	.
Welfare homes for persons with mental disabilities	94	82	.	1,888	1,636	.
Welfare homes for persons with mental disabilities (type B)	94	82	.	1,888	1,636	.
Vocational facilities for persons with mental disabilities (residential)	13	10	.	344	254	.
Vocational facilities for persons with mental disabilities (daycare)	111	66	.	2,488	1,504	.
Small-scale daycare vocational facilities for persons with mental disabilities	89	44	.	1,689	834	.
Welfare factories for persons with mental disabilities	2	2	.	58	59	.
Social participation support facilities for persons with physical disabilities	337	318	308	360	360	360
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities	182	165	152	.	.	.
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities (type A)	32	33	31	.	.	.
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities (type B)	150	132	121	.	.	.
Rehabilitation centers for persons with disabilities	5	5	5	360	360	360
Facilities for manufacture of assistive devices	18	17	18	.	.	.
Guide dog training facilities	11	11	11	...	...	...
Braille libraries	73	73	72	.	.	.
Braille publication facilities	12	11	11	.	.	.
Institutions of the provision of information to persons with visual and hearing disabilities	36	36	39	.	.	.
Women's protection facilities	47	45	46	1,363	1,275	1,286

Type of facility	Number of facilities			Capacity		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Child welfare facilities	31,623	31,599	33,873	2,114,718	2,144,248	2,334,169
Midwifery homes	413	403	411	...	...	3,889
Infant homes	125	127	130	3,778	3,823	3,851
Living support facilities for fatherless families <sup>9)</sup>	262	259	259	5,409	5,240	5,338
Nursery centers	21,681	21,751	23,740	2,033,292	2,059,667	2,243,121
Foster homes	582	578	589	34,215	33,782	34,410
Facilities for children with disabilities (welfare type)	.	.	264	.	.	11,302
Facilities for children with disabilities (medical care type)	.	.	187	.	.	16,740
Child development support centers (welfare type)	.	.	316	.	.	11,418
Child development support centers (medical care type)	.	.	109	.	.	3,809
Facilities for children with intellectual disabilities	224	225	.	9,446	9,461	.
Facilities for children with autism	5	7	.	218	283	.
Daycare facilities for children with intellectual disabilities	230	256	.	8,317	9,541	.
Facilities for blind children	9	9	.	183	183	.
Facilities for deaf or mute children	10	10	.	213	214	.
Daycare facilities for young children with hearing loss	23	23	.	788	788	.
Facilities for children with physical disabilities	56	59	.	3,694	3,684	.
Daycare facilities for children with physical disabilities	83	97	.	3,070	3,620	.
Care facilities for children with physical disabilities	6	6	.	310	260	.
Facilities for children with severe physical and intellectual disabilities	116	133	.	11,456	13,289	.
Short-term therapeutic facilities for children with emotional disorders	37	37	38	1,709	1,704	1,724
Children's self-reliance support facilities	58	58	58	4,029	3,949	3,905
Child and family support centers	75	79	90	.	.	.
Child centers	4,345	4,318	4,617	.	.	.
Small-size child centers	2,594	2,568	2,735	.	.	.
Children's centers	1,616	1,625	1,763	.	.	.
Large-size child centers (type A)	19	18	18	.	.	.
Large-size child centers (type B)	4	4	4	.	.	.
Large-size child centers (type C)	1	1	1	.	.	.
Other child centers	111	102	96	.	.	.
Children's recreational facilities	3,283	3,164	3,065	.	.	.
Welfare facilities for fatherless families	63	60	61	...	...	...
Welfare centers for fatherless families	59	56	57	.	.	.
Recreation homes for fatherless families	4	4	4	...	...	...
Other social welfare facilities, etc.	6,351	6,944	10,013	227,834	248,273	348,025
Vocational facilities	67	69	69	2,171	2,251	2,264
Facilities providing accommodation	213	281	282	7,593	9,206	9,045
Homes for the blind	20	17	19	400	340	380
Free or low cost medical facilities	283	325	416	...	...	...
Settlement houses	1,026	1,024	1,101	.	.	.
Health and welfare facilities for remote areas	32	59	62	.	.	.
Nursery centers for remote areas	566	529	545	21,698	20,302	21,102
Community welfare centers	...	...	...	.	.	.
Recreation homes for the elderly	...	...	...	.	.	.
Rest homes for the elderly	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fee-based homes for the elderly	4,144	4,640	7,519	195,972	216,174	315,234

Source: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" and "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) 1. There has been a change in the response rate due to the different survey methods, etc.

The figures for 2010 and 2011 are of facilities in operation among those that responded to the survey.

The figures for 2012 are of facilities in operation among those recognized by prefectures, designated cities, and core cities.

- Including those recognized as welfare facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care/community-based long-term care in welfare facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
- Including those recognized as establishments providing daycare service/establishments providing daycare for long-term care of the elderly with dementia in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
- Including those recognized as establishments providing short-term stay in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
- The capacities of long-term care day service centers for the elderly/short-term admission facilities for the elderly for 2012 are of facilities in operation among those that responded to the survey.
- The capacity of living support facilities for fatherless families is the number of households and therefore not included in the total number of capacity.
- "\*" Indicates that it is impossible to be categorized as any statistics items.
- "..." indicates that it is unknown or inappropriate to express figures.
- Some regions of Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures are not surveyed in 2011 due to the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

**Detailed Data 2**
**Cost-Sharing Ratio of Placement Expenses of Social Welfare Facilities**

Facility type	Bearer of the right to placement (*1)	Classification of facilities for placement	Payer of the expenses for placement (*1)	Cost sharing			
				National government	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	Cities	Towns and Villages
Public assistance facilities	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	3/4	1/4	-	-
	Mayors (*2)		Cities	3/4	-	1/4	-
Nursing homes for the elderly	Mayors of municipalities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Municipalities	-	-	10/10 (*4)	
Women's protection facilities	Prefectural governors	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities	Prefectures	5/10	5/10	-	-
Child welfare facilities (*3)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of cities with child guidance centers	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Cities with child guidance centers	1/2	1/2	-	-
Living support facilities for fatherless families Midwifery homes	Mayors (*2)	Prefectural facilities	Prefectures	1/2	1/2	-	-
		Municipal facilities Private facilities	Cities	1/2	1/4	1/4	-
	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	1/2	1/2	-	-
Nursery centers	Mayors of municipalities	Private facilities	Municipalities	1/2	1/4	1/4	
	Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities		Designated cities Core cities	1/2	1/2	-	-
Nursing care homes for persons with physical disabilities (*5)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	5/10	5/10	-	-
	Mayors of municipalities		Municipalities	5/10	-	5/10	

(Note) \*1. The placements (conventionally administrative dispositions) of living support facilities for fatherless families, midwifery homes, and nursery centers were changed to implementation of maternal and child protection, implementation of midwifery, and implementation of childcare (service agreement relationship based on public laws), respectively, pursuant to the partial revision of the Child Welfare Act.

\*2. Including the heads of towns and villages in which welfare offices are established. For towns and villages in which welfare offices are established, the towns and villages are responsible for the payment of placement expenses and cost sharing and the cost sharing ratio remains the same as that of cities.

\*3. Child welfare facilities excluding nursery centers, Living support facilities for fatherless families, and midwifery homes but including establishments providing small-scale residence style childcare services (hereinafter referred to as "family homes") and establishments providing children's self-reliant living assistance services (hereinafter referred to as "self-reliance assistance homes").

