

Indicator 1.3.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable

Target 1.3 Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable

Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Definition and Rationale

Definition

The coverage of social insurance system (medical insurance, long-term care insurance, pension) is introduced here.

Persons such as public assistance recipients who do not subscribe to medical insurance are covered by the public assistance system.

Persons such as disabilities support facilities residents who are excluded from the application of long-term care insurance are covered separately by welfare services for persons with disabilities etc.

As for pensions, it is compulsory for domestic residents aged 20 to 59 to enroll. Due to a change in the system to enroll, there are temporal non-insured persons, etc.

Concepts

Social security is defined as a system to "provide life support with public responsibility for the purpose of guaranteeing a healthy and safe life for people when the stability of their lives is lost".

Rationale and Interpretation:

Social security system in Japan have established various systems to support income security and services such as medical care and long-term care in the form of social insurance, social welfare, public assistance, health care, and public health for the purpose of ensuring a stable life when the stability of life is impaired due to illness, childbirth, old age, disability, unemployment, etc.

As described above, since various systems are provided to respond to

various risks, it is difficult to uniformly calculate the “proportion of the population protected by the social security system” for each classification indicated by the UN.

For this reason, the coverage of the social insurance system (medical insurance, long-term care insurance, pension) that plays a central role in the Japanese social security system is introduced.

Data Sources and Collection Method

Calculated by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare "Basic data on medical insurance", "Status Report on Long-term Care Insurance ", and "Survey on Public Pension Enrollment" and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication "Population by Basic Resident Register"

Each data is published on the homepage of each ministry.

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

○ Computation Method

For medical insurance, it is calculated by dividing the number of medical insurance applicants by the population based on the Basic Resident Register.

For long-term care insurance, it is calculated by dividing the number of the insured persons of the long-term care insurance by the population based on the Basic Resident Register.

For pension, the coverage is estimated from Survey on Public Pension Enrollment.

○ Comments and limitations

Social security system in Japan have established various systems to support income security and services such as medical care and long-term care in the form of social insurance, social welfare, public assistance, health care, and public health for the purpose of ensuring a stable life when the stability of life is impaired due to illness, childbirth, old age, disability, unemployment, etc.

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It is important to note that there are a wide range of other relevant systems besides medical insurance, long-term care insurance, and pension.

System	Concept of application or target person	Target population	Coverage
Medical insurance	All citizens join the public medical insurance system (The number of medical insurance applicants (end of 2016): 126.09 million (*) Persons such as public assistance recipients who do not have medical insurance are covered by the public assistance system. The number of public assistance recipients is 2.15 million (average 2016).	Total population (as of January 1, 2017) 127.91 million	98.6% (※)
Long-term care insurance	All citizens aged 40 and over join the public long-term care insurance system (The first insured number (the end of 2016): (65 years old or older): 34.4 million people) (The second insured number (the end of 2016) (40 to 64 years old): 42 million) (※)Persons such as disabilities support facilities residents who are excluded from the application of long-term care insurance are separately covered by welfare services for persons with disabilities etc.	Population over 40 (as of January 1, 2017) 77.08 million	99.1% (※)
Pension	Provide a public pension system with all the citizens. (Number of participants (20 to 59 years old): 62.42 million (Oct. 31, 2016))	Number of people aged 20-59 (as of October 31,	99.5% (※)

	(※) It is obliged for domestic residents aged 20-59 to enroll in the public pension system. This coverage is an estimate from a sample survey, and there are some non-insured (non-insured temporarily at the time of the survey due to changes in the system to enroll, etc.).	2016, the population on Survey on Public Pension Enrollment.) 62.71 million	
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Data Disaggregation

N/A

References

Medical insurance: Basic data on medical insurance

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/iryohoken/database/zenpan/kiso.html>

Pension: Survey on Public Pension Enrollment

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/toukei/list/141-1.html>

Long-term care insurance:

The number of the first insured person, the number of service recipients:

Status Report on Long-term Care Insurance 2016

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/topics/kaigo/osirase/jigyo/16/dl/h28_point.pdf

The number of the second insured person:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/topics/kaigo/osirase/jigyo/16/dl/h28_hihokensha.pdf

Custodian Ministries of Data

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

International Organizations

International Labour Organization (ILO)