

Niigata City

2025

Statistical Data

Shinano River
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Greetings from the Mayor of Niigata City

Niigata City, the only ordinance-designated city on Honshu's Sea of Japan Coast, is blessed with abundant nature that accounts for the largest area of rice paddies in Japan. In addition to its nature, the city is also equipped with advanced city functions, such as a network of expressways, the Joetsu Shinkansen bullet train line, an international airport, and an international hub port. Niigata City has developed as a transportation hub, where the urban area

and the countryside exist in a harmonized balance.

In recent years, our city has experienced rapid economic and social changes as seen in demographic structure, people's lifestyles, and industrial structure. In order to adapt to these changes, grasping the reality of the situation through objective data is essential.

This document illustrates our City's key statistics using graphs and figures based on various statistical data.

I sincerely hope that this will help not only citizens, but also the many people who visit, to gain a better understanding of Niigata City.

NAKAHARA Yaichi
Mayor, Niigata City
January 2025

CITY CREST



The shape of the city crest itself is that of an anchor, a symbol of the port.

The shape at the crest's center is derived from the Chinese character for the number five. It symbolizes the five designated ports that served as Japan's windows to the outside world when Japan entered into the Treaty of Commerce in 1858. Above the symbol for the five designated port cities is a snowflake symbolizing Niigata City, which is located in Japan's famous "Snow Country."

The Symbol of the People of Niigata



This symbol is based on the evening sun that has set over Niigata throughout the ages. The white fan shape dividing the sun represents the Sea of Japan, and the two resultant red moons represent Japan and the Asian continent. Taken together, the mark symbolizes Niigata's orientation toward the countries of Asia and the world.

Statistical figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding.



City Tree : Weeping Willow



City Flower : Tulip



City Bird : Swan



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Towards Our Ideal Niigata

Our city of Niigata lies at the point where the brimming waters of the Shinano and Agano Rivers pour into the Sea of Japan. In the evening, the sunset over the sea is a beautiful sight.

As a port city, Niigata has been looking outward in its development and has welcomed overseas influence. Now, more prosperous than ever, the city is like a tree growing on the riverbank, always putting out new shoots. The free, thriving city we know today is the result of the hard work and determination over the years by Niigata's citizens.

It is up to us to take another firm step towards creating a city in which we would like to live.

A well-stocked sea and fields with rich harvests.

Niigata—a city where nature lives and breathes.

The pleasure not only of work, but of rest and recreation.

Niigata—a dynamic, yet relaxed city.

Good health—both physical and spiritual—is something we all want.

Niigata—a city where we help each other to live.

A lively, sympathetic mind makes life fuller and richer.

Niigata—a city which brings out the potential in each of its citizens.

**By making friends with the countries across the sea,
we will become a bridge towards world peace.**

(Established April 1, 1989)

