

ELDERLY PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF GENDER

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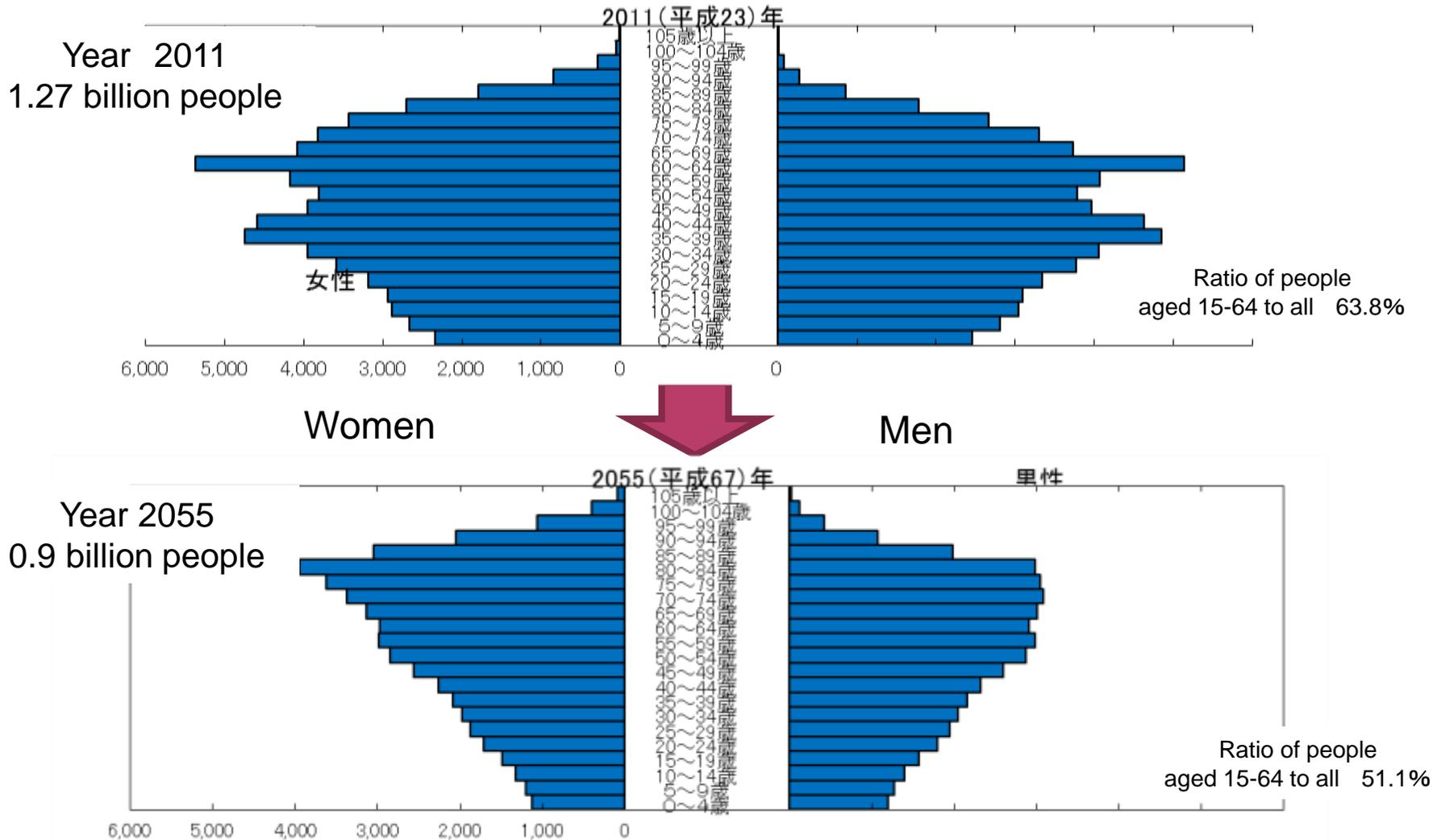
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0 ELDERLY PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN JAPAN



