



## Chapter 1

# Japan's Official Development Assistance in Terms of Disbursement

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Japan's net bilateral ODA disbursements in 2009 totaled approximately US\$6,001.24 million (approximately ¥560.5 billion). Japan's contributions to international organizations amounted to US\$3,467.37 million (¥323.9 billion) in 2009. These figures make for a 1.4% decrease to US\$9,468.61 million (¥884.4 billion) in 2009, compared with overall ODA disbursements in the previous year ([Note 1](#)). With regard to gross disbursements, bilateral ODA disbursements totaled US\$16,452.13 million (¥1,536.6 billion), representing a decrease by roughly 5.9% on the previous year.

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**Note 1** Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries and contributions to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Due to rounding the total may not equal the sum of the figures in the charts.

### <Disbursement Analysis>

Japan's 2009 ODA net disbursements remained nearly unchanged compared to the previous year, and ranked fifth amongst the OECD-DAC (Note 2) member countries (Note 3), behind the United States, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, as in 2008. In gross disbursements, Japan was in second place as in the previous year.

A breakdown of 2009 ODA net disbursements shows that bilateral ODA accounted for roughly 63.4% of overall disbursements, while ODA through international organizations accounted for 36.6%. Bilateral ODA, which is implemented on the basis of consultations with developing countries, is aimed at strengthening Japan's relationship with recipient countries. Provision of ODA through international organizations takes advantage of their specialized knowledge and political neutrality, and enables the provision of support to the countries and territories that are difficult to reach on a bilateral level. Japan flexibly uses bilateral assistance and assistance through international organizations, while also implementing the two means in coordination with each other and ensuring that the manner of assistance is adequate.

A breakdown of net bilateral ODA by type indicates that disbursements calculated as grant aid totaled US\$2,208.94 million (¥206.3 billion), amounting to

roughly 23.3% of overall ODA disbursements. Of this amount, debt relief accounted for US\$68.33 million (¥6.4 billion) at roughly 0.7%; grant aid through international organizations accounted for around 7.0% at US\$660.49 million (¥61.7 billion); and funds for grant aid excluding other aforementioned categories accounted for about 15.6% of the total at US\$1,480.12 million (¥138.2 billion). Additionally, technical cooperation accounted for around 32.9% at roughly US\$3,118.40 million (¥291.3 billion); loan aid amounted to US\$673.90 million (¥62.9 billion); and loan aid excluding debt relief amounted to US\$739.38 million (¥69.1 billion) (Note 4).

Japan's bilateral ODA by region is as follows (Note 5).

- ▶ Asia: US\$2,218.05 million (US\$7,798.90 million)
- ▶ Africa: US\$1,403.22 million (US\$1,556.02 million)
- ▶ Middle East: US\$1,185.07 million (US\$500.67 million)
- ▶ Latin America and the Caribbean: US\$142.58 million (US\$732.70 million)
- ▶ Oceania: US\$111.90 million (US\$129.83 million)
- ▶ Europe: US\$156.46 million (US\$200.20 million)
- ▶ Assistance covering multiple regions, etc.: US\$1,548.12 million (US\$1,548.12 million)

>> See Chart III-2 for the ratios of disbursement by region.

Note 2 OECD-DAC: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development-Development Assistance Committee.

Note 3 The comparison is based on provisional figures except for Japan.

Note 4 The Exchange rate by the OECD-DAC: US\$1=¥103.5 (2008), US\$1=¥93.4 (2009).

Note 5 The figures in parentheses are gross amounts.

