

Living to 100 and Beyond: Survival at Advanced Ages

Session 8: Mortality at Oldest Ages Session – Part II

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We would like only to comment regarding the effect of the decrease in infant mortality on the increase in life expectancy at birth in Japan. We are aware that the effect of decline in infant mortality was very large until around 1970. Before 1947, the effect of decline in infant mortality accounted for almost 50% of increase in life expectancy. This figure declined to 20% by 1970. After 1970 in Japan, more than 50% of increase in life expectancy was accounted for by the decrease in mortality rates of those aged 65 and over. In 1990's this figure went up to almost 80%.

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