



Our Miyagi Prefecture





Toward a Sustainable Community Aiming for a prosperous and livable Miyagi for everyone

Miyagi Prefecture is rich in resources of various kinds such as nature, culture and food. Miyagi is expected to play an increasingly important role as the center of the Tohoku region, because of its well-developed airport, seaports and other transportation infrastructure, large corporations have selected Miyagi as the site of their new factories and other developments.

It has been 14 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake, and as we make further strides to reach beyond what lies ahead of the recovery, we feel a renewed determination to make Miyagi into a place where each and every resident is able to live happily and always feel at ease.

Governor of Miyagi Prefecture



Miyagi's Future Vision

We are engaging in various initiatives that provide assiduous support toward completing the reconstruction of the disaster-affected areas and that also follow the basic direction for promoting the four government policies. These efforts are based on the Philosophy of Prefectural Administration stated in Miyagi's Future Vision, which serves as the basic guideline for operating the Miyagi Prefectural Government.

Prefectural Government Management Philosophy

Toward a prosperous Miyagi Prefecture! "PROGRESS Miyagi"

Work with players in various fields to create a vibrant Miyagi

Support for the completion of reconstruction and basic direction for promoting the four government policies.

- Detailed support for the completion of reconstruction in the disaster area
- Promoting sustainable growth in key industries which support the prefecture
- Supporting Miyagi's children and child-rearing as a society
- Creating a lively community where everyone can live with peace of mind
- Creating a resilient prefecture in harmony with nature

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History of Miyagi

Miyagi's Background

Miyagi Prefecture was called Mutsu Province along with Fukushima Prefecture and Iwate Prefecture about 1300 years ago. The center of political power in the Tohoku Region was the government office at Tagajo City. About 400 years ago, Date Masamune built a castle in Sendai and laid the foundation for the Sendai Domain. In 1867, the first year of the Meiji era, the Sendai Domain surrendered in the Boshin War, and Sendai Prefecture was established following the abolishment of feudal clans in 1871. It then became Miyagi Prefecture in 1872. After its establishment, Miyagi Prefecture was abolished and restructured many times, eventually reaching its current size and shape in 1876.

Origin of the name "Miyagi"

It is believed that the name Miyagi comes from an old name for the area "Miyagi-gun". The word "Miyagi" consists of two parts: "miya" refers to shrines, such as Shiwahiko Shrine and Shiogama Shrine; and "shiro" (also pronounced "gi") means castle, such as Tagajo Castle. Another theory says "Miyagi" comes from the word "miyake", which was a term used to denote land directly ruled by the Yamato Dynasty in ancient Japan. *There are various theories about the origin of Miyagi.

History of the Prefectural Office

Miyagi prefectural office started as the domain school Yokendo in 1872.

In 1871, the fourth year of the Meiji era, the domain office located in Sendai Castle was moved to the domain school Yokendo, which was on the premises of the current prefectural office, as the Sendai prefectural office, and was renamed the Miyagi prefectural office in the following year.



"Prefectural Office of Showa" beloved by the citizens of the prefecture

Another prefectural office was built in 1931, the 6th year of the Showa era. The office was popular among citizens of the prefecture and was nicknamed "Prefectural Office of Showa". However, due to deterioration and damage caused by earthquakes, it was dismantled in 1986 for the construction of a new office

The construction of the current building complex began in 1984, and the prefectural office was reborn as the prefectural

assembly building (completed in 1986), the prefectural government building (completed in 1989), and the police building (1991).



Events in Miyagi

2011

- Sendai Prefecture was renamed Miyagi Prefecture
- **1876** Unified Prefecture of Miyagi established (covering the current area)
- Former prefectural office building completed
- Great Sendai Air Raid, World War II ended
- Sendai Airport opened
- **1960** Miyagi sustained damage from tsunami caused by the Chilean earthquake
- 1971 Port of Sendai opened
- New railroad station building (Sendai Station) opened

1989 New prefectural office building completed



- Regular international flight services started at Sendai Airport
- **1991** Hitomebore, a new variety of rice, developed / Tohoku Shinkansen train operation to Tokyo Station began
- 1994 Professional football club Brummel Sendai (later renamed Vegalta Sendai) formed

- Mivagi University established
- 2002 FIFA World Cup games held in Mivagi
- Professional baseball team the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles formed
- 2004 Professional basketball team the Sendai 89ers formed
- Sendai Airport Access Line (train line) opened
- **2008** Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake
- Great Fast Japan Farthquake and tsunami 2012 Professional women's football club the Vegalta Sendai Ladies (later renamed t Mynavi Vegalta Sendai Ladies) formed

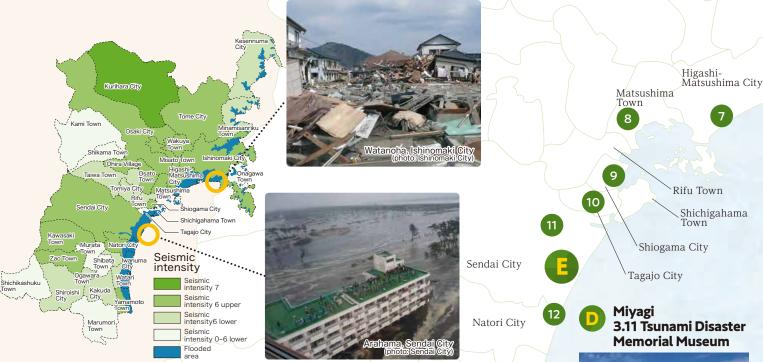
- 11th National Competitive Exhibition of Wagyu (Japanese beef cattle) held in
- **2018**
- launched on the market Kesennuma Oshima Ohashi Bridge opened Damaged by Typhoon Hagibis in 2019
- 2021 Hosted the 40th National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea Food Kingdom Miyagi Convention
- 2022 150th anniversary of the birth of Miyagi Prefecture

Miyagi's Recovery from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

Summary of disaster

Date and time of occurrence Number of missing persons 2:46 pm, March 11, 2011 **1.215** people Number of completely destroyed houses Off the Sanriku Coast earthquake (about 130 km east of the Oshika Peninsula) **83,005** houses Number of heavily damaged houses **Maximum seismic intensity** Seismic intensity 7 (Kurihara City) 155.131 houses Total amount of damage * Magnitude of Magnitude 9.0 earthquake 9,096.8 billion yen Volunteers Number of 10,571 people Total of 779,940 people deaths

As of September 30, 2024



The Great East Japan Earthquake struck on March 11, 2011. The earthquake triggered a devastating tsunami, resulting in the number of missing or dead reaching more than 10,000 people in Miyagi Prefecture alone. On the Sendai Plain and other flat terrain, the tsunami waves reached as far as several kilometers inland, flooding a wide area.