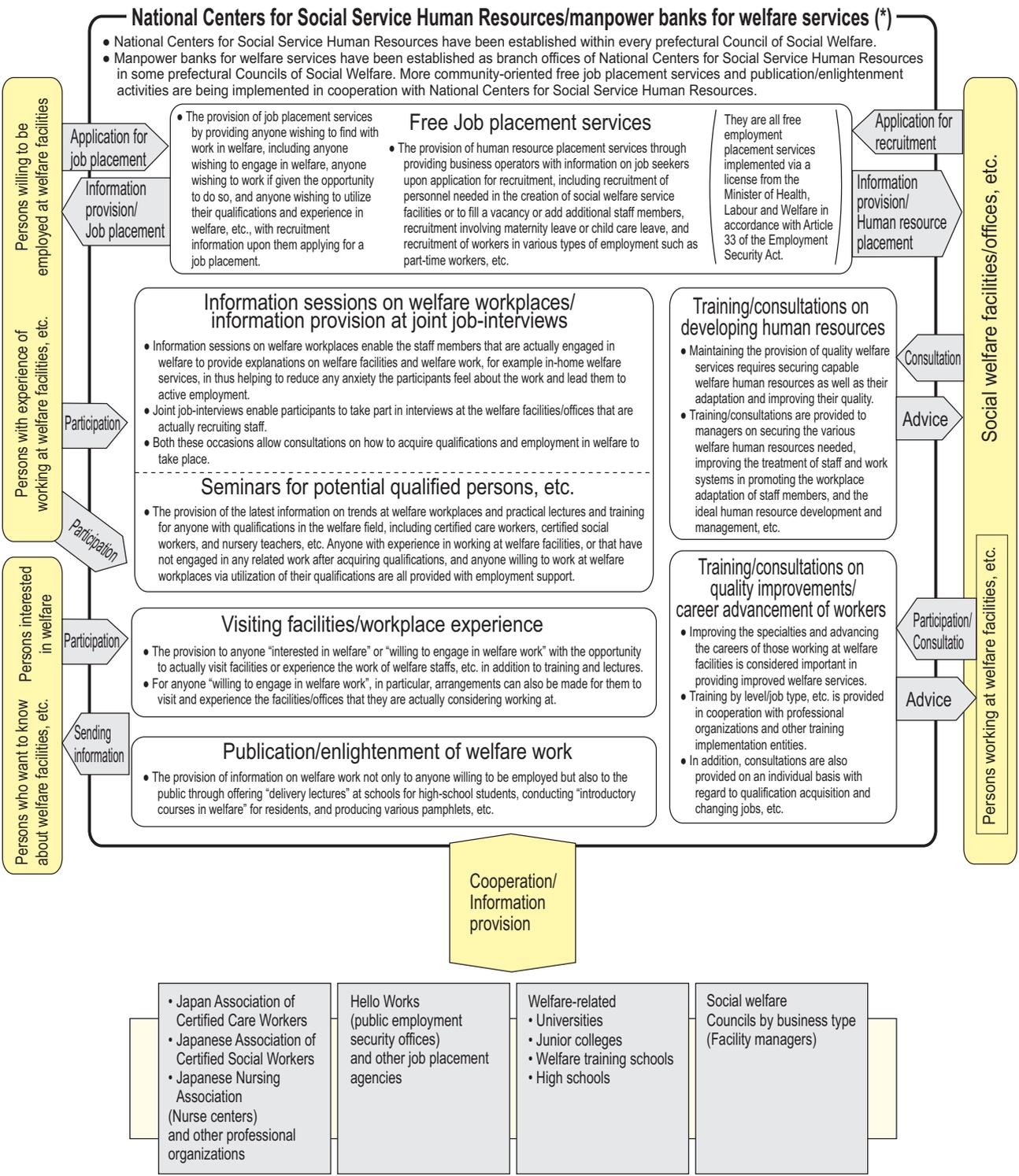
\*4. With the abolishment of subsidy for protection expenses of nursing homes for the elderly, etc. and tax resource transfer in FY2005, all placement expenses of welfare facilities for the elderly are now paid by municipalities (including designated cities and core cities).

\*5. "Nursing care homes for persons with physical disabilities" under the former Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons became "social participation support facilities for persons with physical disabilities" in October 2006 with the enforcement of the Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act.

# Welfare Human Resources

## Overview

### Structural Chart for Securing Welfare Human Resources



**Detailed Data**
**Number Regular Worker-Equivalent Workers at Social Welfare Facilities  
by Job Type and Facility Type**

(As of October 1, 2012)

	Total	Public assistance facilities 2)	Welfare facilities for the elderly	Support facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.	Social participation support facilities for persons with physical disabilities	Women's protection facilities	Child welfare facilities (excl. nursery centers) 2)	Nursery centers	Welfare facilities for fatherless families	Other social welfare facilities, etc. 2)
	Number of workers (persons)									
Total	804,149	6,061	42,253	96,425	2,564	369	71,540	470,708	262	113,967
Heads of facilities	39,867	215	3,233	3,963	193	27	4,360	22,236	29	5,610
Persons in charge of service management	3,776	...	...	3,776	...	...	...	...	...	...
Living instructors/support staffs, etc. 3)	77,574	822	4,421	53,677	212	139	13,147	...	17	5,140
Vocational/work instructors	4,396	107	118	3,452	82	14	138	...	1	484
Therapists	4,823	7	116	818	81	6	2,866	...	—	930
Physical therapists	1,571	3	33	375	30	—	860	...	—	271
Occupational therapists	1,073	1	19	259	22	—	626	...	—	146
Other therapists	2,179	3	64	184	29	6	1,380	...	—	513
Psychological/vocational aptitude evaluators	91	...	...	91	...	...	...	...	...	...
Doctors	2,947	27	154	332	7	4	1,061	1,273	—	88
Public health nurses, midwives, nurses	32,637	387	2,630	4,339	63	24	8,209	6,668	2	10,315
Psychiatric social workers	1,139	71	26	939	4	—	...	...	...	100
Nursery teachers	370,202	...	...	...	...	...	15,773	353,099	2	1,328
Living support instructors for children	588	...	...	...	...	...	588	...	—	...
Child welfare staffs	10,111	...	...	...	...	...	10,111	...	—	...
Maternal and child instructors	681	...	...	...	...	...	681	...	—	...
Nursing care workers	97,482	3,033	16,078	10,137	127	2	...	...	...	68,105
Nutritionists	16,127	193	2,027	2,204	4	16	1,221	9,287	1	1,174
Cooks	67,581	560	5,117	5,123	29	56	4,005	45,593	13	7,087
Office clerks	28,515	429	4,549	4,967	559	42	3,267	8,732	96	5,875
Persons in charge of child development support management	534	...	...	...	...	...	534	...	...	...
Other staffs	45,080	210	3,784	2,609	1,205	39	5,580	23,820	100	7,732

Source: Survey of Social Welfare Institutions (2012)

(Note) 1) The number of workers is calculated by converting to regular employees, and is rounded to the first decimal place.

2) "Public assistance facilities" do not include medical facilities for persons requiring public assistance, "child welfare facilities" do not include midwifery homes and children's recreational facilities, and "other social welfare facilities, etc." do not include free or low cost medical facilities.

3) Living instructors/support staffs, etc. include living instructors, living support staffs, and children's self-reliance support specialists, but only living instructors are included for public assistance facilities and women's protection facilities.

4) The number of workers indicates that of surveyed job types in subject facilities. Job types other than those surveyed are indicated as "...".

# Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

## Overview

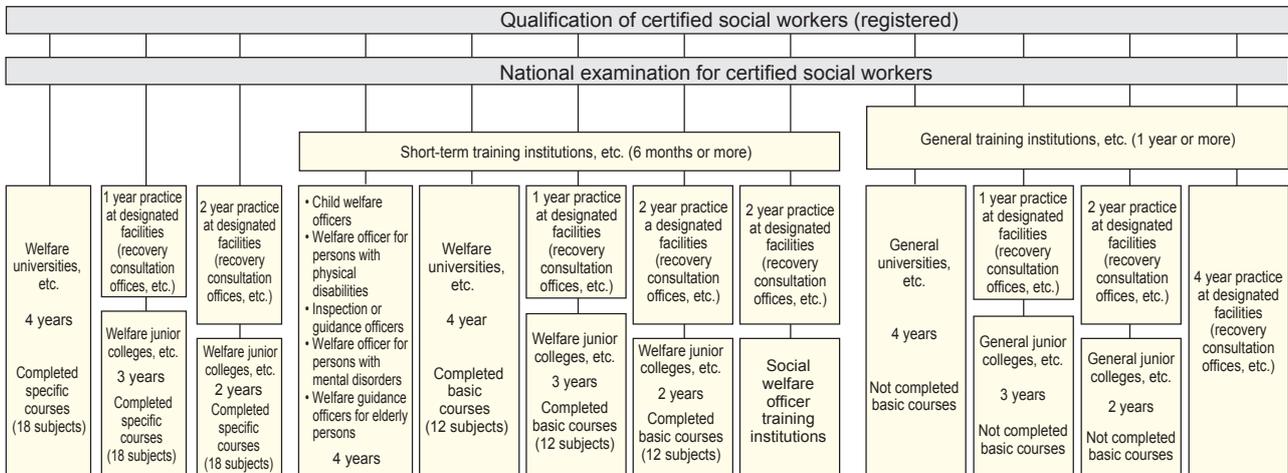
## Outline of Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

### [Certified social workers]

A social worker denotes a person with specialized knowledge and skills that has the right to exclusively use that title in providing anyone facing difficulties in leading their daily lives due to physical/mental disabilities or environmental reasons with advice, guidance, and welfare services, or engaging in the business of enabling communication/adjustments with and providing assistance to doctors, anyone providing health and medical services, and any other relevant professionals.

Those who have studied the social welfare related subjects designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare at universities, etc. and have passed the national examination for certified social workers can become certified social workers upon registration.

