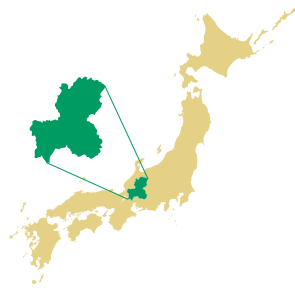


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Prefectural Flower

RENGE : The Chinese Milk Vetch

The *renge* was chosen as Gifu's Prefectural flower by the public in March 1954. This flower represents the idyllic scenery of spring time.



Prefectural Tree

ICHII : The Yew

The *ichii* was used to make *shaku*, or ornamental scepters used as offerings to the emperor in ancient times. The name *ichii* stems from the title of *Sho-Ichii*, the highest rank bestowed by the emperor to *shaku* manufacturers.

Prefectural Bird

RAICHO : The Ptarmigan

The *raicho* inhabits mountains in the Japan Alps at altitudes exceeding 2,400 meters above sea level. Its feathers are brown in summer, turning white in winter. This bird is a nationally protected species.



Picture Provided by Yukitoshi Otsuka

Prefectural Fish

AYU : The Sweetfish

The *ayu* is widely appreciated for its beautiful appearance and sweet taste. This fish is well-known all over the country for its association with *ukai*, cormorant fishing on the Nagara River.



Geography of Gifu Prefecture

Situated in the heartland of Japan

Gifu is one of Japan's few landlocked prefectures, situated approximately in the center of the Japanese archipelago. It takes about 1 hour by train from Chubu Centrair International Airport to Gifu Prefecture.

Gifu is conveniently close to the three major cities of Japan: It takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes from Tokyo to Nagoya by bullet train (*Shinkansen*), about 50 minutes from Osaka to Nagoya by *Shinkansen*, and about 20 minutes from Nagoya to Gifu by local express train.



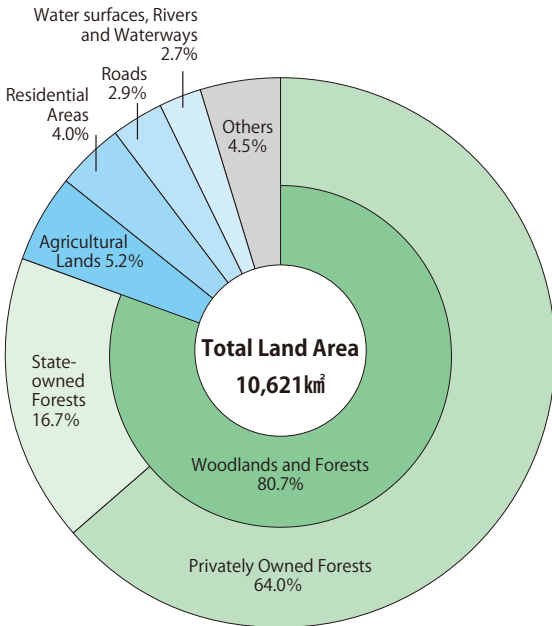
History of Gifu Prefecture

By the abolition of the *han* system and its replacement by the prefecture system (*haihan-chiken*) in July 1871, *hans* and prefectures, which were until then separately governed, were unified under the same control, and *han* was renamed to prefecture. As a result, nine prefectures in the Mino District and one in the Hida District (Takayama Prefecture) were established. In November 1871, the whole district of Mino was unified into one prefecture, Gifu. Takayama, which had initially joined Chikuma Prefecture (present Nagano

Prefecture), was transferred to Gifu Prefecture in 1876. Later in 2005, Yamaguchi Village in Nagano Prefecture was incorporated into Gifu, resulting in the formation of Gifu Prefecture as it is today. Municipalities in Gifu Prefecture merged to form larger districts during the Meiji and Showa period. In 1889, there were 948 municipalities, but the figure decreased to 105 in 1961. Gifu Prefecture currently comprises 21 cities, 19 towns and 2 villages, totaling to 42 municipalities (as of July 2022).

