

General points

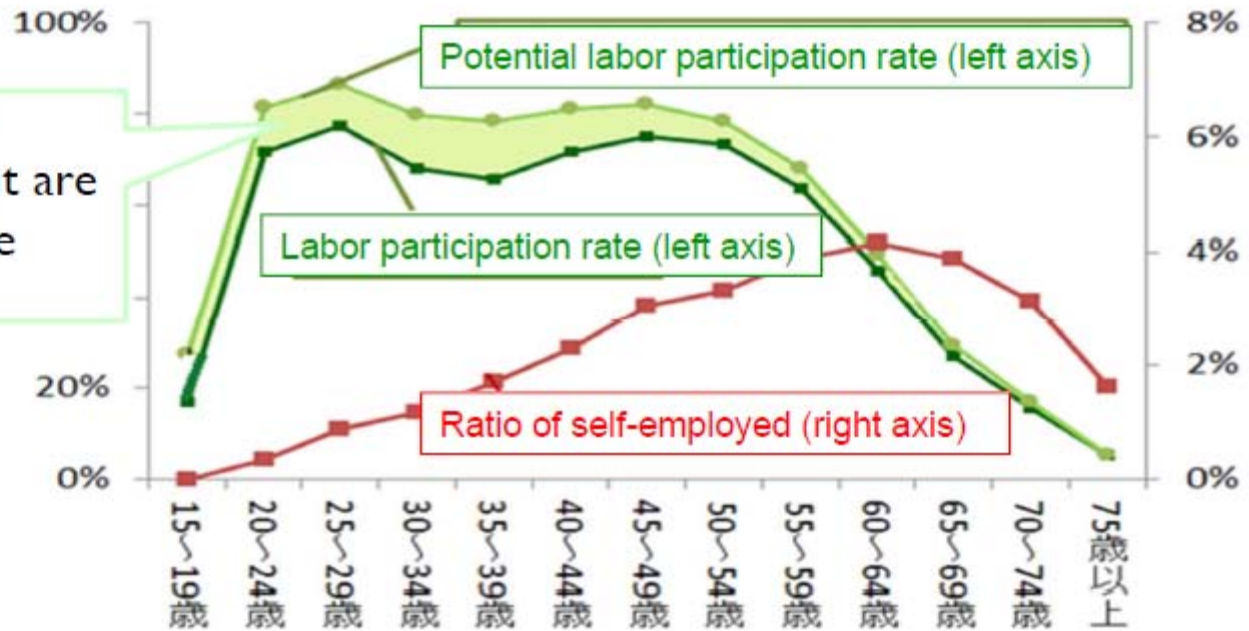
1. Empowerment

2. Inequality

3. Addressing access to financial/productive resources-- credit

Women's Huge potential