Yamamoto Town

Iwanuma City

Watari Town

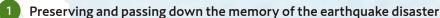




Memorial Museum

This facility was built within the

This facility was built within the Minamihama Ishinomaki Tsunami Memorial Park with the objective of passing down the memories of the earthquake disaster to future generations. It also serves to introduce visitors to other similar facilities in Miyagi. The museum features panel exhibits and videos that describe what the disaster was like and what lessons were learned to protect precious lives from tsunamis, while also providing information on "kataribe" storyteller groups who share their stories of the disaster.







Kesennuma City

Minamisanriku

Facilities built to prevent disaster memories from fading away and passing on the lessons.

As the memory of the Great East Japan Earthquake continues to fade, many disaster memorials, stone monuments, and disaster remains sites have been established in Miyagi Prefecture.

- 1 Kesennuma City Earthquake Disaster Memorial Park
- Rias Ark Museum of Art
 *Exhibits memories of the disaster and the history of tsunami disasters
- Minamisanriku Town Earthquake
 Disaster Memorial Park
 Ishinomaki City Ruins of the Great East Japan
- Earthquake: Former Okawa Elementary School
 *Scheduled to be completed in FY2021
- Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Former Onagawa Police Box
- 6 Ishinomaki Minamihama Tsunami Memorial Park
- Higashi Matsushima City 3.11 Disaster Recovery Memorial Park

- 8 Matsushima Town Ishidasawa Disaster Prevention Center
- Shiogama City
 Tsunami Disaster Prevention Center
- Tagajo City Great East Japan
 Earthquake Monument
- 11 Sendai 3/11 Memorial Community Center
- 12 Natori City Earthquake Disaster Museum
- Iwanuma City Millennium Hope Hills Exchange Center
- Yamamoto Town Disaster Prevention Base /
 Yamashita Regional Exchange Center
 (Disaster prevention information section on the 1st floor)



Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake Kesennuma City Memorial Museum



This building that was formerly Kesennuma Koyo High School is now preserved as part of the Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake Kesennuma City Memorial Museum, with its purpose being to preserve the memories and lessons of the disaster for the future. The museum is open to the public and features images from the disaster.



Onagawa Town



Ishinomaki

What can we do if disaster strikes? Watch videos of testimonies given by local residents and visit the art space created by contemporary artist Christian Boltanski to gain a visceral understanding of the importance of disaster preparedness and disaster mitigation.

Former Kadonowaki Elementary School Disaster Memorial Ruins



These ruins are the only remains from the disaster that exhibit damage from a fire caused by the tsunami. There is a corridor in the remains of the school building that allows visitors a view into a classroom that was damaged by the fire, helping visitors to understand how powerful a tsunami can be and the destruction they are capable of wreaking. In the exhibition hall located next to the former school building, you can view materials and images related to the Great East Japan Earthquake and learn about past tsunamis.

Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake Sendai Arahama Elementary School



The damaged school building is kept in a condition as close as possible to its post-disaster state, and photos taken immediately after the disaster are displayed to communicate the power of the tsunami and the threat posed by such disasters to young generations. The history and culture of the Arahama district and memorable local events are also introduced here.

Yamamoto Town Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Nakahama Elementary School



This facility is the only disaster memorial ruin in southern Miyagi Prefecture. The Nakahama Elementary School saved the lives of 90 people from the tsunami during the Great East Japan Earthquake. Visitors can enter the damaged school building, which contains spots that vividly retell the damage caused by the tsunami as well as lessons learned from the disaster. Examples include remnants of damage caused by the tsunami, videos looking back to the time of the disaster, and an attic warehouse where children spent the night.

Facts about Miyagi



Geography

Miyagi Prefecture is located about 300 km northeast of Tokyo, the capital of Japan. The east side of the prefecture faces the Pacific Ocean, where renowned fishing grounds and beautiful landscapes popular with tourists, such as one of the three most scenic spots of Japan Matsushima, are found. Zao, Funagata, Kurikoma and other mountains in the western part of the prefecture offer natural beauty in each of the four seasons. The Sendai Plain is centrally located, serving as the leading agricultural land for grain cultivation.

■ Total area

7,282.30 square kilometers (16th in Japan)

* The Report of Statistical reports on the land area by prefectures and municipalities in Japan in 2024, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

■ Total population

* Population based on "Population, Demographics and Number of Households Based on Basic Resident Register" of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (as of January 1, 2024)

■ Temperature and precipitation

	Spring (AprJune.)	Summer (JulySept.)	Fall (OctDec.)	Winter (JanMar.)
Average temperature	18.0℃	25.7 ℃	11.1℃	5.0℃
Total precipitation	275.5mm	397.0 _{mm}	129.0 _{mm}	226.0 _{mm}

Source: Japan Meteorological Agency website (taken from figures for Sendai City in fiscal year 2024)





■ Gross prefectural product (nominal)

9,649.5 billion yen

Prefectural income per capita

2,865,000yen (28th place in Japan)

"FY2021 Annual Report on Miyagi Prefectural Accounts" issued by the Prefecture's Statistics Division

Note: The ranking was calculated from the Annual Report on Prefectural Accounts issued by the Cabinet Office

Traditional crafts

Most of these 19 products flourished during the Edo Period (17th to 19th century) and have been passed down as traditional crafts since that time.