Land

Distribution of Land Usage (2020)



Source : Gifu Prefectural Government

Total land area: 10,621 square kilometers
2.8% of Japan's total landmass
Ranked 7th out of 47 prefectures in Japan

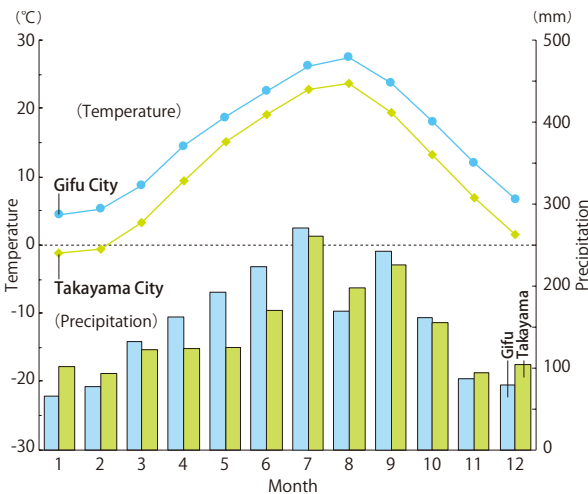
Gifu is situated approximately in the center of the Japanese archipelago, occupying a total land area of approximately 10,621 square kilometers, or 2.8% of Japan's total landmass. Of this area, approximately one quarter is made up of highlands, which exceeds 1,000 meters above sea level. Gifu has a rich natural environment, with 80.7% of the prefecture covered by woods and forests. The northern and eastern parts are mountainous and the Nobi Plain expands across the southern part, where beautiful rivers flow, converging in the riverside area at sea level.



The Nagara River flowing through the Nobi Plain

Climate

Average Monthly Temperature/ Precipitation in Gifu City and Takayama City



Source : Japan Meteorological Agency

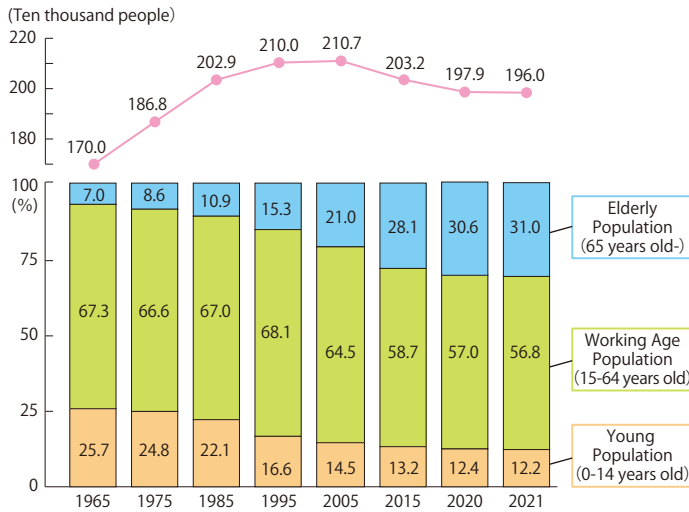
Note : Average temperature/precipitation figures from 1991 to 2020

There is a large difference in climate between the Mino and Hida regions

There is a large difference in climate between the southern and northern regions of Gifu Prefecture. The average temperature from 1991 to 2020 in the Mino Region in the south including Gifu City is 16.2°C under mild climates, whereas the Hida Region in the north including Takayama City is 11.4°C under cold climates. Most of the Hida Region is covered with heavy snow in winter.

Population

Proportion of Population by Age (3 Groups)



Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Gifu Prefectural Government

Population : 1,960,461

The population of Gifu has been decreasing since 2005, being 1,960,461 in 2021, a decrease of 18,281 from the previous year. There are 782,431 households, resulting in an increase of 1,701 year on year. Each household has on average 2.51 family members in the 2021 survey, while the figure was 2.53 in 2020. These statistics indicate a trend towards a reduction in household size.