Women who are willing to work but are not included in the labor force



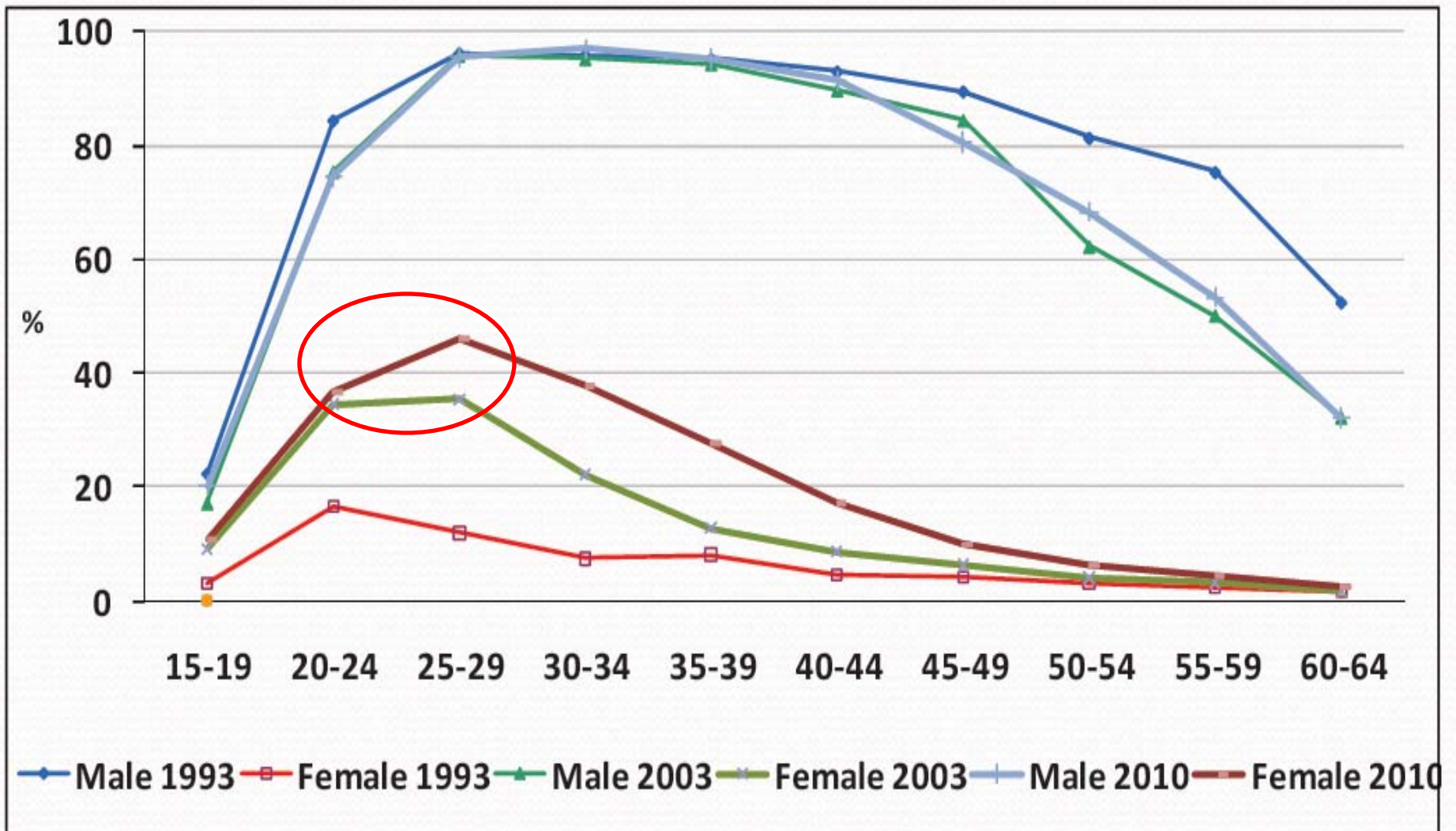
3.4million women, non-labor-force but willing to work, could boost the Japanese GDP by 1.5%.

