

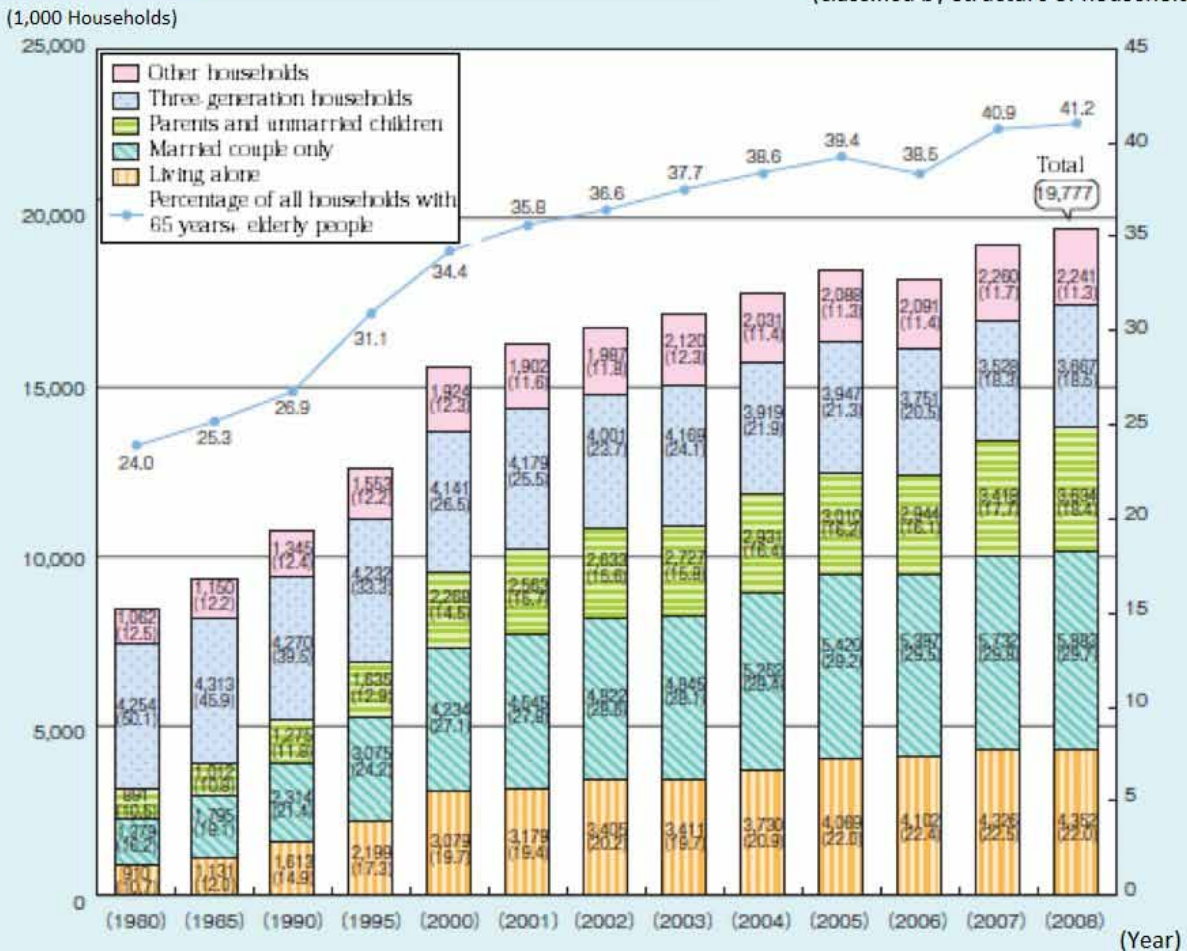
Section 2 Existing State and Trends of Elderly People and their Environment

1 How Have Elderly People's Families and Households been Changing?

○ Households with elderly people comprise 40% of the total, and the majority either lives 'alone' or consists of a 'married couple only'

- Surveying households with elderly people over 65 years old, the number was 19.78 million in 2008, making up approx. 41.2% of all households (47.96 million).
- While "three generation households" have been in a decreasing trend, "living alone", "married", and "parents with unmarried children" households have been increasing.

