

Social Welfare Facilities

Overview

Outline of Social Welfare Facilities

The purpose of social welfare facilities is to care and nurture anyone requiring various types of services to be able to lead a social life, including the elderly, children, persons with mental and physical disabilities, and the indigent, and to provide them with various treatment and training on rehabilitation in thus improving their welfare.

Social welfare facilities can be roughly divided into welfare facilities for the elderly, support facilities for persons with disabilities, public assistance facilities, women's protection facilities, and child welfare facilities, among others.

Number and capacity of social welfare facilities by classification

Classification	Number of facilities	User capacity
Total	(facility) 96,218	(person) 3,316,437
[1] Classification by implementing entity		
Public	22,850	1,053,497
Private	73,368	2,262,940
[2] Classification by target age group		
Facilities for adults	63,257	1,135,983
Facilities for children	32,961	2,180,454

Source: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" and "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) There is a change in the response rate for 2009 due to different survey methods, etc.

Cost Bearing with the Development and Operation of Social Welfare Facilities

The cost of developing social welfare facilities is paid by the public through state 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 private aid systems, and by loan systems for any portion borne by the facility, etc.

The following table shows, in principle, the cost sharing relationship associated with the state subsidy for the cost of any capital investment in buildings used as social welfare facilities.

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 the cost of developing facilities for the elderly or facilities related to children, which were both previously incorporated into a social welfare facility development expense subsidy, is now incorporated into a social welfare facility development expense/grant for community care and welfare space development subsidy, and a grant for developing facilities in promoting measures to support the development of the next generation, respectively.

With regard to strategic policies of development in FY 2008 priority will be given to [1] those actively utilizing wood, including timber constructions, wooden interiors, and using timber products, etc., in thus contributing to the development of comfortable serene living environments for those admitted and the establishment of an environmentally-sound material cycle society, [2] those that promote asbestos removal, and [3] those that promote the quakeproofing of the facilities, etc.

The cost of operating social welfare facilities (placement expenses) is borne by those admitted to the facilities or allowed use of them or have commissioned a third party to do so, and as described in the following table.

Detailed Data 1

Number and Capacity of Social Welfare Facilities by Facility Type

(As of Oct.1 of each year)

