

Part 1. Progress by Policy regarding Land, Infrastructure and Transport in dealing with demographic changes such as population decline, fewer children and an aging population

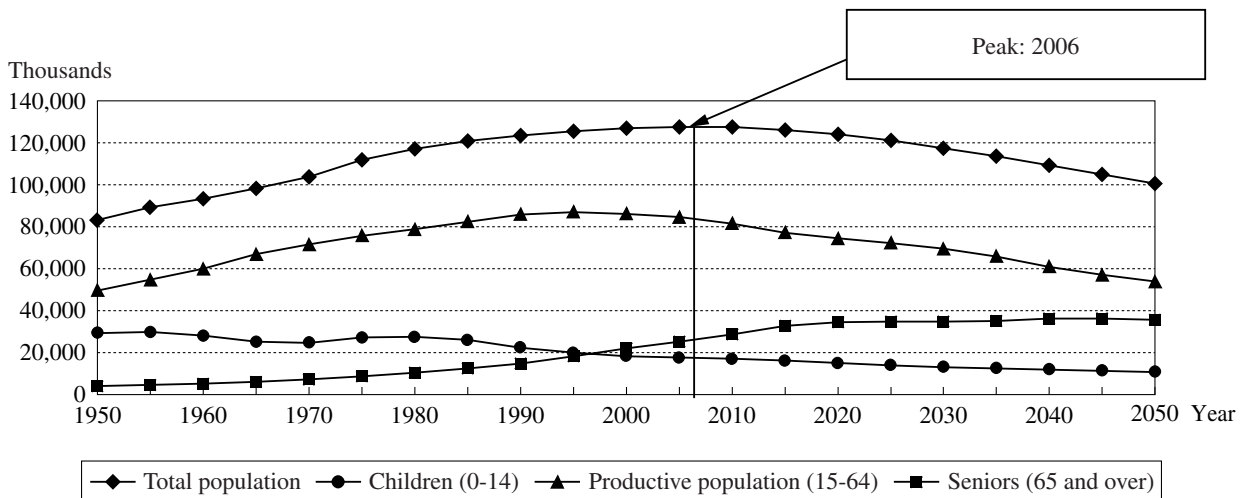
Chapter 1. Trends in demographic change

Section 1. Populations trends in Japan and the world

[ Japanese population decline in near future ]

The population of Japan, which has continued to grow, will enter a period of decline within a few years. It is expected that by the year 2050 the population will have fallen to the 100 million level.

1. Estimated future population of Japan

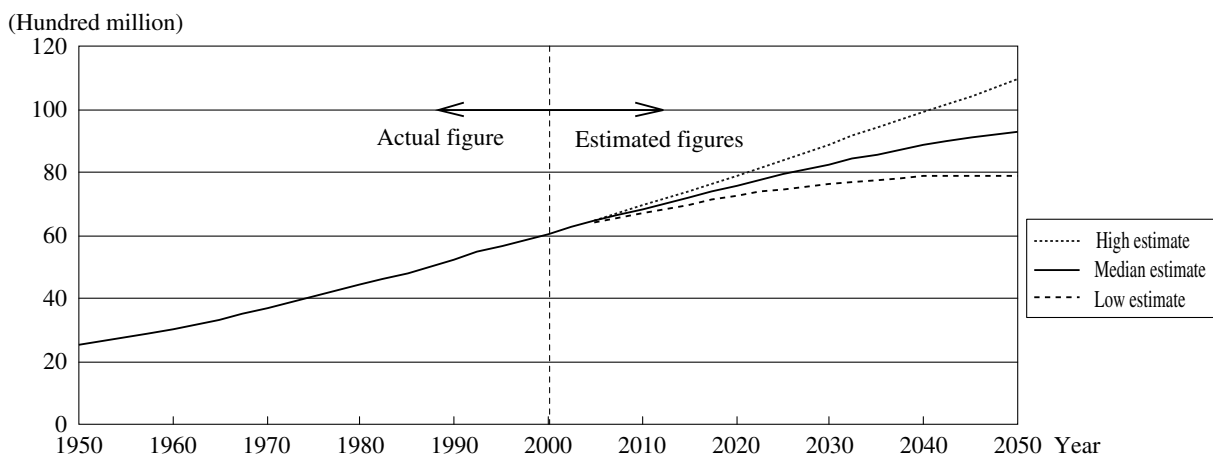


Source: compiled from "Population Projection for Japan (January 2002, median estimate)", National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS)

[ Changes in world population ]

The world population, about 2.5 billion in 1950, had grown approximately 2.4 times to some 6.1 billion by the year 2000, and it is expected to grow further to over 9 billion by 2050.

2. Changes in world population



Source: U. N., World Population Prospects 2000