

## CHAPTER X: POPULATION AGED 65 AND OVER

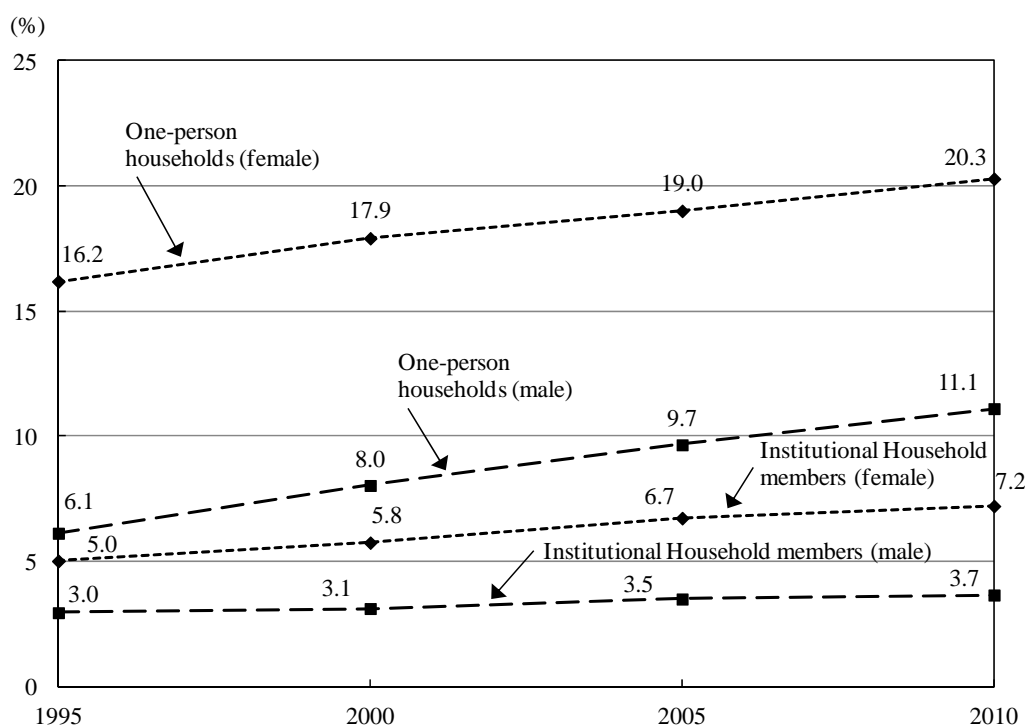
**In the population aged 65 and over, one in ten males and one in five females are living alone.**

Observing the household members aged 65 and over by type of household, it shows that the number of “One-person household” is 4.8 million, accounting for 16.4% of the total population aged 65 and over (29.2 million). This number continues to increase and is more than twice the number of 1995 (2.2 million).

Regarding the proportion of “One-person households” within the population aged 65 and over by sex, the proportion is 11.1% among men and 20.3% among women, meaning that approximately one in five women aged 65 and over are living alone.

The number of household members of "Inmates of social institutions" is 1.2 million, accounting for 4.1% of the total population aged 65 and over. This is approximately 1.5 times the number of 2005. Otherwise, the number of "Inpatients of hospitals" is 449 thousand, accounting for 1.5% and declined from 2005. (Figure 10.1, Table 10.1)

**Figure 10.1 Trends in the Proportion of Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Type of Household and Sex: 1995 to 2010**



**Table 10.1 Trends in the Number of Household Members of Population Aged 65 and Over by Type of Household and Sex: 1995 to 2010**

Sex and year	Population aged 65 and over	Private household members	One-person households	Institutional Household members	Inmates of social institutions	Inpatients of hospitals
Number (thousands)						
Both sexes						
1995	18,261	17,498	2,202	762	326	429
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
Male						
1995	7,504	7,282	460	222	81	134
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
Female						
1995	10,757	10,216	1,742	540	244	295
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
Proportion (%)						
Both sexes						
1995	100.0	95.8	12.1	4.2	1.8	2.3
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
Male						
1995	100.0	97.0	6.1	3.0	1.1	1.8
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
Female						
1995	100.0	95.0	16.2	5.0	2.3	2.7
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

