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# Health Condition of the Homeless in Japan : Analysis Using Health Check-up Data of the Homeless living in Public Shelters

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## Abstract

This paper sheds light on the health condition of the homeless by using the health check-up data of homeless people living in temporary public shelters near Osaka Castle. Specifically, this paper compares the health indexes of the homeless with those of the randomly selected people insured by firms belonging to the three representative Corporate Health Insurance Societies. Additionally, this paper investigates the relationship between the life history and health condition of the homeless. My findings are as follows. Firstly, most health indexes of the homeless, which includes blood pressure, GOT,  $\gamma$ -GTP, blood glucose, and creatinine, are significantly worse than those for the insured people. Turning to the effect of life history on health, this paper shows that the longer the period of homelessness, the worse the health condition is.

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