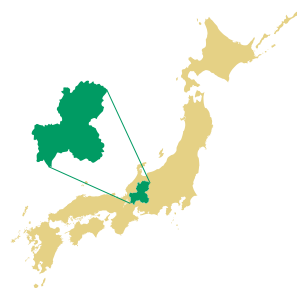


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Prefectural Flower

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.



Location of Gifu Prefecture and Features of Each Region

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.



Gifu Prefecture Has the Mino and Hida Regions

Gifu Prefecture has the Mino region in the south and the Hida region in the north.

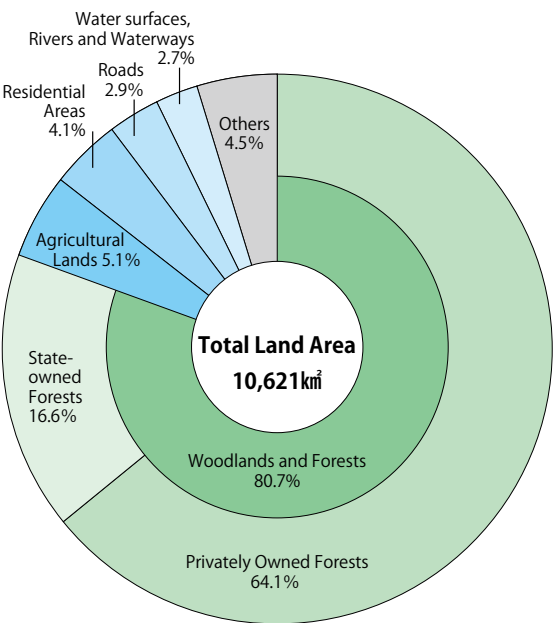
The Mino region is famous for its apparel, aircraft, and IT industries, as well as traditional industries such as *Hon Minoshi* (Japanese paper) registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, cutlery, and Mino Ceramics. In the Hida region, local industries such as woodworking and *Shunkei* lacquerware are thriving.



Mino-yaki Ceramic Ware

Land

Distribution of Land Usage (2024)



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

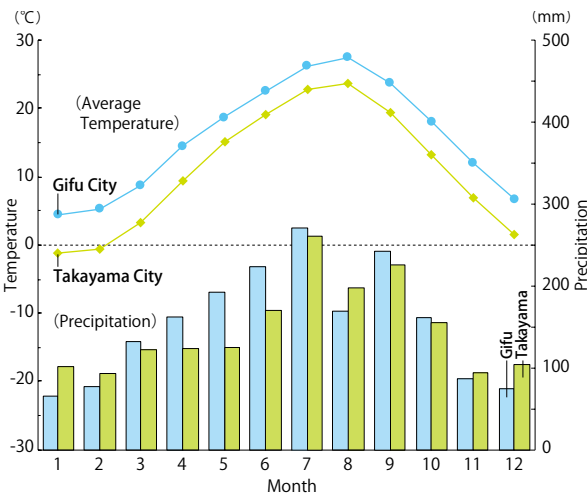
Gifu is situated approximately in the center of the Japanese archipelago, occupying a total land area of approximately 10,621 square kilometers, or 2.8% of Japan's total landmass. Gifu has a rich natural environment, with 80.7% of the prefecture covered by woods and forests. The northern and eastern 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

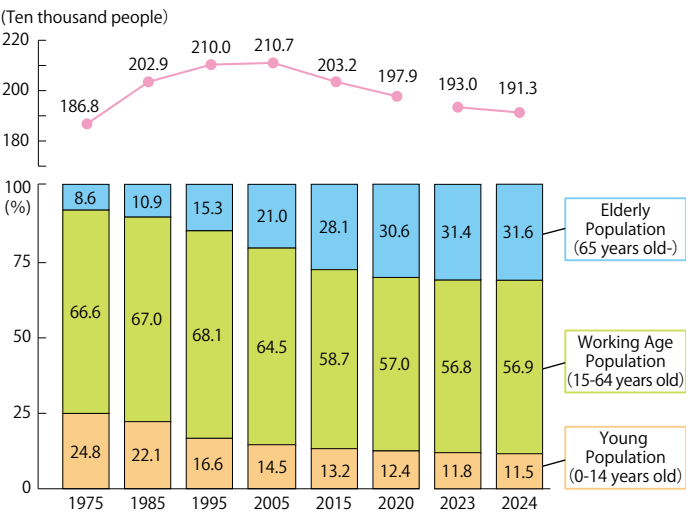
Note : Average temperature/precipitation figures from 1991 to 2020