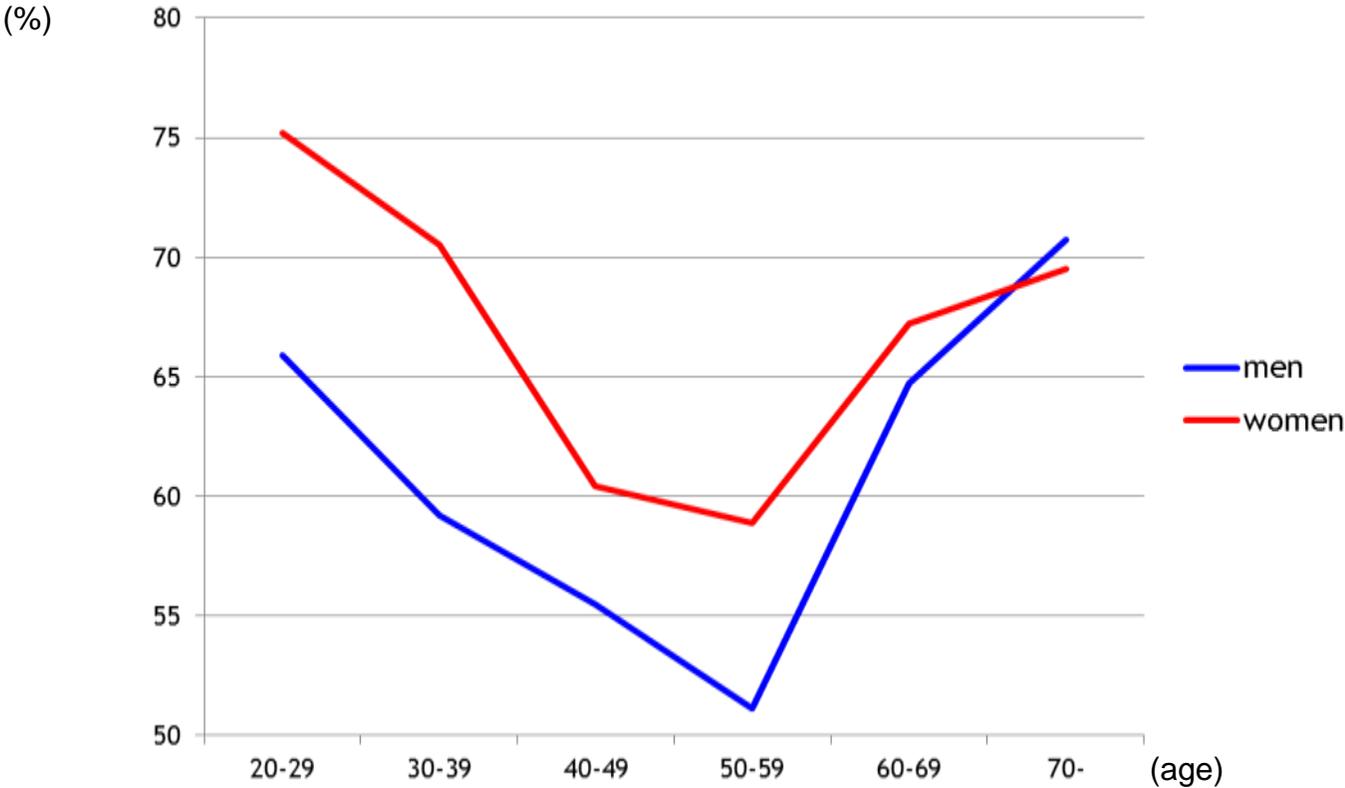
(備考) 国立社会保障・人口問題研究所「日本の将来推計人口(平成18年12月推計)」より作成。

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GENDER STATISTICS IN JAPAN

- ◆ Enhancing data collection segregated by sex among ministries in Japan
(The statistic system of the Japanese government is decentralized.)
- ◆ Such data make it possible
 - to analyze the differences in situations between men & women
 - to measure the distribution of resources and benefits between men and women
 - to assist policy making to improve gender equality

