

## Overview

### Overview of the Number of Doctors, etc.

The numbers of doctors and dentists are increasing every year. As of December 31, 2006, there are 277,927 doctors and 97,198 dentists. As for the number of doctors, a report was prepared in July 2006 by the committee to examine the supply and demand. The report projected that supply and demand of doctors will be balanced in the future and required number of doctors will be fulfilled. As for the number of dentists, confirmation notes were exchanged between the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare on August 31, 2006 to make efforts for reducing the number of trainees.

#### The Number of Medical Professionals

• Doctors	277,927
• Dentists	97,198
• Pharmacists	252,533

Source: "2006 Survey of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

• Public health nurses	47,088
• Midwives	27,352
• Nurses	848,185
• Assistant nurses	410,420

Source: Health Policy Bureau, MHLW (2006)

• Physical therapists (PT)	34,782.7
• Occupational therapists (OT)	21,776.9
• Orthoptists	2,852.3
• Speech language hearing therapists	6,738.8
• Orthotists	54.4
• Dental hygienists	4,201.3
• Dental technicians	798.0
• Clinical radiologic technologists	36,884.5
• Medical technicians	46,638.9
• Clinical engineers	10,956.6

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	101,039
• Acupuncture therapists	81,361
• Moxibustion therapists	79,932
• Judotherapists	38,693

Source: "2007 Report on Public Health Administration and Services", Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

• Emergency medical technicians	35,504
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Source: Health Policy Bureau, MHLW (As of December 31, 2008)