

CHAPTER IX: POPULATION AGED 65 AND OVER

In the population aged 65 and over, one in six are living alone.

Observing the household members aged 65 and over by type of household, it shows that the number of “One-person households” is 5.9 million, accounting for 17.7% of the total population aged 65 and over (33.5 million). This number continues to increase and is about 2 times the number of 2000 (3.0 million).

Regarding the proportion of “One-person households” within the population aged 65 and over by sex, the proportion is 17.7%, meaning that approximately one in six aged 65 and over is living alone.

The number of household members of "Inmates of social institutions" is 1.6 million, accounting for 4.7% of the total population aged 65 and over. This increased 0.6 points compared with 2010. Otherwise, the number of "Inpatients of hospitals" is 409 thousand, accounting for 1.2% and declined from 2010. (Figure 9.1, Table 9.1)

Figure 9.1 Trends in the Proportion of Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Type of Household and Sex: 2000 to 2015

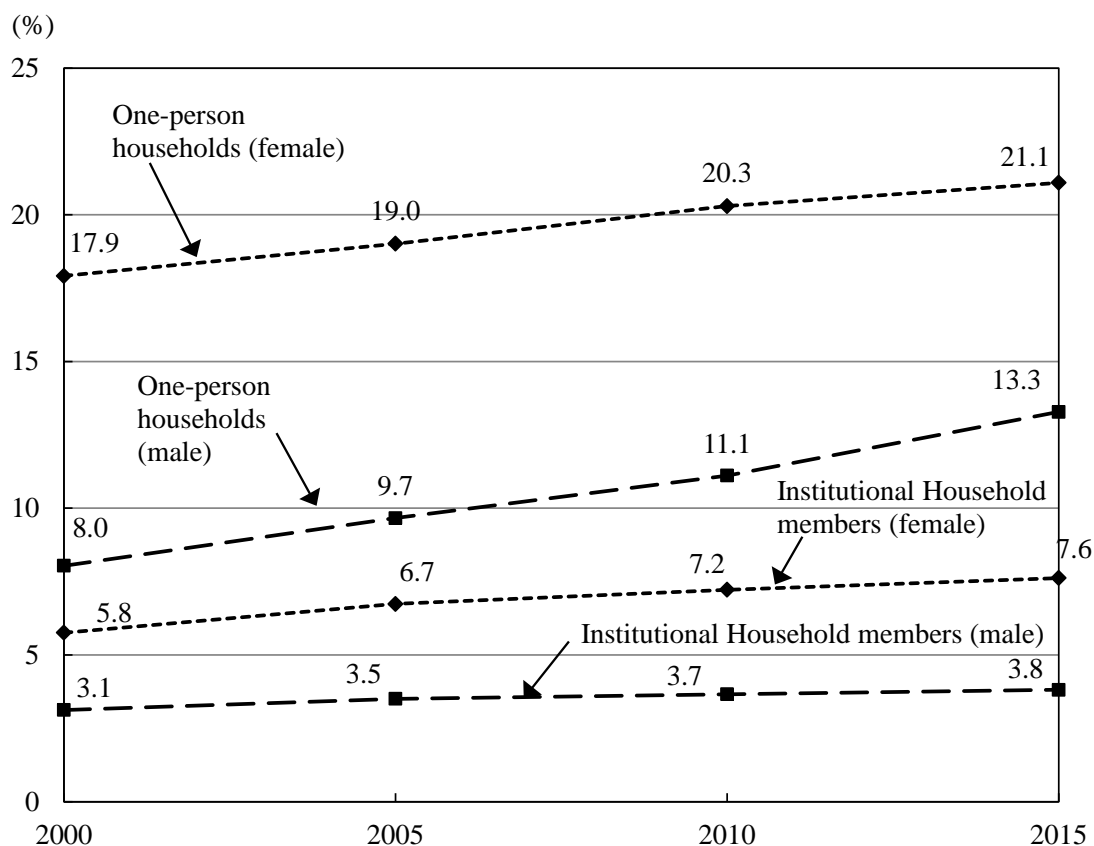


Table 9.1 Trends in the Number of Household Members of Population Aged 65 and Over by Type of Household and Sex: 2000 to 2015

Sex and year	Population aged 65 and over	Private household members		Institutional Household members	Inmates of social institutions	Inpatients of hospitals
		Private household members	One-person households			
Number (thousands)						
Both sexes						
2000	22,005	20,981	3,032	1,024	485	528
2005	25,672	24,294	3,865	1,378	826	539
2010	29,246	27,578	4,791	1,668	1,201	449
2015	33,465	31,467	5,928	1,999	1,572	409
Male						
2000	9,222	8,934	742	288	113	164
2005	10,875	10,494	1,051	381	192	177
2010	12,470	12,014	1,386	457	280	161
2015	14,485	13,933	1,924	552	386	150
Female						
2000	12,783	12,047	2,290	736	371	364
2005	14,797	13,801	2,814	997	634	362
2010	16,775	15,564	3,405	1,211	921	287
2015	18,980	17,534	4,003	1,446	1,186	258
Proportion (%)						
Both sexes						
2000	100.0	95.3	13.8	4.7	2.2	2.4
2005	100.0	94.6	15.1	5.4	3.2	2.1
2010	100.0	94.3	16.4	5.7	4.1	1.5
2015	100.0	94.0	17.7	6.0	4.7	1.2
Male						
2000	100.0	96.9	8.0	3.1	1.2	1.8
2005	100.0	96.5	9.7	3.5	1.8	1.6
2010	100.0	96.3	11.1	3.7	2.2	1.3
2015	100.0	96.2	13.3	3.8	2.7	1.0
Female						
2000	100.0	94.2	17.9	5.8	2.9	2.8
2005	100.0	93.3	19.0	6.7	4.3	2.4
2010	100.0	92.8	20.3	7.2	5.5	1.7
2015	100.0	92.4	21.1	7.6	6.2	1.4

Half of aged persons live “Comprising only household members aged 65 and over”.