Registered Foreign Residents in Gifu Prefecture

(June30, 2021)

Country	Number of Residents	Composition Percentage %	Difference with the previous year
Philippines	13,356	22.9	0.5
Brazil	11,880	20.3	△ 0.4
Vietnam	10,495	18.0	1.3
China	10,460	17.9	△ 1.7
Korea(ROK)	3,428	5.9	0.0
Indonesia	1,153	2.0	0.0
Nepal	902	1.5	△ 0.1
Thailand	852	1.4	0.0
USA	355	0.6	0.0
Taiwan	166	0.3	△ 0.1
Others	5,365	9.2	0.5
Total	58,412	100.0	

Source : Immigration Services Agency of Japan

Foreign residents : 58,412

The number of registered foreign residents in Gifu Prefecture amounts to 58,412. Among them, there are 13,356 Filipinos, 11,880 Brazilians, 10,495 Vietnamese, and 10,460 Chinese. The combined population of these four nationalities accounts for 79.1% of the total number of registered foreign residents in the prefecture.

Economy

Item	Gifu	Japan	Year	Source
Gross Prefectural Product / Gross Domestic Product	73.0 (USD billion) 7.9 (JPY trillion)	5,123.3 (USD billion) 561.3 (JPY trillion)	2019	1
Primary Industry Proportion	0.7%	1.0%		
Secondary Industry Proportion	33.6%	25.8%		
Tertiary Industry Proportion	65.7%	73.1%		
Number of Companies	98,527	5,340,783	2016	2
Number of Employees	880,780	56,872,826		

Sources: 1. Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, and Gifu Prefectural Government
 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
 Notes: 1. Gross Prefectural Product shown above is from FY2019 (April 2019 - March 2020).
 2. Gross Domestic Product in FY2019 (April 2019 - March 2020) is shown in "Facts about Gifu Prefecture".

Agriculture

Major Agricultural, Livestock, and Fishery Products (2020)

Item	Production Volume	National Ranking
Rice	105,800 t	26
Chestnut	814 t	4
"Kaki" Japanese Persimmon	11,700 t	4
Japanese Summer Radish	5,880 t	5
Spinach	11,900 t	6
Tomato	23,600 t	7
Green Soybean	1,230 t	11
Beef Cattle	32,800 heads	22
Dairy Cattle	5,510 heads	28
Horticultural Potted Plant	14,500,000 pieces	3
Ayu (Fishing)	169 t	5
Ayu (Aquaculture)	906 t	2
Trout (Aquaculture)	309 t	5

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



Cattle raised among the bountiful nature of Gifu

Large Variety of Products

A large variety of agricultural products, which are suited to the natural features of each region, are grown throughout the year in Gifu Prefecture. In the Gifu and Seino regions, tomatoes, spinach, and persimmons are grown. Rice is cultivated in the plains of southwestern Gifu due to the warm climate in the region. Summer-autumn tomatoes, as well as summer radishes are grown in the Chuno and Tono regions. Vegetables, including summer-autumn tomatoes and summer spinach are produced in the cooler summer climate of the high altitude plateaus in the Hida Region. In addition, beef cattle are raised and dairy farming is conducted in the mountain areas. In the fishing industry, river fisheries and aquaculture are conducted mainly for *ayu* (sweetfish) and trout.



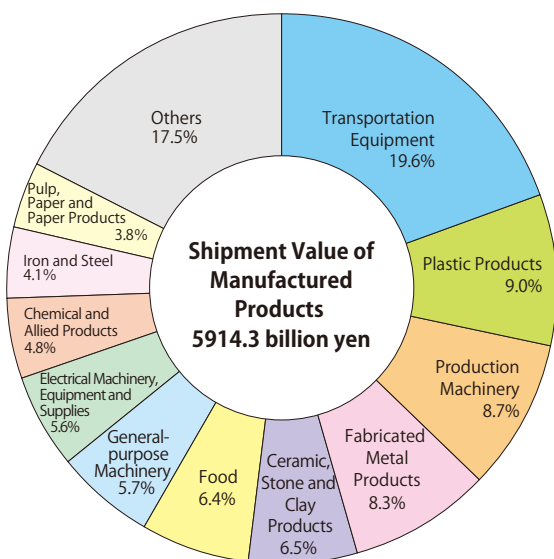
Fuyugaki Persimmons



Edamame green soybeans

Industry

Proportion of Shipment Value of Manufactured Products by Industry (2019) (Establishments with 4 or More Employees)



