

Japan's Official Development Assistance in Terms of Disbursement

In 2012, Japan's net ODA disbursements amounted to \$10,604.51 million and were ranked fifth in the world, and Japan's gross ODA disbursements amounted to \$18,662.16 million and were ranked second in the world.



Smiling children in Mang Yang District, Viet Nam (Photo: Yuki Kato / JICA)

Japan's net bilateral ODA disbursements in 2012 totaled approximately \$6,402.21 million (¥511 billion). Contributions to international organizations amounted to approximately \$4,202.3 million (¥335.4 billion). These figures make for a 2.1% decrease from the previous year in overall ODA disbursements, reaching

approximately \$10,604.51 million (¥846.4 billion).¹ The gross disbursements of ODA, which is the amount before repayment amounts of government loans, have been taken away, totaled approximately \$18,662.16 million (¥1,489.5 billion), a 6.7% decrease from the previous year.²

<Disbursement Analysis>

Japan's 2012 net disbursements of ODA decreased approximately 2.1% over the previous year. Japan remained at its 2011 ranking of fifth place among the member countries of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), behind the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and France.³ In gross disbursements, Japan ranked second only to the United States as in the previous year.

A breakdown of 2012 net disbursements shows that

bilateral ODA accounted for approximately 60.4% of overall disbursements, while ODA towards international organizations accounted for approximately 39.6%. Bilateral ODA, which is implemented in consultation with developing countries, is expected to strengthen Japan's relations with recipient countries. Meanwhile, ODA directed towards international organizations enables us to utilize their expertise and political neutrality to support countries and regions where it is difficult to provide bilateral assistance. Japan is making every effort

Note 1: Excluding disbursements to Eastern European countries and graduated countries (countries that are no longer targets).

Note 2: The relation of gross and net disbursements is as follows: net disbursements = gross disbursements - amount recovered (repayment amounts of government loans from recipient countries to donor countries)

Note 3: Comparison is based on preliminary figures, except for Japan

to ensure that its aid is provided properly, coordinating both aid types and making flexible use of aid.

Examining net disbursements for bilateral ODA by type indicates that disbursements calculated as grant aid totaled approximately \$3,117.46 million (¥248.8 billion), or approximately 29.4% of the total ODA disbursements. Among these grants, grant aid through international organizations accounted for approximately \$1,395.19 million (¥111.4 billion), or approximately 13.2% of the total. Additionally, technical cooperation accounted for approximately \$3,641.07 million (¥290.6 billion), or approximately 34.3% of the total. Government loans accounted for approximately -\$356.33 million (-¥28.4 billion). (Negative figures indicate that the recovered amount of such loans exceeds that of the disbursed amount)

Japan's bilateral ODA by region is as follows.

- ◆ Asia: \$1,612.03 million (\$8,156.94 million)
- ◆ Middle East and North Africa: \$1,497.86 million (\$2,240.45 million)
- ◆ Sub-Saharan Africa: \$1,718.01 million (\$1,843.85 million)
- ◆ Latin America and the Caribbean: -\$192.17 million (\$474.94 million)
- ◆ Oceania: \$128.15 million (\$152.41 million)
- ◆ Europe: \$35.25 million (\$93.90 million)
- ◆ Assistance covering multiple regions: \$1,552.55 million (\$1,552.55 million)

The figures in parentheses are gross disbursements (including assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.)