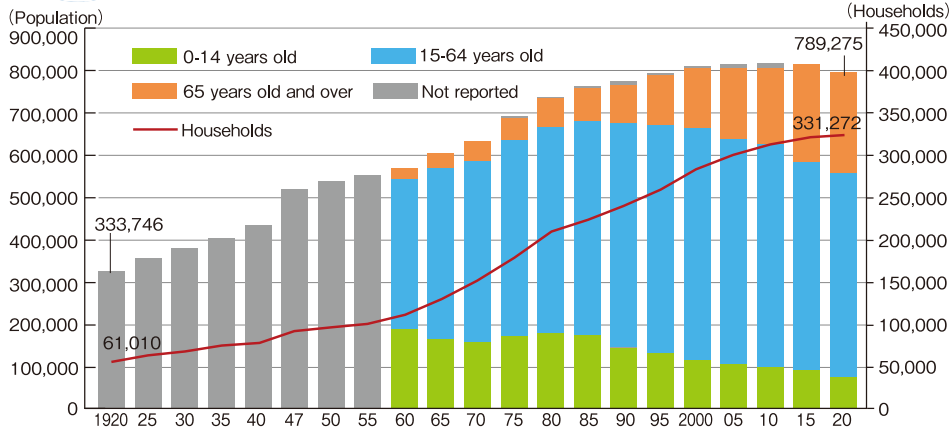
History of Niigata City

Year	Event
18,000 BCE	Settlement on the Niitsu Hills
4,000 BCE	Settlement on the sand dune areas of Echigo Plain
647	Establishment of a sub-branch by the Yamato Imperial Court
17-18th century	Development of new rice paddies
1869	Opening of the Niigata Port (10 years after the Treaty of Amity and Commerce)
1870	Establishment of a prefectural office
1889	Conferment of city status
1897	Start of railway services (between Niigata City and Sanjo City)
1922	Completion of the Okozu-bunsui diversion aqueduct (to reduce risk of flooding)
1930	Opening of the Niigata Air Field (current Niigata Airport)
1948	Start of draining muddy rice paddies using large-scale drainage pump stations
1964	Niigata Earthquake (Magnitude 7.5)
1973	Start of the first international flight services between Khabarovsk, Russia and Niigata (regular flights)
1978	Opening of expressway (between Niigata and Nagaoka)
1982	Opening of the Joetsu Shinkansen (between Niigata and Omiya)
2001	Municipal merger with Kurosaki Town
2002	FIFA World Cup
2005	Merger with surrounding municipalities/population of over 810,000 (resource: Population Census)
2007	Designation as an ordinance-designated city
2008	G8 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting
2010	APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security
2015	Designation as the Culture City of East Asia 2015
2016	G7 Niigata Agriculture Ministers' Meeting
2019	G20 Niigata Agriculture Ministers' Meeting
2022	Certified as a Wetland City under the Ramsar Convention (the first city in Japan)
2023	G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting in Niigata



Trends in Population and Households

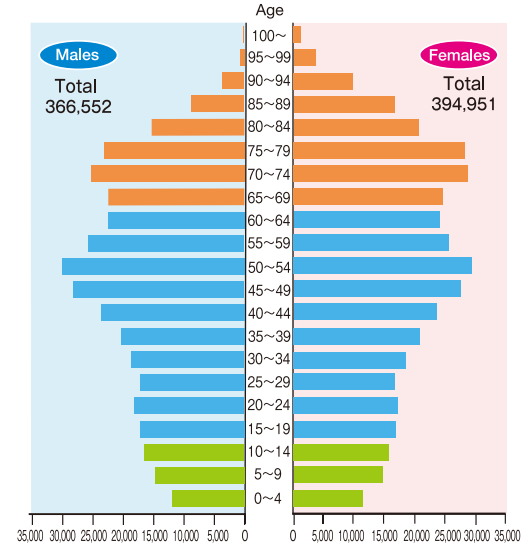
Data is based on the Population Census. Current as of October 1st each year.
Current population and number of households in the city includes foreign residents.
Total population numbers for 2010 and earlier include numbers with ages unknown.
The population by age for 2015 and 2020 are imputed values.



Data Source: Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)

Population Pyramid

As of December 31st, 2024



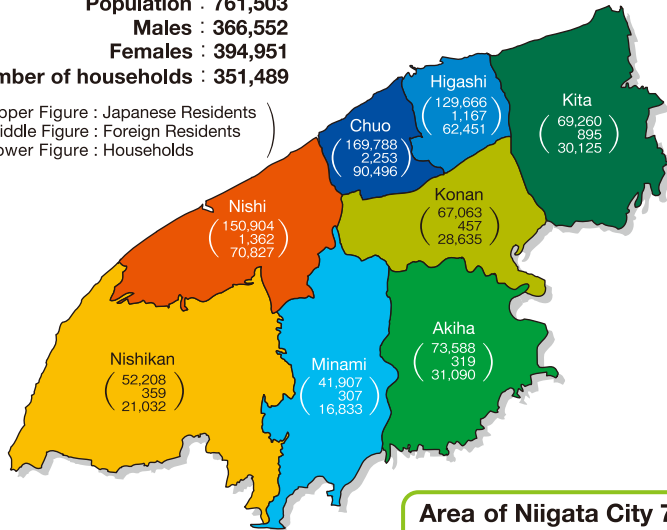
Data Source: Niigata City Office

Population/Households by Ward

As of December 31st, 2024

Population : 761,503
Males : 366,552
Females : 394,951
Number of households : 351,489

