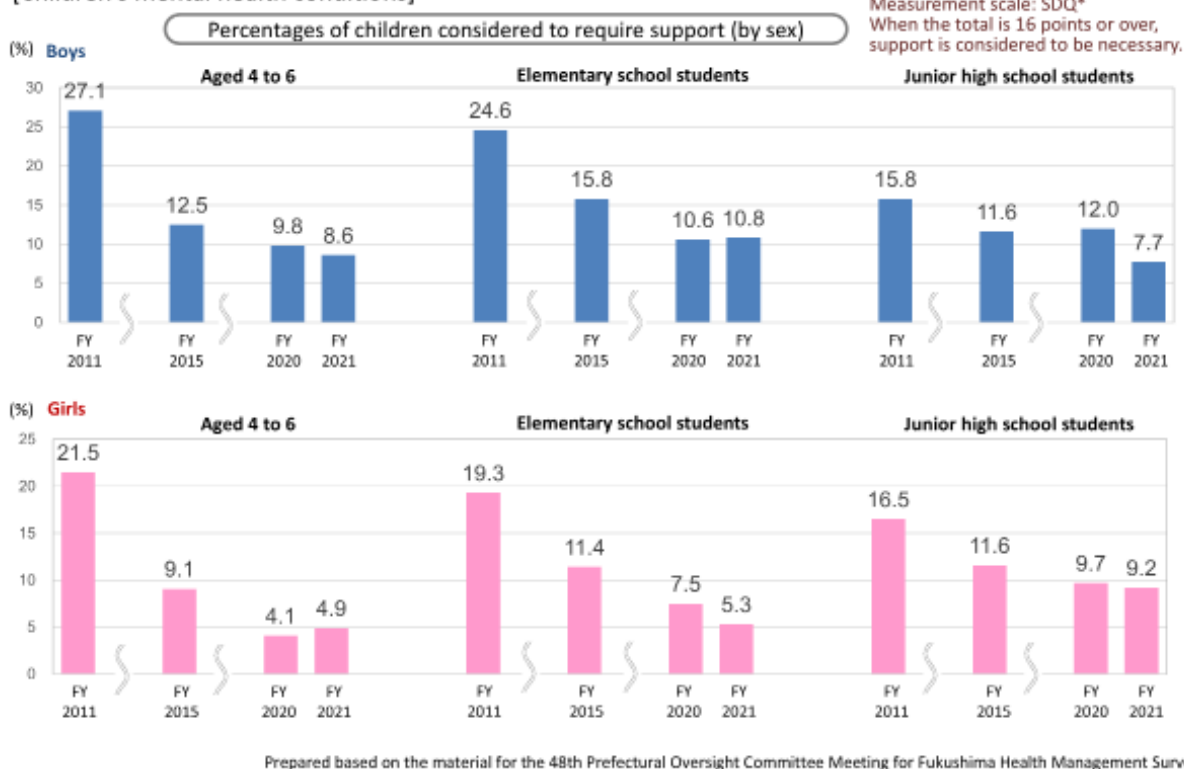


[Children's mental health conditions]



As an indicator to evaluate children's mental health conditions, SDQ¹ is utilized.

In the FY2021 survey, the percentages of children showing a high SDQ score decreased from those in the FY2011 survey for all categories.

Compared with the percentage of children showing an SDQ score of 16 or over (9.5%) reported in a prior study in Japan (Matsuishi et al., 2008), the percentages of high-risk children decreased both for boys and girls in all categories in the FY2021 survey.

Because the survey also covers children who were born or came to reside in Fukushima Prefecture after the disaster, much of the recent data are for children who did not experience the disaster.

1. SDQ (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire): Respondents reply to each question of a 25-item questionnaire concerning children's moods and behavior during the past six months (such as "Gives due consideration to other's feelings" or "Is restless and cannot stay still for a long time"). This survey covers those aged 4 to 15 to judge whether they need professional support or not.

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