

Overview

Overview of the Number of Doctors, etc.

The numbers of doctors and dentists are increasing every year. As of December 31, 2008, there are 286,669 doctors and 99,426 dentists.

The Number of Medical Professionals

• Doctors	286,699
• Dentists	99,436
• Pharmacists	267,751

Source: "2008 Survey of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

• Public health nurses	51,703
• Midwives	30,130
• Nurses	918,263
• Assistant nurses	397,237

Source: Health Policy Bureau, MHLW (2008)

• Physical therapists (PT)	45,358.3
• Occupational therapists (OT)	26,261.3
• Orthoptists	5,603.4
• Speech language hearing therapists	8,583.3
• Orthotists	141.9
• Dental hygienists	84,777.5
• Dental technicians	11,651.3
• Clinical radiologic technologists	46,115.8
• Medical technicians	59,759.4
• Clinical engineers	16,559.2

Source: "2006 Survey of Medical Care Institutions and Hospital Report", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

* Full-time equivalent values

• Massage and finger pressure therapists	101,913
• Acupuncture therapists	86,208
• Moxibustion therapists	84,629
• Judo therapists	43,946

Source: "Report on Public Health Administration and Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

• Emergency medical technicians	37,567
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Source: Health Policy Bureau, MHLW (As of December 31, 2009)