Miyagi's traditional kokeshi wooden dolls

Nationally designated traditional crafts

- Miyagi's traditional kokeshi wooden dolls
- Naruko lacquer ware Sendai tansu (chests)
- Ogatsu suzuri (inkstones)
- Prefecture-designated traditional crafts

Shiroishi washi (Japanese paper)

- Iwadeyama shino bamboo work
- Tsutsumi dolls Sendai fishing pole
- ●Tamamushi lacquer ware ●Tsutsumi ware
- Nakaniida knives Kirigome ware
- Sendaihira (silk fabric)
- Bogwood craft
- Wakayanagi woven fabric
- Matsukasa wind chimes Sendai papier-mâché Sendai ofude (writing brush)
- Sendai Tsuishu (red colored wooden lacquer ware)

Designated Cultural Properties

There are approximately 400 nationally and prefecture-designated cultural properties, including traditional skills, performing arts, and festivals that have continued since ancient times.



Osaki Hachimangu Shrine (national treasure)

- Osaki Hachimangu Shrine (national treasure) Sendai City
- Zuiganji Temple Main Building (national treasure) Matsushima Town
- Zuiganii Temple Priest's Kitchen and Corridor
- Volume 25 of Ruijukokushi (national treasure) ------ Sendai City
- Volume 10 of Shiki Kobunhongi (national treasure) Sendai City
- Document on the Keicho Envoy to Europe (national treasure) ······ Sendai City
- Site of Temple Belonging to Tagajo Castle (special historic site): Tagajo City
- Matsushima (special place of scenic beauty)

ial place of scenic beauty) Shiogama City, Higashi-Matsushima City, Matsushima Town, Shichigahama Town, Rifu Town

 Megama / Ogama Geysers at Onikobe (special natural treasure) Osaki (formerly Naruko Town)



Mounted Statue of Date Masamune

Date Masamune (1567 to 1636) was the founder of Sendai Domain. He was a cultural leader of the time and contributed to the development of the vibrant and rich "Date culture.

Geography, traditional crafts, cultural properties, sports, prefectural honor awards





Sports

Miyagi, especially Sendai, is home to numerous sports teams.

Many sports events, such as the Tohoku Miyagi Revive Marathon and the Tour de Tohoku, are held each year and are enjoyed by large numbers of people throughout the prefecture.





Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles

Rakuten Mobile Park Miyagi is not only a place to come and watch a baseball game, but also a fun-filled ballpark where visitors can enjoy a variety of entertainment, including good food and events, as well. The baseball team will unite to bring thrills and excitement to the Tohoku region, with the goal of becoming the most beloved team in Japan.







This professional basketball team was established in 2005. The team hopes to use basketball to help create an enriched society and a vibrant town. In addition to the team's efforts to increase the popularity of basketball, it has partnered with local communities for its "NINERS HOOPS" activities.



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Vegalta Sendai

Home games for the 2025 season are scheduled to be held at Q&A Stadium Miyagi from the start of the league match until the end of June, and at Yurtec Stadium Sendai from July onwards.

Be sure to watch dramatic J. League matches at the stadium!



MYNAVI II SENDAI





Mynavi Vegalta Sendai Ladies

The Mynavi Sendai Ladies team is battling it out in Japan's first women's professional football league, the "WE League," which was launched four years ago.

The team aims to boost its value for the local area and to this end is cooperating with other professional sport teams in Sendai to contribute to the vitalization of both Sendai and Miyagi



Prefectural Honor Awards

The prefecture honors distinguished and beloved individuals who have made an outstanding achievement in the field of sports or academia and given hope and inspiration to the people of Miyagi.



Former professional baseball player from Sendai City. Nicknamed "Daimajin," he set records as a closer both in Japan and the U.S.A major contributor to the Japan Series Championship of the Yokohama Bay Stars in 1998.

• Koichi Tanaka (Awarded in 2002)

Honorary doctor (Tohoku University), He received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2002.

Shizuka Arakawa (Awarded in 2006)

Professional figure skater who graduated from Tohoku High School, At the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, she became the first Japanese figure skater to win the gold medal.

• Hisashi Iwakuma (Awarded in 2009)

Professional baseball player. He joined the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles when the team was founded, and represented Japan and pitched in the 2009 WBC.

Rakuten Baseball Inc. (Awarded in 2013)

The team won the Japan Series title in 2013, an achievement that became a symbol of the revival of the Tohoku area after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Winning the championship gave great encouragement and hope to those afflicted by the disaster.

Masahiro Tanaka (Awarded in 2013)

Professional baseball player. As an ace pitcher for the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles, he greatly contributed to the team's first Pacific League title in 2013.

Yuzuru Hanvu

warded in 2014 and 2018)

Figure skater from Izumi Ward in Sendai City and the gold medalist at both the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi and the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang.



Ayaka Takahashi and Misaki Matsutomo

Started playing doubles badminton together at St. Ursula Gakuin Eichi Senior High School. At the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, they became the first Japanese badminton doubles players to win the Olympic gold medal.

Hideki Matsuyama (Awarded in 2022)

Professional golf player and graduate of Tohoku Fukushi University. Became the first Asian-born and first Japanese player to win the Masters Tournament in 2021.

Ryo Ichiriki (Awarded in 2025)

A Go player from Sendai City. Became the first Japanese person to win the Ing Cup international Go tournament with his victory in the tournament's 10th installment.



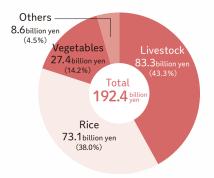
The Niko Niko Berry is a variety of strawberry created in Miyagi Prefecture

Raising further awareness of Miyagi' bountiful food products and agriculture, and encouraging further collaboration

Miyagi Prefecture is home to a diverse food culture that includes delicious food from the land and sea. Miyagi is also promoting the production and sale of famous local rice brands including Hitomebore, Sasanishiki, Date Masayume and Kin-no-ibuki, as well as strawberries vegetables such as bell peppers, and its local beef brand "Sendai Beef." Sendai Beef is known for being the strictest in all of Japan in terms of grading criteria, as the beef must meet the highest quality grade of 5 in order to be certified as Sendai Beef.



