

## Chapter 3 Situation of Persons with Disabilities (According to Basic Surveys)

### 1 Number of Persons with Disabilities (Summary of Three Categories)

#### (1) Overall Situation

Listed here are basic statistical values, obtained from surveys conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, for three categories: physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities and mental disabilities.

The approximate numbers of persons with disabilities, divided according to the three categories of physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities and mental disabilities are as follows: the number of persons with physical disabilities is 3,937,000, that of persons with intellectual disabilities is 741,000, and that of persons with mental disabilities is 3,201,000. (see Figure 7.)

When the total numbers above are converted into rates per thousand persons in the general population, the number of persons with physical disabilities is 31, that of persons with intellectual disabilities is 6 and that of persons with mental disabilities is 25, which means that almost 6% of people have some kind of disability. Note that persons who have more than one disability are included in the numbers above, simply adding each number is not completely identical with the rate.

■ Figure 7 Number of Persons with Disabilities (Estimation)

(Unit: 10,000 persons)

		Total	at-home	in institutions
Persons/children with physical disabilities	Under 18	7.8	7.3	0.5
	Male	—	4.2	—
	Female	—	3.1	—
	18 and older	383.4	376.6	6.8
	Male	—	189.8	—
	Female	—	185.9	—
	Unknown	—	0.9	—
	Unspecified age	2.5	2.5	—
	Male	—	0.7	—
	Female	—	0.9	—
	Unknown	—	0.9	—
	Total	393.7	386.4	7.3
	Male	—	194.7	—
	Female	—	189.9	—
Unknown	—	1.8	—	
Children and persons with intellectual disabilities	Under 18	15.9	15.2	0.7
	Male	—	10.2	—
	Female	—	5.0	—
	18 and older	57.8	46.6	11.2
	Male	—	25.1	—
	Female	—	21.4	—
	Unknown	—	0.1	—
	Unspecified age	0.4	0.4	—
	Male	—	0.2	—
	Female	—	0.2	—
	Unknown	—	0.1	—
	Total	74.1	62.2	11.9
	Male	—	35.5	—
	Female	—	26.6	—
Unknown	—	0.1	—	

		Total	at-home	in institutions
Persons with mental disorders	Under 18	17.9	17.6	0.3
	Male	10.8	10.7	0.1
	Female	7.0	6.8	0.2
	18 and older	301.1	269.2	31.9
	Male	123.7	108.9	14.8
	Female	177.5	160.4	17.1
	Unspecified age	1.1	1.0	0.1
	Male	0.5	0.5	0.0
	Female	0.6	0.6	0.1
	Total	320.1	287.8	32.3
	Male	135.0	120.0	15.0
	Female	185.1	167.8	17.3

Note 1: The number of a portion of Miyagi Prefecture and Fukushima Prefecture were not included in the values from the results of the Patient Survey in 2011.

Note 2: The total number of persons with mental disorders corresponds to the number of patients obtained by subtracting the number of persons with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation) from the number of persons who fall under the categories defined in Chapter V of ICD-10 “Mental and Behavioral Disorders,” and then adding the number of epileptics and Alzheimer’s patients. Also, the totals of the numbers by age have been rounded; the sum total is not necessarily identical with the total of the subtotals.

Note 3: The number of children and persons with physical disabilities doesn’t include patients who are in facilities for the elderly

Note 4: The number of persons is calculated by rounding, so there may be discrepancies in the totals.

Sources:

“Persons with physical disabilities”

Persons at-home: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare “Survey on Difficulties in Life, etc.” (2011)

Persons in institutions: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare “Survey of Social Welfare Institutions” (2009).

“Persons with intellectual disabilities”

Persons at-home: The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, “Survey on Difficulties in Life, etc.” (2011)

Persons in institutions: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare “Survey of Social Welfare Institutions” (2011).

Outpatients: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2011) “Patient Survey” (2011).

Inpatients: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2011) “Patient Survey” (2011).

In addition, the numbers of persons with physical disabilities and persons with intellectual disabilities were obtained from the “Survey on Difficulties in Life, etc.” As for persons with mental disability, because the number is defined as the number of mental patients who have used medical institutions, there is a possibility that the number includes persons who are not facing constant and substantial limitations in their daily lives or social lives due to their temporary mental diseases.

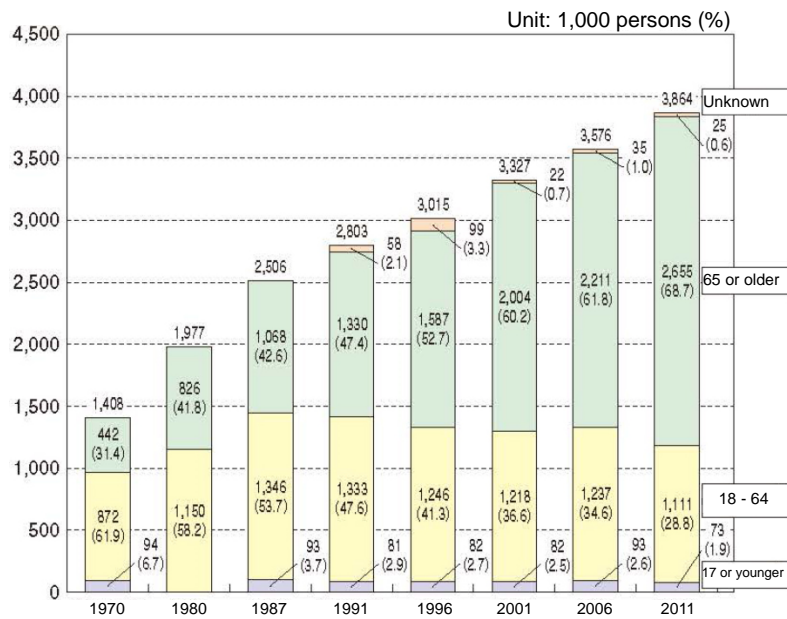
## **(2) Number of Persons with Disabilities by Age**

The trends in the ratio of persons with physical disabilities who stay at home and aged 65 years or older are examined, the ratio was merely 30% in FY 1970, but increased to 70% in 2011.

As for persons with intellectual disabilities who stay at home, comparing with the figures for physical disabilities, the ratio of persons aged under 18 years is high, whereas that of persons aged 65 years or older is low.

When the trends in the rate of outpatients with mental disabilities aged 65 years or older are examined, the ratio of persons aged 65 or older increased from 28.6% to 33.8% during the six years from 2005 to 2011.

■ Figure 8 Trends in the Number of Persons with Disabilities by Age (Children and Persons with Physical Disabilities (at-home))



Note: In 1980, children (0 - 17 years old) with physical disabilities were not surveyed.

Sources: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, "Survey on Persons with Physical Disability" (1970, 1980, 1987, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006), Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, "Survey on Difficulties in Life." (2011)