9. Disaster Prevention and Reconstruction

The Earthquake’s Effects on Employment

Source: Created from “Employment Referrals for General Workers” the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Notes:
1. Job Offering form does not include question on applicant’s sex, therefore no data is available on the sex decomposition.
2. Occupational classifications are based on the divisions of 2011 Classification of Occupation for Employment Security Service (ESCO) by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. However, “food preparation & production” have been re-tallied based on the divisions of 2011 revised ESCO.
3. Welfare-related work includes those jobs in other categories that are related to welfare.
At “Hello Works” (Job center) in coastal areas that suffered significant damage from the Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred in March 2011, as of March 2012 there was a situation in which sufficient job offers were not provided for women, for example, there were small number of job offers in food preparation and production, while comparatively large number of women sought those jobs. However, in March 2013 the number of job offers had surpassed the number of job-seekers for food preparation and production. Meanwhile, for construction and mining, in March 2013 the number of job offers had surpassed the overall number of job-seekers. There continued to be a mismatch between employment demand and supply, due to factors such as an extremely small number of female job-seekers.

### Number of cases of consultations about women’s worries and violence related to the Great East Japan Earthquake

- **Psychological problems**: 2,002 cases (47.9%)
- **Lifestyle**: 2,317 cases (41.4%)
- **Family problems**: 1,401 cases (29.0%)
- **Interpersonal relations**: 1,018 cases (21.0%)
- **Livelihood**: 888 cases (18.4%)
- **Marital problems**: 872 cases (18.0%)
- **Physical**: 767 cases (15.9%)
- **Work**: 734 cases (15.2%)
- **Violence by spouse**: 593 cases (12.3%)
- **Violence other than violence by spouse**: 219 cases (4.5%)
- **Other**: 106 cases (2.2%)
- **Unclear**: 24 cases (0.5%)

*(n=4,837)*

Source: Data from documents of the Cabinet Office

Notes:
Number of cases is totals of telephone consultations and face-to-face consultations (excluding requests/complaints, pranks, and silent calls)

The Cabinet Office established counseling service desks in Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, and Fukushima Prefecture and conducted projects for consultations about women’s worries and violence in areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. In fiscal 2013, 4,837 consultations (multiple answers allowed) were made at the counseling service desks in the three prefectures. Broken down, the large number of consultations were for “psychological problems,” such as unease, depression, and PTSD at 47.9%, followed by “lifestyle,” such as purpose for life, loneliness, and isolation at 41.4%, and then “family problems,” such as relationships with parents, siblings, and children at 29.0%.