(Upper Figure : Japanese Residents
Middle Figure : Foreign Residents
Lower Figure : Households)



Area of Niigata City 725.99km²

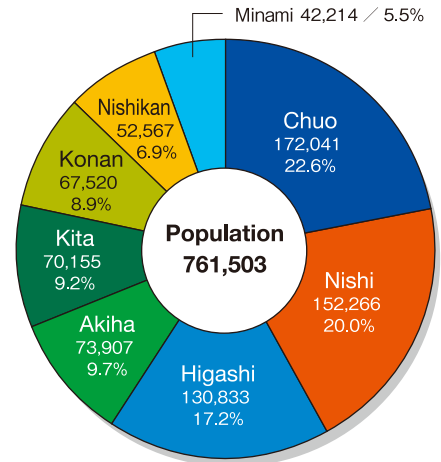
October 1st, 2024

Data Source:
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

Data Source: Niigata City Office

Population by Ward

As of December 31st, 2024



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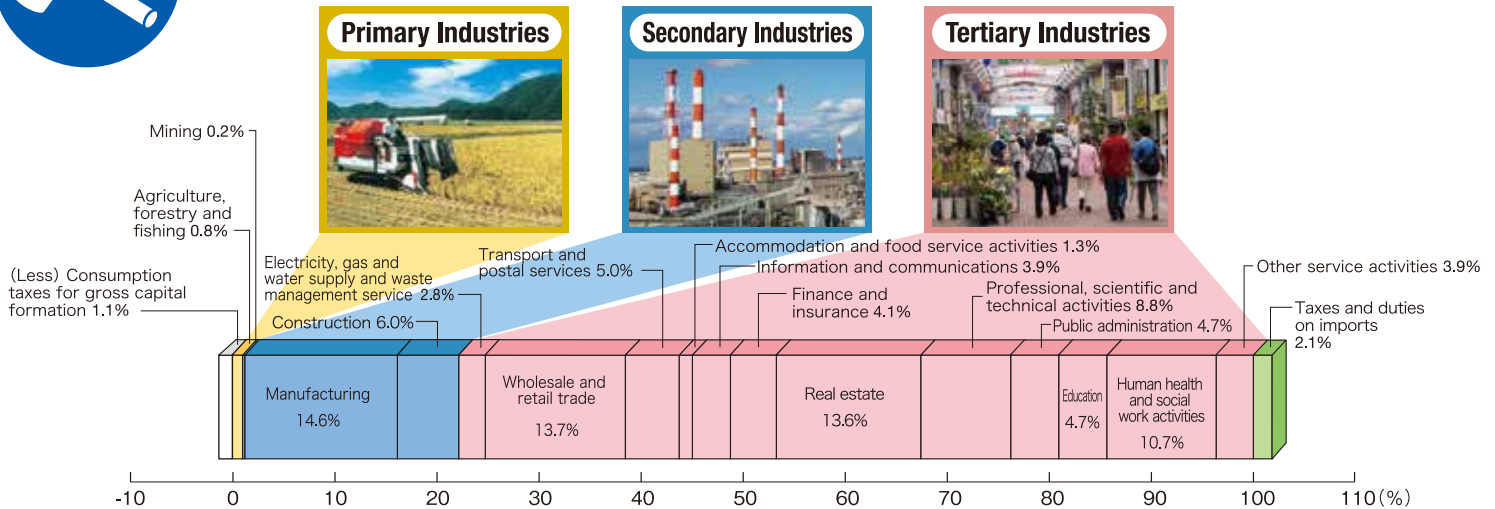
*Including foreign residents