Chart 1-2-1-1 Number of households with 65 years or older elderly and their percentage distribution (classified by structure of household)



Source: Figures for 1985 and before are from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare's "Basic Survey of Health and Welfare Public Administration"; and for 1986 and later, from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare's "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions".

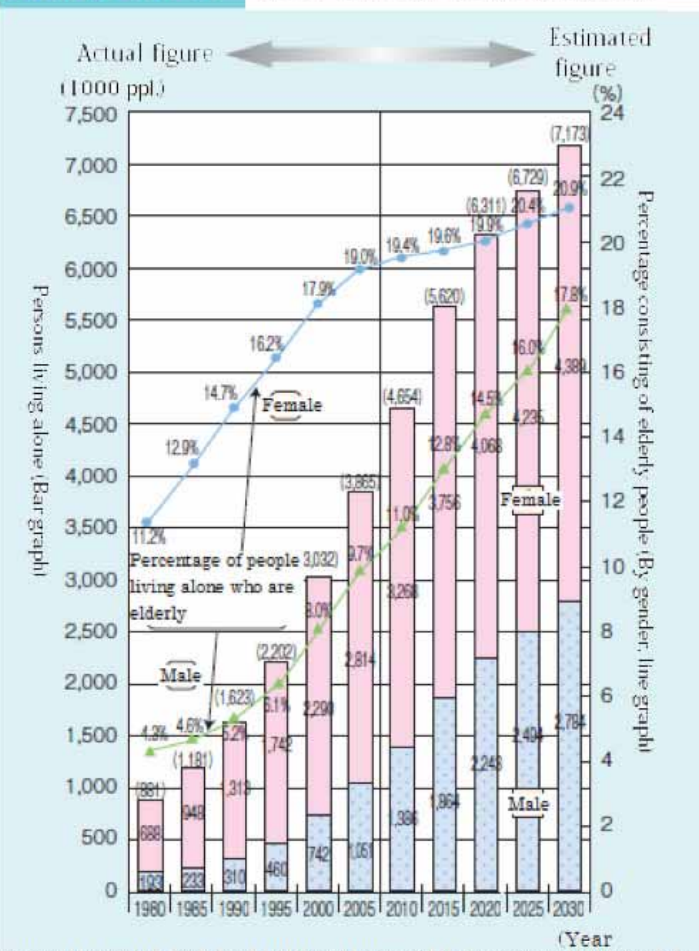
(Note 1) The numerical values for 1995 exclude Hyogo Prefecture.

(Note 2) The figure in parentheses () is the percentage against the total number of households with 65 year olds and over.

○The numbers of elderly people living alone are increasing, but they feel uneasy about living alone

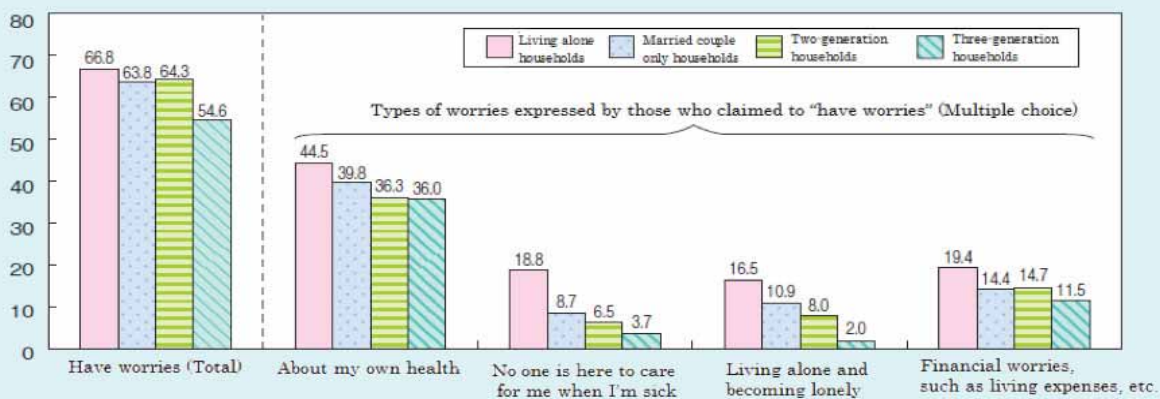
- The increase in elderly people living alone is striking in both males and females. From now on, elderly males in particular living alone will increase further.
- In 1980, the percentage of elderly people living alone was 4.3% for males and 11.2% for females, but in 2005 it was 9.7% for males and 19.0% for females.
- Compared with other households, households consisting of elderly people living alone have more worries concerning health, finances, and other economic problems.

