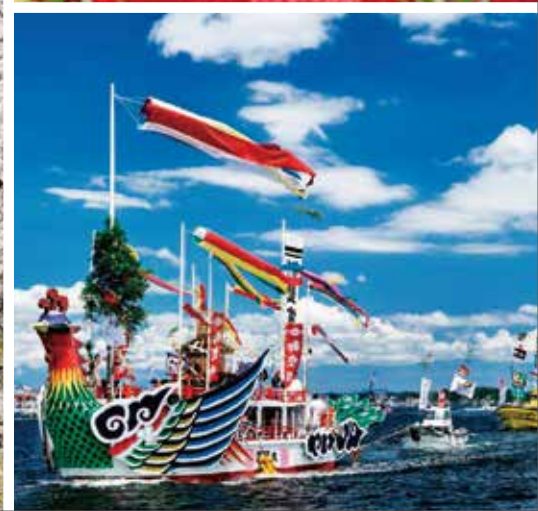
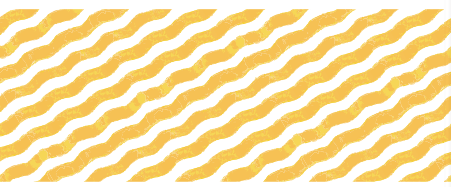
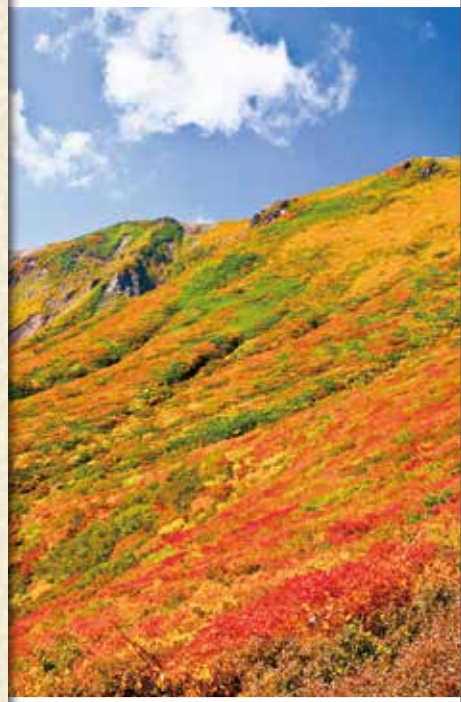
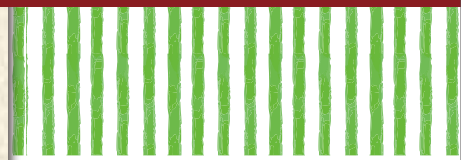




MIYAGI  
PREFECTURE  
JAPAN

# 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 13 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.

Yoshihiro Murai,  
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

## Our Miyagi Prefecture CONTENTS

|  |    |   |    |
|--|----|---|----|
| ● New Miyagi Future Vision .....                               | 01 | ● Facilities in Miyagi .....                          | 12 |
| ● History of Miyagi .....                                      | 02 | ● Nature in Miyagi .....                              | 13 |
| ● Miyagi's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake ..... | 03 | ● Tourism in Miyagi .....                             | 14 |
| ● Facts about Miyagi .....                                     | 05 | ● Food of Miyagi .....                                | 15 |
| ● Agriculture in Miyagi .....                                  | 07 | ● Festivals of Miyagi .....                           | 16 |
| ● Forestry in Miyagi .....                                     | 08 | ● Government organization, assembly, and budget ..... | 17 |
| ● Fisheries in Miyagi .....                                    | 09 | ● Statistics of cities, towns, and villages .....     | 18 |
| ● Industries in Miyagi .....                                   | 10 | ● Map of Miyagi                                       |    |
| ● Commerce/Trade in Miyagi .....                               | 11 | ● Miyagi Proficiency Test                             |    |



# 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.

## 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

- 1872 Sendai Prefecture was renamed Miyagi Prefecture
- 1876 Unified Prefecture of Miyagi established (covering the current area)
- 1931 Former prefectural office building completed
- 1945 Great Sendai Air Raid, World War II ended
- 1957 Sendai Airport opened
- 1960 Miyagi sustained damage from tsunami caused by the Chilean earthquake
- 1971 Port of Sendai opened
- 1977 New railroad station building (Sendai Station) opened
- 1989 New prefectural office building completed
- 1990 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
- 1997 Miyagi University established
- 2002 2002 FIFA World Cup games held in Miyagi
- 2004 Professional baseball team the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles formed
- 2004 Professional basketball team the Sendai 89ers formed
- 2007 Sendai Airport Access Line (train line) opened
- 2008 Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku Earthquake
- 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami
- 2012 Professional women's football club the Vegalta Sendai Ladies (later renamed the Mynavi Vegalta Sendai Ladies) formed
- 2017 11th National Competitive Exhibition of Wagyu (Japanese beef cattle) held in Miyagi
- 2018 Date Masayume, a new variety of rice, launched on the market
- 2019 Kesenuma 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"