Sendai Beef, Miyagi's specialty, premium beef brand



Agricultural production (2023) Source: 2023 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

1	Bell peppers	1,470 t
1	Seri (Japanese parsley)	417 t
2	Soybeans	19,400 t
2	Red vine spinach	149 t
5	Rice	344,700t
6	Fava beans	447 t
8	Beef cattle	79,500head
9	Dairy cattle	15,800head
10	Strawberries	4,940 t

Agricultural products ranked high in production nationally

* The figures for beef cattle and dairy cattle are those produced in FY2023, The figures for soybeans, rice, fava beans, and strawberries are for the amounts harvested in 2023, while others are for the amount harvested in 2022 Willie Uthers are for the amount have seed in 2022



PR event for Data Masayume, a rice variety grown in Miyagi



"Next-generation" facility for bell pepper and tomato production

The future of agriculture in Miyagi

We will continue to promote the signature products of "Food Kingdom Miyagi" such as Date Masayume rice, Niko Niko Berry strawberries and Sendai Beef throughout Japan and the rest of the world.

Additionally, we aim to make Miyagi a highly competitive region for agriculture and promote a high level of productivity by making use of Agritech* in order to create an agriculture industry that is both attractive to a wide range of talented workers and allows them to make use of their skills.

We will further strengthen our ability to create a prosperous future for Miyagi through the cooperation of everyone working in its food and agriculture industries.

*Agritech: A term that refers to solving challenges such as reducing or eliminating labor by introducing ICT (information and communication technology) including smart agricultural techniques and other advanced technology.



To conserve the precious natural resources and increase the use of lumber

Forests, which cover nearly half the land area of Miyagi Prefecture, play a very important and indispensable role in the lives of the citizens. While nature-lovers rejoice in their seasonal beauty, the forests also provide consumers with lumber, mushrooms and other products. Moreover, they recharge water sources, prevent natural disasters and mitigate global warming by absorbing $\rm CO_2$.

A large number of cedar, Japanese cypress and other trees in the forests of Miyagi Prefecture are fully grown and ready for harvest. The lumber will be used in a variety of settings including housing and furniture.



Shiitake mushrooms on natural logs (open culture)

Charcoal production, e 60million yen (0.5%)	tc.—		
Cultivated mushroom production 3.57 billion yen (31.7%)		tal 7 billion yen	Lumber production 7.64 billion yen (67.8%)

Forestry production (2022)		
Source: 2022 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		

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3	Matsutake mushroom	1.5 _t
5	Pine tree	31,000m
7	Nameko mushroom	1,022t
7	Enoki mushroom	1,269t
7	Bunashimeji mushroom	3,011t
9	Cedar	538,000m
10	Broadleaf tree	52,000m

Forestry products ranked high in production nationally



Activities to nurture coastal disaster prevention forests



Inside a facility built using CLT

Future of forestry in Miyagi

Miyagi promotes the cyclic use of forest resources: "use, plant and grow the trees." To achieve the goal, Miyagi seeks new demand driven by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification system and increased construction using cross-laminated timber (CLT). The prefecture also works to increase the use of local lumber as well as on reforestation programs.

The prefecture carries out forestation programs where local people can contribute physical labor and takes measures to eradicate pests and disease from the forests. An environment is created where people can enjoy and feel an intimate connection with the trees and forests while securing the safety of residents.



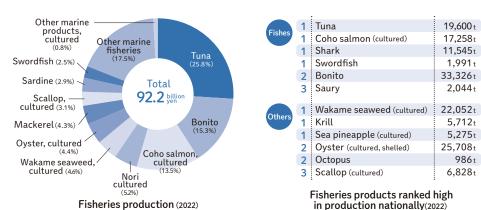
Harvesting oysters

Aiming for a sustainable fishing industry in harmony with the environment

Miyagi Prefecture is home to an abundant fishing ground and a variety of fish, including tuna and bonito, are caught here. Its fishing industry is among the top in the country, particularly in terms of the aquaculture of coho silver salmon and oysters.

Backed by numerous fishing ports and fish markets, Miyagi's seafood processing industry has long been developed as a core local industry.

The prefecture is also working to increase the value of local seafood, including Miyagi Salmon (first local specialty product registered under the Japan Geographical Indication [GI] system), and promoting the sale of such local products both domestically and abroad.



in production nationally(2022) Amount of output: 92.2 billion yen (4th highest in Japan) (2022) Production volume: 276.065 tons (4th high

Source: 2022 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



Shiogama Fish Market (tuna hauls)



Miyaqi salmon

Future of Fisheries in Miyagi



Miyagi Fishermen's College(Training of set net fishing)

In recent years, the situation surrounding the fishing industry has changed dramatically, as rising sea water temperatures have led to a decrease in landings of cold-water fish species such as Pacific saury, the workforce itself is aging, and consumers have become less interested in fish.

17,258t

1,991 t

2,044t

5,712t

5,275t

986 t

6,828t

In order to respond to these changes in the marine environment and the social landscape, we will promote the utilization of warm-water fish species, search for new species to cultivate, research and encourage the adaptation of land-based aquaculture technology. We will also secure new fishermen through the Miyagi Fishermen's College and eliminate or reduce labor by introducing ICT and other technology. In addition, we will work to expand the consumption of marine products produced in Miyagi and develop sales channels in Japan and overseas.

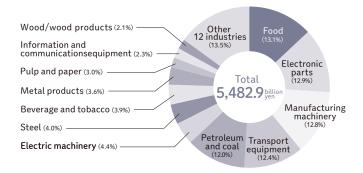
Furthermore, we will undertake environmental conservation by creating seaweed beds and cultivating seaweed, and take measures to make the fishing industry in Miyagi one that is sustainable and vibrant by working in harmony with nature.



Supporting growth and development of local businesses

The development of the manufacturing industry plays a large role in developing the local economy as it vitalizes local communities and secures employment opportunities.

