

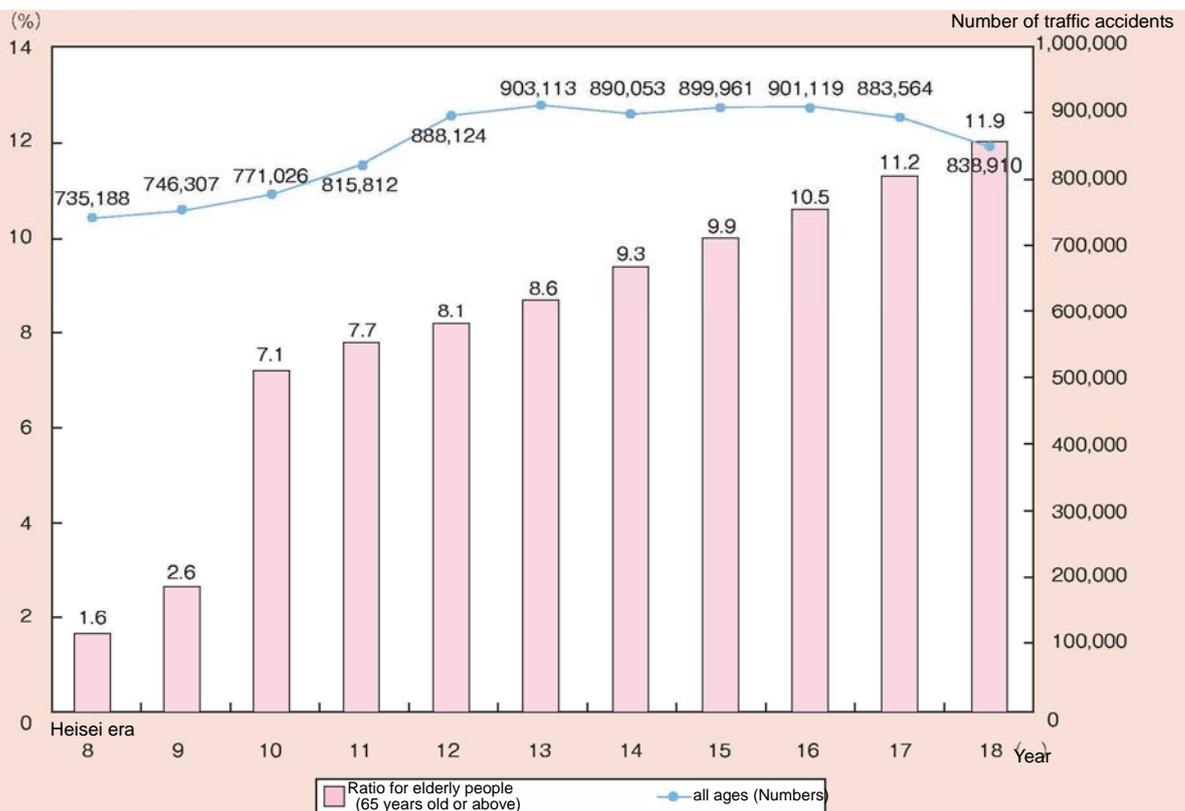
6 Safety and Security for the Elderly

As they have more opportunities to go out, the number of traffic accidents is on the rise, too.

- The number of traffic accidents caused by aged drivers is growing year by year, as the number of elderly people who possess a driving license is rising along with the number of driving opportunities for elderly people. The number of traffic accidents caused by aged drivers of 65 years old or above (including those of motorcycles accident) in 2006 was 99,853, which was up 1.3

percent from that of 2005 (a 5.1 percent fall compared to the total for all age groups). Compared to 10 years ago, in 1996, it is approximately 2.2 times higher among elderly people 65 years old or above, and approximately 3.3 times higher among elderly people 75 years old or above, showing a large increase. (1-2-64)

Figure 1-2-64 Transition in number of traffic accidents caused by elderly



Reference: National Police Agency "Traffic accident statistics"

(Note 1) Number of traffic accidents caused by drivers (primary person concerned) including the accidents with motorcycles and larger vehicles.

(Note 2) Primary person means, of those connected with an accident, the person mainly at fault, or when the fault is equally shared, the person suffering less damage.