There Is a Large Difference in Climate Between the Mino and Hida Regions

There is a large difference in climate between the Mino and Hida regions of Gifu Prefecture. The average temperature from 1991 to 2020 in Gifu City in the south (Mino region) is 16.2°C under mild climates, whereas Takayama City in the north (Hida region) is 11.4°C under cold climates. 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 : 1,913,076

The population of Gifu has been decreasing since 2005, being 1,913,076 in 2024, a decrease of 16,593 from the previous year. There are 797,299 households in 2024, resulting in an increase of 4,974 year on year. Each household has on average 2.40 family members in the 2024 survey, while the figure was 2.44 in 2023. These statistics indicate a trend towards a reduction in household size.

Registered Foreign Residents in Gifu Prefecture

(June30, 2025)

Country	Number of Residents	Composition Percentage %	Difference with the Previous Year
Philippines	16,562	21.4	△ 0.8
Vietnam	15,621	20.2	△ 0.2
Brazil	12,375	16.0	△ 1.2
China	9,268	12.0	△ 1.0
Indonesia	5,144	6.7	1.5
Nepal	3,123	4.0	0.6
Korea(ROK)	3,095	4.0	△ 0.4
Myanmar	2,968	3.8	0.8
Sri Lanka	1,412	1.8	0.4
Cambodia	1,374	1.8	0.1
Others	6,359	8.2	0.0
Total	77,301	100.0	

Source : Immigration Services Agency of Japan

Foreign Residents : 77,301

The number of registered foreign residents in Gifu Prefecture amounts to 77,301. Among them, there are 16,562 Filipinos, 15,621 Vietnamese,12,375 Brazilians, and 9,268 Chinese. The combined population of these four nationalities accounts for 69.6% of the total number of registered foreign residents in the prefecture.

Economy

Item	Gifu	Japan	Year	Source
Gross Prefectural Product / Gross Domestic Product	58.0 (USD billion) 8.4 (JPY trillion)	4,385.4 (USD billion) 616.0 (JPY trillion)	2023	1
Primary Industry Proportion	0.8%	0.8%		
Secondary Industry Proportion	34.8%	25.4%		
Tertiary Industry Proportion	64.4%	73.8%		
Number of Companies	92,210	5,156,063	2021	2
Number of Employees	884,667	57,949,915		

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 FY2023 (April 2023 - March 2024).
2. Gross Domestic Product in 2023 (January 2023 - December 2023) is shown in "Facts about Gifu Prefecture".

Agriculture

Major Agricultural, Livestock, and Fishery Products (2024)

Item	Production Volume	National Ranking
Rice	101,900 t	26
Chestnut	658 t	4
"Kaki" Japanese Persimmon	12,400 t	4
Japanese Summer Radish	6,950 t	5
Spinach	8,990 t	6
Tomato	27,500 t	6
Turnip	2,630 t	8
Beef Cattle	34,000	21
Dairy Cattle	5,060	28
Horticultural Potted Plant	10,600,000	4
Ayu (Fishing)	257 t	2
Ayu (Aquaculture)	885 t	1
Trout (Aquaculture)	329 t	7

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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 Mino region, rice is cultivated in the warm climate plains, as well as tomatoes, spinach, persimmons, and summer radishes. In the Hida region, vegetables, including summer-autumn tomatoes and summer spinach are produced in the cool climate plateaus. 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.