Gross Domestic Product Classified by Economic Activities (At Current Prices)

(FY 2021)

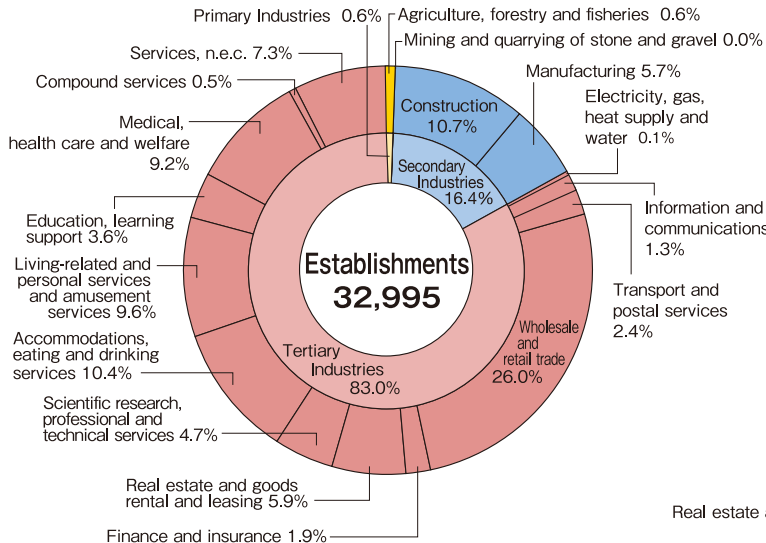
Total 3,198 billion yen



Data Source: Niigata City Office

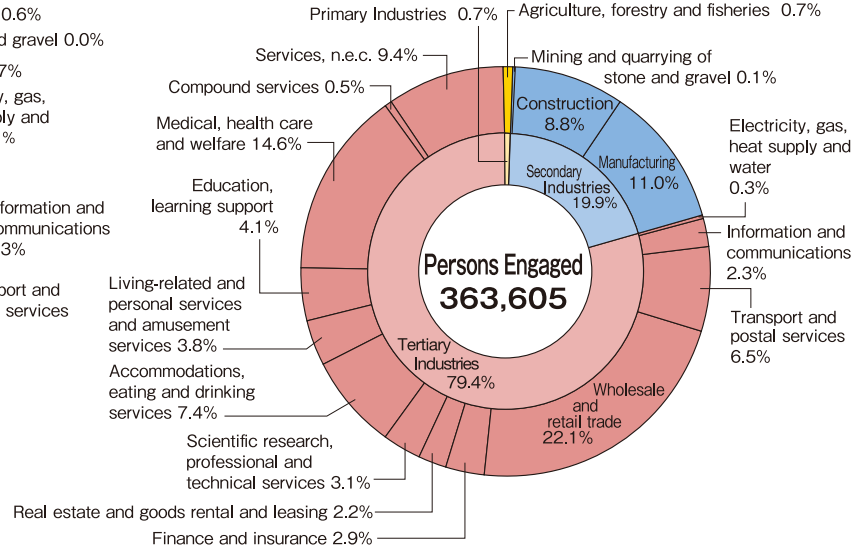
Number of Establishments by Industry (Privately Owned)

2021 Economic Census for Business Activity (Census Date: June 1st, 2021)



Number of Persons Engaged by Industry (Privately Owned)

2021 Economic Census for Business Activity (Census Date: June 1st, 2021)



*Except for individual proprietorships engaged in agriculture, forestry, or fisheries; and establishments for domestic services; and establishments engaged in foreign public affairs in Japan.

