

## OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Japan

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## INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

**Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat**, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

**Data sources of local administrations.** Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

## OLD AGE

### Pensions

6 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Basic pension for the aged</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・老齡基礎年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time <sup>1</sup>
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : National pension (pensions for the aged)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・老齡年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : National welfare pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・老齡福祉年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : National pension (Aggregate pension for the aged)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・通算老齡年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

<sup>1</sup> Japanese administration reports point-in-time figures as of 31 March of each year.

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Employees' pension for the aged</b>
Programme Name [Original]	新法厚生年金・老齡年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : Employees' pension insurance (pensions for the aged)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	旧法厚生年金・老齡年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

## SURVIVORS

### Survivor Pensions

5 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Survivor's basic pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・遺族基礎年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : National pension (Survivors' pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・遺族年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Survivor's employees' pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	新法厚生年金・遺族年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : Employees' pension insurance (Survivors' pensions)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	旧法厚生年金・遺族年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : Employees' pension insurance (Aggregate survivor pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	旧法厚生年金・通算遺族年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

## INCAPACITY

### Disability Pensions

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Disability basic pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・障害基礎年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : National pension (Disability pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国民年金・障害年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>New system : Disability employees' pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	新法厚生年金・障害年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Old system : Employees' pension insurance (Disability pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	旧法厚生年金・障害年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

## Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Workmen's accident compensation insurance (Sickness &amp; injury compensation pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	労働者災害補償保険・傷病補償年金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 164</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Workmen's accident compensation insurance (Compensation for suspension to work)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	労働者災害補償保険・休業補償給付
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 164</a>

## Paid Sick Leave

6 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Health insurance, Japan health insurance association (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	健康保険 - 全国健康保険協会管掌健康保険・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 061</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Health insurance, Seasonal workers (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	健康保険 - 日雇い労働者・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	



Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 061</a>
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Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Health insurance, Health insurance managed by associations (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	健康保険 - 組合管掌健康保険・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	

Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 069</a>
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Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Mutual aid association of national government employees (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国家公務員共済組合・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 105</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Mutual aid association of local government employees (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	地方公務員共済組合・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 119</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid sick leave - Mutual aid corporation of private school personel (Sickness and injury allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	私立学校教職員共済組合・傷病手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 131</a>

## FAMILY

### Maternity and Parental Leave

5 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Health insurance, Japan health insurance association (Child-birth allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	健康保険 - 全国健康保険協会管掌健康保険・出産手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 061</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Health insurance - Health insurance managed by associations (Child-birth allowance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	健康保険 - 組合管掌健康保険・出産手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research <a href="#">Table 069</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Employment insurance (Allowance for child-care leave (Basic allowance))</b>
Programme Name [Original]	雇用保険・育児休業・基本給付
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Mutual aid association of national government employees (Allowance for child-care leave)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	国家公務員共済組合・育児休業手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">National Institute of Population and Social Security Research</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Mutual aid association of local government employees (Allowance for child-care leave)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	地方公務員共済組合・育児休業手当金
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	<a href="#">National Institute of Population and Social Security Research</a>

## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment Compensations

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Employment insurance (Basic allowances)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	雇用保険・基本手当
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare <a href="#">Annual Report</a>

## OTHER SOCIAL

### Income Maintenance

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Social assistance (Livelihood assistance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	生活保護・生活扶助
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, <a href="#">Statistical compendia</a>

## HOUSING

### Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Social assistance (Housing assistance)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	生活保護・住宅扶助
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, <a href="#">Statistical compendia</a>