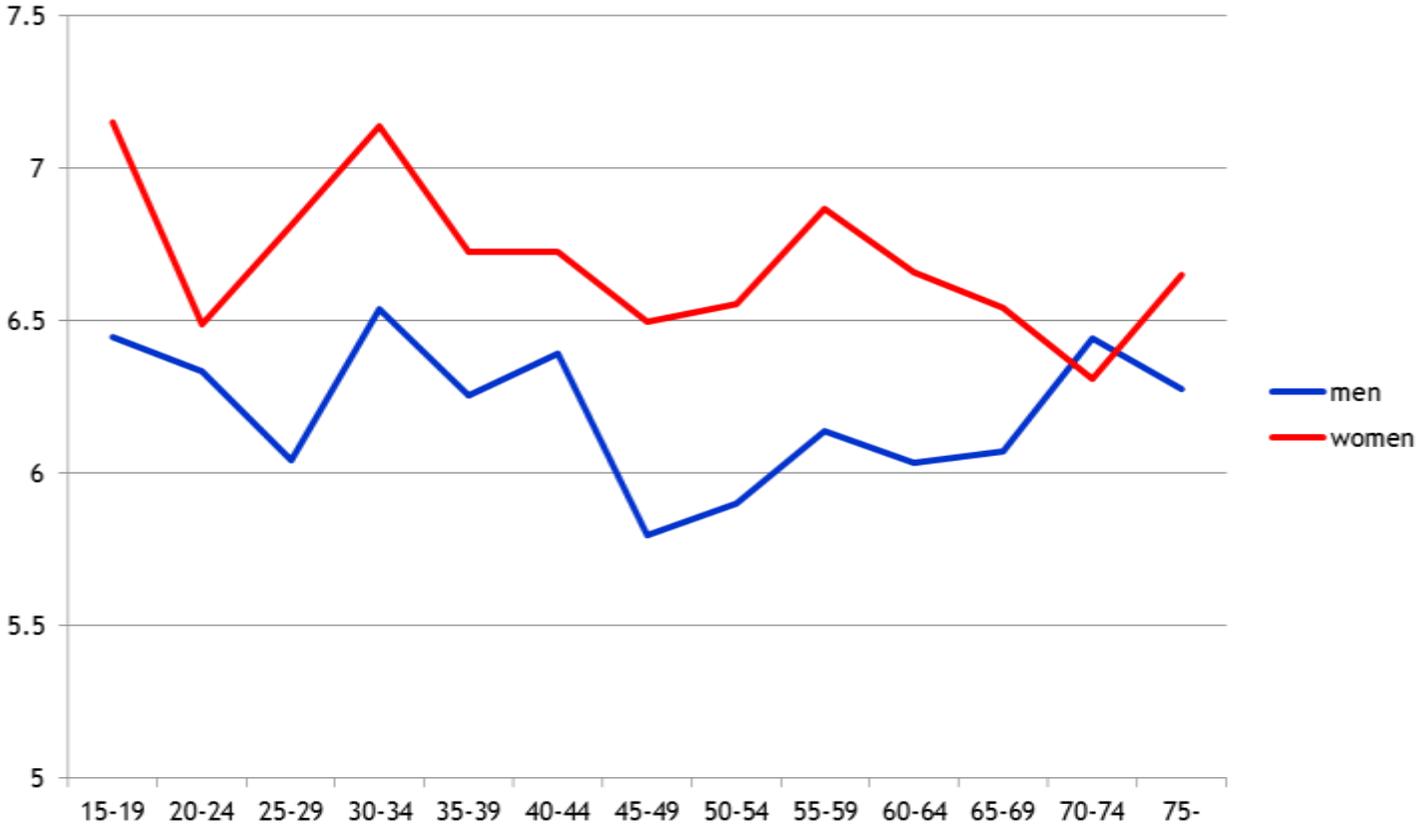
RATIO OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTENT WITH THEIR LIVES



Source: Cabinet Office, "Survey of public opinion," (2010)

RATIO OF WELL-BEING ACCORDING TO SEX AND AGE

Average rate of people's own judgment (0~10 0:extremely unhappy, 10:very happy)



Source: Cabinet Office, "National Preference Survey," (2010)

THREE MAJOR FACTORS WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO JUDGE THEIR OWN WELL-BEING (RANKING)

		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79
Men	Health			5	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Family	4	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2
	Finance		5	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	3

		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79
Women	Health	5	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Family	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
	Finance		5	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3

Source: Cabinet Office, "National Preference Survey," (2010)

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE SYSTEM (INTRODUCED IN 2000)

-System to support the nursing care of elderly people across all levels of society

Insured persons

- Primary insured (aged 65 or older) 23.38 million
- Secondary insured (aged 40 to 64) 42.40 million