Data Source: Statistics Bureau, MIC; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Business



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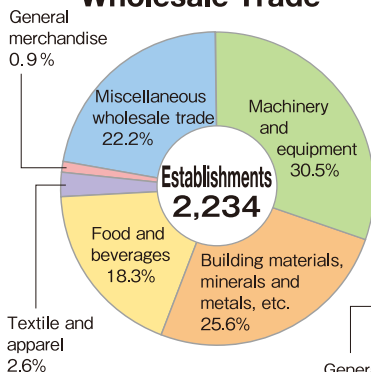
※ Annual Sales of Goods are values for the year 2020,

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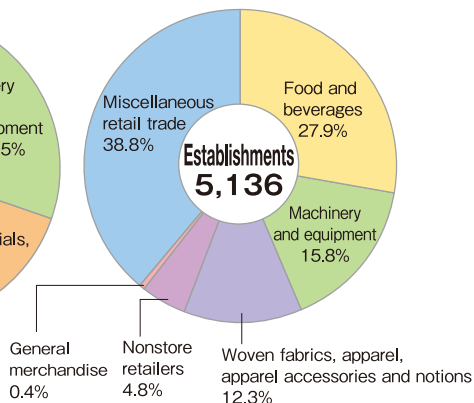
Compiled on the basis of those establishments that reported relevant information.

Number of Establishments by Industry

Wholesale Trade

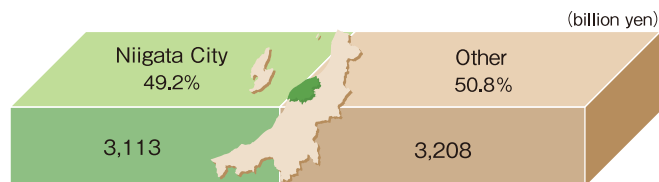


Retail Trade



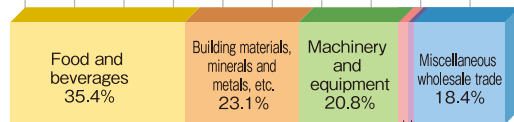
Annual Sales of Goods in the Prefecture

Niigata Prefecture 6,321 billion yen

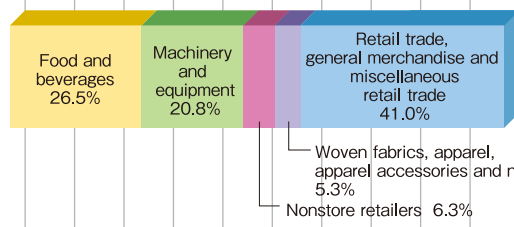


Annual Sales of Goods by Industry

Wholesale Trade 2,217 billion yen



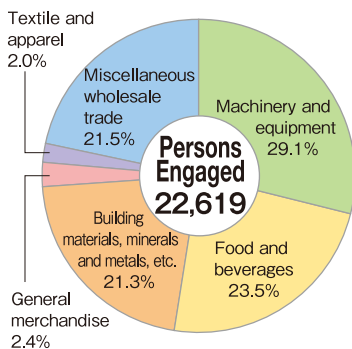
Retail Trade 896 billion yen



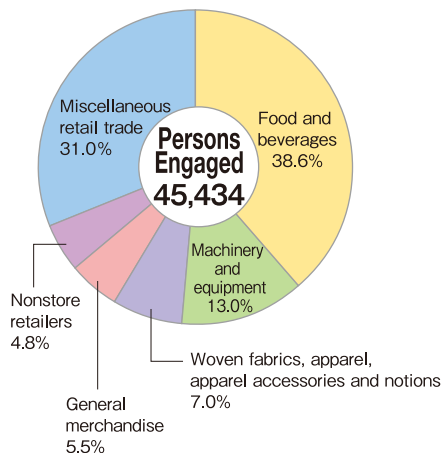
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Number of Persons Engaged by Industry