- Looking at the death toll of the elderly of 65 years old or above killed in a fire (excluding the people who committed suicide by fire), 826 people were killed in 2006, occupying 56.0 percent of the total death toll. (Figure 1-2-65)

- The number of consultations to consumer affairs centers nationwide by elderly people of 70 years old or above is increasing year by year to 134,735 in FY 2006, forming 12 percent of total consultations. The number was 43,336 in FY 2000, (Figure 1-2-66)

Figure 1-2-65 Transition in Elderly Victims of Crime and Accidental Fire

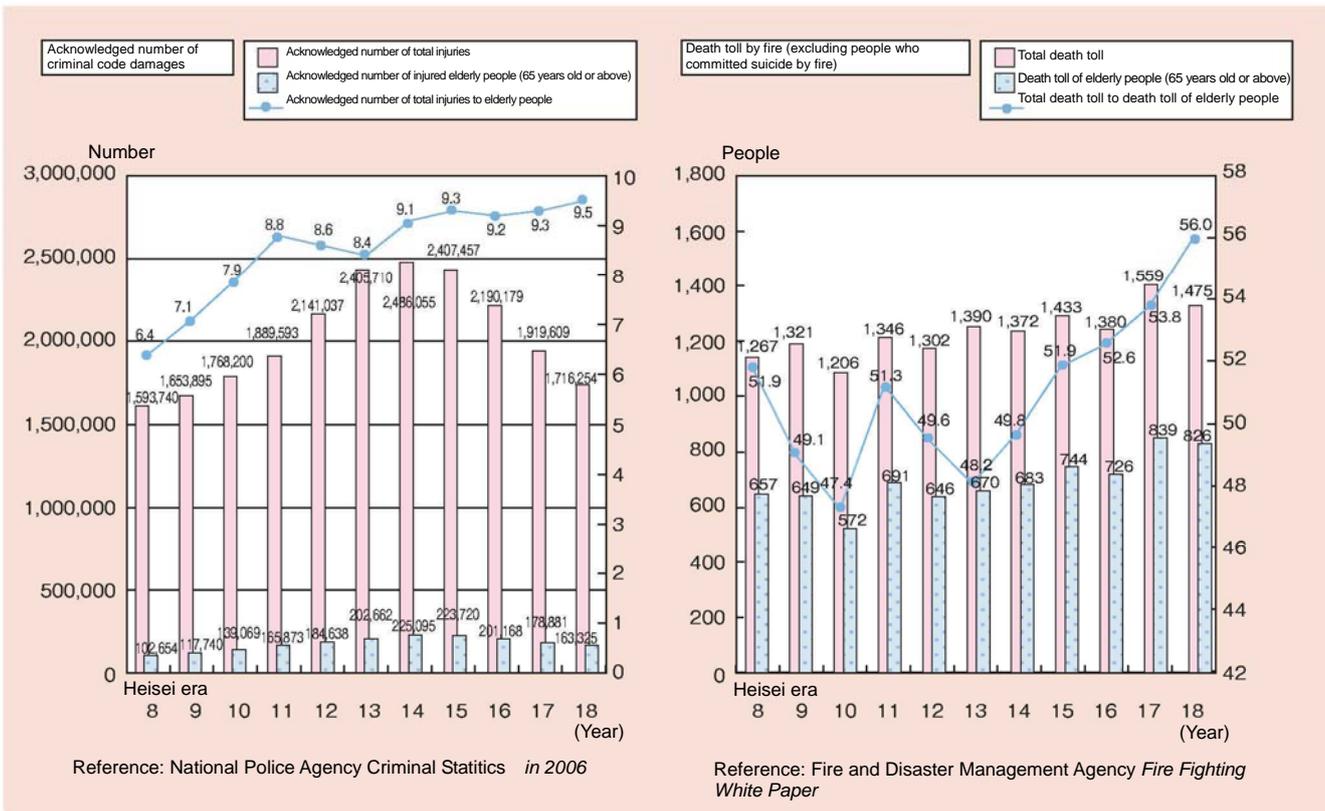


Figure 1-2-66 Number of consumer consultations by contract parties aged 70 or older

