Based on current population estimates, a threshold was widened to include "intractable diseases" in 2015, affecting up to 180,000 people in Japan.

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BUT COLLECTIVELY COMMON

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