### Acquisition of a Certified Social Worker Qualification

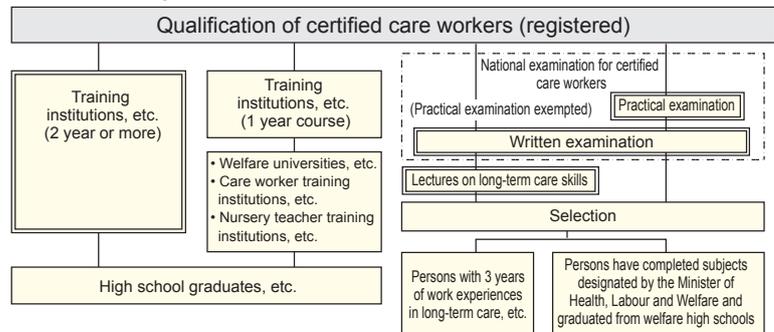


### [Certified care workers]

A social worker denotes a person with specialized knowledge and skills that has the right to exclusively use that title in providing anyone facing difficulties in leading their daily lives due to physical/mental disabilities with long-term care services, and also provide them and their caregivers with guidance on long-term care.

Graduates of high schools or higher education who have graduated from training institutions designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare or who have engaged in long-term care work, etc. for 3 years or more and have passed the national examination for certified care workers can become certified care workers upon registration.

### Acquisition of a Certified Care Worker Qualification



## Detailed Data 1

### Results of National Examination for Certified Social/Care Workers

Category	Certified social workers			Certified care workers		
	Number of applicants	Number of successful applicants	Pass rate	Number of applicants	Number of successful applicants	Pass rate
26th Examination (FY2013)	45,578	12,540	27.5%	154,390	99,689	64.6%

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

## Detailed Data 2

### Number of Persons Qualified as Certified Social/Care Workers

	Certified social workers	Certified care workers	Total	
			National examination	Training institutions
FY2014	176,722	1,279,792	965,846	313,946

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW  
(Note) Those registered as of the end of April 2014

## Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers

### Overview

#### Outline of Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers

The welfare volunteers prescribed for in the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers Act shall enhance social welfare through the spirit of providing social services, consultation from point of view of the people, any necessary assistance, and cooperate in the tasks of relevant the administrative agencies, including welfare offices, etc.

In addition, welfare volunteers also serve as child welfare volunteers, as provided for in the Child Welfare Act. Welfare volunteers appropriately identify the situation with the environment surrounding and the lives of children, pregnant women, and fatherless families in communities. If children requiring support are identified, welfare volunteers shall make the effort to solve their problems by providing consultations and advice on the available services and systems.

Increasing expectations with regard to the activities of child welfare volunteers led to a system of chief child welfare volunteers being created in 1994 in thus enabling them to exclusively engage in child welfare-related matters, and which was legally established within the Child Welfare Act in 2001. **“Chief child welfare volunteers” are designated from among the child welfare volunteers.** Chief child welfare volunteers provide liaisons and coordination between child welfare-related agencies and child welfare volunteers assigned to the region, along with assistance and cooperation in the activities of the child welfare volunteers.

### Detailed Data 1

#### Number of Welfare Volunteers, Child Welfare Volunteers, and Chief Child Welfare Volunteers

(As of March 31, 2013)

	Welfare volunteers/child welfare volunteers	Chief child welfare volunteers (included)
Males	91,593	3,377
Females	138,606	17,902
Total	230,199	21,279

Source: “Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services FY2012”, Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

**Detailed Data 2**

**Status of Activities of Welfare Volunteers/Child Welfare Volunteers**

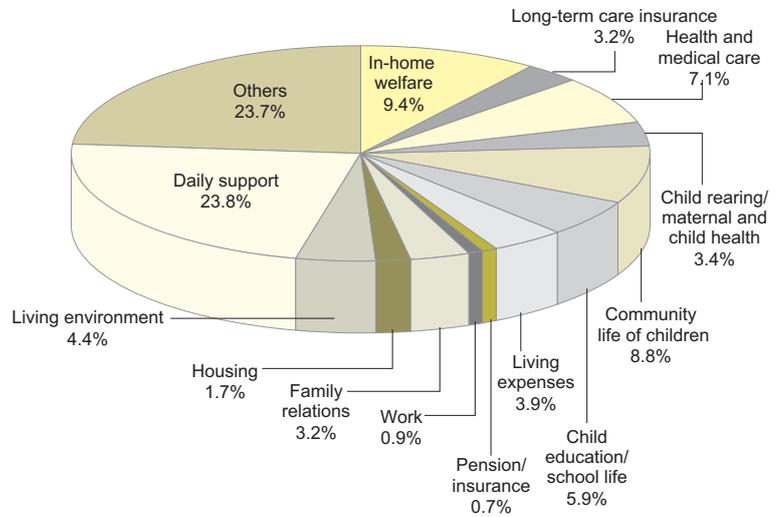
**Total Number of Activities by Both Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers**

The total number of cases of consultation/support provided by welfare volunteers and child welfare volunteers in FY2012 was 7,172,257, and the contents of activities are given in the following table. Excluding “daily support” and “others”, the percentage of “in-home welfare” was high when compared to others.

By category, “matters related to the elderly” accounted for more than half of total cases at 55.4%, “matters related to children” was 20.4% and “matters related to persons with disabilities” 5.6%.

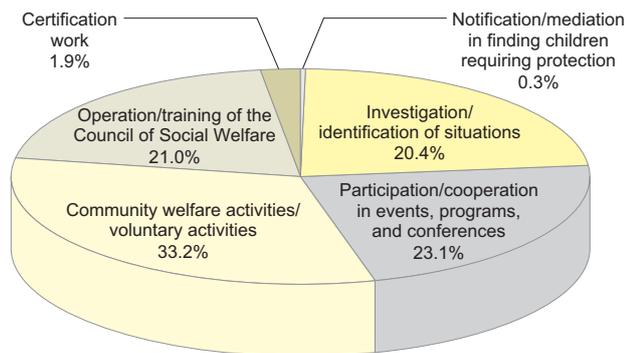
Number of cases of consultation/support by content	
Total	7,172,257
In-home welfare	674,161
Long-term care insurance	226,442
Health and medical care	507,114
Child rearing/maternal and child health	246,147
Community life of children	629,116
Child education/school life	422,514
Living expenses	280,206
Pension/insurance	49,880
Work	67,370
Family relations	228,672
Housing	118,678
Living environment	314,256
Daily support	1,707,265
Others	1,700,436

**Number of cases of consultation/support by content (total)**



Number of cases of other activities	
Total	26,681,004
Investigation/identification of situations	5,453,239
Participation/cooperation in events, programs, and conferences	6,174,575
Community welfare activities/voluntary activities	8,852,668
Operation/training of the Council of Social Welfare	5,604,810
Certification work	506,940
Notification/mediation in finding children requiring protection	88,772

**Breakdown of cases of other activities (total)**



Source: “Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services FY2012”, Statistics and Information Department, Minister’s Secretariat, MHLW

## Volunteer Activities

### Overview

### Current Status of Volunteer Activities

#### [Number of active volunteers]

(As of April 2011, surveyed by Japan National Council of Social Welfare; number of persons/groups registered at or recognized by Social Welfare Conferences of prefecture/designated cities and Social Welfare Conference Volunteer Centers of municipalities)

(1) Number of persons: 8.68 million (approx. 5.4 times that for FY1980 of 1.60 million)

(2) Number of groups: 199,000 groups (approx. 12.4 times that for FY1980 of 16,000)

#### [Structure/details of active volunteers] (as of the end of September 2009)

\* All of the followings were individually surveyed

##### (1) Gender (%)

Males	Females	No answer
31.0	68.8	0.2

##### (2) Age (%)

Age 10-19	Age 20-29	Age 30-39	Age 40-49	Age 50-59	Age 60-69	Age 70-79	80 or older
0.5	3.6	4.5	8.0	17.7	40.9	22.5	2.3

##### (3) By occupation (%)

Enterprise (employees)	6.1	Persons retired at mandatory age	22.5
Public officers	2.9	Students	1.7
Organization staffs	6.5	Persons not working	5.1
NPO/NGO staffs	3.5	Others	7.5
Self-employed	8.1	No answer	0.5
Homemakers (not working)	35.6		

##### (4) Fields of volunteer activities (multiple choices) (%)

Welfare activities for the elderly	44.1	Activities on disaster prevention, crime prevention, or traffic safety, etc.	14.8
Welfare activities for person with disabilities	33.4	Activities on human rights protection	5.9
Activities on child rearing (infants)	17.8	Activities on international exchange/cooperation	7.6
Activities on sound upbringing of youth (children)	17.7	Activities on community development, etc.	22.5
Activities on health and medical care	10.0	Activities of neighborhood self-governing bodies, neighborhood associations, welfare volunteers, or regional social welfare councils, etc.	26.7
Education/culture/sports promotion	19.8	Others	11.1
Activities on community beautification/environment preservation	22.4	No answer	1.6
Volunteer activities in times of disaster	14.7		

##### (5) Areas where activities are conducted (%)

Within elementary school/junior high school districts	14.6	Mainly at home	2.4
Entire municipalities	56.9	No specific areas	12.8
Beyond municipalities (prefecture, overseas, etc.)	10.3	No answer	3.0

## Public Assistance System

### Overview

### Outline of Public Assistance System

#### [Public assistance system]

The public assistance system is used to guarantee a minimum standard of living as well as to promote self-support for any citizens that are impoverished by providing the necessary public assistance according to their level of poverty.