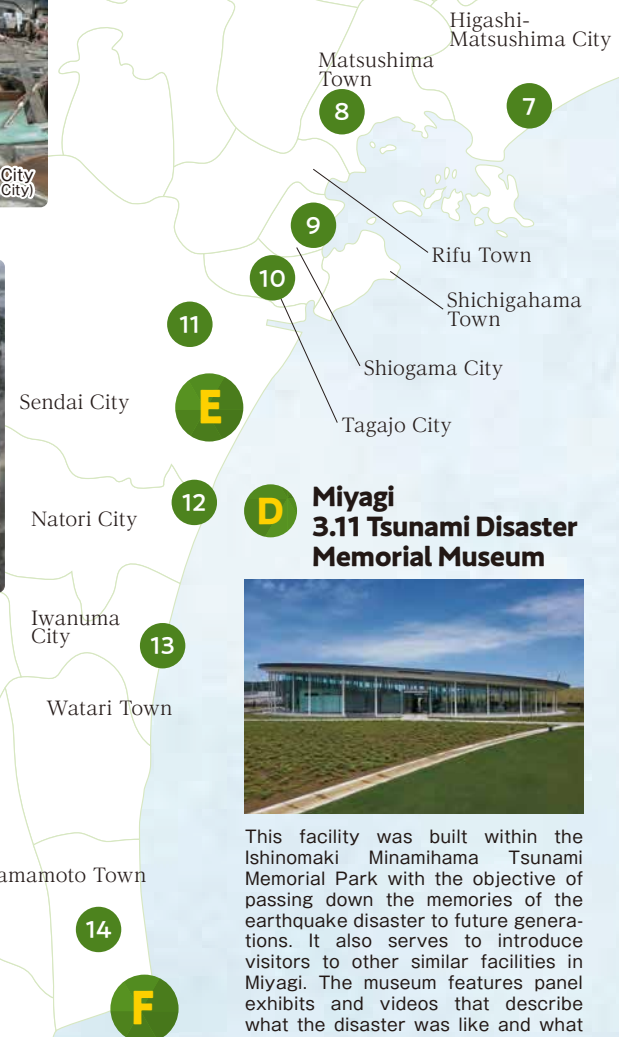
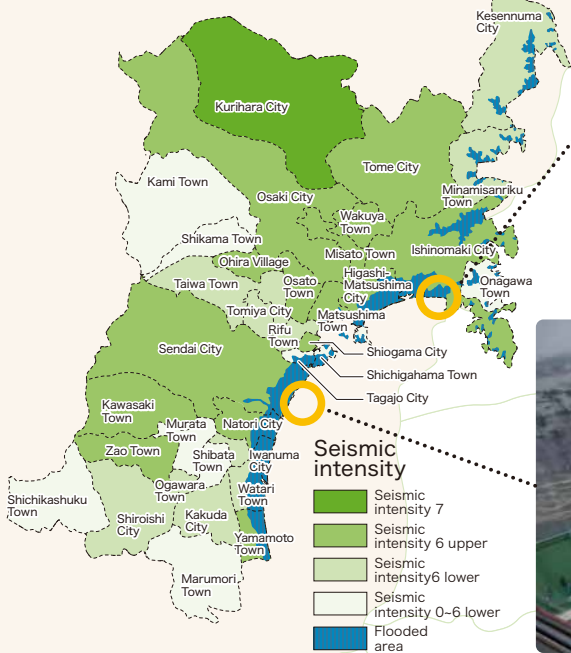


# Miyagi's Recovery from the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake

## Summary of disaster

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Date and time of occurrence</b><br>2:46 pm, March 11, 2011   | <b>Number of missing persons</b><br>1,215 people              |
| <b>Location of earthquake</b><br>Off the Sanriku Coast<br>(about 130 km east of the Oshika Peninsula) | <b>Number of completely destroyed houses</b><br>83,005 houses |
| <b>Maximum seismic intensity</b><br>Seismic intensity 7 (Kurihara City)                               | <b>Number of heavily damaged houses</b><br>155,131 houses     |
| <b>Magnitude of earthquake</b><br>Magnitude 9.0   | <b>Total amount of damage *</b><br>9,096.8 billion yen        |
| <b>Number of deaths</b><br>10,571 people  | <b>Volunteers</b><br>Total of 779,328 people                  |

As of September 30, 2023



This facility was built within the Ishinomaki Minamihama 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 "katari-be" storyteller groups who share their stories of the disaster.

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.

1 Preserving and passing down the memory of the earthquake disaster



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

Memories of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake are fading. To pass on the experiences and knowledge, facilities and stone monuments are being constructed and a number of tsunami-damaged structures have been preserved in Miyagi Prefecture.

※In addition to this, private facilities are also being developed.

- 1 Kesennuma City Earthquake Disaster Memorial Park
- 2 Rias Ark Museum of Art  
\*Exhibits memories of the disaster and the history of tsunami disasters
- 3 Minamisanriku Town Earthquake Disaster Memorial Park
- 4 Ishinomaki City Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Former Okawa Elementary School  
\* Scheduled to be completed in FY2021
- 5 Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Former Onagawa Police Box
- 6 Ishinomaki Minamihama Tsunami Memorial Park
- 7 Higashi Matsushima City 3.11 Disaster Recovery Memorial Park
- 8 Matsushima Town Ishidasawa Disaster Prevention Center
- 9 Shiogama City Tsunami Disaster Prevention Center
- 10 Tagajo City Great East Japan Earthquake Monument
- 11 Sendai 3/11 Memorial Community Center
- 12 Natori City Earthquake Disaster Museum
- 13 Iwanuma City Millennium Hope Hills Exchange Center
- 14 Yamamoto Town Disaster Prevention Base / Yamashita Regional Exchange Center  
(Disaster prevention information section on the 1st floor)

## A 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.

## C 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.

## F 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.

## B MINAMISANRIKU 311 Memorial



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.

