# (3) Health Promotion/Disease Measures

## Health Centers, etc.

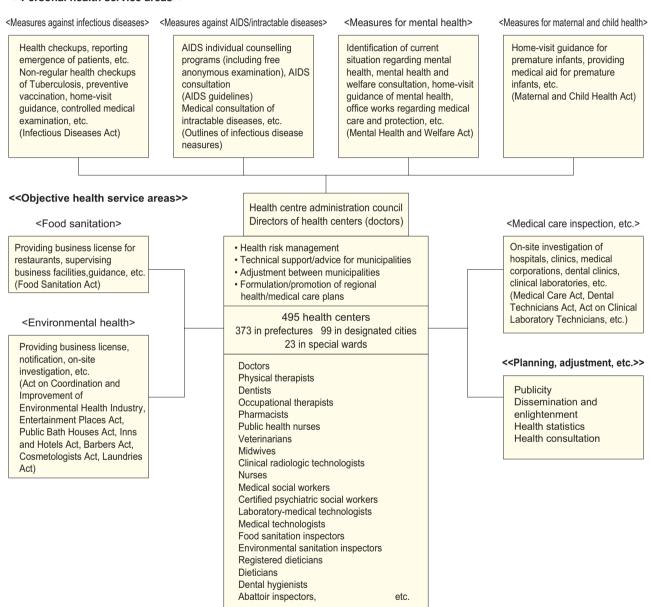
## **Overview**

## **Activities of Health Centers**

Health centers are front-line comprehensive public health administrative institutions that offer both personal and objective health services. Personal health services include broad-based services, services requiring specialized technologies, and services requiring team work of various health care professionals. In addition, health centers provide required technical assistance for health services provided by municipalities.

Health centers are established in 373 locations in 47 prefectures, 99 locations in 68 designated cities, and 23 locations in 23 special wards under the Community Health Act (As of April 1, 2011).

#### << Personal health service areas>>



<sup>\*</sup> In addition to the activities above, health centers provide licenses for opening pharmacies (Pharmaceutical Affairs Act ), take custody of dogs to prevent the spread of rabies (Rabies Prevention Act), and accept applications for opening massage clinics, etc. (Act on Practitioners of Massage, Finger Pressure, Acupuncture and Moxacauterization, etc.).

## **Changes in Number of Health Centers**

	FY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total number of health centers		663	641	594	592	582	576	571	549	535	518	517	510	494	495
	Prefectures	490	474	460	459	448	438	433	411	396	394	389	380	374	373
	Cities	137	136	108	109	111	115	115	115	116	101	105	107	97	99
	Special wards	36	31	26	24	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23

Source: Health Service Bureau, MHLW

(Note) The number of clinics are as of April 1 of each year.

# Detailed Data 1 Number of Medical Personnel at Health Centers by Occupation

Occupation	Number of personnel					
	Persons					
Doctors	802					
Dentists	83					
Pharmacists	2,743					
Veterinarians	2,192					
Clinical radiologic technologists, etc.	624					
Medical technologists, etc.	907					
Registered dieticians	1,099					
Dieticians	115					
Dental hygienists	329					
Physical/occupational therapists	88					
Public health nurses, etc.	8,212					
Others	10,989					
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Medical social workers	59					
Mental health welfare counselors	1,289					
Nutrition counselors	1,048					
Total	28,183					

Source: "Report on Regional Public Health Services and Health Promotion Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW (Modified by Health Service Bureau) (as of the end of FY2009)

## Detailed Data 2 Changes in Number of Public Health Nurses

(Unit: person)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Municipalities	12,502	13,545	14,306	14,974	15,355	15,366	15,643	15,856	16,004	15,908	15,629	15,315	14,519	14,483	14,498	14,613
Designated cities/ special wards	3,311	2,560	3,136	3,820	4,167	4,450	4,584	4,696	4,907	5,047	5,281	5,524	5,563	5,604	5,964	6,094
Subtotal	15,813	16,105	17,442	18,794	19,522	19,816	20,227	20,552	20,911	20,955	20,910	20,839	20,082	20,087	20,462	20,707
Prefectures	5,215	6,083	5,496	4,836	4,620	4,535	4,481	4,439	4,311	4,242	4,178	4,014	3,935	3,889	3,800	3,737
Total	21,028	22,188	22,938	23,630	24,142	24,351	24,708	24,991	25,222	25,197	25,088	24,853	24,017	23,976	24,262	24,444

Source: Up to FY 1994: Health Service Bureau

FY 1995-1996: "Report on Statistics of Activities of Health Centers", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's

Secretariat, MHLW

FY1997-1998: "Report on Regional Public Health Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's

Secretariat, MHLW

FY 1999-2007: "Report on Regional Public Health Services and Health Services for the Aged", Statistics and Information

Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

FY 2008 onward: "Report on Regional Public Health Services and Health Promotion Services", Statistics and Information

Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) The figures up to FY1996 as of the end of December of each year and figures from FY1997 onward as of the end of March of the next year.