Type of facility	Number of facilities			Capacity		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Total	98,702	100,828	96,218	3,330,283	3,368,980	3,889,451
Public assistance facilities	302	300	299	20,460	20,483	20,679
Relief facilities	188	187	186	17,158	17,062	17,146
Rehabilitation facilities	19	20	20	1,771	1,744	1,921
Medical facilities for persons requiring public assistance	64	60	60	...	...	...
Vocational facilities	21	21	21	735	735	685
Facilities providing accommodation	10	12	12	796	942	927
Welfare facilities for the elderly	46,344	48,286	47,137	661,471	682,856	1,241,874
Nursing homes for the elderly	958	964	932	66,375	66,239	64,194
Nursing homes for the elderly (general)	909	915	882	63,511	63,375	61,350
Nursing homes for the elderly (blind)	49	49	50	2,864	2,864	2,844
Special nursing homes for the elderly 1)	5,986	6,198	6,126	414,860	427,203	420,899
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly	2,059	2,095	2,050	86,367	88,059	86,049
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (Type A)	233	229	217	13,605	13,355	12,765
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (Type B)	31	31	29	1,450	1,463	1,363
Moderate-fee homes for the elderly (care houses)	1,795	1,835	1,804	71,312	73,241	71,921
Welfare centers for the elderly	2,234	2,228	2,013	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (Special Type A)	260	267	243	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (Type A)	1,545	1,527	1,390	.	.	.
Welfare centers for the elderly (Type B)	429	434	380	.	.	.
Long-term care day service centers for the elderly 2)	23,882	25,505	25,375	.	.	.
Short-term admission facilities for the elderly 3)	7030	7,347	7,215	93,869	101,355	97,718
Long-term care support centers for the elderly	4195	3,949	3,426	.	.	.
Support facilities for persons with disabilities, etc.	2,233	2,898	3,334	15,508	30,329	88,211
Support facilities for persons with disabilities	197	458	751	13,455	28,309	45,204
Local activity support centers	1,859	2,267	2,432	...	...	41,174
Welfare homes	177	173	151	2,053	2,020	1,833
Rehabilitation facilities for physically disabled persons under the former Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons	1,188	972	715	51,922	41,897	30,838
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with motional disabilities	63	47	40	3,645	2,577	2,141
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with visual disabilities	11	8	4	674	499	244
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with hearing disabilities/language disorders	2	2	2	60	60	60
Rehabilitation facilities for persons with internal disorders	6	5	5	401	371	371
Nursing care homes for persons with physical disabilities	455	389	292	25,795	21,824	15,833
Residential vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	176	144	116	9,704	7,669	6,072
Commuting vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	256	210	156	6,830	5,372	3,956
Small-scale commuting vocational facilities for persons with physical disabilities	193	147	87	3,476	2,568	1,560
Welfare workshops for persons with physical disabilities	26	20	13	1,337	957	601
Facility for people with mental retardation under the former Act on Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons	3,873	3,315	2,567	180,020	153,954	119,402
Residential rehabilitation facilities for persons with mental retardation	1,385	1,221	987	88,877	77,987	62,743
Commuting rehabilitation facilities for persons with mental retardation	465	392	299	17,473	14,035	10,187
Residential vocational facilities for persons with mental retardation	209	186	150	13,240	11,306	8,994
Commuting vocational facilities for persons with mental retardation	1,424	1,220	927	52,600	44,599	33,085
Small-scale commuting vocational facilities for persons with mental retardation	243	166	93	4,180	2,807	1,648
Commuting dormitories for persons with mental retardation	112	107	93	2,661	2,560	2,236
Welfare workshops for persons with mental retardation	35	23	18	989	660	509
Social rehabilitation facility for persons with mental disorders under the former Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled	935	782	635	19,819	16,373	13,257
Daily life training facilities for persons with mental disorders	264	238	217	5,466	4,897	4,442
Welfare homes for persons with mental disorders	109	112	103	2,199	2,249	2,081
Welfare homes for persons with mental disorders (Type B)	109	112	103	2,199	2,249	2,081
Vocational facilities for persons with mental disorders (residential)	24	20	16	641	533	431
Vocational facilities for persons with mental disorders (commuting)	228	186	136	5,356	4,305	3,147
Small-scale commuting vocational facilities for persons with mental disorders	298	216	156	5,837	4,121	2,968
Welfare workshops for persons with mental disorders	12	10	7	320	268	188
Social participation support facilities for persons with physical disabilities	377	374	351	440	440	440
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities	223	221	201	.	.	.
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities (Type A)	37	36	35	.	.	.
Welfare centers for persons with physical disabilities (Type B)	186	185	166	.	.	.
Rehabilitation centers for persons with disabilities	6	6	6	440	440	440
Prosthetic device manufacturing facilities	17	17	17	.	.	.
Guide dog training facilities	10	10	10	...	...	...
Braille libraries	74	73	71	.	.	.
Braille publication facilities	13	12	11	.	.	.
Information provision facilities for persons with hearing disabilities	34	35	35	.	.	.
Women's protection facilities	49	48	48	1,429	1,359	1,380

Type of facility	Number of facilities			Capacity		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2007	2008
Child welfare facilities	33,524	33,431	32,353	2,192,158	2,207,508	2,157,086
Midwifery homes	419	415	415	...	...	...
Infant homes	121	121	123	3,727	3,710	3,744
Maternal and child living support facilities 4)	272	270	259	5,334	5,391	5,197
Day-care centers	22,838	22,898	22,250	2,105,747	2,121,377	2,073,744
Foster homes	564	569	563	33,917	33,994	33,484
Institutions for mentally retarded children	251	248	239	11,212	10,877	10,232
Institutions for autistic children	6	7	7	260	300	283
Daycare institutions for mentally retarded children	257	258	253	9,465	9,502	9,276
Institutions for blind children	10	10	10	233	194	193
Institutions for deaf children	14	13	10	388	264	193
Daycare institutions for deaf children	25	25	25	843	854	854
Institutions for children with motional disabilities	63	62	56	4,827	4,386	4,029
Daycare institutions for children with motional disabilities	98	99	99	3,725	3,734	3,705
Foster homes for children with motional disabilities	6	7	6	290	310	260
Institutions for severely-retarded children	124	125	118	12,004	12,460	11,843
Short-term therapeutic institutions for emotionally disturbed children	31	32	31	1,484	1,541	1,469
Children's self-reliance support facilities	58	58	55	4,036	4,005	3,777
Child and family support centers	67	70	67	.	.	.
Children's halls	4,700	4,689	4,360	.	.	.
Small-sized children's halls	2,836	2,799	2,602	.	.	.
Children's centers	1,738	1,750	1,632	.	.	.
Large-sized children's halls (Type A)	18	19	19	.	.	.
Large-sized children's halls (Type B)	4	4	4	.	.	.
Large-sized children's halls (Type C)	1	1	1	.	.	.
Other children's halls	103	116	102	.	.	.
Children's recreational facilities	3,600	3,455	3,407	.	.	.
Welfare facilities for fatherless families	72	69	62	...	...	...
Maternal and child welfare centers	67	64	59	.	.	.
Child and maternal rest homes	5	5	3	...	...	...
Other social welfare facilities, etc.	9,805	10,353	8,717	187,056	213,781	216,284
Vocational facilities	78	75	72	2,572	2,496	2,381
Facilities providing accommodation	233	232	182	8,033	7,880	6,910
Homes for the blind	22	21	19	440	400	380
Free or low cost medical facilities	241	249	264	...	...	Ac
Settlement houses	1,181	1,160	985	.	.	.
Health and welfare halls in remote areas	112	106	44	.	.	.
Day-care centers in remote areas	748	690	608	28,030	26,070	23,368
Community welfare centers	446	464	365	.	.	.
Recreation homes for the elderly	4,041	3,923	2,585	.	.	.
Rest homes for the elderly	32	33	28	...	...	...
Charged homes for the elderly	2,671	3,400	3,565	147,981	176,935	183,245