## E 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.

# Facts about Miyagi

TOPICS  
01

## 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

**7,282.29** square kilometers (16th in Japan)

\* The Report of Statistical reports on the land area by prefectures and municipalities in Japan in 2023. Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

### Total population

**2,257,472** persons

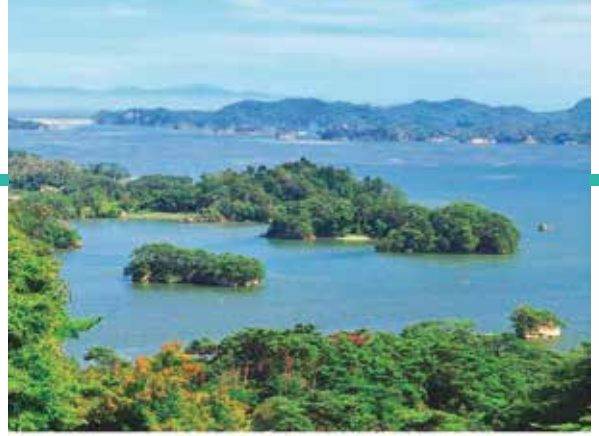
(Male: 1,101,028. Female: 1,156,444) (14th in Japan)

\* 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, 2023)

### Temperature and precipitation

|                     | Spring<br>(Apr.-June.) | Summer<br>(July.-Sept.) | Fall<br>(Oct.-Dec.) | Winter<br>(Jan.-Mar.) |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Average temperature | 17.2°C                 | 26.8°C                  | 11.3°C              | 4.8°C                 |
| Total precipitation | 345.0mm                | 457.0mm                 | 141.5mm             | 102.5mm               |

Source: Japan Meteorological Agency website (taken from figures for Sendai City in fiscal year 2023)



Okama Crater Lake of Mt. Zao

### Gross prefectural product (nominal)

**9,485.2** billion yen

(14th place in Japan)

### Prefectural income per capita

**2,803,000**yen (23th place in Japan)

Source: "FY2020 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

TOPICS  
02

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

TOPICS  
03

## Designated Cultural Properties

There are over 450 cultural properties (designated by the national and prefectural governments) in Miyagi Prefecture. They include buildings and archaeological sites, arts and craft products, places of scenic beauty and natural monuments, traditional skills and performing arts, and festivals and rituals, all of which have been passed down for generations.



Osaki Hachimangu Shrine (national treasure)

- Osaki Hachimangu Shrine (national treasure) ..... Sendai City
  - Zuiganji Temple Main Building (national treasure) ..... Matsushima Town
  - Zuiganji Temple Priest's Kitchen and Corridor (national treasure) ..... Matsushima Town
  - Volume 25 of Ruijukokushi (national treasure) ..... Sendai City
  - Volume 10 of Shiki Kobunhong'i (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) ..... Shiogama City, Shichigahama Town, Rifu Town, Matsushima Town, Higashi-Matsushima City
  - Megama / Ogama Geysers at Onikobe (special natural treasure) ..... Osaki (formerly Naruko Town)
- Others



### Mounted Statue of Date Masamune (Sendai Castle Site)

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."



TOPICS  
04

## 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.



©Rakuten Eagles



### ●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.



©SENDAI 89ERS



### ●Sendai 89ers

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.



©VEGALTA SENDAI



### ●Vegalta Sendai

Yurtec Stadium Sendai, the home ground of Vegalta Sendai, is a theater-style stadium in which both players and fans come together as one, united in their excitement and passion for the games, filling the air under the roof-covered stands with wild cheering and sheer fervor. Come and enjoy thrilling J.League soccer games here at the stadium!



©mynavisendai



### ●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 three 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.

TOPICS  
05

## 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.

### ●Kazuhiro Sasaki (Awarded in 1998)

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 Hanyu (Awarded 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 (Awarded in 2016)

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.



# Agriculture in Miyagi



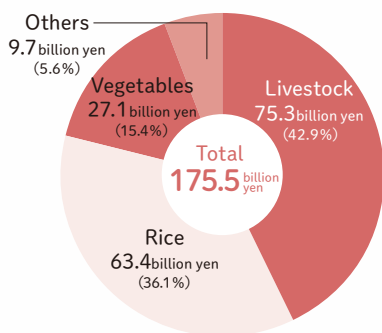
The Niko Niko Berry is a variety of strawberry created in Miyagi Prefecture

## Raising further awareness of Miyagi's 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 and 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 (2021)

Source: 2021 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

|    |                         |             |
|----|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | Bell peppers            | 1,370 t     |
| 1  | Seri (Japanese parsley) | 424 t       |
| 2  | Soybeans                | 15,800 t    |
| 2  | Red vine spinach        | 149 t       |
| 5  | Rice                    | 326,500 t   |
| 5  | Fava beans              | 476 t       |
| 9  | Beef cattle             | 80,100 head |
| 9  | Dairy cattle            | 17,100 head |
| 10 | Strawberries            | 4,870 t     |

Agricultural products ranked high in production nationally

\* The figures for beef cattle and dairy cattle are those produced in FY2022. The figures for soybeans, rice, fava beans, and strawberries are for the amounts harvested in 2022, while others are for the amount harvested in 2021



PR event for Date 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.





Lumbering with high performance forestry machine

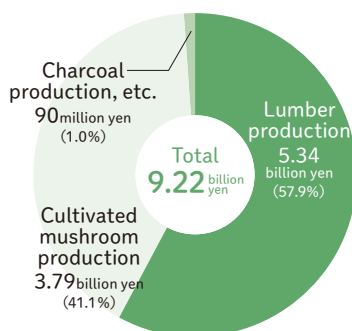
## To conserve the precious natural resources and increase the use of lumber

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 CO<sub>2</sub>.

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)



Forestry production (2021)

Source: 2021 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

|    |                      |                       |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5  | Pine tree            | 33,000m <sup>3</sup>  |
| 6  | Nameko mushroom      | 949t                  |
| 6  | Matsutake mushroom   | 0.3t                  |
| 8  | Cedar                | 595,000m <sup>3</sup> |
| 8  | Broadleaf tree       | 48,000m <sup>3</sup>  |
| 9  | Enoki mushroom       | 1,656t                |
| 10 | Bunashimeji mushroom | 3,152t                |

Forestry products ranked high in production nationally (2022)



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.