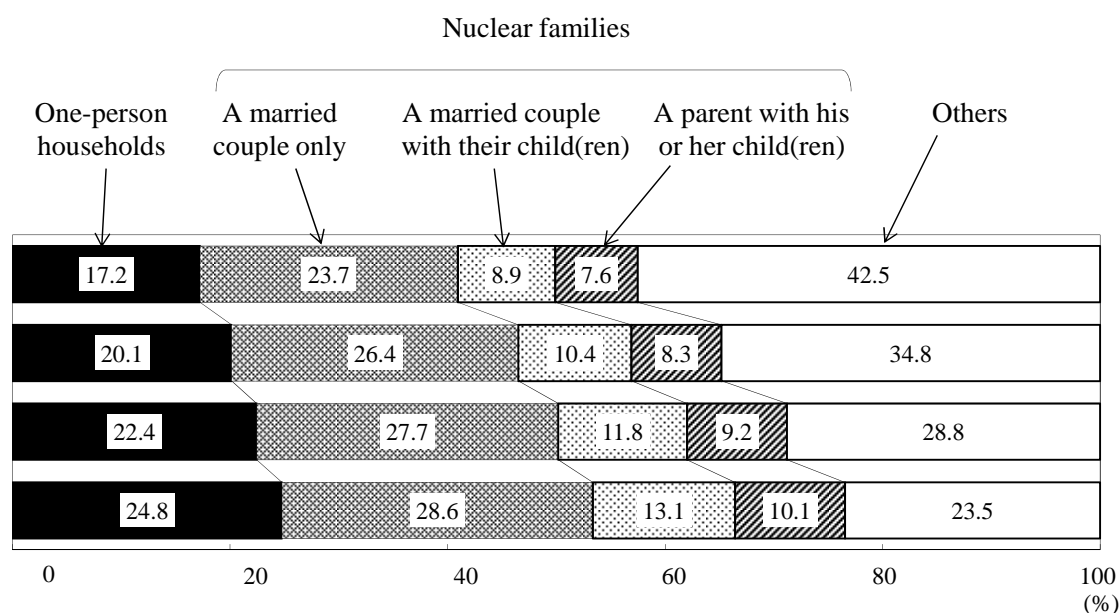
## Half of aged person live “Comprising only household members aged 65 and over”.

The number of private households with household members aged 65 and over is 19.3 million in 2010, accounting for 37.3% of the total number of private households. It is a 12.3% increase from the number in 2005.

Regarding the private households with household members aged 65 and over by family type of household, the number of “One-person households” increased by 24.0%, from 3.9 million in 2005 to 4.8 million in 2010, and the number of “Nuclear families” also increased by 19.2%, from 8.4 million to 10.0 million. Otherwise, the number of other households (including “Three-generation households”) declined by 8.5% from 5.0 million to 4.5 million. (Figure 10.2, Table 10.2)

Regarding the proportion of private household members aged 65 and over by type of household by presence of aged household members, the number of private household members of households comprising only household members aged 65 and over is 14.2 million, accounting for 51.4%. Especially, households consisting of one or two person(s) account for 17.4% and 32.6% respectively. As a result, half of private household members aged 65 and over live alone or with another aged person. (Table 10.3)

**Figure 10.2 Trends in the Proportion of Private Households with Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Family Type of Household: 1995 to 2010**



**Table 10.2 Trends in the Number of Private Households with Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Family Type of Household: 1995 to 2010**

Family type of household	Households with household members aged 65 and over				Change rate (%)
	1995	2000	2005	2010	2005-2010
Number (thousands)					
Total	12,790	15,057	17,220	19,338	12.3
One-person households	2,202	3,032	3,865	4,791	24.0
Nuclear families	5,149	6,783	8,398	10,011	19.2
A married couple only	3,036	3,972	4,774	5,525	15.7
A married couple with their child(ren)	1,143	1,566	2,039	2,532	24.2
A parent with his or her child(ren)	970	1,246	1,586	1,954	23.3
Others	5,439	5,241	4,956	4,536	-8.5
(Special count) Total private households	43,900	46,782	49,063	51,842	
Proportion (%)					
Total	100.0 (29.1)	100.0 (32.2)	100.0 (35.1)	100.0 (37.3)	-
One-person households	17.2	20.1	22.4	24.8	-
Nuclear families	40.3	45.1	48.8	51.8	-
A married couple only	23.7	26.4	27.7	28.6	-
A married couple with their child(ren)	8.9	10.4	11.8	13.1	-
A parent with his or her child(ren)	7.6	8.3	9.2	10.1	-
Others	42.5	34.8	28.8	23.5	-

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

**Table 10.3 Number of Private Household Members Aged 65 and Over by Type of Household by Presence of Aged Household Members: 2010**

Type of household by presence of aged household members	Number (thousands)	Proportion (%)
Households with household members aged 65 and over	27,578	100.0
Households comprising only household members aged 65 and over	14,172	51.4
Household consisting of one person	4,791	17.4
Household consisting of two persons	8,995	32.6
Household consisting of three and over persons	386	1.4
Households with household members aged under 65	13,406	48.6