Trend in the Total Fertility Rate of Japan

Figure 2  Actual and Projected Populations of Japan

Figure 3  Proportion of the Elderly (+65) in Japan

Year 2001
17.8% (Japan)
17.4% (Sweden)

Figure 4  SS pension benefits are the major source of retirement income.
Figure 5  Per-capita Income by Age in Japan

The elderly of Japan feel better off than the young in living conditions.

Figure 7  Main Income Sources of Japan's Central Government
(Fiscal Year 1999)

(trillion yen)

- Consumption Tax: 10.2 trillion yen
- Personal Income Tax: 15.7 trillion yen
- SS Pension Contributions: 29.9 trillion yen
- SS Health-care Contributions: 17.4 trillion yen
- Corporate Income Tax: 10.4 trillion yen
Figure 8  Future Contribution Rates by Alternative Policy Options

FY1998  FY2025

17.35%  34.50%
33.50%  29.95%
29.95%  20.25%
17.35%  17.35%

- Earnings Test (65-69)
- CPI Indexation
- Funding Shift to Taxes
- 45-Year Contributions
- The KNH Contribution Rate

(Ear-Marked Consumption Tax: 5.9%)
Figure 9  Replacement Rates Combined by Cohorts


Private
Public

74.4% 74.5% 74.6% 74.9% 75.3% 75.5%

60.1% 57.6% 55.6% 54.5% 53.5% 52.3%

(Birth Year)