# Fisheries in Miyagi



Harvesting oysters

## Aiming for a sustainable fishing industry in harmony with the environment

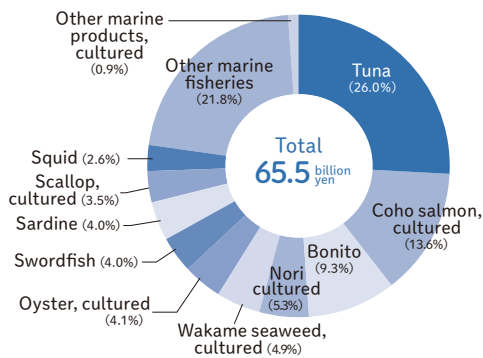
Miyagi Prefecture is home to an abundant fishing ground and a variety of fish, including tuna and bonito, are caught here. Its fishing industry is among the top in the country, particularly in terms of the aquaculture of coho silver salmon and oysters.

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.



Shioyama Fish Market (tuna hauls)



Fisheries production (2021)

| Category | Rank | Product                    | Volume  |
|----------|------|----------------------------|---------|
| Fishes   | 1    | Coho salmon (cultured)     | 15,806t |
|          | 1    | Shark                      | 10,633t |
|          | 1    | Swordfish                  | 2,543t  |
| Others   | 2    | Bonito                     | 30,658t |
|          | 2    | Tuna                       | 18,303t |
|          | 3    | Saury                      | 2,341t  |
| Others   | 1    | Wakame seaweed (cultured)  | 19,024t |
|          | 1    | Sea pineapple (cultured)   | 4,355t  |
|          | 2    | Oyster (cultured, shelled) | 22,335t |
| Others   | 2    | Krill                      | 1,489t  |
|          | 2    | Japanese blue crab         | 357t    |
|          | 3    | Scallop (cultured)         | 7,335t  |

Fisheries products ranked high in production nationally (2021)

Amount of output: 65.5 billion yen (5th highest in Japan) (2021)

Production volume: 267.356 tons (4th highest in Japan) (2021)

Source: 2021 Statistics on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



Miyagi 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.

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.



Factory of Toyota Motor East Japan, Inc. (Ohira Village)

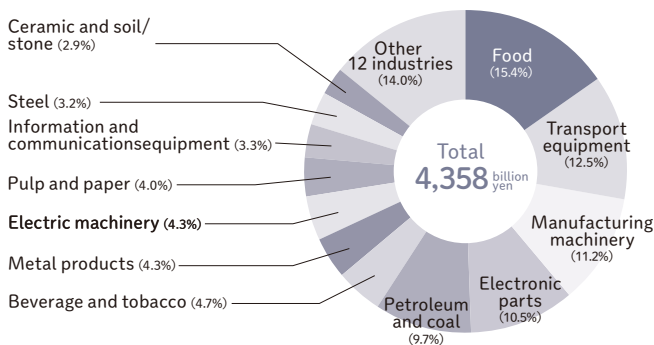
## Supporting growth and development of local businesses

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.



Touring a manufacturing firm



Shipment value of manufactured products, etc. (2020)

\* 2020 Industry in Miyagi Prefecture



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

## Future of Industry in Miyagi

For the strong growth of the industry and economy of Miyagi Prefecture and the development of an affluent society, we will continue our efforts to further aggregate the manufacturing industries, with a focus on the automobile-related industries, advanced electronic device industries and food-related industries.



Conceptual drawing of the synchrotron facility

We will continue measures to attract new businesses using subsidies for small businesses willing to locate themselves in the prefecture. We also encourage new investment and support smaller companies in Miyagi in their efforts to improve their technical capabilities, increase productivity and expand trading. In this way, we will reinforce the competitiveness of local industries.

Miyagi will also strive to encourage companies and research institutes to establish their facilities here, and provide research and development support to companies based in the prefecture in order to bring about technological innovation and create new industries originating from Miyagi Prefecture. These efforts will be centered around the Next-generation Synchrotron radiation facility (Nano Terasu) in the Tohoku University Aobayama New Campus that is scheduled to go into full operation in 2024.

## Commerce in Miyagi



Ichibancho Ichibangai Shopping Street, one of the central shopping streets in Sendai City (Aoba Ward, Sendai City)

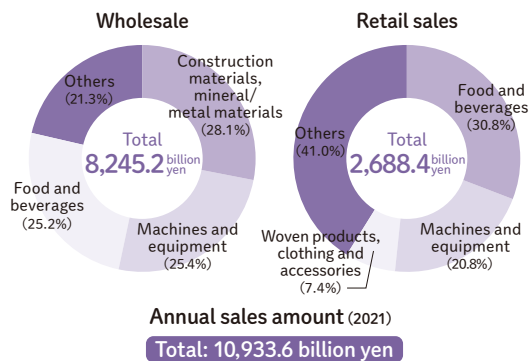
## The largest commercial city in the Tohoku region; shopping areas brought back to life



Nagamachi Ekimae shopping street bustling with events (Taihaku Ward, Sendai)

Sendai, situated in the central part of Miyagi Prefecture, is the largest commercial hub in the Tohoku region, featuring many large-scale stores and appealing shops.

Furthermore, various regions within the prefecture, including the coastal region, are engaging in efforts to rejuvenate the area by developing shopping streets that make use of features distinct to each region and implementing other unique initiatives as well.