**Chart III-1 ODA by Type**

(Net disbursements)

ODA disbursements in 2009 (calendar year)		Dollar basis (US\$1 million)			Yen basis (¥100 million)			Percentage of total (%)
Type		Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)	Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)	ODA total
Grant aid		2,211.70	4,780.69	-53.7	2,065.72	4,948.02	-58.3	23.2
debt relief		68.33	2,801.18	-97.6	63.82	2,899.22	-97.8	0.7
grants provided through multilateral institutions		660.59	730.9	-9.6	616.99	756.48	-18.4	6.9
grant aid excluding the above		1,482.78	1,248.61	18.8	1,384.91	1,292.31	7.2	15.5
Grant aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		2,208.94	4,776.56	-53.8	2,063.15	4,943.74	-58.3	23.3
debt relief		68.33	2,801.18	-97.6	63.82	2,899.22	-97.8	0.7
grants provided through multilateral institutions		660.49	730.06	-9.5	616.9	755.61	-18.4	7
grant aid excluding the above		1,480.12	1,245.32	18.9	1,382.43	1,288.91	7.3	15.6
Technical cooperation		3,194.75	3,057.82	4.5	2,983.90	3,164.84	-5.7	33.4
Technical cooperation (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		3,118.40	2,987.07	4.4	2,912.58	3,091.61	-5.8	32.9
Total grants		5,406.45	7,838.51	-31	5,049.62	8,112.86	-37.8	56.6
Total grants (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		5,327.34	7,763.62	-31.4	4,975.73	8,035.35	-38.1	56.3
Loan aid		674.55	-899.66		630.03	-931.15		7.1
(loop aid, excluding debt relief)		740.03	163.87	351.6	691.18	169.6	307.53	
(amount disbursed)		7,744.40	7,050.81	9.84	7,233.27	7,297.59	-0.88	
(amount recovered)		7,069.86	7,950.47	-11.08	6,603.25	8,228.74	-19.75	
(amount recovered excluding debt relief)		7,004.38	6,886.94	1.71	6,542.09	7,127.99	-8.22	
Loan aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		673.9	-940.38		629.42	-973.29		7.1
(loop aid, excluding debt relief)		739.38	123.15	500.38	690.58	127.46	441.79	
(amount disbursed)		7,657.42	6,933.44	10.4	7,152.03	7,176.11	-0.3	
(amount recovered)		6,983.52	7,873.82	-11.3	6,522.60	8,149.40	-20	
(amount recovered excluding debt relief)		6,918.04	6,810.28	1.6	6,461.45	7,048.64	-8.3	
Total bilateral ODA		6,081.00	6,938.85	-12.4	5,679.65	7,181.71	-20.9	63.7
Total bilateral ODA (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		6,001.24	6,823.25	-12	5,605.16	7,062.06	-20.6	63.4
Contributions and subscriptions to multilateral institutions		3,471.58	2,781.35	24.8	3,242.45	2,878.70	12.6	36.3
Contributions and subscriptions to multilateral institutions (excluding contributions to the EBRD)		3,467.37	2,777.46	24.8	3,238.53	2,874.67	12.7	36.6
Total ODA (net disbursement)			9,552.57	9,720.20	-1.7	8,922.10	10,060.40	-11.3
Total ODA (net disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries and some disbursements for the EBRD)		9,468.61	9,600.71	-1.4	8,843.69	9,936.73	-11	100
Total ODA (gross disbursement)		16,622.43	17,670.67	-5.9	15,525.35	18,289.15	-15.1	
Total ODA (gross disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		16,452.13	17,474.52	-5.9	15,366.29	18,086.13	-15	
Preliminary estimate of nominal Gross National Income (GNI) (US\$1 billion, ¥1 billion)		5,223.13	5,042.14	3.6	487,840.30	521,861.80	-6.5	
% of GNI		0.18	0.19		0.18	0.19		
% of GNI (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries and some disbursements for the EBRD)		0.18	0.19		0.18	0.19		

\*1 Japan has a record of disbursements to the following 14 graduated countries and territories: Brunei, Singapore, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, Hong Kong, Cyprus, the Republic of Korea (ROK), New Caledonia, Malta, Slovenia, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