Primary material industries, such as petroleum, paper and steel production, account for the majority of manufacturing in the coastal area of Miyagi Prefecture, while assembly of electronic parts and automobiles dominates the inland area. In addition, food manufacturing has been developed using the rich local food resources available.



Shipment value of manufactured products, etc. (2022)
*METI and MIAC's 2023 Economic Structure Survey, Survey of Manufacturing Plants



Touring a manufacturing firm



Northern Sendai No.2 Core Industrial Park (Ohira Village)

Future of Industry in Miyagi

In order to achieve strong growth in Miyagi Prefecture's industrial economy and achieve a more prosperous society, we will continue to work to further bring more manufacturing businesses to Miyagi, primarily focusing on semiconductor-related industries, automobile-related

industries, advanced electronic machinery industries, and food-related industries.



Furthermore, with the "Next Generation Synchrotron Radiation Facility (NanoTerasu)", which began full-scale operation in April 2024 at Tohoku University's Aobayama New Campus, as the core, we will work to promote the relocation of companies and research institutes to Miyagi, as well as support R&D for companies in the prefecture, with the aim of creating technological innovation and new industries from Miyagi.



Conceptual drawing of the synchrotron facility

Commerce in Miyagi

Aramachi Tanabata Festival (Wakabayashi Ward, Sendai City)

Wholesale Retail sales Construction Total 8.245.2 billio 2.688.4billio Machines and Machines and clothing (7.4%)

Annual sales amount (2021) Total: 10,933.6 billion yen

Note: Results of the 2021 Economic Census for Business Activity

The commercial center of the Tohoku region, and shopping districts that are creating new attractions

Sendai City, located in the heart of Miyagi Prefecture, is Tohoku's largest commercial center and is home to large retailers and charming shops. In addition, efforts are underway in various areas of the prefecture to bring more liveliness to shopping districts through unique activities and revitalization that takes advantage of each region's unique characteristics, such as creating places for interaction inside shopping districts by utilizing vacant stores and holding local events.



A public space utilizing a vacant storefront (Towa Town, Tome City)



Shutter art being created in Kurihara (Tsukidate, Kurihara City)

The Future of Commerce in Mivagi

In each part of Miyagi, as there are changes to the way people engage in commerce, new attractions are being created, such as shutter art and new community spaces that utilize vacant storefronts. To this end, we support local leaders in their efforts to proactively create a thriving shopping district, including the creation of the next generation of community leaders and a fresh vision, thereby building an appealing and sustainable local shopping district.

Tohoku's gateway to the world

Destroyed by the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Port of Sendai has been rebuilt as a hub for international marine logistics, supporting the industries and economy of Miyagi and the Tohoku region.

Since the privatization of Sendai Airport, routes have been expanded, and regular routes to Seoul. Dalian-Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, and Hong Kong are in operation.

As of March 2025.



Port of Sendai-Shiogama (Ishinomaki Port District) MSC Bellissima port cal



Export

Total

356.1 billio

Others

Takasago Container Terminal at Port of Sendai (Sendai port area)

(42.8%) 1112.5 billion

Import

Saudi Arabia

The Future of Trade in Miyagi

At Sendai-Shiogama Port, in order to strengthen the international competitiveness of companies located in Tohoku, we are starting to open



a new container terminal guay and yard with an eye toward eliminating congestion and increasing cargo volume in the future. At Sendai Airport, we are working together with airport companies and other related organizations to increase the number of passengers and cargo handled by promoting the use of the airport and expanding airline routes.



South



Grande 21 (Miyagi Sports Park) (Rifu Town)

The Q&A Stadium Miyagi and other facilities are located within the Miyagi Sports Park. The stadium was used as a venue for football matches at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Phone: 022-356-1122

Some facilities are inaccessible due to facility renovation work.

Enjoy culture and sports



A large number and variety of facilities are located in Miyagi, including those for academic, culture and sports purposes.



Kenmin no Mori (Citizens' Forest) (Rifu Town, Sendai City, Tomiya City)

> Visitors can experience crafting, walk in the forest, and use the wooden athletic playset.

Phone: 022-255-8801



Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi (Miyagi Prefectural Auditorium) (Sendai City)

Phone: 022-225-8641

Located in the center of Sendai City, the hall is used for a variety of concerts and plays.



Miyagi Prefectural Library (Sendai City)

> Nested on the luxuriant green foothills of Murasakiyama, this library houses around 1.2 million items available for reference.

Phone: 022-377-8441



Rakuten Mobile Park Miyagi (Miyagi Stadium) (Sendai City)

The home stadium of the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles. The Ferris wheel and other attractions are also popular.

Phone: 022-298-5300

Miyagi Stadium (Rakuten Mobile Park Miyagi)

Other facilities

- Miyagi University (Taiwa Town, Sendai City) Taiwa Campus, Phone: 022-377-8205 Taihaku Campus, Phone: 022-245-2211
- Miyagi Prefecture Izunuma-Uchinuma Sanctuary Center (Kurihara City) Phone: 0228-33-2216
- Mori no miyako Shinkin Bank, Moririn Kasenuma Park (Shiogama City, Tagajo City and Rifu Town) Phone: 022-767-2723
- Tohoku History Museum (Tagajo City) Phone: 022-368-0106

Sant Juan Bautista Museum (Ishinomaki city) Phone: 0225-24-2210





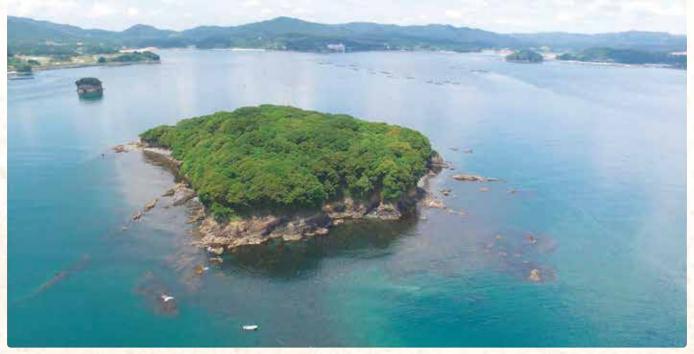
Miyagi Museum of Art (Sendai City)

This museum houses both Japanese contemporary art works and works by foreign artists such as Wassily Kandinsky and Paul Klee. It also has multiple ateliers that anvone can use.