Note: Results of the 2021 Economic Census for Business Activity

## The Future of Commerce in Miyagi

While the situation surrounding commerce in many parts of Miyagi is returning to how it was prior to the covid-19 pandemic, local communities are losing their liveliness due to changes in lifestyles that have occurred with the spread of online shopping and other factors. Accordingly, we will support efforts taken by local leaders to revitalize these areas such as forming a new vision for their shopping districts and creating new leaders, as they play the main role in creating a new form of regional commerce that is appealing and sustainable.



Miyamachi shopping street, 1.5km long (Aoba Ward, Sendai City)

## 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 Bangkok are in operation.



Port of Sendai-Shiogama (Sendai Port District) Raijin Wharf

As of March 2024, the Bangkok route is suspended.



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

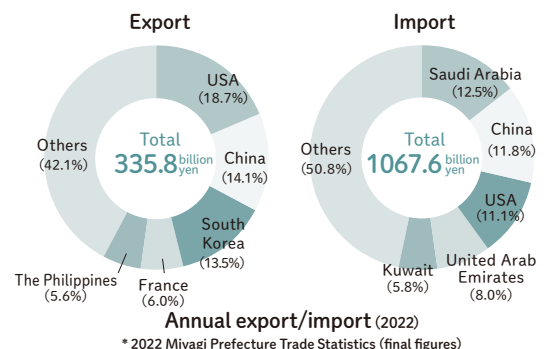
## Trading in Miyagi

## The Future of Trade in Miyagi

In order to strengthen the international competitiveness of businesses in Tohoku, container terminals at the Port of Sendai have been improved with the aim of eliminating congestion and preparing for the increased volume of cargo expected in the future. Additionally, we have been working with Sendai International Airport Co., Ltd. and other relevant organizations to promote airport use and expand flight services in order to increase the number of passengers and the volume of cargo flowing through Sendai Airport.



Sendai Airport





**01 Miyagi Sports Park (Grande 21) (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 disaster recovery work.



**02 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



**03 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

**Enjoy culture and sports**



**Facilities in Miyagi**

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



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

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

Phone: 022-225-8641



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

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

Phone: 022-298-5300

**06**

**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 anyone can use.

Phone: 022-221-2111

Closed temporarily for refurbishment



**Other facilities**

**07 Miyagi University (Taiwa Town, Sendai City)**  
Taiwa Campus, Phone: 022-377-8205  
Taihaku Campus, Phone: 022-245-2211

**08 Miyagi Prefecture Izunuma-Uchinuma Sanctuary Center (Kurihara City)**  
Phone: 0228-33-2216

**09 Mori no miyako Shinkin Bank, Moririn Kasenuma Park (Shiogama City, Tagajo City and Rifu Town)**  
Phone: 022-767-2723

**10 Tohoku History Museum (Tagajo City)**  
Phone: 022-368-0106

**11 Sant Juan Bautista Museum (Ishinomaki city)**  
Phone: 0225-24-2210  
Closed for refurbishment



**01 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 of Miyagi

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



**02 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.



**03 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.



**04 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



**05 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.

**06**

**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**

- 07 Ogama Hanzo (Kesenuma City)
- 08 Cape Kamiwarizaki (Minamisanriku Town, Ishinomaki City)
- 09 Izushima Island (Onagawa Town)
- 10 Mangokuura (Ishinomaki City)
- 11 Kinkasan Island (Ishinomaki City)
- 12 Nanatsumori (Taiwa Town)
- 13 Lake Choro (Shichikashuku Town)

## Other major tourist spots

- 07 Kesenuma Umino-ichi/  
Shark Museum (Kesenuma City)
- 08 Seapal-Pier Onagawa (Onagawa City)
- 09 Tempyo Roman Hall (Wakuya Town)
- 10 Shiogama Shrine (Shiogama City)
- 11 Site of Tagajo Castle (Tagajo City)
- 12 Site of Sendai Castle (Aoba Castle) (Sendai City)
- 13 Funaoka Castle Park (Shibata Town)
- 14 Shiroishi Castle (Shiroishi City)
- 15 Sairi Yashiki (Marumori Town)



### 01 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.



### 02 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.



### 03 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.



### 04 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.



### 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.

## Popular historical and natural sightseeing spots



# Tourism in Miyagi

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



### 06 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



### Bell peppers

Bell peppers are colorful ingredients that look good in any dish. Miyagi's bell peppers are popular for their thick, sweet flesh that tastes almost like fruit. (Ranked number one nationwide in harvest amount)



# Foods of Miyagi

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



### Strawberries

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.



### Oysters

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)



### Zunda mochi

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



### 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)



### 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.

**Diverse and energetic festivals**



**Festivals of Miyagi**

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



**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.



**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.



**Sendai Pageant of Starlight**

(December in Sendai City)

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



**Yonekawa Mizukaburi**

(February in Tome City)

