

System of Certification for Persons with Disabilities

	Issue (thousand)	Verification Provisions	Person responsible for issue	Grant application desk
Physical disability certificate	5,032	Article 15 of the Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities Mayors of core cities	Directors of welfare offices that administers place of residence (or chiefs of towns and villages in the case a town or a village has no welfare office)
Medical rehabilitation handbook	786	Medical rehabilitation handbook system (Notification No.156 from Children and Families Bureau of the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1973)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities	Directors of welfare offices that administers place of residence (or chiefs of towns and villages in the case a town or a village has no welfare office)
Mental disability certificate	483 (The number registered in the benefit payment book as of the end of fiscal years deducted by the number expired.)	Article 45 of Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities	Directors of welfare offices that administers place of residence

Source: For the number of issue, "Statistics Report on Welfare Administration FY 2008" for those of physical disability certificate and medical rehabilitation handbook; for those of mental disability certificate, refer "Report on Public Health Administration and Services FY 2008"

Detailed Date	Number of People with Disabilities (estimate)	(Unit: 10 thousand people)	
	Total number	Number of people at home	Number of people in facilities
Children/adults with physical disabilities	366.3	357.6	8.7
Source 1			
Children with physical disabilities (less than 18 years old)	9.8	9.3	0.5
Adults with physical disabilities (18 years old and above)	356.4	348.3	8.1
Children/adults with intellectual disability	54.7	41.9	12.8
Source 2			
Children with mental retardation (less than 18 years old)	12.5	11.7	0.8
Adults with mental retardation (18 years old and above)	41.0	29.0	12.0
Age unknown	1.2	1.2	0.0
People with mental disorders	323.3	290.0	33.3
Source 3			

Sources: 1. People living at home: "Survey on persons with physical disability," 2006, Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW
 people in facilities: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW based on the 2006 "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions," of Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW
 2. People living at home: "Survey on persons with physical disability," 2005, Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW
 people in facilities: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW based on the 2005 "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions," of Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW
 3. People living at home, "Survey on persons with intellectual disability," 2000, Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW
 people in facilities: Prepared by Department of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW based on the 2005 "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions," of Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW

Notes: 1. Number of children/adults with physical disabilities in facilities represent those in facilities for blind children, facilities for children with auditory and speech disabilities, facilities for children with motion disabilities, hospital-homes for children with severe mental and physical disabilities, rehabilitation facilities for people with physical disabilities, etc.
 2. Number of children/adults with mental retardation in facilities represent those in facilities for children with mental retardation, facilities for autistic children, hospital-homes for children with severe mental and physical disabilities, national sanatoria (wards for children with severe mental and physical disabilities), rehabilitation facilities for people with mental retardation, sheltered workshops for people with mental retardation, etc.
 3. Number of people with mental disorders in facilities represents inpatients in psychiatric hospitals.