7. Health

■ Life Expectancy at Birth

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 2013, life expectancy at birth was 86.61 years for women and 80.21 for men.

■ Proportion of Elderly Population by Sex (2013)

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.

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 2013 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 2013 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 10.4% in 2013.
The number of HIV-infected patients including AIDS patients newly reported in 2013 was 1,590 (1,449 in the previous year,) and the accumulated total (excluding cases caused by blood products) reached over 23,000.

The number of HIV-infected patients without AIDS newly reported in 2013 was 1,060 men and 46 women and as for patients with AIDS, 466 men and 18 women.

The largest share of newly reported cases of HIV-infected patients without AIDS involved young people in their 20s (272 men and 10 women) and 30s (329 men and 12 women.) As for patients with AIDS, age distribution is shifted 10-year older than HIV-infected patients without AIDS.