Chart II-1 Japan's ODA by Type 2012

ODA disbursements (2012 calendar year)		Dollar basis (US\$ million)			Yen basis (¥ million)		
		Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)	Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)
Type	Grant aid	3,118.31	5,037.77	-38.1	248,884	401,544	-38.0
	Debt relief	4.69	1,444.51	-99.7	375	115,137	-99.7
	Grants provided through multilateral institutions	1,395.19	1,972.83	-29.3	111,355	157,248	-29.2
	Grant aid excluding the above	1,718.43	1,620.42	6.0	137,154	129,159	6.2
	Grant aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	3,117.46	5,032.98	-38.1	248,816	401,163	-38.0
	Debt relief	4.69	1,444.51	-99.7	375	115,137	-99.7
	Grants provided through multilateral institutions	1,395.19	1,972.83	-29.3	111,355	157,248	-29.2
	Grant aid excluding the above	1,717.58	1,615.64	6.3	137,086	128,778	6.5
	Technical cooperation	3,656.56	3,543.47	3.2	291,843	282,438	3.3
	Technical cooperation (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	3,641.07	3,533.76	3.0	290,607	281,664	3.2
	Total grants	6,774.87	8,581.23	-21.1	540,727	683,982	-20.9
	Total grants (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	6,758.54	8,566.74	-21.1	539,423	682,827	-21.0
	Loan aid	-423.20	-1,719.93	75.4	-33,777	-137,090	75.4
	(Loan aid, excluding debt relief)	-418.63	-372.21	-12.5	-33,412	-29,668	-12.6
(Amount disbursed)	7,740.16	7,614.07	1.7	617,770	606,893	1.8	
(Amount recovered)	8,163.36	9,334.00	-12.5	651,547	743,983	-12.4	
(Amount recovered excluding debt relief)	8,158.79	7,986.28	2.2	651,182	636,561	2.3	
Loan aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	-356.33	-1,623.76	78.1	-28,440	-129,424	78.0	
(Loan aid, excluding debt relief)	-351.75	-276.04	-27.4	-28,075	-22,002	-27.6	
(Amount disbursed)	7,701.33	7,536.97	2.2	614,671	600,747	2.3	
(Amount recovered)	8,057.65	9,160.72	-12.0	643,110	730,172	-11.9	
(Amount recovered excluding debt relief)	8,053.08	7,813.00	3.1	642,745	622,750	3.2	
Total bilateral ODA	6,351.67	6,861.30	-7.4	506,950	546,893	-7.3	
Total bilateral ODA (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	6,402.21	6,942.98	-7.8	510,983	553,403	-7.7	
Contributions and subscriptions to multilateral institutions	4,202.30	3,888.42	8.1	335,401	309,933	8.2	
Total ODA (Net disbursement)	10,553.97	10,749.72	-1.8	842,351	856,826	-1.7	
Total ODA (Net disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	10,604.51	10,831.40	-2.1	846,384	863,336	-2.0	
Total ODA (Gross disbursement)	18,717.33	20,083.72	-6.8	1,493,898	1,600,809	-6.7	
Total ODA (Gross disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	18,662.16	19,992.13	-6.7	1,489,494	1,593,508	-6.5	
Preliminary estimate of nominal Gross National Income (GNI) (US\$ billion, ¥ billion)	6,149.33	6,088.66	1.0	490,799.80	485,307.80	1.1	
% of GNI	0.17	0.18		0.17	0.18		
% of GNI (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)	0.17	0.18		0.17	0.18		

*1 Conversion rate: 2012 US\$1=¥79.8136, 2011 US\$1=¥79.7068 (The exchange rate by the OECD-DAC.)