The system consists of 8 types of assistance, namely livelihood assistance, education assistance, housing assistance, medical assistance, long-term care assistance, maternity assistance, occupational assistance, and funeral assistance, which can all be provided alone or in combination according to the needs of the person requiring the public assistance.

#### Determining the Amount of Public Assistance

(Calculation of Minimum Living Expenses)

Livelihood assistance	+	Housing assistance	+	Education assistance	+	Long-term care assistance	+	Medical assistance	=	Minimum living Expenses
Living expenses		House rent, etc.		Compulsory education expenses		Long-term care expenses		Medical expenses		

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

(Calculation of Income Appropriation Amount)

$$\text{Average monthly income} - (\text{Actual necessary expenses} + \text{Basic deductions}) = \text{Income}$$

(Calculation of Assistance Amount)

$$\text{Minimum living expenses} - \text{Income appropriation amount} = \text{Assistance amount}$$

#### [Standards of public assistance]

The standards of public assistance system involve standards for livelihood assistance, the scope of which includes clothing, food or anything else considered necessary in their daily life, and which get revised using the level equilibrium method that takes into consideration the growth of the consumption level of the general public, etc.

#### Livelihood Assistance Standards by Type of Household (FY2014)

(Unit: ¥)

	3-person household: male aged 33, female aged 29, child aged 4	Elderly single household: female aged 68	Elderly couple household: male aged 68, female aged 65	Female aged 30, children aged 4 and 2
1st class area - 1	165,840	81,760	122,380	192,650
1st class area - 2	159,050	78,200	117,050	186,430
2nd class area - 1	151,800	74,070	110,860	177,520
2nd class area - 2	146,570	71,680	107,290	173,310
3rd class area - 1	140,140	68,290	102,230	165,710
3rd class area - 2	134,060	65,120	97,480	160,160

(Note) The above figures include winter season additional amounts (Area VI x 5/12), child-rearing addition, and fatherless family addition.

### Detailed Data 1

### Changes in Actual Number of Households/Persons Receiving Public Assistance, Public Assistance Rate, Number of Persons Assisted, and Rate of Assisted Persons

Examining the overall general public assistance trends reveals the actual number of persons receiving public assistance and the public assistance rate (per population of 1,000) to have been on an upward trend after reaching a minimum in 1995. In FY2012 the monthly average of the actual number of persons receiving public assistance was 2,135,708, that of the actual number of households 1,558,510, and that of the public assistance rate 16.7%.

(Monthly average)

	Actual recipient households (1,000 households)	Actual recipients (1,000 persons)	Public assistance rate (%)	Livelihood assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Housing assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Education assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Long-term care assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Medical assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Other assistance recipients (1,000 persons)	Assistance rate (actual recipients = 100.0)					
										Livelihood assistance	Housing assistance	Education assistance	Long-term care assistance	Medical assistance	Other assistance
FY1975	708	1,349	12.1	1,160	705	229	•	785	5	86.0	52.2	16.9	•	58.2	0.4
FY1980	747	1,427	12.2	1,251	867	261	•	856	5	87.7	60.7	18.3	•	60.0	0.3
FY1985	781	1,431	11.8	1,269	968	252	•	910	4	88.7	67.6	17.6	•	63.6	0.3
FY1990	624	1,015	8.2	890	730	136	•	711	3	87.7	71.9	13.4	•	70.1	0.3
FY1991	601	946	7.6	826	681	117	•	681	3	87.3	72.0	12.4	•	71.9	0.3
FY1992	586	898	7.2	781	646	104	•	662	3	86.9	72.0	11.6	•	73.7	0.3
FY1993	586	883	7.1	765	639	97	•	659	3	86.7	72.4	10.9	•	74.6	0.3
FY1994	595	885	7.1	766	645	92	•	671	3	86.5	72.8	10.4	•	75.8	0.3
FY1995	602	882	7.0	760	639	88	•	680	2	86.2	72.4	10.0	•	77.1	0.3
FY1996	613	887	7.1	766	649	85	•	695	3	86.3	73.1	9.6	•	78.3	0.3
FY1997	631	906	7.2	784	669	84	•	716	3	86.6	73.8	9.3	•	79.0	0.3
FY1998	663	947	7.5	822	707	86	•	753	2	86.8	74.7	9.1	•	79.6	0.3
FY1999	704	1,004	7.9	877	763	91	•	804	2	87.3	76.0	9.1	•	80.0	0.2
FY2000	751	1,072	8.4	943	824	97	67	864	2	87.9	76.9	9.0	6.2	80.6	0.2
FY2001	805	1,148	9.0	1,015	891	105	84	929	2	88.4	77.6	9.1	7.4	80.9	0.2
FY2002	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
FY2003	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
FY2004	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
FY2005	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
FY2006	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
FY2007	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
FY2008	1,149	1,593	12.5	1,422	1,305	135	196	1,282	40	89.3	81.9	8.5	12.3	80.5	2.5
FY2009	1,274	1,764	13.8	1,586	1,460	144	210	1,406	49	89.9	82.8	8.2	11.9	79.8	2.8
FY2010	1,410	1,952	15.2	1,767	1,635	155	228	1,554	56	90.5	83.7	8.0	11.7	79.6	2.9
FY2011	1,498	2,067	16.2	1,872	1,742	159	248	1,657	60	90.6	84.3	7.7	12.0	80.2	2.9
FY2012	1,559	2,136	16.7	1,928	1,812	159	270	1,716	62	90.3	84.8	7.4	12.6	80.4	2.9

Source: "National Survey on Public Assistance Recipients", Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW ("Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW for the figures up to FY2011)

(Note) The number of "Other assistance recipients" has increased since FY2005, due to an addition of the expenses necessary for attending high school, etc.

### Detailed Data 2

### Changes in Percentage Distribution of Households Receiving Public Assistance by Household Type

Examining the number of households receiving public assistance by household type reveals elderly households to have been of the highest percentage at 43.7%.

The decrease in percentage of elderly households in 2005 was due to a change in the definition of elderly households: the definition up to FY2004 was "households composed only of males aged 65 or older and/or females aged 60 or older but with or without any persons younger than 18" whereas the definition from FY2005 on was "households composed only of males and/or females aged 65 or older and with or without persons younger than 18".

(Unit: %)

	Elderly households	Fatherless households	Households with wounded or sick persons/ persons with disabilities	Other households
FY1975	31.4	10.0	45.8	12.9
FY1980	30.3	12.8	46.0	10.9
FY1985	31.2	14.6	44.8	9.3
FY1990	37.2	11.7	42.9	8.1
FY1991	38.8	10.8	42.7	7.8
FY1992	40.2	9.9	42.4	7.5
FY1993	41.1	9.3	42.3	7.2
FY1994	41.8	9.0	42.1	7.1
FY1995	42.3	8.7	42.0	6.9
FY1996	43.2	8.4	41.6	6.8
FY1997	44.0	8.3	41.0	6.7
FY1998	44.5	8.2	40.4	6.8
FY1999	44.9	8.3	39.6	7.1
FY2000	45.5	8.4	38.7	7.4
FY2001	46.0	8.5	37.8	7.7
FY2002	46.3	8.6	36.7	8.3
FY2003	46.4	8.7	35.8	9.0
FY2004	46.7	8.8	35.1	9.4
FY2005	43.5	8.7	37.5	10.3
FY2006	44.1	8.6	37.0	10.2
FY2007	45.1	8.4	36.4	10.1
FY2008	45.7	8.2	35.5	10.6
FY2009	44.3	7.8	34.3	13.5
FY2010	42.9	7.7	33.1	16.2
FY2011	42.6	7.6	32.8	17.0
FY2012	43.7	7.4	30.6	18.4

Source: "National Survey on Public Assistance Recipients", Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW ("Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW for the figures up to FY2011)

## Daily Life and Independence Support Services

### Overview

### Outline of Daily Life and Independence Support Services

The purpose of daily life and independence support services is to support people with insufficient judgment capabilities and including elderly with dementia, persons with mental retardation, and persons with mental disorders, etc. through providing them with assistance to use welfare services, etc. in thus enabling them to lead more independent lives in their communities.