Phone: 022-221-2111

Closed temporarily for refurbishment





Shizugawa Bay (Minamisanriku Town)

Located in the southern part of Sanriku Fukko National Park, which is lined with the rias coast, a variety of creatures inhabit the waters where both cold and warm currents flow. It is the first seaweed bed Ramsar site in Japan.

Overlooking the magnificent mountains and the vast ocean.

Nature Miyagi

Rich nature flourishes in the land surrounded by mountains and the sea.



Akiu Otaki Falls (Sendai City) It has been selected as one of the 100 best waterfalls in Japan and has

been designated as a national scenic spot. The roaring of the waterfall and its appearance as it cascades down is impressively powerful.



Mt. Kurikoma (Kurihara City)

In Mt. Kurikoma, which is bustling with visitors, you can enjoy alpine plants such as day lilies in the summer and an expanse of autumn leaves in the fall.

Note: Please check local traffic conditions before traveling



Izunuma/Uchinuma (Kurihara City/Tome City)

The wetland became the second site in Japan to be registered under the Ramsar Convention and is a major winter destination for geese and other migratory birds.



Abukuma Valley (Marumori Town)

> In the valley carved by the Abukuma River over a long period of time, the scenery of both banks changing with the seasons can be seen.



Miyagi Zao

(Zao Town/Kawasaki Town)

The Zao Mountain Range, which straddles Miyagi and Yamagata prefectures, offers a variety of mountain nature attractions, such as the iconic crater lake "Okama" and the "Snow Monsters", snow and ice covered trees created by the unique natural environment.



Other nature

- Ogama Hanzo (Kesennuma City)
- Cape Kamiwarizaki namisanriku Town, Ishinomaki City)
- Izushima Island (Onagawa Town)
- Mangokuura (Ishinomaki City)
- Minkasan Island (Ishinomaki City)
- Nanatsumori (Taiwa Town)
- 13 Lake Choro (Shichikashuku Town)

Other major tourist spots

- Kesennuma Umino-ichi/ Shark Museum (Kesennuma City)
- Seapal-Pier Onagawa (Onagawa City)
- op Tempyo Roman Hall (Wakuya Town)
- To Shiogama Shrine (Shiogama City)
- Site of Tagajo Castle (Tagajo City)
- 12 Site of Sendai Castle (Aoba Castle) (Sendai City)
- 13 Funaoka Castle Park (Shibata Town)
- Marco Shiroishi Castle (Shiroishi City)
- 5 Sairi Yashiki (Marumori Town)





Matsushima, one of the three most scenic spots in Japan

In addition to enjoying the splendid scenery of Matsushima Bay on a pleasure boat, there are many famous places such as Zuiganji Temple and Godaido Temple, which are associated with Date Masamune.



Meiji Village Museum of Miyagi (Tome City)

Visitors can enjoy the pre-modern cityscape of the Meiji era, including stylish Western-style buildings such as the Education Museum as well as warehouse-style merchant houses.



Minamisanriku Sun Sun Shopping Village (Minamisanriku Town)

Architect Mr. Kengo Kuma designed this shopping street using "bijin" cedar lumber produced in Minamisanriku. Many visitors enjoy shopping at the 28 stores.



05 Ishinomori Manga Museum (Ishinomaki City)

> A memorial museum for Shotaro Ishinomori, a manga artist born in Miyagi. Original drawings and other items are displayed.



Shiroishi River Hitome Senbonzakura (Ogawara Town, Shibata Town)

Beautiful cherry blossoms line the Shiroishi River for 8 km. The exquisite sight of the cherry blossoms together with the snow-capped Zao Mountain Range is definitely worth seeing.

Popular historical and natural sightseeing spots



Miyagi offers an abundance of seasonally beautiful landscapes and historical buildings.



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Naruko Onsenkyo (Osaki City)

A hot spring village consisting of five hot spring areas: Naruko, Higashi Naruko, Kawatabi, Nakayamadaira, and Onikobe. This area has about 370 different hot spring sources. 7 of the 10 types of hot spring found in Japan are available here.



Sendai Beef

Sendai Beef boasts the best quality. The cattle are fed with high-quality rice straw harvested in Miyagi, a leading producer of rice.

Sea pineapple

Sea pineapple is an iconic summer food in Miyagi. The flesh is thick, and its unique taste is so good it's almost addictive. (National production ranking: 1st)

Premium quality ingredients and local specialty dishes: the pride of Miyagi





(Ranked number one nationwide in harvest amount)

Miyagi Prefecture is a strawberry production region and boasts of having the largest harvest in the Tohoku region. The varieties "Moikko" and "Nikoniko Berry" were originally developed in Miyagi.



Zunda mochi

Zunda is a sweet paste made from green soybean (edamame). Zunda served over mochi (rice cake) is a Miyagi specialty.



Miyagi is one of the leading producers of oysters in Japan. The plump flesh is thick and has a rich taste. (National production ranking: 2nd)



Seri (Japanese parsley)

The crisp texture and refreshing aroma give it broad appeal. The Japanese parsley hot pot dish is a local specialty typically served in winter. (Ranked number one nationwide in harvest amount)



The resource-rich ocean, mountains and land of Miyagi are home to many delicious ingredients and cuisines.



Harako-rice

Famous local dish featuring slices of simmered salmon and salmon roe atop rice.



Tanabata Festival (August in Sendai City)

One of the largest events in Tohoku takes place in downtown Sendai. Stunning decorations are handmade every year to fill the shopping streets.



Onikojuro Festival (October in Shiroishi City)

At the site of Shiroishi Castle, the Summer Siege of Osaka, a battle between the armies of Kojuro Katakura (the second lord of the castle) and the Sanada clan, is restaged against the background of a recreated historical setting.