Chart 1-2-1-10 Trends of Elderly People Living Alone



Source: Up to 2005, from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications' "Population Census"; from 2010, from the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research's "Estimates of Future Number of Households in Japan" (estimated: March 2008), and "Projected Population of Japan" (estimated in December 2006).
 (Note 1) "Living alone" refers to the households deemed so ("Living alone households") by the above examination/estimates.
 (Note 2) Inside the parentheses on the bar graph is the total number of males/females over 65 who live alone

Chart 1-2-1-11 Worries seen in different types of households



Source: Cabinet Office's "Awareness Survey regarding Participation of the Elderly in the Community" (2008)
 (Note) Those surveyed were men and women over 60 from around the country.

2 Economic Situation of Elderly People

○ **For households with elderly people, yearly income of individual members does not change much from the average total household income, and 60% of these households rely solely on public pension and retirement pay for income.**

- The annual income for elderly people's households is 2.98 million yen, slightly more than half of the average income for all households (5.66 million yen).
- Calculating it per person in the household, it comes to 1.92 million yen, with no big difference compared to the average for all households (2.07 million yen), since the number of people in elderly households is less than the average for all other households.
- 60% of elderly households rely solely on public pension and pension for income.

Chart 1-2-2-2 Incomes of aged households

Division	Average Income		
	Per household	Per person in household (Avg. no. of persons in household)	
Elderly households	Total income	2.989 million yen	1.924 million yen (1.55 ppl.)
	Operational income	505,000 yen (16.9%)	
	Public pension/pension	2.116 million yen (70.8%)	
	Property income	176,000 yen (5.9%)	
	Social security benefits other than pension	25,000 yen (0.8%)	
	Remittance and other incomes	166,000 yen (5.5%)	
All households	Total income	5.562 million yen	2.071 million yen (2.69 ppl.)

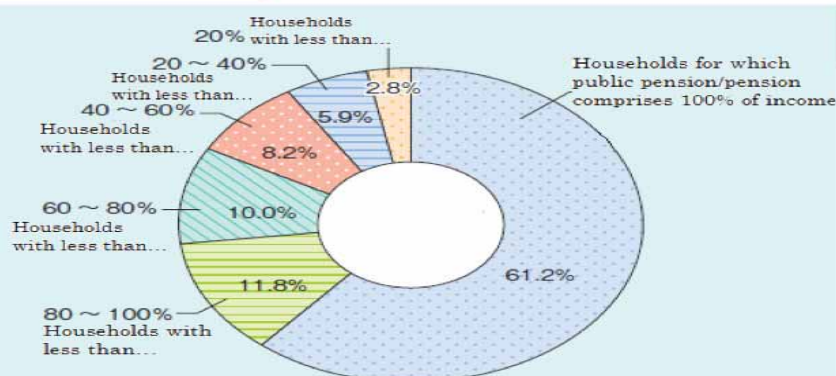
Source: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions" (2006) (January 2007 income in this survey)
 (Note) An elderly people's household is defined as a household composed of only elderly people above 65 years old, or a household with unmarried persons under 18 years old living with elderly people.

○ **For households in which the head of the household is 65 or older, the average amount of expenditures per person is higher than that of all households, and savings for elderly people's households are approximately 1.4 times that of all households.**

- Yearly expenditures for households for which the household head is 65 or older is 1.335 million yen, higher than the 1.244 million yen average of all households.
- Average savings for households for which the household head is 65 or older is 23.29 million yen, approximately 1.4 times more than the average of all households at 16.8 million yen, with 17.1% of elderly households having savings of over 40 million yen, which is close to 1.6 times higher than the total average of 10.4%.

Chart 1-2-2-3

Percentage of total income of elderly households consisting of public pension/pension and Proportions of number of households



Source: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions" (2008) (Income for January 2007)