Source: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

(Note) 1. There has been a change in the response rate for 2009 due to the different survey methods, etc., thus yearly comparisons with the figures before 2009 should not be made. The figures are of facilities in operation among those responded to the survey.

2. Including those recognized as community-based long-term care welfare facilities for the elderly in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
3. Including those recognized as establishments providing commuting long-term care services for the elderly with dementia in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
4. Including those recognized as establishments providing short-term stay for long-term care services in the "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care".
5. The capacity of maternal and child living support facilities is the number of households and therefore not included in the total number of capacity.
6. "." Indicates that it is impossible to be categorized as any statistics items.
7. "..." indicates that it is unknown or inappropriate to express figures.

Detailed Data 2
Cost-Sharing Ratio of Placement Expenses of Social Welfare Facilities

Facility type	Bearer of the right to placement (*1)	Classification of facilities for placement	Payer of the expenses for placement (*1)	Cost sharing			
				National government	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	Cities	Towns and Villages
Public assistance facilities	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	3/4	1/4	-	-
	Mayors (*2)		Cities	3/4	-	1/4	-
Nursing homes for the elderly	Mayors of municipalities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Municipalities	-	-	10/10 (*4)	
Women's protection facilities	Prefectural governors	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities	Prefectures	5/10	5/10	-	-
Child welfare facilities (*3)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of cities with child guidance centers	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Cities with child guidance centers	1/2	1/2	-	-
Maternal and child living support facilities Midwifery homes	Mayors (*2)	Prefectural facilities	Prefectures	1/2	1/2	-	-
		Municipal facilities Private facilities	Cities	1/2	1/4	1/4	-
	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	1/2	1/2	-	-
Day-care centers	Mayors of municipalities	Private facilities	Municipalities	1/2	1/4	1/4	
	Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities		Designated cities Core cities	1/2	1/2	-	-
Nursing care homes for persons with physical disabilities (*5)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Prefectural facilities Municipal facilities Private facilities	Prefectures Designated cities Core cities	5/10	5/10	-	-
	Mayors of municipalities		Municipalities	5/10	-	5/10	

(Note) *1. The placements (conventionally administrative dispositions) of maternal and child living support facilities, midwifery homes, and day-care centers were changed to implementation of maternal and child protection, implementation of midwifery, and implementation of day-care (service agreement relationship based on public laws), respectively, pursuant to the partial revision of the Child Welfare Act.

*2. Including the heads of towns and villages in which welfare offices are established. For towns and villages in which welfare offices are established, the towns and villages are responsible for the payment of placement expenses and cost sharing and the cost sharing ratio remains the same as that of cities.

*3. Child welfare facilities excluding day-care centers, maternal and child living support facilities, and midwifery homes but including establishments providing small-scale residence style child care services (hereinafter referred to as "family homes") and establishments providing children's self-reliant living assistance services (hereinafter referred to as "self-reliance assistance homes").

*4. With the abolishment of subsidy for protection expenses of nursing homes for the elderly, etc. and tax resource transfer in FY2005, all placement expenses of welfare facilities for the elderly are now paid by municipalities (including designated cities and core cities).

*5. "Nursing care homes for persons with physical disabilities" under the former Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons became "social participation support facilities for persons with physical disabilities" in October 2006 with the enforcement of the Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act.