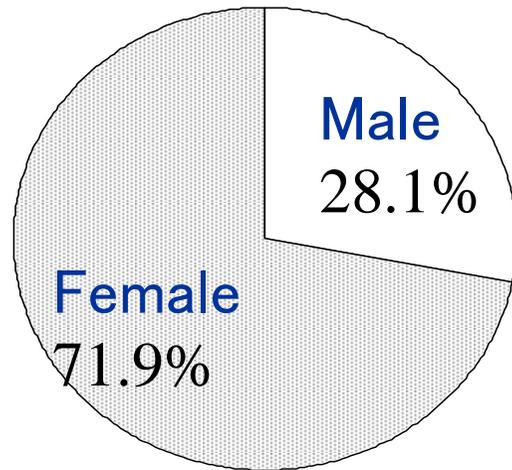


## MAIN CAREGIVERS IN THE HOUSEHOLD ACCORDING TO SEX



Data: "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions," Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (2007)

## AVERAGE TIME SPENT ON CARING OR NURSING ACTIVITIES

	The number of caregivers (thousand)	Participation rate (%)	Average time spent by all caregivers (hours:minutes)	Total time	
				(10,000)	(%)
Female	3,329	38.6%	1:00	333	76.4%
Male	2,008	21.4%	0:31	104	23.8%
Both sexes	5,336	32.2%	0:49	436	100.0%

Data: Survey of working conditions of care workers, Care Work Foundation (2006)

# CARE WORKERS ACCORDING TO SEX AND THEIR EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

	N	Regularly employed	Part-time employees	Unknown
Female	23,330	60.7%	39.2%	0.1%
Male	5,681	86.9%	12.9%	0.1%
Both sexes	29,124	65.8%	34.1%	0.1%

Data: Survey of working conditions of care workers, Care Work Foundation (2006)

# CONTRACTUAL CASH EARNINGS ACCORDING TO SEX

		Ave. age	Ave. service years	Contractual cash earnings		Other allowance ('000yen)	Estimate of annual earnings ('000yen)
					Without overtime allowance		
All	Male workers	41.9	13.3	372.4	336.7	1078.4	5118.8
	Female workers	39.2	8.7	241.7	225.2	568.4	3270.8

Data: "Basic Survey on Wage Structure," Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2007)

## IV Proposals by the Council for Gender Equality (2008)

- Promotion of employment and social participation of elderly people of both sexes
- Improvement of systems and environment that increase the economic independence of elderly people
- Support for the independent living of elderly people within families and communities
- Ensuring initiatives in medical services and preventive care taking into account differences between women and men
- Constructing foundations for quality healthcare services

⇒ Those proposals were carefully taken into account at the formulation of the **Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality.**