#### 1. Qualification

The services are provided to anyone meeting all of the following:

- (1) Persons with insufficient judgment capabilities (elderly with dementia, persons with mental retardation, and persons with mental disorders, etc. who have difficulty in acquiring, understanding, making judgments on, and expressing their intentions with regard to information on using the services needed in their daily lives)
- (2) Persons recognized as being capable of judging the content of the services

#### 2. Content of assistance

- (1) The standard content of the assistance based on the services is as follows.
  - a. Assistance with using welfare services
  - b. Assistance with using the complaint resolution systems
  - c. Assistance with the administrative procedures involved in remodeling houses, renting housing, consumer contracts in daily life, and filing residential certificates, etc.
- (2) The content of assistance with regard to a. above is as follows.
  - a. Management of users' daily living expenses (daily monetary management), including procedures used in making withdrawals, cancelations, or deposits, etc.
  - b. Identification of changes in living conditions through regular visits

#### 3. Implementing entity

The entities that implement the services are the Councils of Social Welfare of prefectures and designated cities.

In consideration of the convenience of users reception services are provided by the municipal Councils of Social Welfare (core Councils of Social Welfare), as entrusted by the entities described above.

(Reference) Implementing system as of the end of March 2013

Core Councils of Social Welfare:	920
Specialists:	1,733
Living support staff:	13,723

#### 4. Implementation status

	Total number of consultations (*)	Number of user contracts
From Oct. 1999 to Mar. 2000	13,007 cases	327 cases
FY2000	42,504 cases	1,687 cases
FY2001	106,676 cases	3,280 cases (1.94 times that of the previous year)
FY2002	159,688 cases	4,631 cases (1.41 times that of the previous year)
FY2003	231,898 cases	6,252 cases (1.35 times that of the previous year)
FY2004	298,084 cases	6,488 cases (1.04 times that of the previous year)
FY2005	402,965 cases	7,247 cases (1.12 times that of the previous year)
FY2006	530,871 cases	7,626 cases (1.05 times that of the previous year)
FY2007	708,432 cases	8,580 cases (1.13 times that of the previous year)
FY2008	879,523 cases	9,142 cases (1.07 times that of the previous year)
FY2009	1,021,489 cases	9,434 cases (1.03 times that of the previous year)
FY2010	1,157,756 cases	10,346 cases (1.10 times that of the previous year)
FY2011	1,241,086 cases	10,933 cases (1.06 times that of the previous year)
FY2012	1,399,681 cases	10,885 cases
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,193,619 cases</b>	<b>96,856 cases</b>

\* The total number of consultations includes inquiries about the content of the services and consultations both before and after concluding contracts, etc.

(Reference)

#### [FY2012 Status of contracts by user type]

Users	Elderly with dementia, etc.	Persons with mental retardation, etc.	Persons with mental disorders, etc.	Others	Total	Covered by public assistance
Number of contracts	6,486	1,730	2,136	533	10,885	4,649
Percentage distribution (%)	59.6	15.9	19.6	4.9		42.7

Source: National Councils of Social Welfare

# Livelihood Welfare Fund Loan System

## Overview

### Outline of Livelihood Welfare Fund Loan System

**[Year of establishment]** FY1955

**[Implementing entity]** Prefectural Councils of Social Welfare

#### **[Eligible persons]**

Low-income households ..... Households that face difficulty borrowing the necessary money from other sources (same level as those exempt from municipal-tax)

Households with persons with disabilities ..... Households with persons who have been issued with physically disabled certificates, medical rehabilitation handbooks, or health and welfare handbooks for persons with mental disorders

Elderly households ..... Households with elderly aged 65 or older

#### **[Fund type]**

General Support Funds (living support expenses, housing expenses, temporary livelihood rehabilitation expenses), Welfare Funds (welfare expenses, emergency small-amount fund), Education Support Funds (education support expenses, school entering expenses), Living Funds of Real Estate Security Type (living funds of real estate security type, living funds of real estate security type for families in need of welfare)

#### **[Interest rate]**

No interest if co-signed.

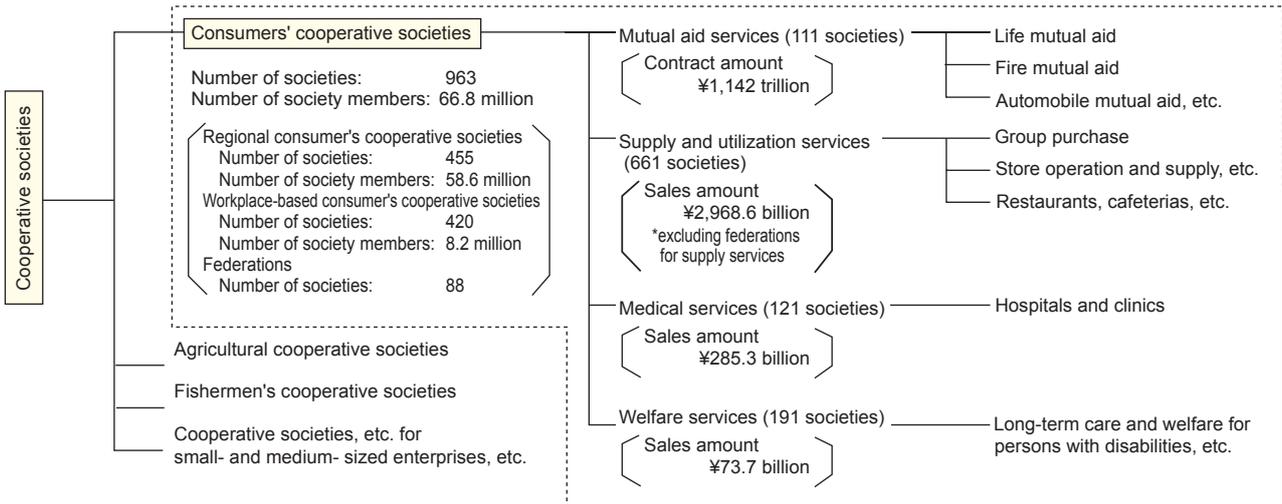
Annual interest rate is 1.5% if not co-signed.

[1] No interest for Emergency Small-amount Funding and Education Support Funds  
[2] With the Living Funds of the Real Estate Security Type and Living Funds of Real Estate Security Type for Families in need of Welfare an annual interest rate of 3% or the long-term prime rate, whichever is lower, apply

# Consumers' Cooperative Societies

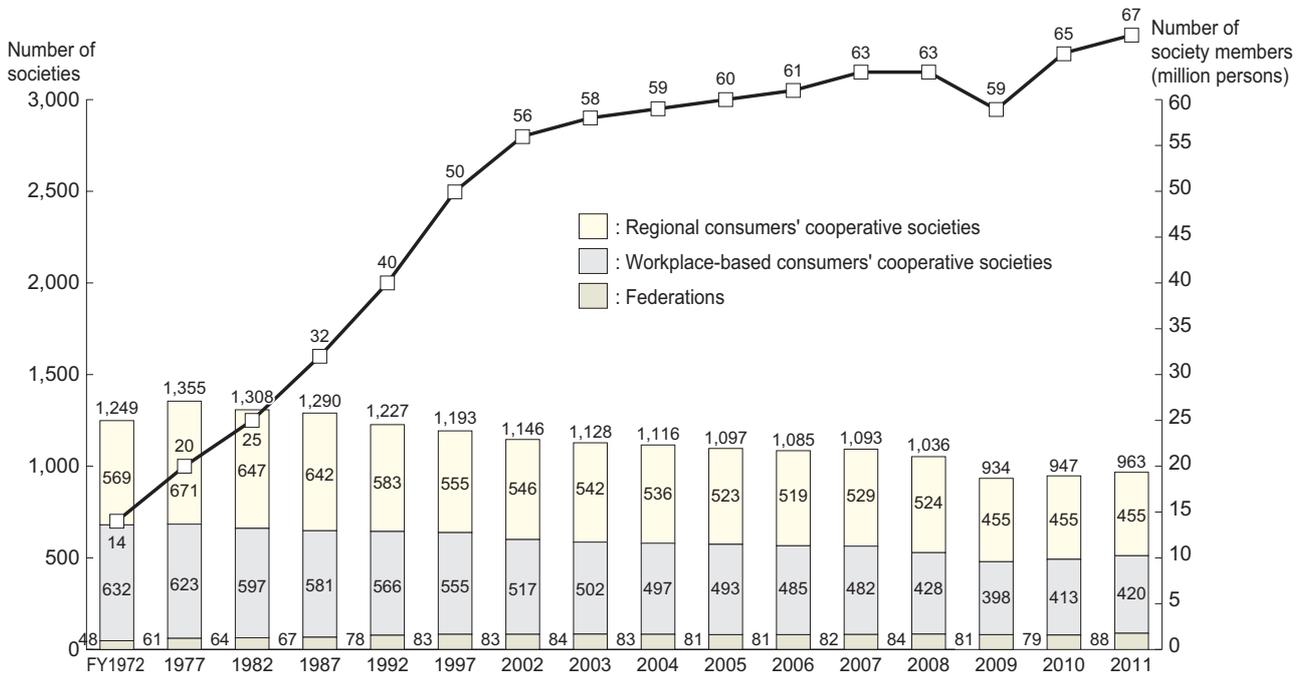
## Overview

### Outline of Consumers' Cooperative Societies



Source: "Tabulated Results of FY2012 Survey on the actual status of consumers' cooperative societies (federations)", Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