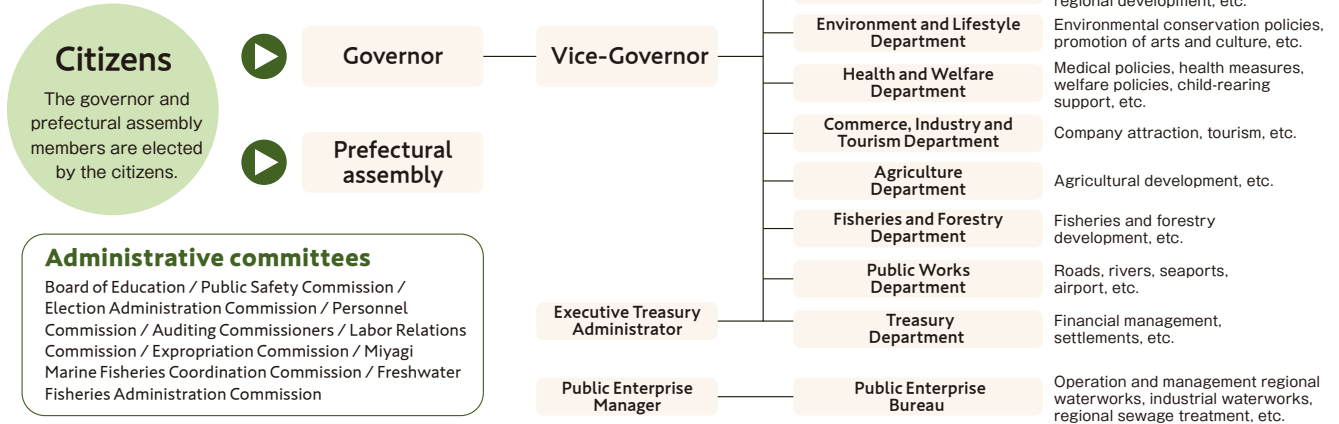
In this unique festival, local men wearing straw ornaments walk through the town, throwing water on the houses to pray for fire prevention. (UNESCO intangible cultural heritage)

# 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.



## Prefectural Assembly

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

### Major obligations of the prefectural assembly

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Decision-making</b>   | Make decisions on important issues related to prefectural administration (establish, revise or withdraw bills, make budgets, authorize financial results, etc.)  |
| <b>Elect and approve</b> | Elect the chair and vice chair of the assembly, election committee members, etc. Approve personnel, including vice-governor, who is appointed by the governor.   |
| <b>Examine</b>           | 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.   |
| <b>Receive petitions</b> | 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 Miyagi 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

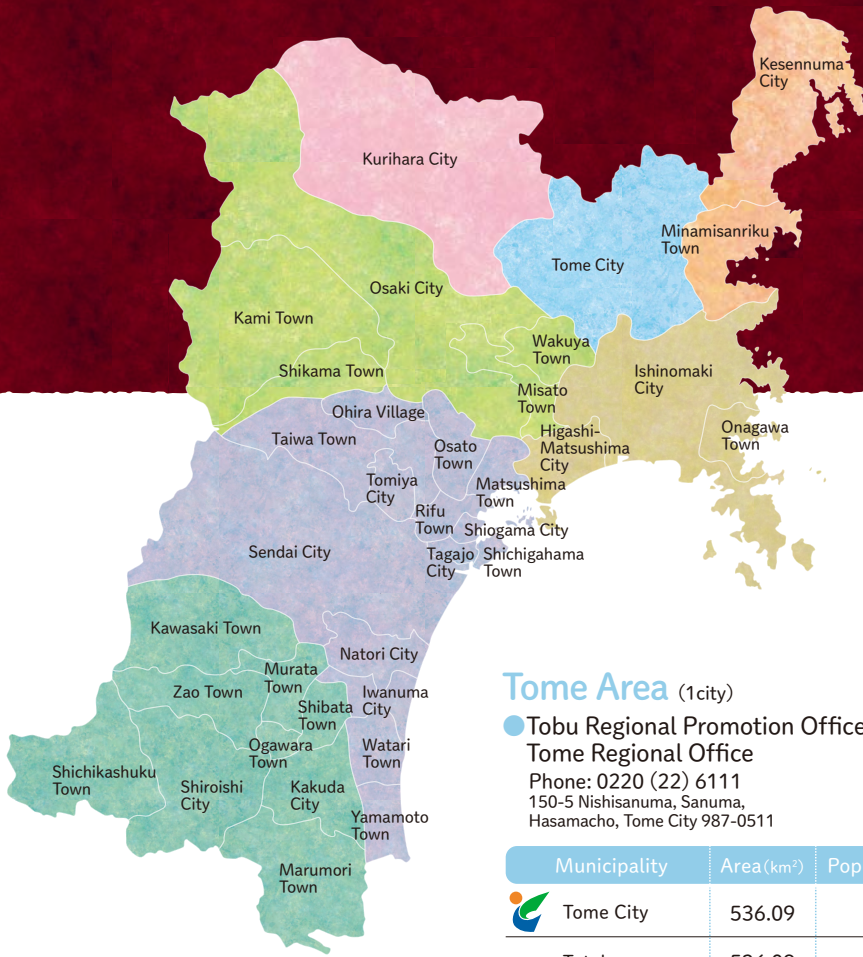
The expenditure budget for fiscal year 2024 is 1023.8 billion yen and will be used as follows.

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Welfare and health</b>   | <b>184.2</b> billion yen |
| <b>Education (elementary, junior high, high schools and colleges, etc.)</b> | <b>183.7</b> billion yen |
| <b>Tax allocation to municipalities and other prefectures</b>               | <b>166.2</b> billion yen |
| <b>Commerce and industry promotion; workers support</b>                     | <b>157.4</b> billion yen |
| <b>Payment of debts</b>   | <b>108.2</b> billion yen |
| <b>Construction and maintenance of roads, rivers, ports, etc.</b>           | <b>59.7</b> billion yen  |
| <b>Police activities</b>  | <b>57.2</b> billion yen  |
| <b>Crisis management, statistics, election, etc.</b>                        | <b>50.6</b> billion yen  |
| <b>Promotion of agriculture, fisheries and forestry</b>                     | <b>46.6</b> billion yen  |
| <b>Others</b>   | <b>10.0</b> billion yen  |

The budget for this fiscal year focuses on strengthening comprehensive measures to address the challenges of population decline, including the retention of young people in Miyagi, and social efforts such as the development of an environment that supports children and child-rearing, as well as promoting initiatives to fully utilize digital technology in all fields to realize a "Transformed Miyagi" through DX (digital transformation). In addition, the budget has a focus on promoting the accumulation and development of semiconductor-related industries, by supporting the establishment of related suppliers in the prefecture for the semiconductor contract manufacturing company that decided to locate in Miyagi last year. Furthermore, the budget will also be used towards efforts to realize a decarbonized society, measures for disaster prevention and disaster mitigation, and detailed measures tailored to the actual needs of disaster victims in order to complete our reconstruction.

