

## Indicator 16.2.1

### Indicator Name, Target and Goal

**Indicator 16.2.1** Proportion of children aged 1-17 years who experienced any physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month

**Target 16.2** End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children

**Goal 16** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

### Definition and Rationale

#### ○ Definition

The number of cases provided to by child guidance center for consultation on child abuse in the past year (fiscal year)

#### ○ Concepts

Child guidance center are institutions that carry out operations pertaining to children's welfare as stipulated in the Child Welfare Act. The number of cases provided to for consultation on child abuse is the number of cases provided to for consultation on behaviors stipulated in Article 2 of the Act on the Prevention, etc., of Child Abuse.

#### ○ Rationale and Interpretation:

In Japan, the indicator is one of several general figures used for statistics on child abuse cases.

Child abuse is a serious violation of the human rights of children, significantly impacts the mental and physical development and character formation of children and adds concerns to the fostering of future generations of Japan. According to Article 3 of the Act on the Prevention, etc., of Child Abuse, "No person shall abuse a child."

### Data Sources and Collection Method

Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services. Prefectures, designated cities and core cities that have child guidance centers reported on the number of cases provided to.

## **Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations**

### ○ Computation Method

The total number of cases provided to by child guidance centers in a year (fiscal year).

### ○ Comments and Limitations

1. Of consultation on abuse pertaining to “children” between ages 0-17 years (including 18 years old by exceptional regulations, etc.), the number of cases provided to by child guidance centers in a year.
2. This number is “the number of cases provided to” for consultation on abuse, and not the “number of children” abused.
3. This number is the number of cases provided to by child guidance centers only. Municipalities may also have provided to child abuse cases as well.
4. Abuse includes sexual abuse, negligence of protection and neglect. Psychological abuse includes attacks that are not direct, such as conducting domestic abuse in front of children.

## **Data Disaggregation**

Although calculation by age of abused person x Type of consultation, Prefecture/Designated city/Core city x Route for child abuse consultation, Type of child abuse consultation x Route for child abuse consultation, etc is possible, since it becomes enormous data files, the total data is posted.

## **References**

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/toukei/list/38-1.html>

## **Custodian Ministries of Data**

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

## **Custodian Ministries of Related Policies**

National Policy Agency

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

## **International Organizations**

United Nations Children's Fund