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

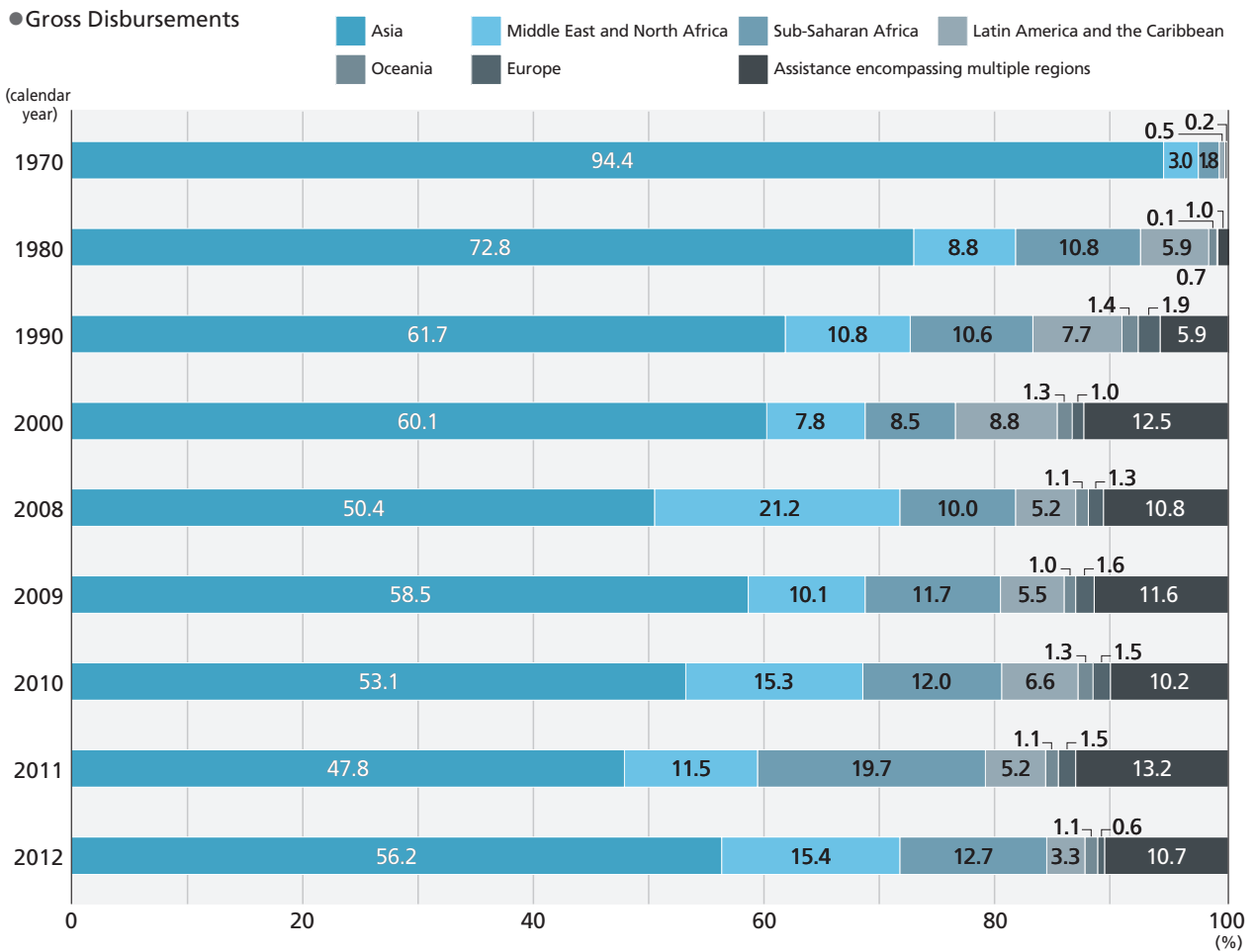
*3 Grant aid includes assistance through multilateral institutions that can be classified as country assistance.

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

*5 Graduated countries are countries that have been removed from the DAC List of ODA Recipients (See page 234)

*6 Japan has a record of disbursements to the following 18 graduated countries and regions: Bahrain, Barbados, Brunei, Croatia, Cyprus, French Polynesia, Hong Kong, Israel, Kuwait, Malta, New Caledonia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates.

