



THE IMPACT OF CHRONIC DISEASE IN JAPAN

Chronic diseases are the major cause of death and disability worldwide

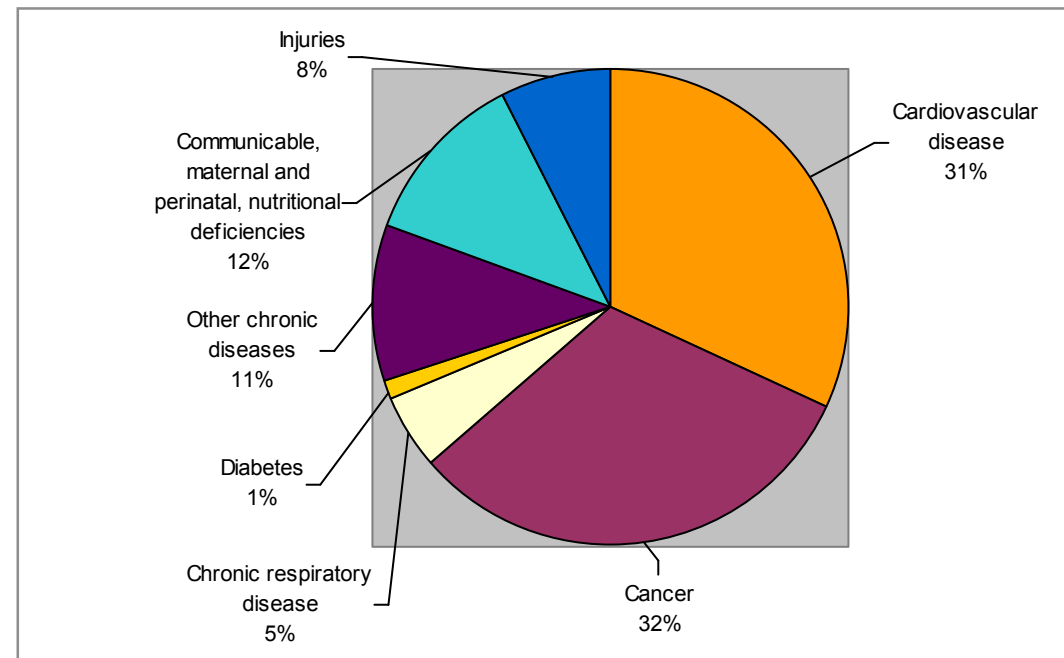
Facts:

- In Japan, chronic diseases accounted for 80% of all deaths in 2002 (see chart, right).
 - Total deaths in Japan, 2002 = 973,000.
 - Total deaths due to chronic disease in Japan, 2002 = 784,000.

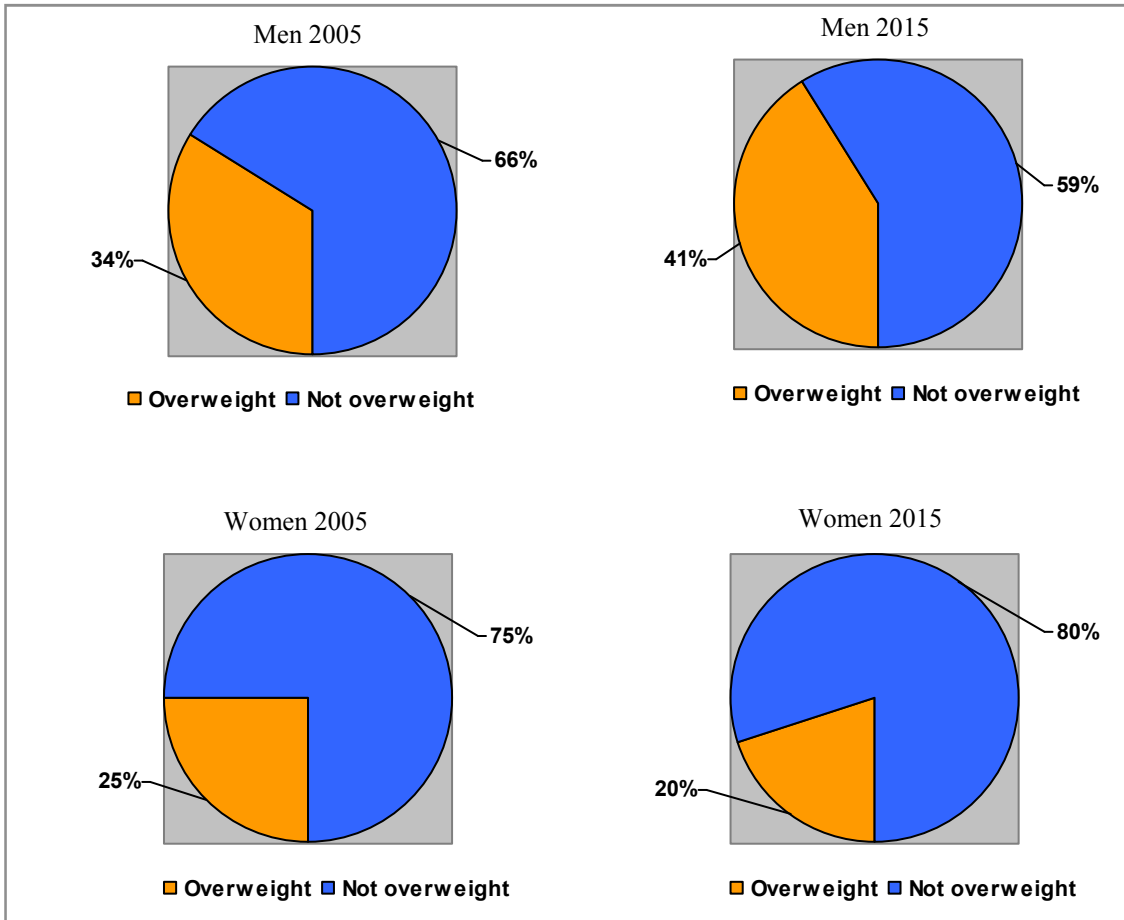
Note:

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Deaths by cause, all ages, Japan, 2002



Projected prevalence of overweight, Japan, males and females aged 30 years or more, 2005 and 2015



Facts:

- Raised body mass index (overweight and obesity) is an important cause of chronic disease.
- Prevalence of overweight in Japan is expected to increase in men over the next 10 years, while prevalence of overweight in women is projected to decrease (see charts, left).

Solutions:

- At least 80% of premature heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes, and 40% of cancer could be prevented through healthy diet, regular physical activity and avoidance of tobacco products.
- Cost-effective interventions exist, and have worked in many countries: the most successful strategies have employed a range of population-wide approaches combined with interventions for individuals.