Wholesale Trade



Retail Trade

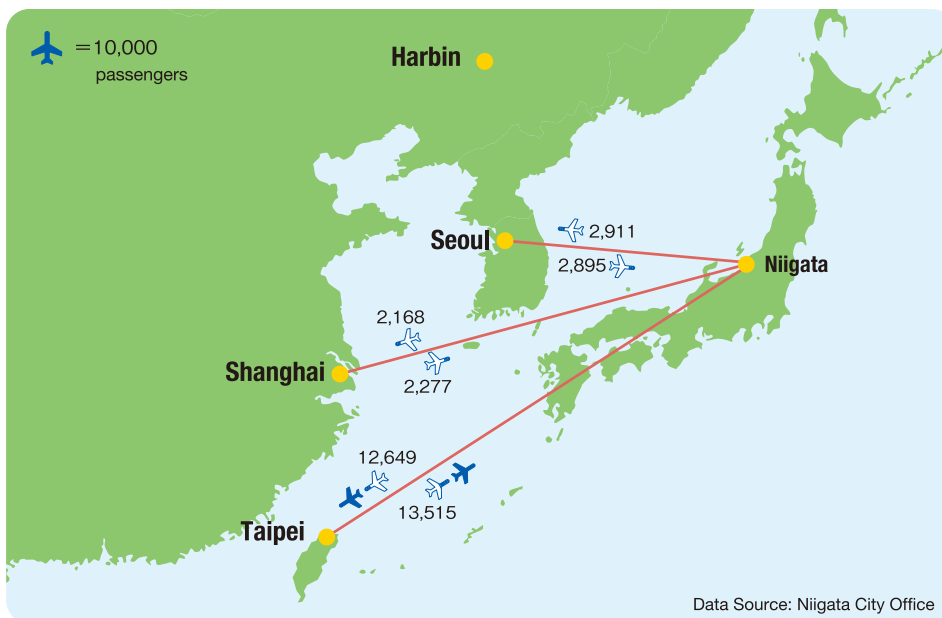




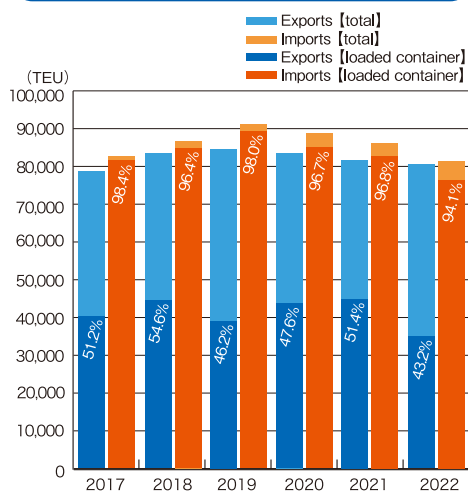
Niigata Airport International Passenger Transport

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Due to the spread of COVID-19, some routes are temporarily suspended.



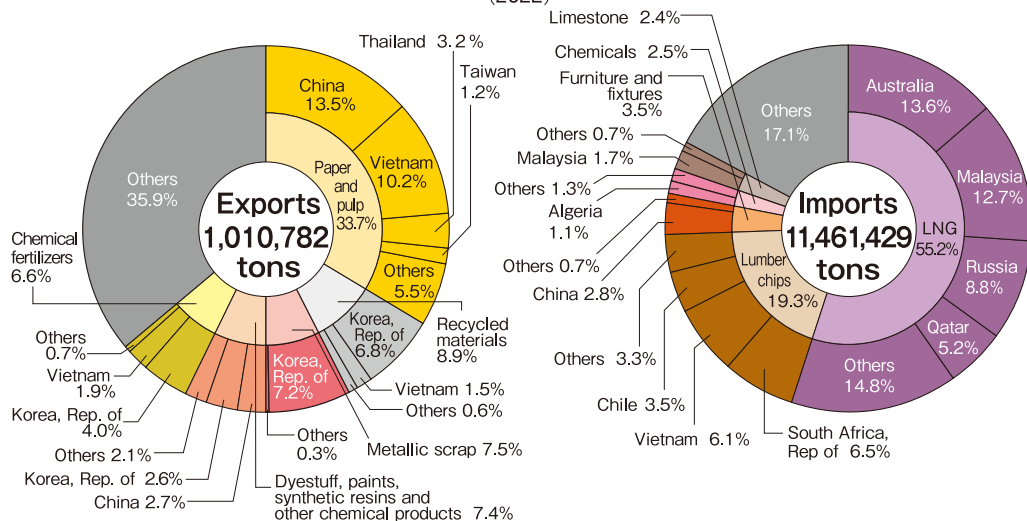
Trends in Niigata Port Container Cargo Volume Over Time