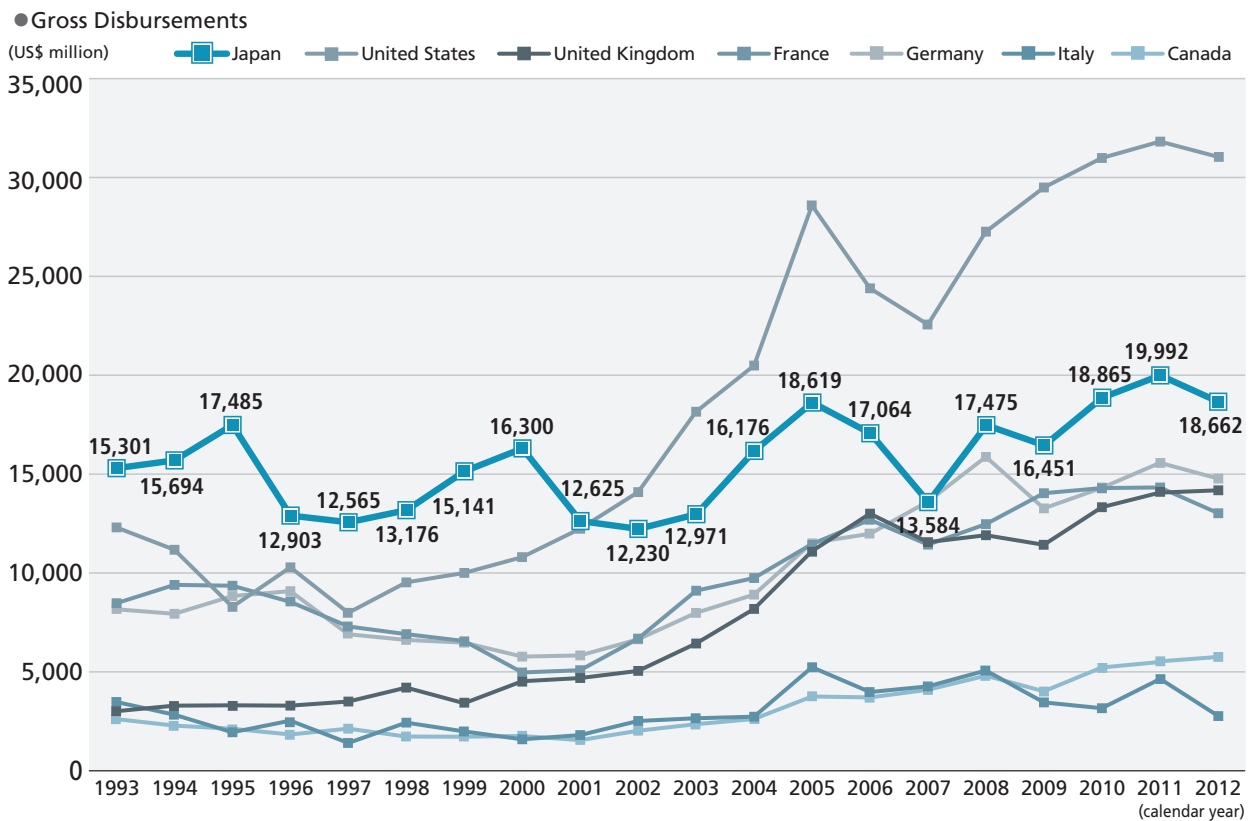
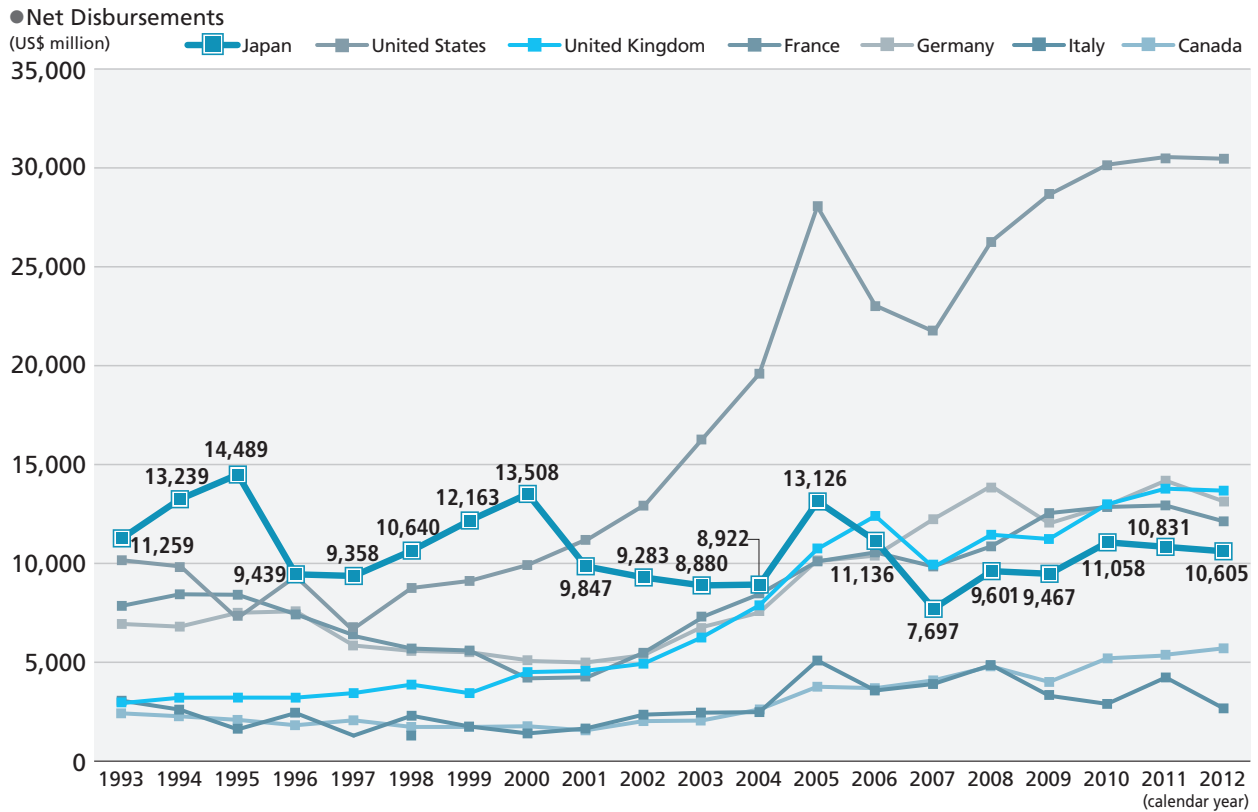
Chart II-2 Trends in Japan's Bilateral ODA by Region (Gross Disbursements)



