

The social welfare facilities

Overview Overview of the social welfare facilities

The purpose of social welfare facilities is to care and nurture people with various types of handicaps in their social life, such as elderly people, children, people with mental and physical disabilities and the indigent, and to provide these people in need with various treatment and training for rehabilitation in order to improve their welfare.

Social welfare facilities can be roughly divided into welfare facilities for the elderly, rehabilitation facilities for people with physical disabilities, protective facilities, protective facilities for women, child welfare facilities, residential facility for adults with mental retardation and others.

The Number and Capacity of Social Welfare Facilities by Classification

Classification	Number of facilities	User capacity
Total	(locations) 98, 702	(people) 3, 330, 283
① Classification by opening body		
Public	25, 777	1, 134, 556
Private	72, 925	2, 195, 727
② Classification by target age group		
Facilities for adults	64, 430	1, 110, 095
Facilities for children	34, 272	2, 220, 188

Sources: "Survey of Social Welfare Institution" (as of Oct.1.2007) and "Survey of Institution and Establishments for Long-Term Care" (as of Oct.1.2007), Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

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

The cost of the development of social welfare facilities is paid by the Public through national 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 a private aid system and by a loan system for portion borne by each facility.

The table below shows the cost sharing relationship associated with the national subsidy for the cost of capital investment in the building of social welfare facility, in principle.

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

Note: From FY 2005, costs relating to the development of facilities for the elderly and those for have been incorporated into the grant for community care and welfare space development and the grant for development of facilities to promote measures to support the development of the next generation, respectively from the previous subsidy for social welfare facility development cost.

Regarding strategic policies of development in FY 2008, a priority will be put on the followings and like. ①To contribute to develop a living environment with comfort and relax for a person admitted and to establishing a sound resources recycling society, promoting the active utilization of wood such as changes to timber constructing, wood use for interior and timber products use, etc.②Developing asbestos removal and like ③Promoting quakeproof of facilities

Cost for the operation of social welfare facilities (placement cost) is borne by those who have admitted people into the facilities or allowed the use of them or have commissioned a third party to do so, as described in the following table.

In the case of a residential facility, if the people who are placed, or their family members responsible to support them, have financial ability to bear the cost, all or a part of the associated expenses, depending on that ability, will be collected from them.