The number of private households with household members aged 65 and over is 21.7 million in 2015, accounting for 40.7% of the total number of private households. It is a 12.3% increase from the number in 2010.

Regarding the private households with household members aged 65 and over by family type of household, the number of “One-person households” increased by 23.7%, from 4.8 million in 2010 to 5.9 million in 2015, and the number of “Nuclear families” also increased by 17.3%, from 10.0 million to 11.7 million. Otherwise, the number of other households (including “Three-generation households”) declined by 10.8% from 4.5 million to 4.0 million. (Figure 9.2, Table 9.2)

Figure 9.2 Trends in the Proportion of Private Households with Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Family Type of Household: 2000 to 2015

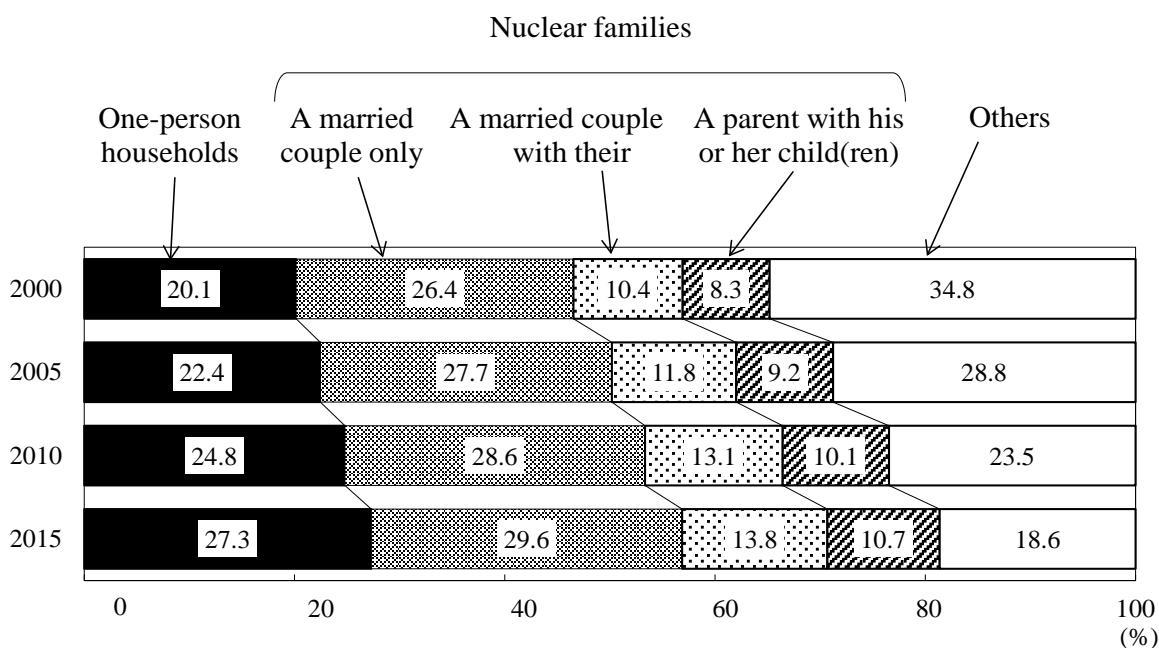


Table 9.2 Trends in the Number of Private Households with Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Family Type of Household: 2000 to 2015

Family type of household	Households with household members aged 65 and over				Change rate (%)
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2010-2015
Number (thousands)					
Total	15,057	17,220	19,338	21,713	12.3
One-person households	3,032	3,865	4,791	5,928	23.7
Nuclear families	6,783	8,398	10,011	11,740	17.3
A married couple only	3,972	4,774	5,525	6,420	16.2
A married couple with their	1,566	2,039	2,532	2,998	18.4
A parent with his or her child(ren)	1,246	1,586	1,954	2,322	18.8
Others	5,241	4,956	4,536	4,045	-10.8
(Special count) Total private households	46,782	49,063	51,842	53,332	2.9
Proportion (%)					
Total	100.0 (32.2)	100.0 (35.1)	100.0 (37.3)	100.0 (40.7)	-
One-person households	20.1	22.4	24.8	27.3	-
Nuclear families	45.1	48.8	51.8	54.1	-
A married couple only	26.4	27.7	28.6	29.6	-
A married couple with their	10.4	11.8	13.1	13.8	-
A parent with his or her child(ren)	8.3	9.2	10.1	10.7	-
Others	34.8	28.8	23.5	18.6	-

Note: Number included () shows proportion of "Households with household members aged 65 and over" among "Total private households".