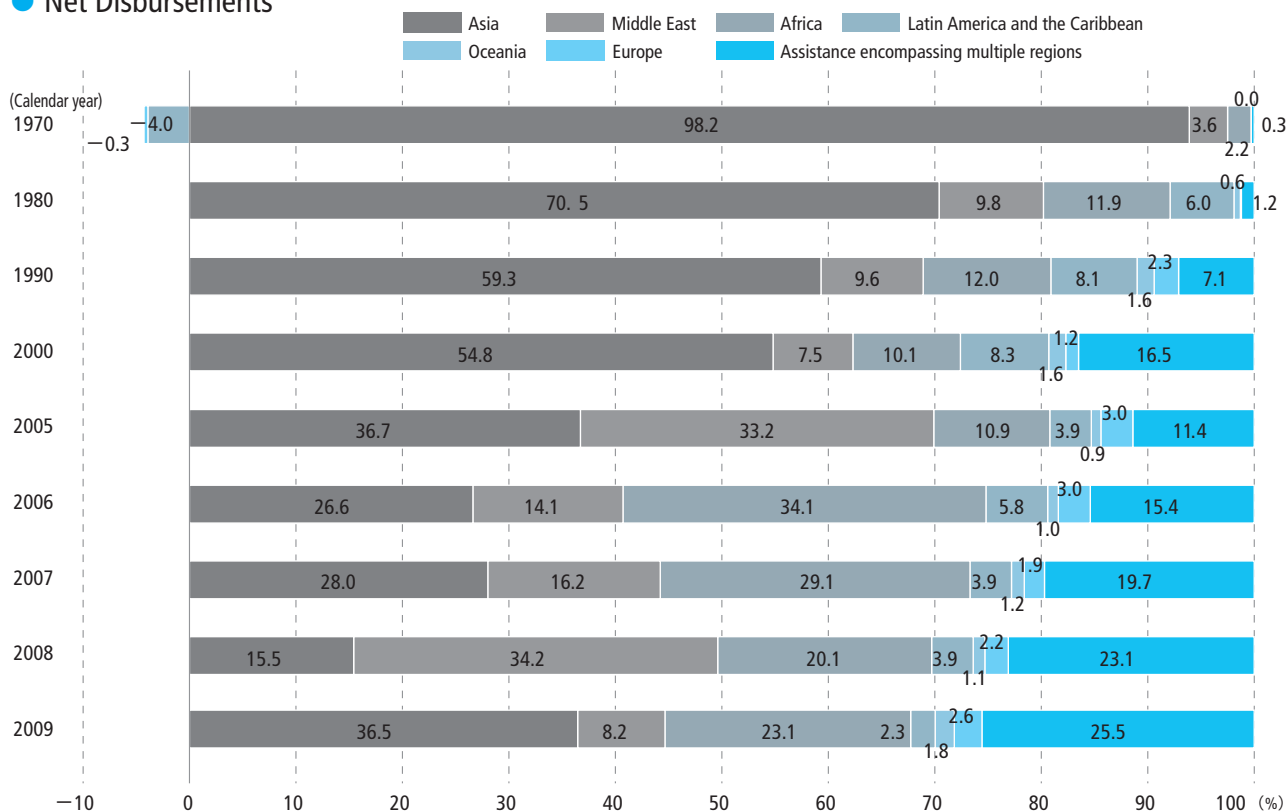
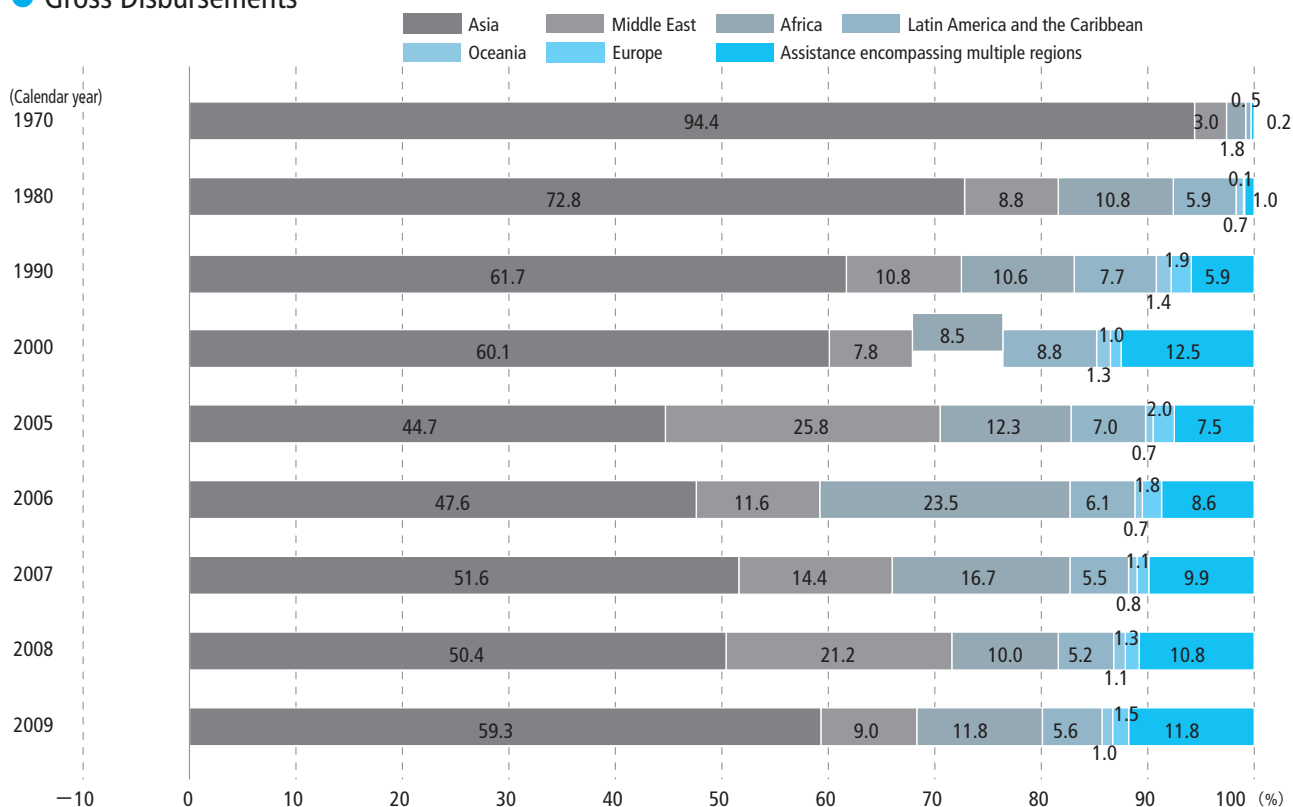
\*2 The 2009 exchange rate designated by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC): US\$1 = ¥93.4 (¥10.1 appreciation compared to 2008).

