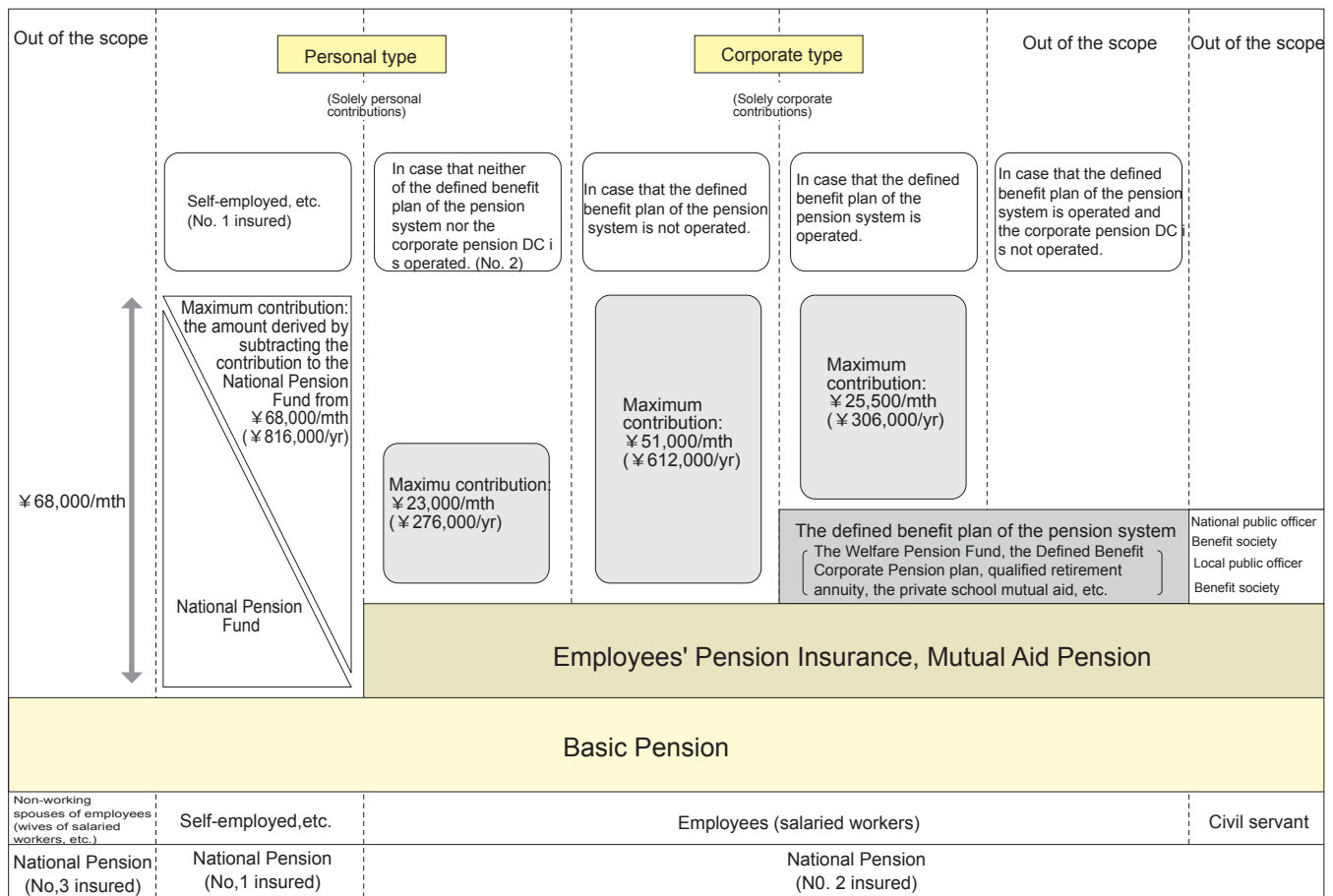


**Figure 2: Defined Contribution (DC) Pension Participants and Contribution Limit- and Its Relationship with Existing Pension Plans**



**Detailed Date 1 Changes in Number of Funds and Participants of the Employees' Pension Fund**

FY	Number of funds	Number of participants (1,000 people)	Assets (¥1 trillion)
2001	1,737	10,871	57.0
2002	1,656	10,386	51.2
2003	1,357	8,351	48.6
2004	838	6,152	36.8
2005	687	5,310	37.3
2006	658	5,221	38.8
2007	626	4,782	32.8
2008	617	4,663	25.6
2009	608	—	—

Source: Pension Bureau, MHLW

Notes: 1. Assets are evaluated at market value.

2. Asset balance includes the assets of the Employees' Pension Fund Association.

**Detailed Date 2 Numbers of Defined-Benefit Corporate Pension Plans**

FY	Contract-based	Fund-based
2002	15	0
2003	164	152
2004	478	514
2005	833	597
2006	1,335	605
2007	2,480	619
2008	4,397	611
2009	6,795	610

Source: Pension Bureau, MHLW

Note: The Defined-Benefit Corporate Pension Act was enforced in April 2002.