

Changes in the Number of Health Centers

FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total number of health centers	706	663	641	594	592	582	576	571	549	535	518	517	510
Prefectures	525	490	474	460	459	448	438	433	411	396	394	389	380
Cities	142	137	136	108	109	111	115	115	115	116	101	105	107
Special wards	39	36	31	26	24	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23

Source: Health Service Bureau, MHLW

(Note) Figures are as of April 1 in each year.