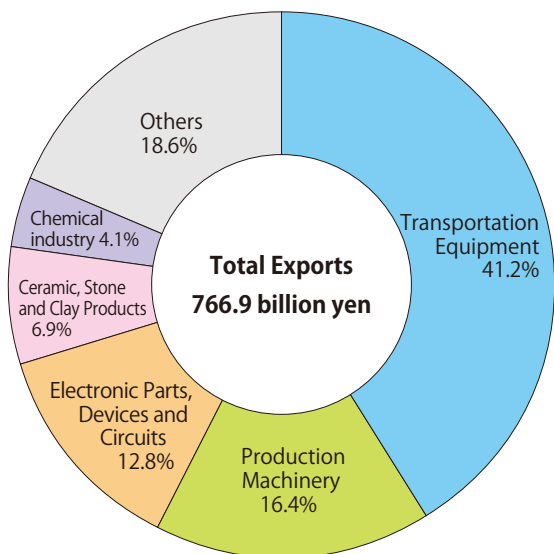
Source : Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Shipment Value of Manufactured Goods: 5,914.3 billion yen

With regard to the value of manufactured goods shipments among the industries of Gifu Prefecture, transportation equipment was highest at 1157.8 billion yen (19.6% of the total shipment value), followed by plastic products at 531.3 billion yen (9.0%). As to the number of business places, fabricated, metal products (714 business places: 13.2% of the total number) is the highest in the manufacturing sector, followed by ceramic, stone and clay (690: 12.7%), and production machinery (555: 10.2%).

Export

Proportion of Exports by Industry (2019)



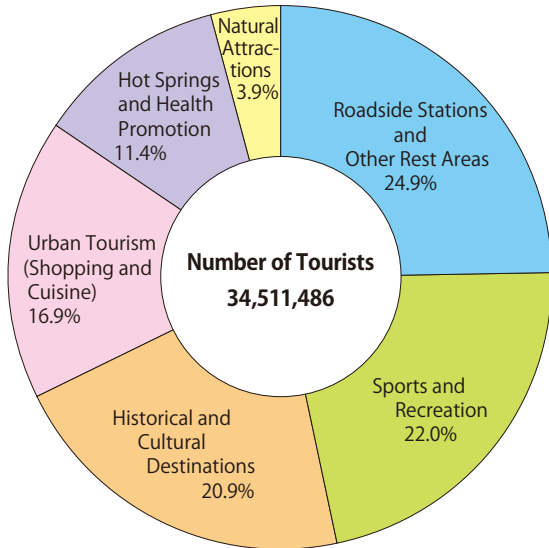
Source : Gifu Prefectural Government

Total exports: 766.9 billion yen

Four key industries accounted for over 75% of the total exports from Gifu Prefecture. The breakdown of these industries by product area is as follows: the manufacture of transportation equipment ranked highest at 316.0 billion yen (41.2% of the total amount), followed by the manufacture of machinery used in production at 126.0 billion yen (16.4%), the manufacture of electronic parts, devices and circuits at 98.4 billion yen (12.8%), and the manufacture of ceramic, stone and clay products at 52.9 billion yen (6.9%).