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

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

Chart II-3 Trends in the ODA of Major DAC Countries

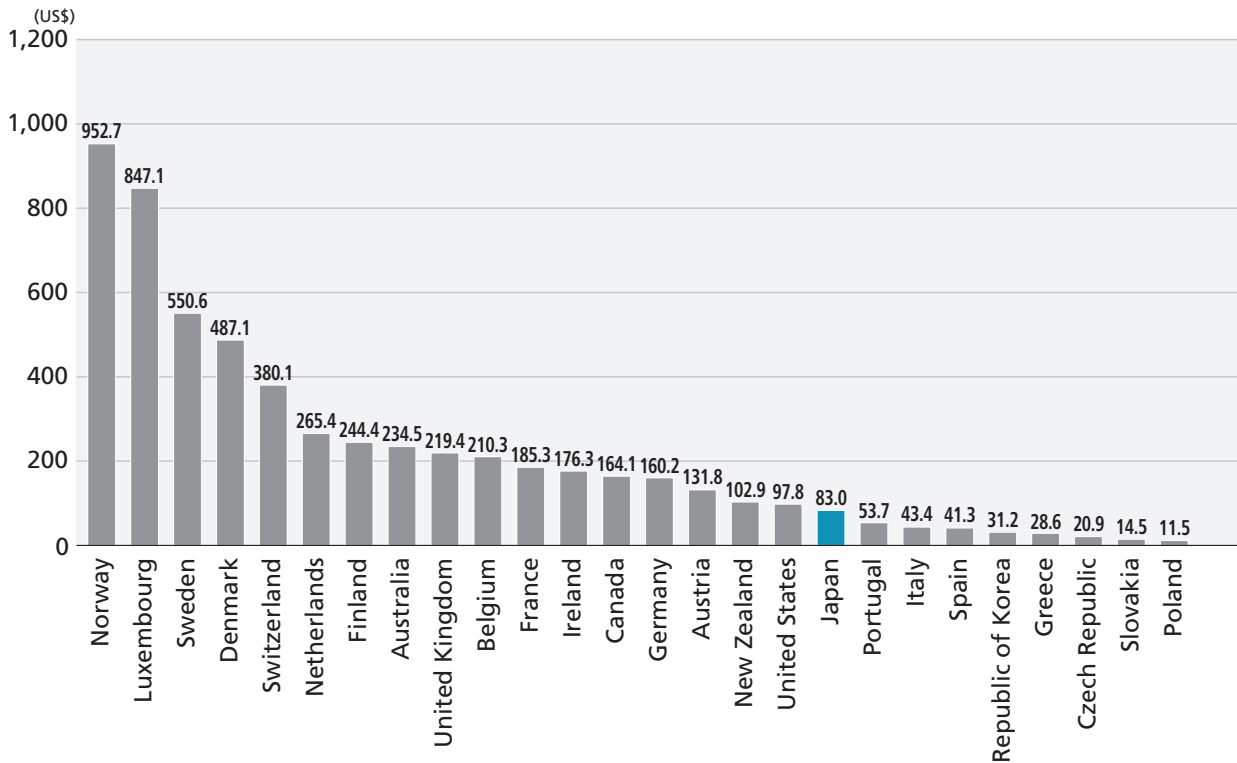


Source: DAC press release, DAC statistics (DAC statistics on OECD, STAT)

*1 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.

*2 For 2012, preliminary figures used for countries other than Japan.

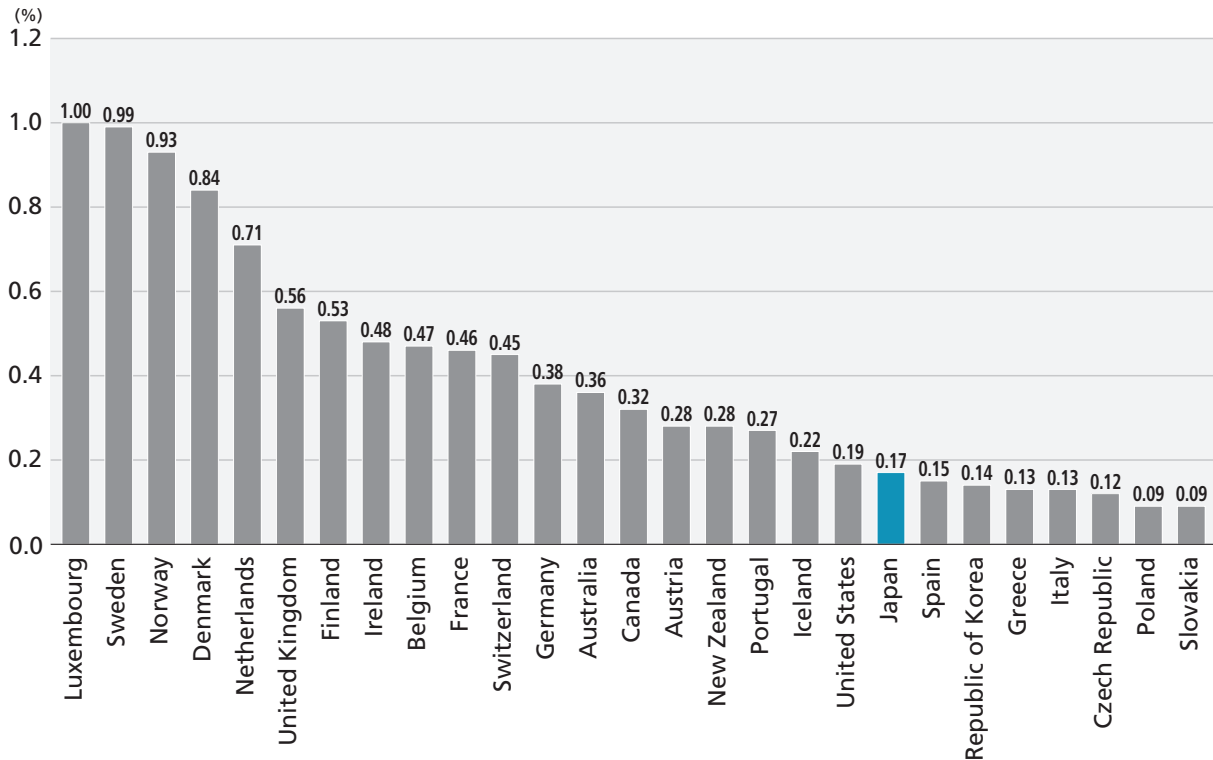
Chart II-4 Per Capita ODA in DAC Countries (2012)



Source: Disbursements from DAC press release, population figures from DAC statistics (DAC statistics on OECD. STAT)

- *1 Net disbursement basis.
- *2 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.
- *3 Preliminary figures used for countries other than Japan.
- *4 As for Iceland, the population data of Iceland is not included in DAC Statistics.
- *5 DAC member countries listed above are those as of the end of November 2013.

