

Statistics on Education for Children with Disabilities in Japan

Reference

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1 Outline of survey

(1) Number of special schools, number enrolled and number of teachers and staff – total for national, public and private institutions

Type of school	Number of schools	Number enrolled					Number of teachers	Number of staff
		Preschool div.	Compulsory education div.		Upper secondary dep.	Subtotal		
			Elementary dep	Lower secondary dep				
Schools for children with blind	71	268	678	448	2,294	3,688	3,323	1,758
Schools for children with deaf	104	1,263	2,210	1,279	1,792	6,544	4,908	1,836
Schools for children with intellectual disabilities	543	57	20,585	16,060	34,751	71,453	38,288	7,801
School for children with physical/motor disabilities	197	59	7,811	4,455	6,392	18,717	14,940	3,381
Schools for children with health impairments	91	1	1,410	1,379	1,400	4,190	3,598	722
Total	1,006	1,648	32,694	23,621	46,629	104,592	65,057	15,498

(As of May 1, 2006)

(2) Number of special classes, number enrolled, number of teachers in charge – total for national, public and private institutions

Type of class	Elementary schools		Junior high schools		Subtotal		Number of teachers in charge		
	Number of classes	Number of pupils	Number of classes	Number of pupils	Number of classes	Number of pupils	Elementary schools	Junior high schools	Total
Intellectual disabilities	13,363	42,085	6,512	21,153	19,875	63,238	26,420	11,703	38,123
Physical/motor disabilities	1,737	3,024	576	893	2,313	3,917			
Health impairments	669	1,279	282	449	951	1,728			
Visual impairments	196	252	60	83	256	335			
Hearing impairments	447	822	213	354	660	1,176			
Speech and language disorders	335	1,150	52	71	387	1,221			
Emotional disturbance incl. Autism	8,247	24,539	3,257	8,390	11,504	32,929			
Total	24,994	73,151	10,952	31,393	35,946	104,544			

(As of May 1, 2006)

(3) Number of pupils accessing resource rooms

Type of resource rooms	Elementary schools	Junior high schools	Subtotal
Speech and language disorders	29,527 (74.3%)	186 (11.0%)	29,713 (71.7%)
Autism	3,562 (9.0%)	350 (20.8%)	3,912 (9.4%)
Emotional disturbance	2,365 (5.9%)	533 (31.7%)	2,898 (7.0%)
Visual impairment	128 (0.3%)	10 (0.6%)	138 (0.3%)
Hearing impairment	1,495 (3.8%)	282 (16.7%)	1,777 (4.3%)
Learning disabilities	1,195 (3.0%)	156 (9.3%)	1,351 (3.3%)
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	1,471 (3.7%)	160 (9.5%)	1,631 (3.9%)
Physical/motor disability	5 (0.011%)	1 (0.1%)	6 (0.01%)
Health impairment	16 (0.04%)	6 (0.4%)	22 (0.05%)
Total	39,764 (100%)	1,684 (100%)	41,448 (100%)

* The figures may not add up to 100% for rounding.

(As of May 1, 2006)

(4) State of enrollment of pupils in compulsory education stage

Number of pupils, all school ages	10,855,703	(100.0%)
Number of pupils receiving special education	202,307	(1.864%)
Breakdown:		
Number enrolled in special schools	56,315	(0.519%)
Number enrolled in special classes	104,544	(0.963%)
Number accessing resource rooms	41,448	(0.382%)
Number deferred or exempted schooling for disabilities	81	(0.001%)
Breakdown of above:		
Blind / visually impairments	1	} 81
Deaf / hearing impairments	0	
Intellectual disabilities	17	
Physically/motor disabilities	20	
Health impairments	43	
Enrolled in children's facilities / corrective institutions	152	
Other	2,432	

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(5) Ratios enrolled in classes for children with multiple disabilities

① Elementary and lower secondary department in special schools

Type of schools	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total (%)	31.0	36.6	38.3	43.8	45.1	44.6	43.4	43.5	43.3	43.1	42.8
Schools for children with blind		26.6	30.9	35.4	41.9	43.3	43.8	42.3	44.5	46.4	46.0
Schools for children with deaf		12.7	12.7	15.7	17.9	17.4	17.9	17.9	18.4	19.4	18.8
Schools children with intellectual disabilities		34.1	34.0	37.2	37.6	36.7	34.9	34.9	34.3	34.3	34.3
Schools for children with physical/motor disabilities		53.9	59.9	71.4	75.0	74.9	74.4	74.8	75.3	75.4	75.3
Schools for children with health impairments		33.3	33.0	31.4	32.5	34.1	35.9	37.9	38.5	39.5	39.3

(As of May 1 of each year)

② Upper secondary department

Type of schools	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total (%)			15.6	18.8	23.9	23.2	23.0	23.1	22.4	22.4	22.0
Schools for children with blind			7.2	8.0	7.6	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.7	7.9
Schools for children with deaf			5.3	6.0	7.9	7.3	7.2	8.0	8.9	9.5	7.9
Schools children with intellectual disabilities			9.0	13.6	17.9	17.1	16.5	16.8	16.2	16.5	16.3
Schools for children with physical/motor disabilities			32.3	51.1	60.5	59.5	60.8	60.8	59.6	58.1	57.9
Schools for children with health impairments			28.8	30.6	45.1	45.0	44.5	44.5	41.6	44.2	39.5

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