\*3 Due to rounding the total may not equal the sum of each type of assistance.

\*4 Starting from the 2009 disbursements, some contributions for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) are reported as ODA in accordance with the decision of the OECD-DAC Working Party on Statistics.

\*5 Debt relief includes debt cancellation of ODA loans and debt reduction of insured commercial claims. It does not include debt rescheduling.

\*6 Grants provided through multilateral institutions have conventionally been reported as "Contributions and subscriptions to international organizations, etc." However, since 2006, expenditures clearly addressing a country at the point of disbursement are considered as bilateral ODA and therefore newly reported as "Grant aid."

**Chart III-2 Trends in Bilateral ODA by Region**
**Net Disbursements**

**Gross Disbursements**


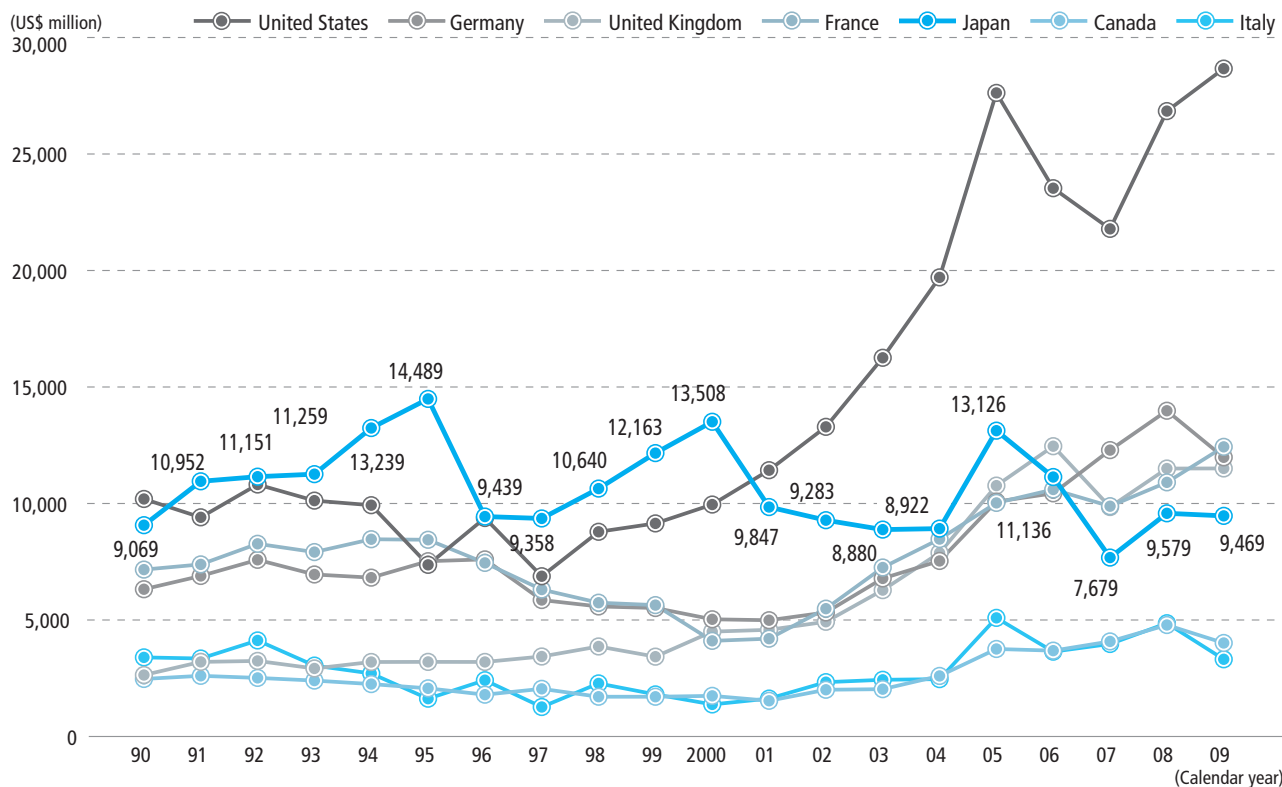
\*1 ODA to the European region since 1990 includes aid to Eastern Europe.

\*2 If the amount of loan aid recovered exceeds disbursements, the figure can be negative (this only applies to net disbursements).