### Changes in Number of Consumers' Cooperative Societies



Source: "Tabulated Results of FY2012 Survey on the actual status of consumers' cooperative societies (federations)", Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

## Succession of Hardships During and After the War

### Overview

### Succession of Hardships During and After the War

#### ○ **Showa-kan**

The *Showa-kan* was opened in the spring of 1999, for the purpose of passing down to posterity about hardships experienced by bereaved families of the war dead and the other people during and after the war.

The *Showa-kan* exhibits real materials showing the people's lives of that time as they were, provides an access to books and videos, and implements programs that provide a broad range of information on the affiliated facilities. Furthermore the thematic exhibitions are held 3 times a year along different themes to provide an opportunity for the public to commemorate those hardships.

- Address: 1-6-1 Kudan-Minami, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- TEL: 03-3222-2577
- Website: <http://www.showakan.go.jp>

#### ○ **Shokei-kan (Historical Materials Hall for the Wounded and Sick Retired Soldiers, etc)**

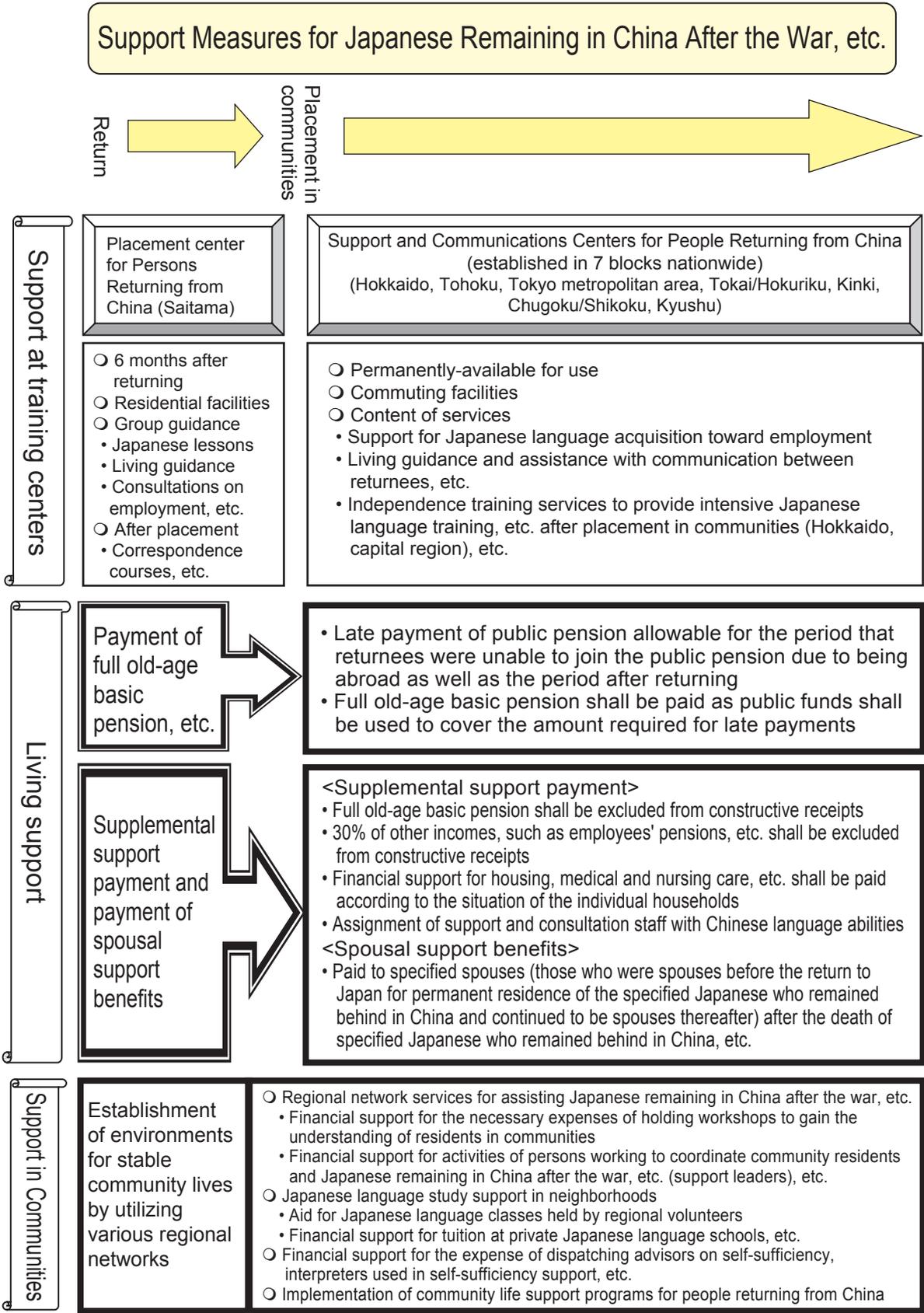
The *Shokei-kan* was opened in the spring of 2006, as part of relief measures for sick and wounded servicemen, for the purpose of passing down to posterity about hardships during and after the war experienced by sick and wounded servicemen, as well as their families, etc.

The *Shokei-kan* exhibits real materials and verbal testimony that convey the sobering hardships of those servicemen and families, provides an access to a diorama of field hospitals, books and videos, and holds thematic exhibitions and others, providing an opportunity for the public to commemorate those hardships.

- Address: Kyodo Bldg. Kudan No. 2, 1-5-13 Kudan-Minami, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- TEL: 03-3234-7821
- Website: <http://www.shokeikan.go.jp>

# Relief Measures for Japanese Remaining in China After the War

## Overview Outline of Relief Measures for Japanese Remaining in China After the War



## Overview

## Outline of post-retirement livelihood support

### 1. Payment of full Old-Age Basic Pension

Certain Japanese who remained behind in China after the War are provided with an amount equivalent to the insurance premiums for the insured period (up to 40 years), including the period before returning to Japan, as a "lump-sum payment", but from which the amount of late payment of insurance premiums is deducted, and the government then makes the late payment on their behalf to the Japan Pension Service, thereby enabling them to receive full Old-Age Basic Pensions, etc. (Subjects: 6,189 persons \*as of the end of May 2014)

Subjects	Japanese who remained behind in China after the War that meet the following conditions:
	1. Born on or after April 2, 1911
	2. Born on or before December 31, 1946 when the postwar period was being settled (*)
	3. Returned to Japan for permanent residence for the first time on or after April 1, 1961
	4. Continue to be domiciled in Japan for no less than one year after returning to permanently reside here
	* Including those approved by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare to be in equivalent circumstances as those falling under 2.

### 2. Support benefit system

In addition to full Old-Age Basic Pensions, etc., support benefits are provided in cases where their household income is lower than a certain standard.

The standards for public assistance apply to support benefits.

## Detailed Data 1

### Changes in Number of Households, Actual Number of Persons, Number of Persons Receiving Support Benefits, and Benefit Rate

(Monthly average)

	Number of recipient households of support benefits (persons)	Actual number of recipients of support benefits (persons)	Number of recipients of livelihood support benefits (persons)	Number of recipients of housing support benefits (persons)	Number of recipients of long-term care support benefits (persons)	Number of recipients of medical care support benefits (persons)	Number of recipients of other support benefits (persons)	Benefit rate (actual number of persons=100.0)				
								Livelihood support benefits	Housing support benefits	Long-term care support benefits	Medical care support benefits	Other support benefits
FY2009	4,699	7,366	7,277	7,039	846	6,513	27	99%	96%	11%	88%	0%
FY2010	4,737	7,373	7,273	7,000	969	6,607	32	99%	95%	13%	90%	0%
FY2011	4,723	7,315	7,214	6,900	1,085	6,575	37	99%	94%	15%	90%	1%
FY2012	4,686	7,224	7,131	6,805	1,253	6,616	38	99%	94%	17%	92%	1%

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

## Detailed Data 2

### Changes in Percentage Distribution of Households Receiving Support Benefits by Household Type

	Household of a couple	Household of a recipient only	Households of a spouse only	Other household
FY2009	2,489	1,668	194	357
FY2010	2,484	1,693	232	301
FY2011	2,400	1,689	255	343
FY2012	2,328	1,658	280	368

Source: Documents from audit of the affairs concerning enforcement of support benefits by MHLW

### [Assignment of supporters/consultation staff]

Supporters/consultation staff get assigned to implementing agencies of support benefits who have a good understanding of the Japanese who remained behind in China after the War, etc. and who are fluent in Chinese or Russian and can provide them with advice, etc. according to their needs in thereby enabling them to live comfortable lives.

