JAPAN

Health at a glance

World Health Organization

Overview

In Japan, the population as of 2023 is 124 370 947 with a projected decrease of 15% to 105 123 167 by 2050.

Life expectancy at birth (years) has improved by 2.9 years from 81.5 [81.5 - 81.6] years in 2000 to 84.5 [84.4 - 84.5] years in 2019. Since 2019, life expectancy has decreased to 84.5 [84.5 - 84.5] years.

Japan had 1 386 984 total deaths in 2021; 85% of deaths were from noncommunicable diseases; 10% were from communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions; 5% were from injuries; and 0% were from other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes.

Demographic change, 2023-2050

Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by sex, 2000-2021

Communicable diseases · Noncommunicable diseases · Injuries · Other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes

Top 10 level 2 causes of death, 2000-2021

Overall causes of death, 2021

Detailed causes of death, 2021

Note: Communicable diseases includes maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions.

Top 10 detailed causes of death by sex, 2021 (deaths per 100 000 population)

Disability adjusted life-years (DALYs) by sex, 2021 (DALYs per 100 0000 population)

Western Pacific Region are the lightly shaded bars.

Health Statistics: Health Status

Tuberculosis incidence (per 100 000 population)

Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) prevalence among children under 5 years (%)

Probability of premature mortality from NCDs (%)

Road traffic mortality rate (per 100 000 population)

Mortality rate from unintentional poisoning (per 100 000 population)

Suicide mortality rate (per 100 000 population)

Mortality rate due to homicide (per 100 000 population)

Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)

Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births)

Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 live births)

Age-standardized mortality rate attributed to household and ambient air pollution (per 100 000 population)

Mortality rate attributed to exposure to unsafe WASH services (per 100 000 population)

Health Statistics: Risk Factors

Age-standardized prevalence of hypertension among adults aged 30 to 79 years (%)

Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco use among persons 15 years and older (%)

Total alcohol per capita (>= 15 years of age) consumption (litres of pure alcohol)

Age-standardized prevalence of obesity among adults (18+ years) (%)

Prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 years (%)

Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months (%)

Proportion of ever- partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in their lifetime (%)

Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%)

Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%)

Proportion of population using safely managed drinking-water services (%)

Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services (%)

Proportion of safely treated domestic wastewater flows (%)

Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels (%)

Annual mean concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in urban areas (µg/m3)

Health Statistics: Service Coverage

Reported number of people requiring interventions against Neglected Tropical Diseases

Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)

Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1 year olds (%)

Health Statistics: Health Systems

Domestic general government health expenditure (GGHE-D) as percentage of general government expenditure (GGE) (%)

Density of physicians (per 10 000 population)

Density of nursing and midwifery personnel (per 10 000 population)

Density of dentistry personnel (per 10 000 population)

Density of pharmaceutical personnel (per 10 000 population)

Triple Billions - Number of people affected (millions)

In Japan, by 2025 the number of additional people projected to be: enjoying better health and wellbeing is 6.5 million; covered by essential services and not experiencing financial hardship is -1 million; and protected from health emergencies is 10.2 million.

Healthier Populations - individual indicator contributions (millions)

Other indicators below 1% of the total absolute contribution in 2025: Child violence, Child development, Clean fuel use, Partner violence, Trans-fat policy, Child wasting, Child overweight, Child stunting.

Further Resources

WHO Global country page

WHO Global website

Data Sources

Population data	UNDESA population division, World Population Prospects 2022 Extracted: December 2024
Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % of GDP	World Health Organization, Global Health Expenditure database Extracted: August 2024
Life expectancy and Healthy life expectancy (HALE)	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Causes of death	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Disease Burden	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates, Burden of Disease Extracted: December 2024
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators	World Health Organization, The Global Health Observatory
Triple Billion	World Health Organization, Global Progress Dashboard, Triple Billion targets

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