Hatsuuma Festival (Tiger Dance for Fire Prevention) (April in Kami Town)

Urged on by Ohayashi (Japanese musical accompaniment) and drums, colorful Dashi floats and "tigers" parade through the town to ward off fire and pray for the safety of each home



Sendai Pageant of Starlight

A popular event in Sendai. The moment when the rows of Japanese Zelkova trees are illuminated is nothing less than





Many people come from every part of Miyagi and outside the prefecture to enjoy the traditional festivals and new events.



Shiogama Minato Festival (July in Shiogama City)

Fishing boats loaded with portable shrines cruise around the port in a prayer for prosperity. The whole town is energized by the festival and fireworks.



Yonekawa Mizukaburi (February in Tome City)

In this unique festival, local men wearing straw ornaments walk through the town, throwing water on the houses to pray for fire prevention. (UNESCO intangible cultural heritage)

Organization, legislature, and budget of the Prefecture





Organization of the Prefectural Government

Communication and mutual understanding with the people of Miyagi is the fundamental value upheld in our prefectural administration.

Citizens

The governor and prefectural assembly members are elected by the citizens



Governor

Vice-Governor

Executive Treasury Administrator

Public Enterprise

Manager

Prefectural assembly

Board of Education / Public Safety Commission / Election Administration Commission / Personnel Commission / Auditing Commissioners / Labor Relations Commission / Expropriation Commission / Miyagi Marine Fisheries Coordination Commission / Freshwater Fisheries Administration Commission

Administrative committees

General Affairs Department

Reconstruction and Crisis **Planning Department**

Environment and Lifestyle Department

Health and Welfare Department

Commerce, Industry and Tourism Department

Agriculture Department

Fisheries and Forestry Department

> Public Works Department Treasury Department

Public Enterprise Bureau

Budget, taxes, public relations,

Promotion of reconstruction, crisis management, etc.

Comprehensive planning of prefectural government, regional development, etc.

Environmental conservation policies, promotion of arts and culture, etc.

Medical policies, health measures, welfare policies, child-rearing support, etc.

Company attraction, tourism, etc.

Agricultural development, etc.

Fisheries and forestry

Roads, rivers, seaports, airport, etc.

Financial management, settlements, etc.

Operation and management regional waterworks, industrial waterworks, regional sewage treatment, etc.



Prefectural Assembly

Elected representatives of the prefectural citizens deliberate on issues related to the administration of the prefecture.

Major obligations of the prefectural assembly

Decision-making	Make decisions on important issues related to prefectural administration (establish, revise or withdraw bills, make budgets, authorize financial results, etc.)	
Elect and approve	Elect the chair and vice chair of the assembly, election committee members, etc. Approve personnel, including vice-governor, who is appointed by the governor.	
Examine and verify that works of prefectural administration are conducted properly as decided at assembly meetings. Ask for opinions and explanations from those involved as needed.		
	The Assembly receives and examines petitions from prefectural residents.	

Among petitions that have been selected, those that need to be handled by

the executive branch are sent to the governor and other relevant parties



Prefectural Assembly

The Mivagi Prefectural Assembly is composed of 59 elected members. Regular sessions are held four times a year (February, June, September and November), while ad hoc committees are held as needed. The members serve terms of four years



Budget

Receive petitions

The expenditure budget for fiscal year 2025 is 1026.5 billion yen and will be used as follows.

Welfare and health	192.7 billion yen
Education (elementary, junior high, high schools and colleges, etc.)	186.4 billion yen
Tax allocation to municipalities and other prefectures	171.7 billion yen
Commerce and industry promotion; workers support	139.1 billion yen
Payment of debts	104.9 billion yen
Construction and maintenance of roads, rivers, ports, etc.	62.3 billion yen
Police activities	58.3 billion yen
Crisis management, statistics, election, etc.	55.7 billion yen
Promotion of agriculture, fisheries and forestry	47.3 billion yen
Others	8.1 billion yen

In order to further strengthen Miyagi's economic foundation and ensure that each region maintains its vitality and continues to develop even in the midst of a declining population, this fiscal year's budget focuses on comprehensive measures to address the declining birthrate so that younger generations can have hope for the future and feel secure in raising children, promoting the retention of young people in the prefecture, and accepting foreign human resources. In addition, the budget focuses on initiatives such as digitalization in various fields to achieve "Transforming Miyagi through DX," as well as efforts to attract and accumulate semiconductor-related industries, which are expected to continue to experience sustained market growth in the future.

Furthermore, the budget allows for further efforts to secure more civil servants, such as promoting the appeal of public service and achieving a variety of diverse work styles.



Miyagi Prefecture has

municipalities rich in local features.

The 35 municipalities (14 cities, 20 towns and 1 village) extend over seven areas. Each of these areas is managed so as to best leverage its special strengths.

Municipality		Population
Tome City	536.09	72,015
Total	536.09	72,015

Kesennuma-Motoyoshi Area (1city, 1town)

Kesennuma Regional Promotion Office Phone: 0226 (24) 2121 47-6 Sugi-no-sawa, Akaiwa, Kesennuma City 988-0181

Municipality		Population
Kesennuma City	332.44	56,429
Minamisanriku Town	163.40	11,523
Total	495.84	67,952

Kurihara Area (1city)

Hokubu Regional Promotion Office Kurihara Regional Office Phone: 0228 (22) 2111 5-1 Fujiki, Tsukidate, Kurihara City 987-2551

Marumori

Municipality	Area(km²)	Population
Kurihara City	805.00	60,636
Total	805.00	60,636

Osaki Area (1city, 4towns)

Hokubu Regional Promotion Office Phone: 0229 (91) 0701 4-1-1 Asahi, Furukawa, Osaki City 989-6117

Municipality	Area(km²)	Population
Osaki City	796.81	122,191
Shikama Town	109.28	6,119
Kami Town	460.67	21,005
Wakuya Town	82.16	14,265
Misato Town	74.99	22,863
Total	1523.91	186,443

Ishinomaki Area (2cities, 1town)

■Tobu Regional Promotion Office Phone: 0225 (95) 1411 5-7 Ayumino, Ishinomaki City 986-0850