## Detailed Data 3

### Number of supporters/consultation staff members (persons)

FY2009	479
FY2010	491
FY2011	476
FY2012	474

Source: MHLW

### 3. Community Life Support Programs for Japanese who remained behind in China after the War, etc.

In order to support the independence of the Japanese who remained behind in China after the War, etc., the Programs aim to provide support which enables them to live normal lives as members of communities through establishing support networks, providing support for those learning Japanese, and dispatching translators, etc. to the pertinent communities.

#### [Subjects]

Japanese who remained behind in China after the War, etc. and those that accompanied them when they returned to Japan to live together

#### [Implementing entities]

The implementing entities of the programs are prefectures and municipalities (including special wards).

#### [Implementation status]

	Implementation rate (number of implementing local governments / total number of local governments)
FY2010	92%
FY2011	95%
FY2012	94%

Source: MHLW

## Memorial Services for the War Dead

### Overview

### Outline of Memorial Services for the War Dead

Memorial Services for the War Dead	<b>Memorial Ceremonies for the War Dead</b>	<p>A Memorial Ceremony for the War Dead has been held annually on August 15 at the Nippon Budokan since FY1963 as a national event to console the souls of the war dead.</p> <p>In addition, a Worship Ceremony has been held at the Chidorigafuchi War Dead Cemetery every spring since FY1964 to put the remains to rest that have been recovered abroad but cannot be delivered to their bereaved and then collectively worshipped.</p>
	<b>Recovery of the Remains of War Dead, etc.</b>	<p>Teams to collect the remains of Japanese war dead have been sent to former major battlefields since FY1952. As of the end of March 2014 approximately 1.27 million remains of 2.40 million war dead abroad (including those in Iwo Jima and Okinawa) have been collected.</p> <p>In addition, focused efforts to collect information on unrecovered remains abroad have been made in cooperation with private organizations, etc. that are well informed about the local situation to facilitate their future recovery.</p>
	<b>DNA Profiling Projects on the Remains of War Dead Abroad and Delivery of the Remains, etc.</b>	<p>DNA profiling has been conducted at national expense when certain conditions are met, including cases where the deceased and the bereaved family can be reasonably identified from documentations/records, etc., and the identified remains then delivered to the bereaved family.</p> <p>Belongings of the deceased have also been delivered via investigations.</p>
	<b>Pilgrimages for Memorial Services and Visits to Burial Sites</b>	<p>The national government has systematically held pilgrimages composed mainly of bereaved families since FY1976 to conduct memorial services for the war dead at former major battlefields, on the ocean, and in other areas where collecting any remains is impossible.</p>
	<b>Friendship and Goodwill Memorial Services</b>	<p>Because of the point of view that children of the war dead are also war victims, similar to the people living in areas that were the sites of major battlefields during the war, friendship and goodwill memorial services have been conducted since FY1991 at the aforementioned sites in thus holding memorial ceremonies for the war victims and to pledge a commitment to a permanent state of peace.</p>
	<b>Maintenance/management of Monuments to the War Dead</b>	<p>Appropriate maintenance and management of monuments to the War Dead erected in the center of each former major battlefield have been conducted, and small-scale monuments also erected in the former Soviet Union.</p>

### Detailed Data 1

### Recovery of Remains of War Dead

(Unit: remain)

Region	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
The former Soviet Union (detention)	307	95	219	296	97	115
Mongolia (Nomonhan)	24	30	14	129	4	5
Sakhalin	3	—	4	—	2	8
The Philippines	1,230	7,740	6,289	—	1	1
Myanmar	—	—	—	7	—	—
India	—	—	—	9	—	—
Eastern New Guinea	114	415	214	171	98	202
Bismarck Archipelago/Solomon Islands	146	102	165	280	298	159
Irian Jaya	108	291	216	—	134	1,433
Indonesia (excluding Irian Jaya)	—	10	—	—	—	—
Saipan/Tinian	—	49	1	575	202	12
Guam	—	3	8	—	5	—
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	—
Palau	—	2	11	6	8	—
Marshall Islands	—	4	—	7	—	—
Kiribati	—	—	5	—	—	—
Wake Island	—	—	1	—	3	—
Okinawa	80	173	128	159	103	262
Iwo Jima	26	51	822	344	266	166
Others	0	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>8,965</b>	<b>8,097</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>2,521</b>

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

**Detailed Data 2 Status of DNA Analysis of Remains of War Dead Abroad**

(Unit: case)

FY	Identified	Negative	Total
FY2003	8	0	8
FY2004	47	24	71
FY2005	157	36	193
FY2006	168	245	413
FY2007	149	187	336
FY2008	145	71	216
FY2009	86	76	162
FY2010	46	60	106
FY2011	30	15	45
FY2012	32	65	97
FY2013	68	126	194
Total	936	905	1,841

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

**Detailed Data 3 Status with Pilgrimages for Memorial Services and visits to Burial Sites**

(Unit: person)

FY	Region	Number of bereaved participated
2008	The former Soviet Union, China, Bismarck Archipelago/Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Palau Islands, Eastern New Guinea, the Philippines, Myanmar, Marshall/Gilbert Islands, Iwo Jima	351
2009	The former Soviet Union, China, Iwo Jima, the Philippines, Mariana Islands, Eastern New Guinea, North Borneo, Bismarck Archipelago/Solomon Islands	324
2010	The former Soviet Union, China, Iwo Jima, the Philippines, Mariana Islands, Indonesia, Eastern New Guinea, Myanmar, Truk Islands, Gilbert Islands	470
2011	The former Soviet Union, China, Iwo Jima, the Philippines, Mongolia, Palau, Indonesia, Bismarck Archipelago/Solomon Islands, Eastern New Guinea	356
2012	The former Soviet Union, China, the Philippines, Mariana Islands, Eastern New Guinea, North Borneo, Truk Islands, Marshall/Gilbert Islands	394
2013	The former Soviet Union, China, Iwo Jima, Mongolia, Indonesia, Bismarck Archipelago/Solomon Islands, Eastern New Guinea, Myanmar, and the Philippines	310

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

**Detailed Data 4 Status with Erection of Monuments to War Dead**

Name of monument	Location	Completion date
Iwo Jima Monument to the War Dead	Iwo Jima, Ogasawara village, Tokyo	Mar. 26, 1971
Philippine Monument to the War Dead	Kaliraya, Laguna state, the Philippines	Mar. 28, 1973
Mid-Pacific ocean Monument to the War Dead	Marpi, Saipan Island, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Island, U.S.A. (self-governing domain)	Mar. 25, 1974
South Pacific ocean Monument to the War Dead	Rabaul City, Eastern New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea	Sep. 30, 1980
Myanmar Peace Monument	Yangon City, Myanmar	Mar. 28, 1981
New Guinea Monument to the War Dead	Wewak City, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea	Sep. 16, 1981
Borneo Monument to the War Dead	Labuan City Sabah State, Malaysia	Sep. 30, 1982
East Pacific ocean Monument to the War Dead	Majuro, Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall lands	Mar. 16, 1984
West Pacific ocean Monument to the War Dead	Peleliu Island, Peleliu State, Republic of Palau	Mar. 8, 1985
North Pacific ocean Monument to the War Dead	Attu Island, State of Alaska, U.S.A.	July 1, 1987
Monument to the War Dead in World War II	Parei, Biak Island, Papua, Indonesia	Mar. 24, 1994
India Peace Monument	Imphal, Manipur State, India	Mar. 25, 1994
Monument to the Japanese Dead	Khabarovsk City, Khabarovsk Province, Russia	July 31, 1995
Sakhalin and Chishima Monument to the War Dead	Smirnykh, Sakhalin Province, Russia	Nov. 1, 1996
Monument to the Japanese Dead	Ulan Bator, Mongolia	Oct. 15, 2001

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

**Detailed Data 5 Status with the Erection of Small-Scale Monuments to the War Dead for the Deceased during their Detention in the Soviet Union**