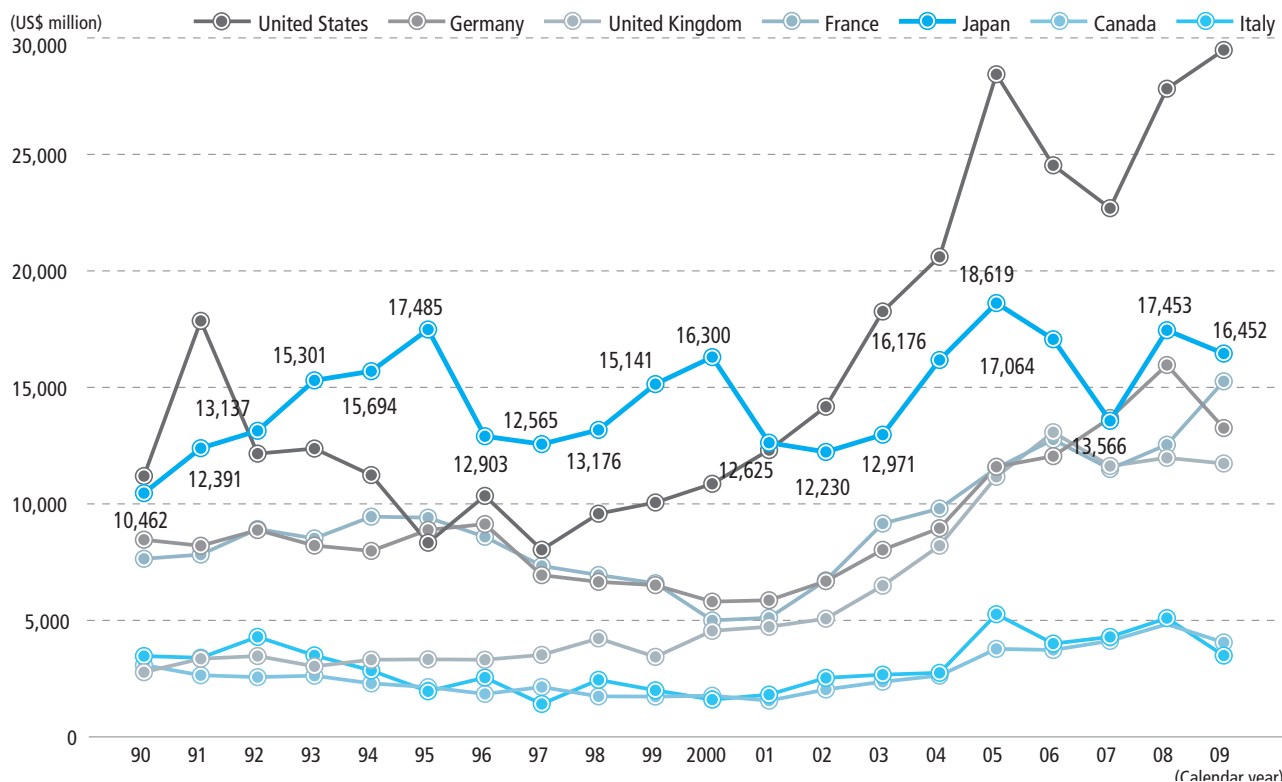
\*3 Assistance encompassing multiple regions includes the dispatch of survey groups, administrative costs and promotion of development awareness, all encompassing multiple regions.