# Miyagi Prefecture has 35 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.



## Kurihara Area (1city)

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

| Municipality  | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| Kurihara City | 805.00                 | 62,012     |
| Total         | 805.00                 | 62,012     |

## Sennan Area (2cities, 7towns)

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

| Municipality       | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Shiroishi City     | 286.48                 | 31,293     |
| Kakuda City        | 147.53                 | 26,967     |
| Zao Town           | 152.83                 | 11,094     |
| Shichikashuku Town | 263.09                 | 1,223      |
| Ogawara Town       | 24.99                  | 23,540     |
| Murata Town        | 78.38                  | 10,058     |
| Shibata Town       | 54.03                  | 36,839     |
| Kawasaki Town      | 270.77                 | 8,133      |
| Marumori Town      | 273.30                 | 11,928     |
| Total              | 1551.40                | 161,075    |

## Tome Area (1city)

● Tobu Regional Promotion Office  
Tome Regional Office  
Phone: 0220 (22) 6111  
150-5 Nishisanuma, Sanuma, Hasamacho, Tome City 987-0511

| Municipality | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Tome City    | 536.09                 | 73,417     |
| Total        | 536.09                 | 73,417     |

## Osaki Area (1city, 4towns)

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

| Municipality | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Osaki City   | 796.81                 | 123,915    |
| Shikama Town | 109.28                 | 6,286      |
| Kami Town    | 460.67                 | 21,468     |
| Wakuya Town  | 82.16                  | 14,656     |
| Misato Town  | 74.99                  | 23,214     |
| Total        | 1523.91                | 189,539    |

## 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(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| Sendai City   | 786.35                 | 1,066,778  |
| Shiogama City | 17.37                  | 52,099     |
| Natori City   | 98.18                  | 79,673     |
| Tagajo City   | 19.69                  | 62,128     |
| Iwanuma City  | 60.45                  | 43,435     |
| Tomiya City   | 49.18                  | 52,359     |
| Watari Town   | 73.60                  | 33,098     |
| Yamamoto Town | 64.58                  | 11,573     |

## Kesennuma-Motoyoshi Area (1city, 1town)

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

| Municipality       | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Kesennuma City     | 332.44                 | 57,726     |
| Minamisanriku Town | 163.40                 | 11,780     |
| Total              | 495.84                 | 69,506     |

## Ishinomaki Area (2cities, 1town)

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

| Municipality            | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Ishinomaki City         | 554.55                 | 134,919    |
| Higashi-Matsushima City | 101.30                 | 38,385     |
| Onagawa Town            | 65.35                  | 5,919      |
| Total                   | 721.20                 | 179,223    |

| Municipality      | Area(km <sup>2</sup> ) | Population |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Matsushima Town   | 53.56                  | 13,103     |
| Shichigahama Town | 13.19                  | 17,807     |
| Rifu Town         | 44.89                  | 35,874     |
| Taiwa Town        | 225.49                 | 27,999     |
| Osato Town        | 82.01                  | 7,612      |
| Ohira Village     | 60.32                  | 5,578      |
| Total             | 1648.86                | 1,509,116  |

As of the end of November 2023

# MIYAGI GUIDE MAP



**What is the Miyagi Proficiency Test?**

The test was launched to help people learn more about Miyagi Prefecture and make sure the most appealing features of Miyagi are more widely known. Although the test to get a first-class certificate is held only once a year and difficult to pass, practice tests are easily accessible and anyone can take one from their computer or smartphone. Participants can win coupons for facilities in the prefecture and can join a "stamp rally" to collect local mascot stamps.



Try the test here  
<http://mm-kentei.jp/>

# Miyagi Proficiency Test

**Did you know...?**

A H A , M I Y A G I



There are many facts related to the history, culture and industry of Miyagi Prefecture that we can proudly share with everyone. The following are example questions taken from past Miyagi Proficiency Tests. See how many of them you can answer. You may even learn something new about Miyagi. Can you answer all of them correctly?

**Question 1** Miyagi is home to four Nationally Designated Traditional Crafts. The first three are the traditional Miyagi Kokeshi wooden doll, the Ogatsu inkstone, and the Sendai Tansu (Japanese chest).  
**What is the fourth traditional craft?**

- A. Tsutsumi doll
- B. Tamamushi lacquerware
- C. Naruko lacquerware
- D. Sendaihira silk fabric

**Question 2** How many meters long is the Hosokura Mine Park sightseeing tunnel?

- A. 333 meters
- B. 555 meters
- C. 777 meters
- D. 888 meters



**Question 3** This building, which was created thanks to generous support from Canada after the Great East Japan Earthquake, celebrated its tenth anniversary in May of 2023.