Cattle raised among the bountiful nature of Gifu

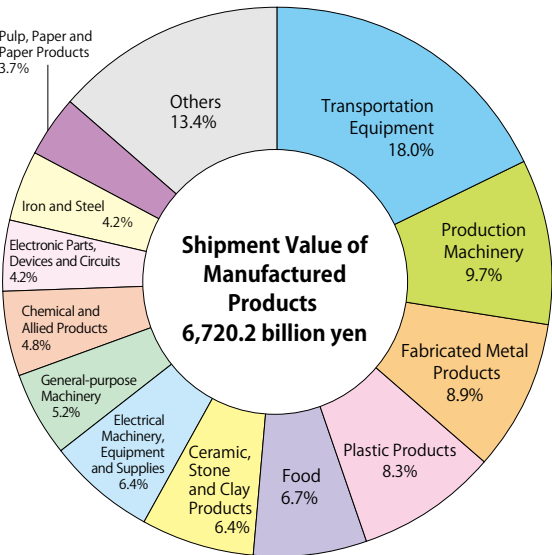


Fuyugaki Persimmons



Spinach

Proportion of Shipment Value of Manufactured Products by Industry (2023)



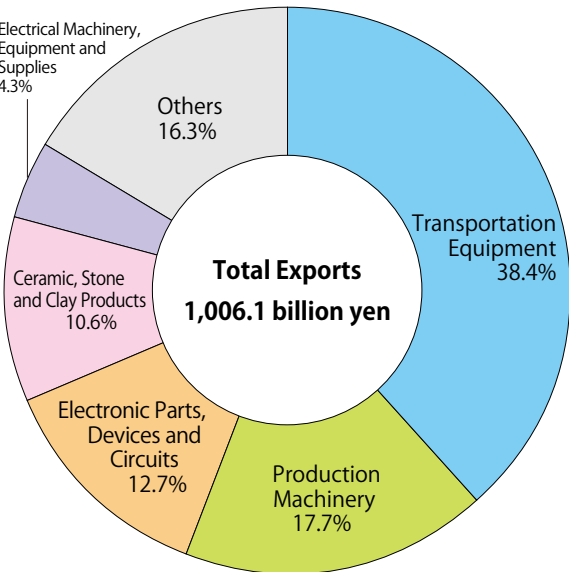
Source : Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Shipment Value of Manufactured Goods: 6,720.2 billion yen

With regard to the value of manufactured goods shipments among the industries of Gifu Prefecture, transportation equipment was highest at 1207.9 billion yen (18.0% of the total shipment value), followed by production machinery at 652.9 billion yen (9.7%). As to the number of business places, ceramic, stone and clay products (829 business places: 12.8% of the total number) is the highest in the manufacturing sector, followed by fabricated metal products (804: 12.4%), and production machinery (723: 11.1%).

Export

Proportion of Exports by Industry (2024)



Source : Gifu Prefectural Government

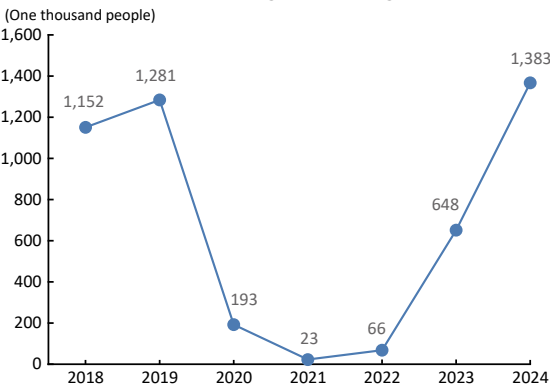
Total Exports: 1,006.1 billion yen

As for export products from this prefecture, the manufacture of transportation equipment was highest at 386.4 billion yen, followed by the manufacture of production machinery at 178.1 billion yen, and the manufacture of electronic parts, devices and circuits at 127.8 billion yen. Asia is the largest export destination at 483.8 billion yen, accounting for about half of the total. By country, China was highest at 159.7 billion yen, followed by the U.S. at 136.2 billion yen and Taiwan at 71.5 billion yen.



