

Situation of Implementation Measures for the Aging Society

Section 1 Fundamental Framework of Measures for the Aging Society

- The basic framework of aged society measures in Japan is based on the Aged Society Basic Act (1995 Bill #129).
 - The Aged Society Measures Council makes the Cabinet prime minister the chairman, all cabinet ministers are appointed by committee members, an outline plan for the aged society measures is created, and deliberation of important items concerning aged society measures alongside the mutual adjustment of related administrative agencies needed in regards to aged society measures is promoted along with the implementation of such measures.
 - The aged society measures outline is required to be created by the government based on the Aged Society Basic Act, and becomes a basic and comprehensive guideline over the medium to long term of aged society measures promoted by the government.
 - 5 years following the formulation of the first aged society measures outline in July 1996, the socioeconomic conditions changed and a plan was created in the Aged Society Measures Council on December 28, 2001 whereupon an aged society measures outline was decided upon in a Cabinet meeting.
 - In order to comprehensively promote measures based on the aged society measures outline, basic policy frames are exceeded by field, issues abstracted in a cross-sectional manner are set, and related policies are promoted comprehensively.
 - Aged society measures cover a wide range of policies promoting employment, income, health, welfare, study, social participation, living circumstances, and investigative research, and are showing consistent development.
- When examining related budgets in the general account budget, 2009 was ¥17,184,700,000,000. When observing by each field, employment and income were ¥10,319,400,000,000, health and welfare were ¥6,809,700,000,000, study and social participation were ¥16,400,000,000, living circumstances was 15,300,000,000, and investigative research promotion was ¥23,900,000,000.

Chart 2-1-1 Budget concerning aged society measures (general account)

(Unit: 100 million yen)

	Employment/income	Health/welfare	Study/social participation	Living circumstances	Investigative research promotion	Total
1996	43,269	39,516	766	449	340	84,340
1997	43,176	41,698	686	452	385	86,396
1998	44,078	45,476	593	404	380	90,932
1999	52,095	49,694	583	399	445	103,215
2000	53,386	52,297	516	418	851	107,467
2001	54,884	55,862	356	329	968	112,398
2002	56,387	59,264	358	292	1,187	117,488
2003	57,705	61,298	346	267	1,114	120,730
2004	59,943	63,098	277	130	453	123,901
2005	64,355	61,960	266	128	274	126,982
2006	68,260	61,400	216	125	246	130,246
2007	72,294	63,541	195	125	217	136,373
2008	76,684	64,035	240	124	212	141,295
2009	103,194	68,097	164	153	239	171,847

Source: Cabinet Office

(Note 1) In the budget concerning aged society measures, there are also special accounts apart from the general account provided in the chart.

(Note 2) The budget amount in this chart only calculated amounts that could be provided as budgets concerning aged society measures

(Note 3) The budget amount in this chart is the initial budget figure.

(Note 4) The ¥70,000,000,000 that could not be provided is not accounted for in the 2009 budget figure.