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Life Expectancy at Birth

![Graph showing life expectancy at birth for women and men from 1960 to 2012]


Notes:
2. Data of 1971 and before do not cover Okinawa Prefecture.

Life expectancy at birth for men and women had lengthened almost every year and reached over 70 in 1960 for women and in 1971 for men, respectively. In 2012, life expectancy at birth was 86.41 years for women and 79.94 for men.

Proportion of Elderly Population by Sex (2012)

![Bar chart showing the proportion of elderly population by sex in 2012]


As life expectancy for women is generally longer than that for men, the share of women is larger than that of men among the elderly population. Hence as population ages, the share of women in the population becomes larger.
Women and Men in Japan

Maternal / Perinatal / Neonatal / Infant Mortality

Notes: The number of total births for the maternal mortality rates is calculated by adding the number of stillbirths
(after 12th completed weeks of pregnancy) to the number of live births.

The transition of main indices for items related to maternal and child health from 1975 to 2012 reveals that, as a whole, every index has been on the decline.

Transition in Abortion by Age Bracket


The transition in the number of abortions and abortion rate (the number of abortions per 1,000 women of age between 15 and 49 years) from 1975 to 2011 indicates that both the number and overall rate have decreased. However, the proportion of teenage abortions to the total of all age groups increased from 1.8% in 1975 to 13.7% in 2002, but, as a whole, it has been decreasing since then and was 10.3% in 2011.
HIV-positive patients refer to those who are infected with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). Excluding those who have been infected through using blood-clotting products, the sum total of the HIV-positive patients reported in Japan by the end of 2012 was 14,706 (12,066 men and 2,640 women).

The number of HIV-positive patients whose infection was reported for the first time in 2012 was 1,002 (920 men and 82 women). The sum total of the HIV-positive patients reveals that those in their 20’s at the time of their infection being reported account for 34.0% of the total, making infection among young people dominant. Alternatively, the breakdown of new patients reported in 2012 by age indicates that those in their 20’s account for 28.8% while those in their 30’s account for 36.3%.

Source: Data from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Note: The number of new HIV-positive patients reported for year