**What is the name of the building,** situated in the Yuriage Port Morning Market area of Yuriage, Natori City?

- A. The Kizuna (Connection) Pavilion
- B. The Canada Pavilion
- C. The Maple Pavilion
- D. The Niagara Pavilion

**Question 4** The Geological Society of Japan has designated a rock (slate), a fossil (Utatsusaurus), and a mineral as the prefectural stones of Miyagi.  
**What is the prefectural mineral?**

- A. Orbicular diorite
- B. Placer gold
- C. Galena
- D. Quartz

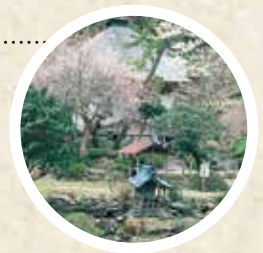
**Question 5** At the Onikojuro Festival held in Shiroishi City every year in October, there is a reenactment of the battle led by the second lord of Shiroishi Castle, Katakura "Kojuro" Shigenaga.  
**What is that battle called?**

- A. The Summer Siege of Osaka
- B. The Winter Siege of Osaka
- C. The Battle of Hitotoribashi
- D. The Battle of Hasedo

**Question 6** It is said that the Bodhisattva statue at Yanaizu Kokuzoson was carved by a high priest as a principal object of worship for the temple when he stopped in Tome City while he undertook a tour of various regions.

**Who was the high priest?**

- A. Ennin
- B. Enku
- C. Tokuitsu
- D. Gyoki



**Question 7** Miyagi Shinsho was the first person in the world to achieve commercialized aquaculture production of a certain marine product in Mangoku-ura Inlet in Ishinomaki City, and Oginohama Bay in Oshika Peninsula. For this reason, the area became known as the birthplace of aquaculture technologies for this marine product.

**What is the marine product?**

- A. Scallops
- B. Silver salmon
- C. Laver
- D. Oysters

# 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 (Keyaki)

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)

MIYAGI PREFECTURE JAPAN

# Our Miyagi Prefecture

Edited and published by Public Relations Division,  
Miyagi Prefectural Government

3-8-1, Honcho, Aoba-ku,  
Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, 980-8570 Japan  
Tel : 022-211-2283  
Website : <https://www.pref.miyagi.jp/>  
e-mail : [kohoka@pref.miyagi.lg.jp](mailto:kohoka@pref.miyagi.lg.jp)

Information on  
Miyagi Prefecture is  
available from

## Internet .....

Prefectural Government webpage:<http://www.pref.miyagi.jp/>

e-mail newsletter: "Mail-Maga Miyagi" (Issued on Fridays)  
Sign up for the newsletter at <https://www.pref.miyagi.jp/site/mailmaga/>

Facebook:  
"Public Relations Division, Miyagi Prefectural Government"  
(Occasionally updated)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pref.miyagi>

X  
Miyagi Prefecture @myg\_kouhou (tweets posted as new information becomes available)  
[https://twitter.com/myg\\_kouhou](https://twitter.com/myg_kouhou)

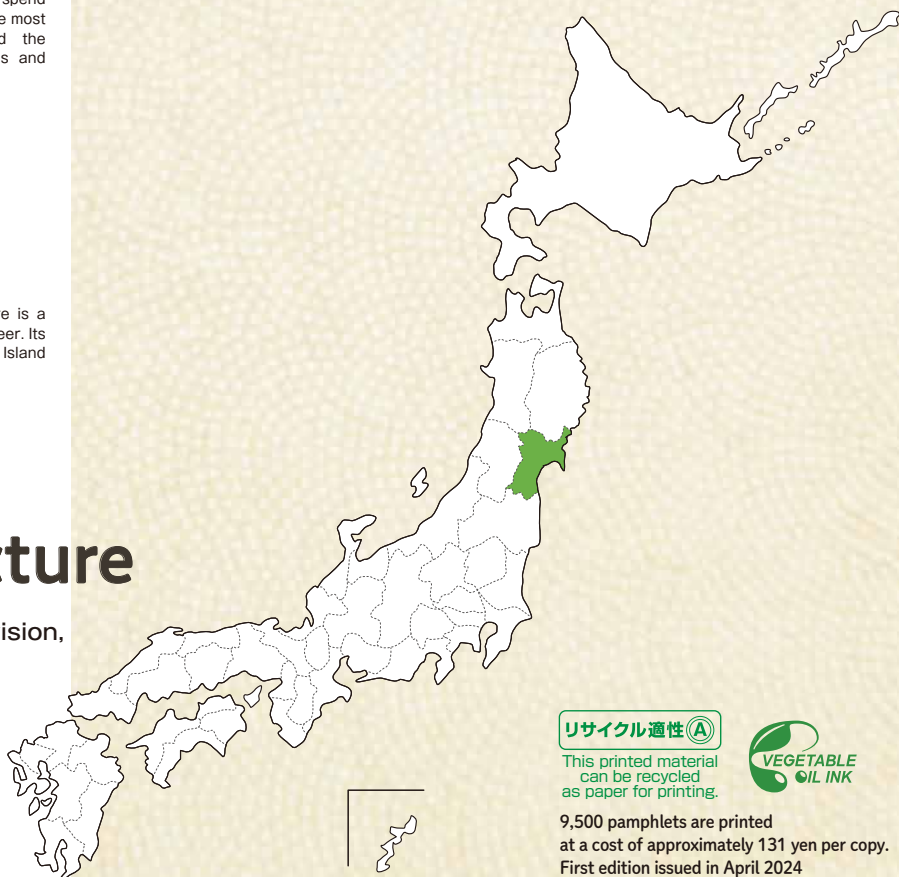
## Radio .....

TBC radio  
"Ken kara no Oshirase" (Information from the Prefecture)  
Friday, 2:20 – 2:22 pm  
"Radio Kenmin Dayori" (Radio newsletter for residents)  
Saturday, 11:50 – 11:55 am

Date fm  
"Around the Miyagi"  
Monday to Friday, 10:35-10:39 a.m.

## Print Media .....

Public relations magazine  
"Miyagi Prefectural Government Newsletter"  
(Issued on the 1st of every other month from January)



リサイクル適性(A)  
This printed material  
can be recycled  
as paper for printing.



9,500 pamphlets are printed  
at a cost of approximately 131 yen per copy.  
First edition issued in April 2024