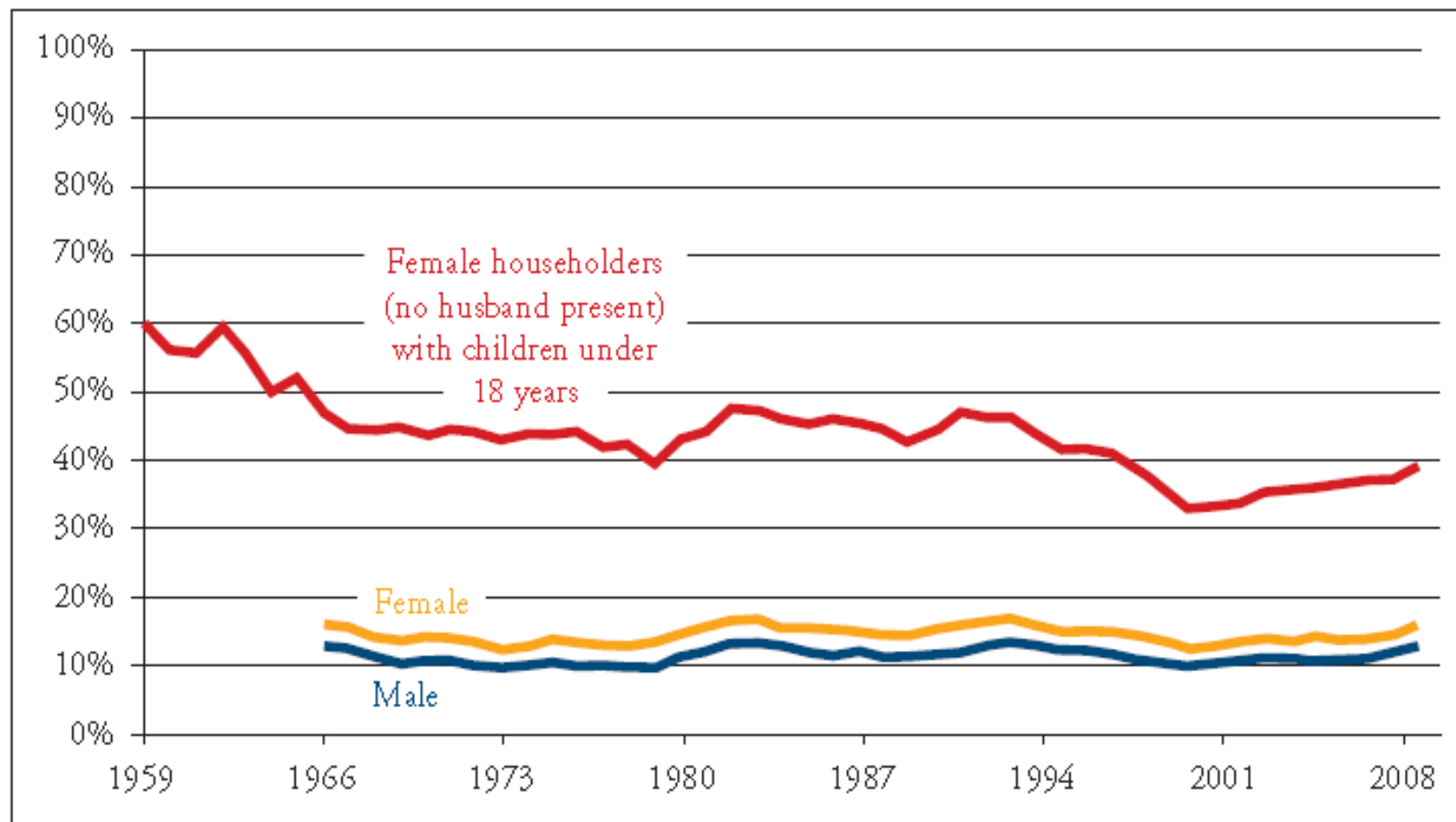
Source: "Labour Force Survey" Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Percentage of Omanis searching for work by the main reasons for un-willing to work in private sector and sex,

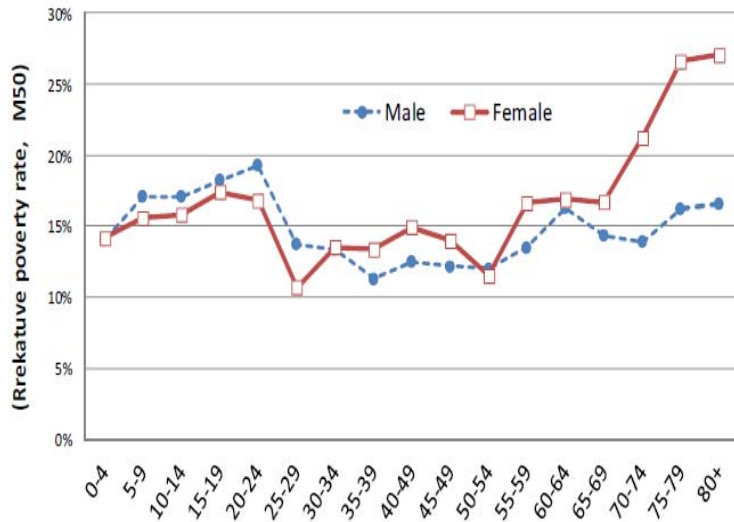
Main Reasons	Male	Female	
Not matching with qualification	4.85	10.94	
Low wages	55.91	24.99	
Language	2.35	2.81	
Social Status	7.04	25.45	
Working hours	10.29	16.26	
Timings of work	4.92	10.56	
Working days	5.73	5.42	
Working place is far from home	1.76	1.89	
Unsecure	6.55	1.24	
Other	0.59	0.44	
Total	100.00	100.00	1

Source: Ministry of National Economy, Manpower survey 2008





The relative poverty rate of women & men according to age



Source: "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions 2010" Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.
 * Abe, Aya calculated the relative poverty rate using the individual data.

Demographic Changes in Japan