Region	Location of erection	Completion date
Republic of Tatarstan	Elabuga, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation	Sep. 2000
Krasnoyarsk Region	Krasnoyarsk, Krasnoyarsk Region, Russian Federation	Sep. 2000
Republic of Khakasia	Chernogorsk, Republic of Khakasia, Russian Federation	Sep. 2001
Sverdlovsk State	Nizhny Tagil, Sverdlovsk State, Russian Federation	Sep. 2001
Republic of Uzbekistan	Toshkent, Republic of Uzbekistan	Sep. 2003
Kemerovo State	Kemerovo, Kemerovo State, Russian Federation	Oct. 2006
Novosibirsk State	Novosibirsk, Novosibirsk State, Russian Federation	Dec. 2007
Altai Region	Bijsk, Altai Region, Russian Federation	Dec. 2007
Orenburg State	Orenburg, Orenburg State, Russian Federation	Sep. 2008
Republic of Georgia	Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia	Mar. 2010
Primorsky Region	Artyom, Primorsky Region, Russian Federation	Nov. 2010
Amur State	Vasilyevka Village, Belogorsk District, Amur State, Russian Federation	Nov. 2012
Zabaikal Region	Chita City, Zabaikal Region, Russian Federation	July 2013

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

## Relief for the Wounded/Sick Retired Soldiers and War Bereaved, etc.

### Overview

### Relief for the Wounded/Sick Retired Soldiers and War Bereaved, etc.

In connection with the injury, illness or death of military personnel, etc., the national government provides them (excluding those receiving benefits in accordance with the Public Officers Pension Act) or their bereaved survivors with pension benefits, etc. to assist them based on a spirit of state compensation.

Qualified persons	Military personnel (excluding those receiving benefits in accordance with the Public Officers Pension Act), military civilian employees, and paramilitary personnel, who were disabled in the line of duty, and the bereaved families	
	Disability benefits	Survivors' benefits
Contents of relief	Disability Pension: 1,428 persons Injury or sickness incurred in the line of duty (as of March 2014) ¥9,729,100 (Special) to ¥961,000 (Class 5) Service-related injury or sickness ¥7,417,100 (Special) to ¥743,000 (Class 5) Lump-sum disability grant: 676 persons (cumulative total) (when selected in place of pension)	Survivors' Pension: 5,835 persons (Bereaved families of military personnel and army civilian employees) ( Higher priority: 5,818 persons ) ( Lower priority: 17 persons ) Survivors' grant: 2,572 persons (Bereaved families of paramilitary personnel) ( Higher priority: 2,549 persons ) ( Lower priority: 23 persons ) (As of March 2014) Death in the line of official duty ( Higher priority: ¥1,966,800 ) ( Lower priority: ¥72,000 ) Service-related death ( Higher priority: ¥1,573,500 ) ( Lower priority: ¥56,400 ) Condolence grant (cumulative total): 2,085,134 persons Government bonds with a face value of ¥50,000 with 6% annual interest and redemption in 10 years

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW  
 (Note) The number of beneficiaries is as of March 31, 2014.

### Relief in Accordance with the Act on Special Aid to the Wounded and Sick Retired Soldiers

In connection with the injury and illness of military personnel, etc. incurred in the line of duty, the national government provides them with medical benefits, etc. to assist them based on a spirit of state compensation.

Qualified persons	Military personnel, army civilian employees, and paramilitary personnel who were disabled in the line of duty and have been issued the war injury and sickness certification: 17,651 persons	
Contents of relief	1. Medical care benefits: 403 persons 2. Medical care allowance (¥29,400 per month): 1 person 3. Funeral expenses (¥201,000): 15 cases 4. Medical rehabilitation benefits: 0 cases	5. Supply and repair of prosthetic appliances: 195 cases 6. Accommodation in national sanatoria: 0 persons 7. Free passage on Japan Railways trains and ferry boats: 7,813 persons
	Counselors for the war wounded and sick:	541 persons (as of October 1, 2013)

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

(Note) 1. The number of recipients, etc. are as of April 1, 2013 or FY2012.

2. The number of persons in item 7 of "contents of relief" indicates the number of persons issued with exchange certificates for transportation passes.

3. The amounts are as of March 31, 2014.

## Detailed Data

## Special Benefits, etc.

Type	Recipients	Benefits
Special benefits for wives of the war dead, etc.	Wives	<p>Timeline of special benefits for wives of the war dead, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1963: ¥200,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 419,744 persons.</li> <li>1973: ¥600,000 (10-year gov. bond, renewed). Number of recipients: 388,235 persons.</li> <li>1983: ¥1,200,000 (10-year gov. bond, renewed for a second time). Number of recipients: 346,568 persons.</li> <li>1993: ¥1,800,000 (10-year gov. bond, renewed for a third time). Number of recipients: 272,157 persons.</li> <li>2003: ¥2,000,000 (10-year gov. bond, renewed for a fourth time). Number of recipients: 159,847 persons.</li> <li>2013: ¥2,000,000 (10-year gov. bond, renewed for a fifth time). Number of recipients: 34,691 persons.</li> </ul>
Special benefits for wives of the wounded and sick retired soldiers, etc.	Wives	<p>Timeline of special benefits for wives of the wounded and sick retired soldiers, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1966: ¥100,000 (¥50,000) (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 121,958 persons.</li> <li>1976: ¥300,000 (¥150,000) (10-year gov. bond, renewed). Number of recipients: 102,986 persons.</li> <li>1986: ¥600,000-300,000 (¥300,000-150,000) (10-year gov. bond, renewed for a second time). Number of recipients: 86,723 persons.</li> <li>1996: ¥900,000 (¥450,000), ¥600,000 (¥300,000), or ¥300,000 (¥150,000) (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 61,997 persons.</li> <li>2006: ¥1,000,000 (¥500,000), ¥900,000 (¥450,000), ¥600,000 (¥300,000), or ¥300,000 (¥150,000) (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 21,749 persons.</li> <li>1979: ¥50,000 (¥25,000) (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 6,983 persons.</li> <li>1984: ¥20,000 (¥10,000) (2-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 7,503 persons.</li> <li>1991: ¥150,000 (¥75,000) (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 1,465 persons.</li> <li>2001: ¥150,000 (¥75,000) (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 394 persons.</li> <li>2011: ¥150,000 (¥75,000) (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 71 persons.</li> </ul> <p>Special benefits for wives of the wounded and sick retired soldiers who died not as result of the duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1986: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 57,145 persons.</li> <li>1991: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond).</li> <li>1996: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond).</li> <li>2001: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond).</li> <li>2006: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond).</li> <li>2011: ¥50,000 (5-year gov. bond).</li> </ul> <p>(Note) The figures in parentheses indicate the amounts for the wives of the lightly wounded.</p>
Special benefits for parents, etc. of the war dead	Parents Grandparents	<p>Timeline of special benefits for parents, etc. of the war dead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1967: ¥100,000 (5-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 16,675 persons.</li> <li>1973: ¥300,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed). Number of recipients: 14,505 persons.</li> <li>1978: ¥600,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a second time). Number of recipients: 10,098 persons.</li> <li>1983: ¥600,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a third time). Number of recipients: 6,596 persons.</li> <li>1988: ¥750,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a fourth time). Number of recipients: 3,700 persons.</li> <li>1993: ¥900,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a fifth time). Number of recipients: 1,665 persons.</li> <li>1998: ¥1,000,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a sixth time). Number of recipients: 675 persons.</li> <li>2003: ¥1,000,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a seventh time). Number of recipients: 223 persons.</li> <li>2008: ¥1,000,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a eighth time). Number of recipients: 102 persons.</li> <li>2013: ¥1,000,000 (5-year gov. bond, renewed for a ninth time). Number of recipients: 22 persons.</li> </ul>
Special condolence grant for bereaved families of the war dead, etc.	Siblings, etc. Children	<p>Timeline of special condolence grants for bereaved families of the war dead, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1965: ¥30,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 664,588 persons.</li> <li>1975: ¥200,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 1,008,857 persons.</li> <li>1979: ¥120,000 (6-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 117,461 persons.</li> <li>1985: ¥300,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 1,297,367 persons.</li> <li>1989: ¥180,000 (6-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 75,108 persons.</li> <li>1995: ¥400,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 1,376,789 persons.</li> <li>1999: ¥240,000 (6-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 58,863 persons.</li> <li>2005: ¥400,000 (10-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 1,271,558 persons.</li> <li>2009: ¥240,000 (6-year gov. bond). Number of recipients: 44,454 persons.</li> </ul>

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

(Note) The number of recipients is as of March 31, 2014.

The national government provides government bonds as special benefits to the wives of the war dead, etc. to console their mental pain and in recognition of the struggles they have undergone.

Additionally, the national government provides government bonds as special condolence to the bereaved families on the occasion of 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversary of the end of the war to once again express its sympathy.