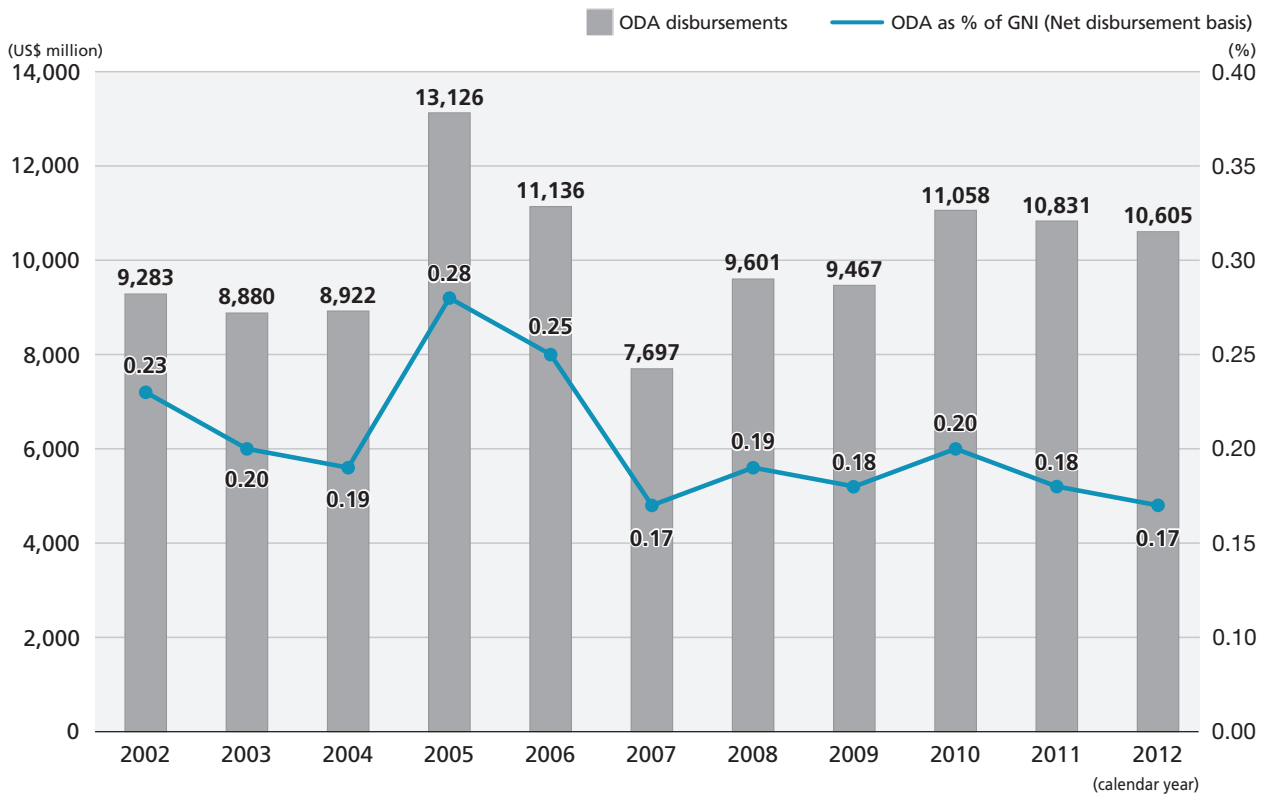
Chart II-5 Ratio of ODA to GNI in DAC Countries (2012)



Source: Disbursements from DAC press release.

- *1 Net disbursement basis.
- *2 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.
- *3 Preliminary figures used for countries other than Japan.
- *4 DAC member countries listed above are those as of the end of November 2013.

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



*1 Net disbursement basis

*2 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.