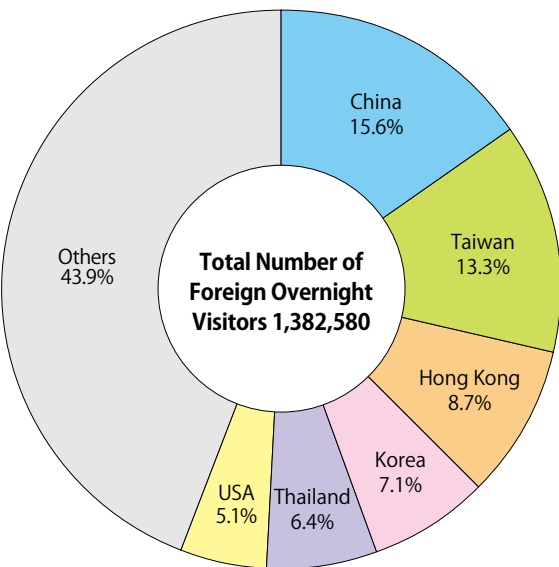
The World Heritage Site *Shirakawa-go*

Total Number of Foreign Overnight Visitors



Source : Japan Tourism Agency
Note : The survey was conducted on accommodation facilities with 10 or more employees.

Percentage of Foreign Overnight Visitors by Country and Region (2024)



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 full of appeal, such as a rich natural environment represented by beautiful mountains and clean rivers, and a traditional culture that has been nurtured by the people since ancient times. Approximately 44.7 million tourists visited the prefecture in 2024.



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

Total Number of Foreign Overnight Visitors: 1,382,580

Total number of foreign overnight visitors in 2024 was 1,383 thousand, showing a drastic increase from the previous year. It was approximately a 7.9% increase compared to the pre-COVID-19 year (2019). In terms of the number of foreign overnight visitors by nationality (place of birth), China ranked first at 15.6%, followed by Taiwan at 13.3%, and Hong Kong at 8.7%.



Gujo Hachiman Castle

Facts about Gifu Prefecture

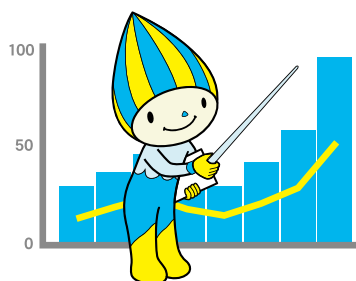
	Gifu Prefecture	Japan	Unit	Year	Source
Total Land Area	10,621.29	377,979.67	km ²	2025	1
Proportion of Forest Area to Total Land Area	78.9	64.3	%	2020	2
Total Population	1,916	123,802	thousand person	2024	3
Population Density	180.4	331.9	persons/km ²	2024	1,3
Average Life Expectancy (Male)	81.90	81.49	years old	2020	4
Average Life Expectancy (Female)	87.51	87.60	years old	2020	4
Gross Prefectural Product (Gross Domestic Product)	8,386.2	619,390.4	billion yen	FY2023	5
Prefectural Income per Person (National Income per Person)	3,264	3,550	thousand yen	FY2023	5
Gross Agricultural Product	137.3	10,780.1	billion yen	2024	6
Industry (Shipment Value of Manufactured Products) *Excluding Sole Proprietorships	6,720.19	373,238.83	billion yen	2023	7
Commerce (Annual Sales of Commercial Goods)	4,446.26	539,813.95	billion yen	2020	8
Number of Overnight Visitors from Overseas *Those who stayed at accommodation facilities with 10 or more employees	1,382,580	138,531,750	person-night	2024	9
Capacity of Hydro-energy Generation (Potential Water Power)	13,503	135,812	GWh	2024	10
Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (National Average of 256 Cities: 100) *Composite Index Excluding the Imputed Service of Owner-occupied Dwellings	97.1	100.0		2024 (Annual average)	11

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