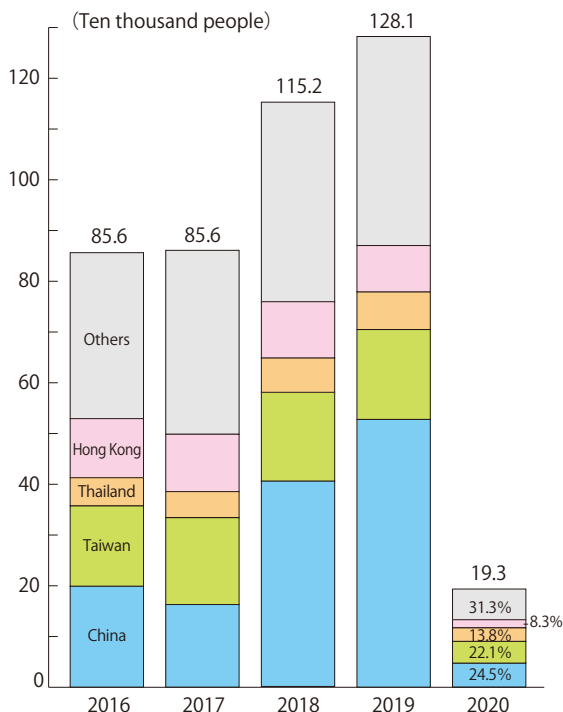
Tourism

Number of Tourists by Destination Type (2020)



Source : Gifu Prefectural Government

Number of Overnight Visitors by Country / Region



Source : Japan Tourism Agency

Notes : 1. The survey was conducted on accommodation facilities with 10 or more employees.

2. "Others" include those whose nationalities(birthplaces) are unknown.

Gifu Prefecture, blessed with attractive tourism resources

Gifu Prefecture is endowed with a beautiful natural environment represented by magnificent mountains, pristine streams and traditional culture, all of which have long been cherished by the local residents. A large number of people visit Gifu to experience a wide range of these great features. In 2020, tourists visiting roadside stations and other rest areas accounted for the highest proportion of tourists visiting Gifu Prefecture among all destination types, followed by sports and recreation, historical and cultural destinations, urban tourism (shopping and cuisine), hot springs and health promotion, and natural attractions.



Magome-juku, an old post town on the Nakasendo road

The cumulative number of overnight visitors from other countries to Gifu in 2019 was 1,281,280, exemplifying a large increase in recent years. However, the number in 2020 was 193,210, resulting in a significant decrease.

The number of Chinese tourists is the largest among overnight visitors from other countries accounting for 24.5% of the total, followed by Taiwan (22.1%) and Thailand (13.8%).



Picture Provided by the Shirakawa Village Office (Gifu)
The World Heritage Site *Shirakawa-go*

Facts about Gifu Prefecture

	Gifu Prefecture	Japan	Unit	Year	Source
Total Land Area	10,621.29	377,976.41	km ²	2020	1
Proportion of Forest Area to Total Land Area	78.9	64.3	%	2020	2
Total Population	1,979	126,146	thousand person	2020	3
Population Density	186.3	338.2	persons/km ²	2020	1,3
Average Life Expectancy (Male)	81.00	80.77	years old	2015	4
Average Life Expectancy (Female)	86.82	87.01	years old	2015	4
Gross Prefectural Product (Gross Domestic Product)	7,936.8	557,306.5	billion yen	FY2019	5
Prefectural Income per Person (National Income per Person)	3,035	3,176	thousand yen	FY2019	5
Gross Agricultural Product	109.3	8,937.0	billion yen	2020	6
Industry (Shipment Value of Manufactured Products) *Establishments with 4 or more Employees	5,914.29	322,533.42	billion yen	2019	7
Commerce (Annual Sales of Commercial Goods)	4,840.46	581,626.35	billion yen	2015	8
Number of Overnight Visitors from Overseas *Those who stayed at accommodation facilities with 10 or more employees	193,210	15,892,610	person-night	2020	9
Capacity of Hydro-energy Generation (Potential Water Power)	13,624	136,519	GWh	2021	10
Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (National Average of 255 Cities: 100) *Composite Index Excluding the Imputed Service of Owner-occupied Dwellings	98.1	100.0		2020 (Annual average)	11

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1. Figures for the sum of breakdown and total may not match in some cases due to rounding calculations.
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MINAMO: The official mascot of Gifu Prefecture, the "Land of Clear Waters"

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