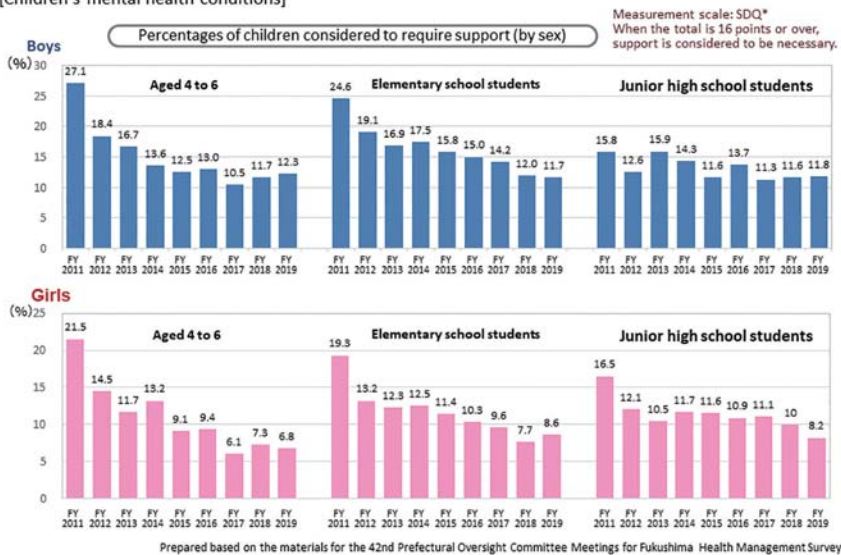


[Children's mental health conditions]



As an indicator to evaluate children's mental health conditions, SDQ*¹ is utilized.

Compared with the percentage of children showing an SDQ score of 16 or over (9.5%) reported in a prior study in Japan (Matsuiishi et al., 2008), the percentages of high-risk girls were almost the same or lower for all groups but the percentages of high-risk boys were still higher for all groups in the FY2019 survey.

In the FY2019 survey, the percentages of high SDQ scores decreased for all categories compared with the results of the FY2011 survey. However, the improvement slowed down and the percentages remained almost unchanged from those of the FY2012 survey.

*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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