Municipality	Area(km²)	Population
Ishinomaki City	554.55	132,626
Higashi- Matsushima City	101.30	37,909
Onagawa Town	65.35	5,839
Total	721.20	176,374

Sennan Area (2cities, 7towns)

Ogawara Regional Promotion Office Phone: 0224 (53) 3111 129-1 Minami, Ogawara Town 989-1243

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Municipality	Area(km²)	Population			
Shiroishi City	286.48	30,614			
Kakuda City	147.53	26,523			
Zao Town	152.83	10,919			
Shichikashuku Town	263.09	1,221			
Ogawara Town	24.99	23,324			
Murata Town	78.38	9,832			
Shibata Town	54.03	36,336			
Kawasaki Town	270.77	7,960			
Marumori Town	273.30	11,599			
Total	1551.40	158,328			

Sendai Area (6cities, 7towns, 1village)

Sendai Regional Promotion Office Phone: 022 (275) 9111 4-17 Tsutsumidori-Amamiyamachi Aoba-ku, Sendai City 981-8505

Municipality	Area(km²)	Population
Sendai City	786.35	1,064,486
Shiogama City	17.38	51,780
Natori City	98.18	79,777
Tagajo City	19.69	61,771
lwanuma City	60.45	43,232
Tomiya City	49.18	52,381
Watari Town	73.60	32,864
Yamamoto Town	64.58	11,427

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	Municipality	Area(km²)	Population			
	Matsushima Town	53.56	12,892			
	Shichigahama Town	13.19	17,575			
	Rifu Town	44.89	35,831			
	Taiwa Town	225.49	27,879			
	Osato Town	82.01	7,505			
	Ohira Village	60.32	5,545			
	Total	1648.87	1,504,945			

As of the end of November 2024



What is the Miyagi Master Test?

The Miyagi Master Test was created to help people learn more about Miyagi Prefecture and make sure the most interesting parts of Miyagi are more widely known. Although the test to get the first-class Miyagi Master Test certificate is held only once a year and is difficult to pass, practice tests are easily accessible and anyone can try it for themselves on their computer or smartphone. Participants can earn coupons for facilities in the prefecture as well as join a stamp rally to collect stamps featuring local mascots.



Try the test for yourself here: http:// mm-kentei.jp/



From our history and culture to our various industries, there are many facets of Miyagi Prefecture that we can proudly share with everyone. The following quiz contains questions from previous installments of the annual Miyagi Master Test, and you may learn something amazing that you didn't already know about Miyagi. See if you can answer all the questions correctly!



The Osaki area of Miyagi Prefecture, Ogatsu area of Akita Prefecture, and Mogami area of Yamagata Prefecture are working together to promote tourism and other activities, and a tagline was created based on the geographical placement of the three participating areas.

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Which of the following is the tagline?

- A. The exact center of Tohoku
- B. The stomach of Tohoku
- C. The center of gravity of Tohoku
- D. The navel of Tohoku



In 2021, Miyagi Prefecture's fishing industry production was ranked 5th in Japan. Which of the following is the correct order in terms of production value?

- A. Tuna bonito shark wakame seaweed (farmed)
- B. Tuna coho salmon (farmed) bonito nori seaweed (farmed)
- C. Bonito tuna coho salmon (farmed) shark
- D.Bonito coho salmon (farmed) tuna shark



It is recorded on the Tagajo Castle Stone Monument that Tagajo Castle was built in 724 during the Nara period and underwent major renovations in 762.

Which of the following is the correct combination of:

- (1) the person who built the castle and
- (2) the person who renovated it?
- A. (1) Ono no Azumabito, (2) Sakanoue no Tamuramaro
- B.(1) Fujiwara no Muchimaro, (2) Fujiwara no Asakari
- C. (1) Fujiwara no Muchimaro, (2) Sakanoue no Tamuramaro
- D.(1) Ono no Azumabito, (2) Fujiwara no Asakari



One of the destinations of the "Shippu Junpai (Gale Pilgrimage) Project," in which people visit shrines and temples by motorcycle, is the Wakakusa Inari Shrine. In which city or town is the shrine located?

A. Shiroishi City

B.Minamisanriku Town

C.Tome City

D.Zao Town



"Harakomeshi" (a salmon and roe rice bowl), a local specialty that represents Miyagi Prefecture, has its own day dedicated to it.

When is "Harakomeshi Day"?

- A. September 10th
- B. October 8th
- C.October 9th
- D. November 11th





The church whose current building was constructed by Matsutaro Kawamata in 1934 is the "____ Orthodox Church."

What is the correct word for the underlined part?

A. Ishinomaki

B. Kannari

C. Yonekawa

D. Tome



Which installment is the current "Ganbaro ISHINOMAKI"

signboard, in place as of April 2024?

A. Second

B. Third

C. Fourth

D. Fifth

Symbols of Miyagi Prefecture



Prefectural Symbol

The symbol incorporates stylized hiragana character of Mi (み) of Miyagi and represents the prefectural flower Miyaginohagi.

(Designated in July 1966)



Prefectural Flower Miyagi's Bush Clover (Miyaginohagi)

This beautiful autumn flower has appeared in numerous traditional Japanese poems such as those included in Kokinshu (A Collection of Ancient and Modern Poetry), It has dainty magenta and white flowers.

(Designated in March 1955)



Prefectural Tree Japanese Zelkova

In ancient times, the tree was called Tsuki. It is said that a line of Zelkova trees was planted in Tsukinoki in Shibata Town during the Heian Period (794-1185).

(Designated in September 1966)



Prefectural Bird Wild Goose (Gan)

Also called Kari or Karigane in Japanese. Miyagi Prefecture serves as a site where the largest number of this migratory bird species spend their winter in Japan. They are most frequently observed around the Izunuma and Uchinuma lakes and Kabukurinuma wetlands.

(Designated in July 1965)



Prefectural Animal Deer (Shika)

The deer in Miyagi Prefecture is a typical species of Japanese deer. Its habitat includes the Kinkasan Island and the Oshika Peninsula.

(Designated in July 1965)

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