

“Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services, FY 2010”

Digest of the Summary Report

9-Nov-2011 The results of the “Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services, FY2010” have been tabulated and released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

The "Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services" prepares “Results of Social Welfare Administration” annually which captures the state of implementation reported by prefectures, designated cities and core cities, and provides basic data for the operation of social welfare administration.

The report is compiled over the 14 administrative areas of: public assistance, welfare of persons with physical disabilities, supporting the independence of persons with disabilities, special child rearing allowance, welfare of persons with intellectual disabilities, social welfare for the elderly, women's protection, commissioned welfare volunteers, social welfare corporations, child welfare, welfare of mother and child, child rearing allowance, relief to wounded and sick retired soldiers, and support payments for Japanese remaining in China after war etc.

Due to the Great East Japan Earthquake, some areas of the Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures were not able to submit reports. For this reason some tabulated data is presented excluding these areas.

【Key Survey Results】

< Public Assistance >

- The monthly average number of households receiving public assistance was 1,410,049, an increase of approximately 130 thousand (10.7%) on the previous fiscal year, a record high.
Figure 1, Table 1
- The monthly average number of individuals receiving public assistance was 1,952,063 (an increase of 10.7% on the previous fiscal year).
Figure 2, Table 2
- Following the previous fiscal year, the most common major reason for initiating assistance was a "reduction or loss of income from work," at 29.6% of households.
Figure 3

< Child Welfare >

- The number of cases of "Protective care consultation*" at child guidance centers has tended to rise over recent years, exceeding 1 in 4 in this fiscal year with a percentage distribution of 27.5%.
Figure 7, Table 9

* Consultation on children with problems relating to upbringing, such as children with difficulties due to the absence of a father, mother or other guardian, abandoned, missing, abused or neglected children, children with parents who have lost parental authority, and children without guardians of a minor, and consultation on adoption.