**Chart III-3 Trends in the ODA of Major DAC Countries**

**Net Disbursements**



**Gross Disbursements**

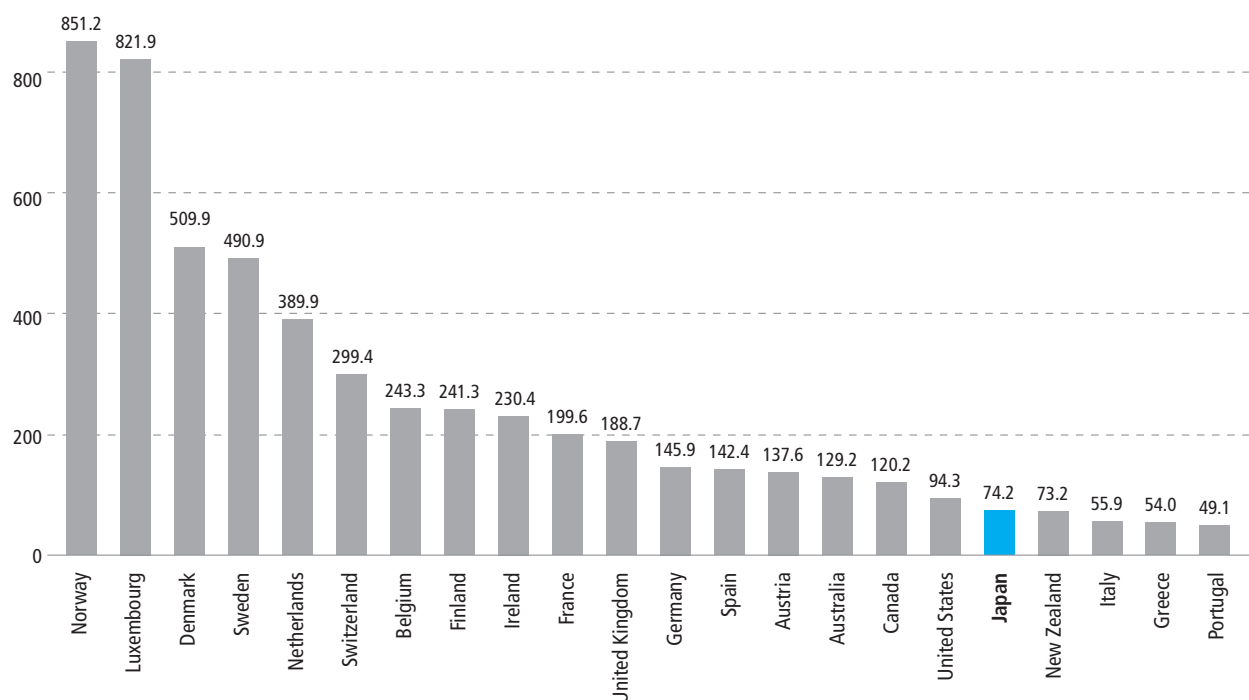


Source: 2009 DAC press release, 2008 DAC Development Co-operation Report

\*1 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.

\*2 US figures for 1990–1992 exclude military debt relief.

\*3 Figures for 2009 are provisional except for Japan.

**Chart III-4 Per Capita ODA in DAC Countries**
(US\$)  
1,000

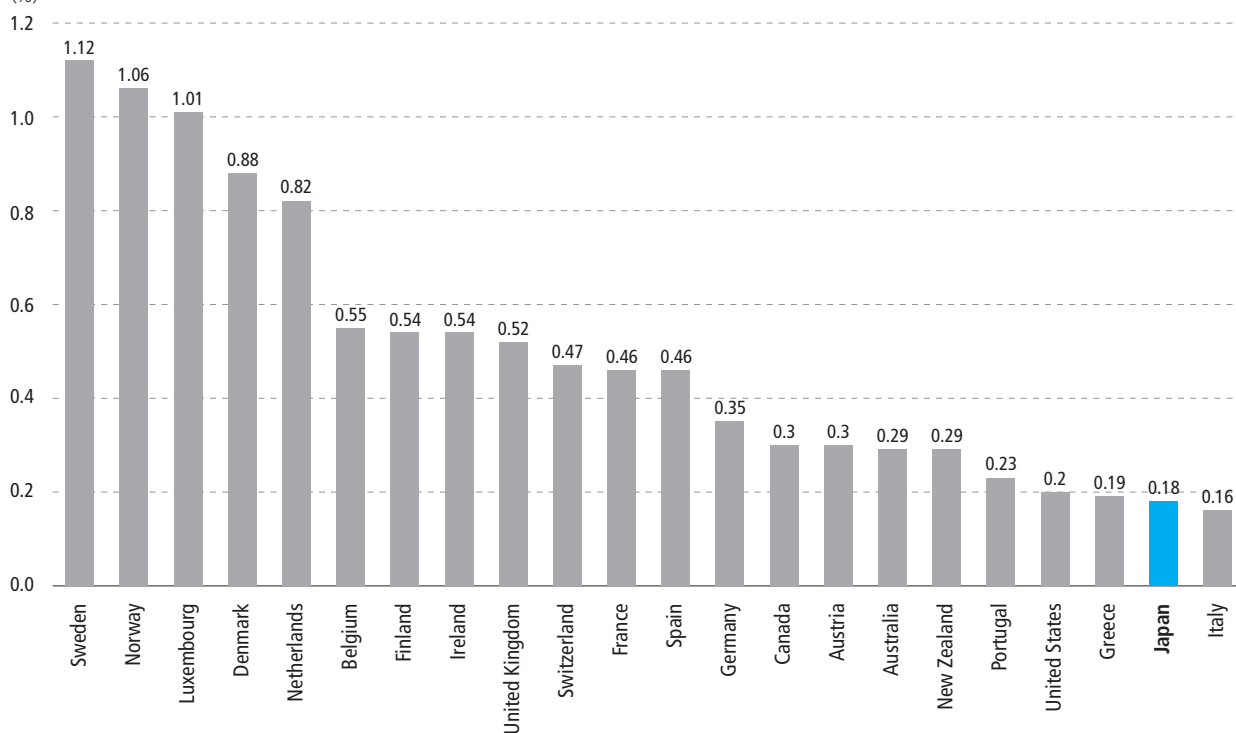
Source: Disbursements from 2009 DAC press release, population figures from 2008 DAC Development Co-operation Report

\*1 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.