Using services

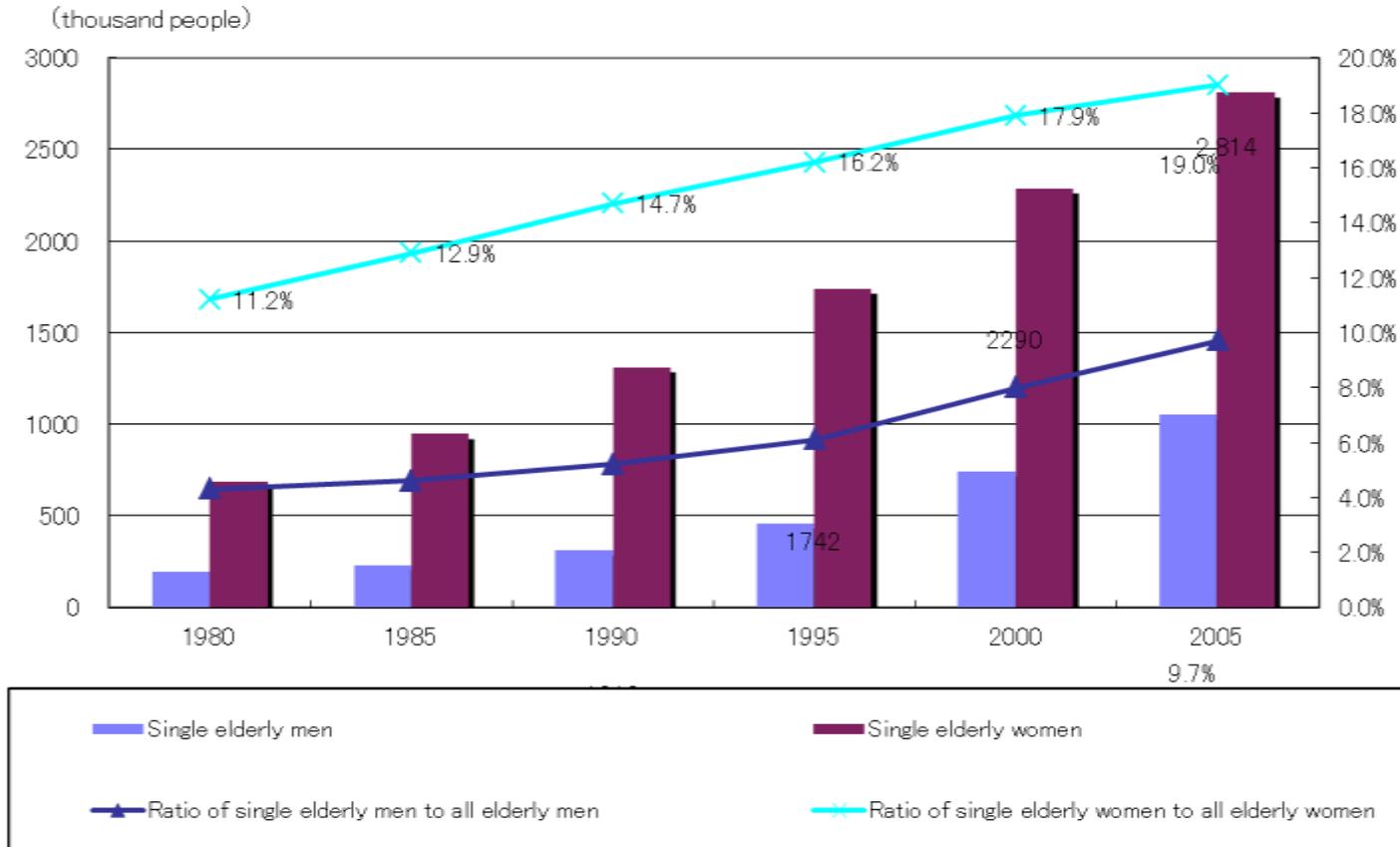
- Insured persons can use care services when their needs are certificated.
- Users are required to pay 10% of the cost.
(For secondary insured, the required conditions for certifying the needs are limited.)

Premiums

- Premiums are decided according to financial condition and projected service cost
- Municipalities collect premiums from primary insured.
- Health care insurers (health insurance society etc.) collect premiums from secondary insured.

I FAMILY

ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING ALONE



Source: Statistics Bureau, "National Census,"