\*2 Provisional figures except for Japan.

**Chart III-5 Ratio of ODA to GNI in DAC Countries**

(%)

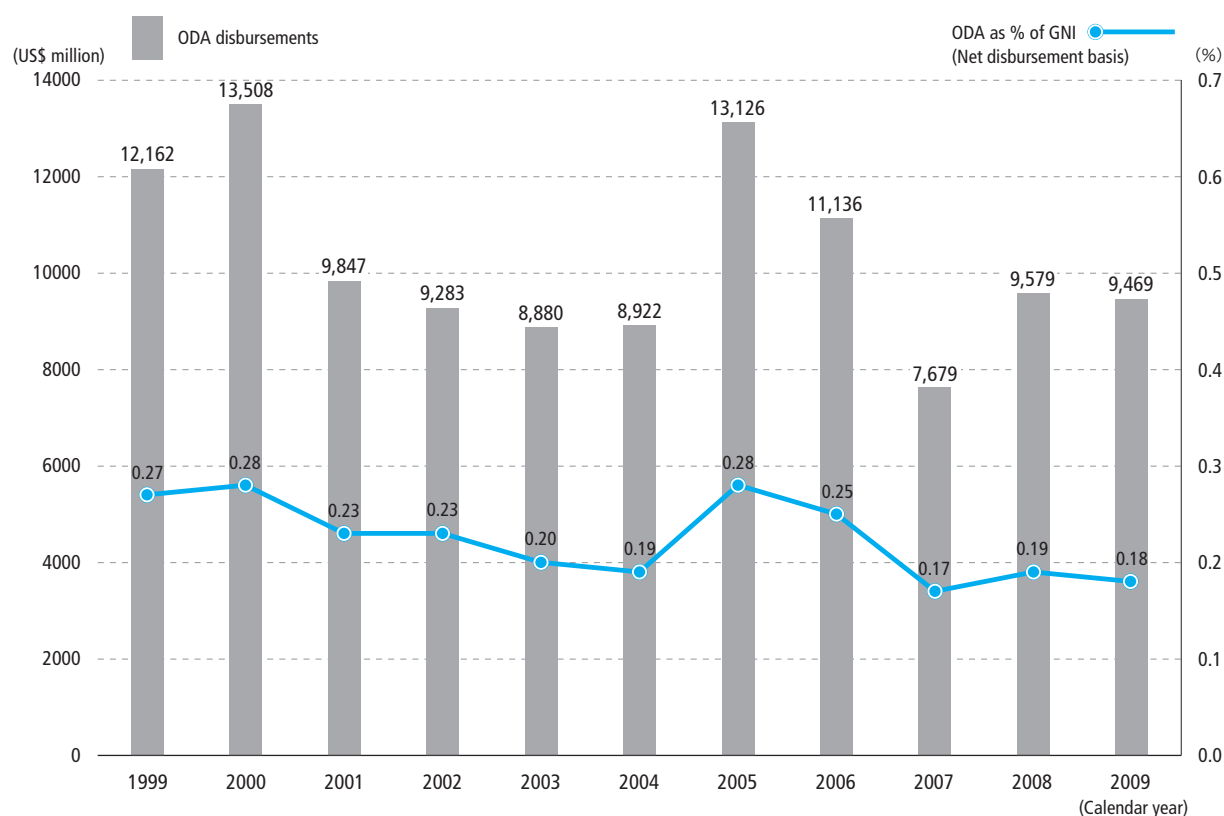


Sources: 2009 DAC press release, 2008 DAC Development Co-operation Report

\*1 Countries are placed in descending order of their ratios of ODA to GNI.

\*2 Provisional figures except for Japan.

**Chart III-6 Trends in Japan's ODA and as Percent of GNI**



\*1 Up until 1998 the figures show ODA disbursements as a percent of GNP (Gross National Product), from 1999 onward they show ODA disbursements as a percent of GNI (Gross National Income).

\*2 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.