*TEU: Twenty-foot equivalent unit

Niigata Port Foreign Trade

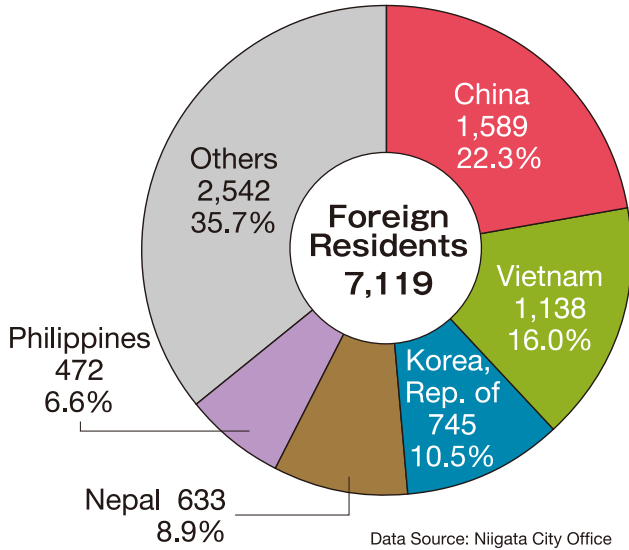
(2022)



Data Source: Niigata Prefectural Office

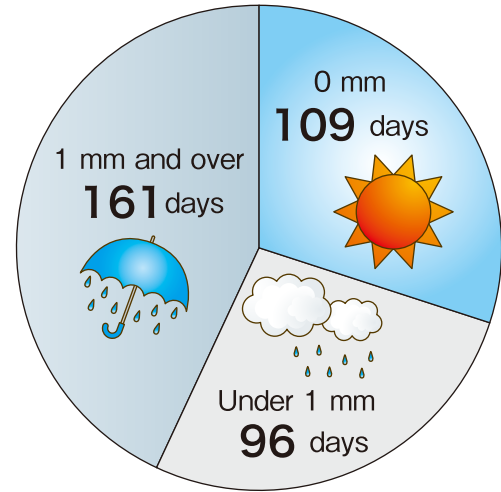
Foreign Residents by Nationality

December 31st, 2024



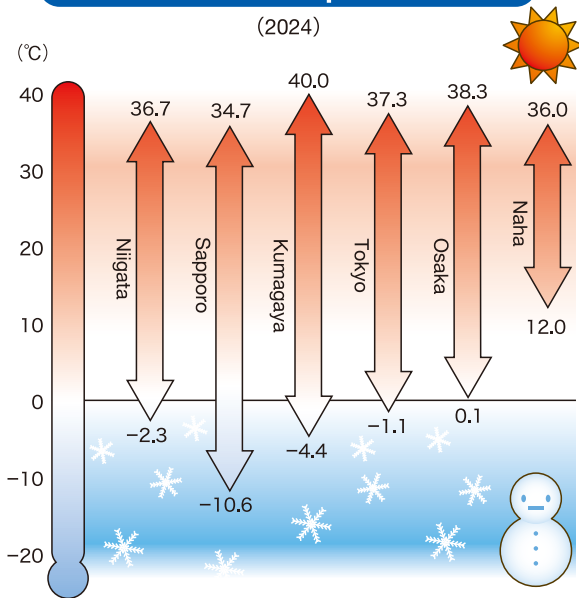
Number of Days with Precipitation

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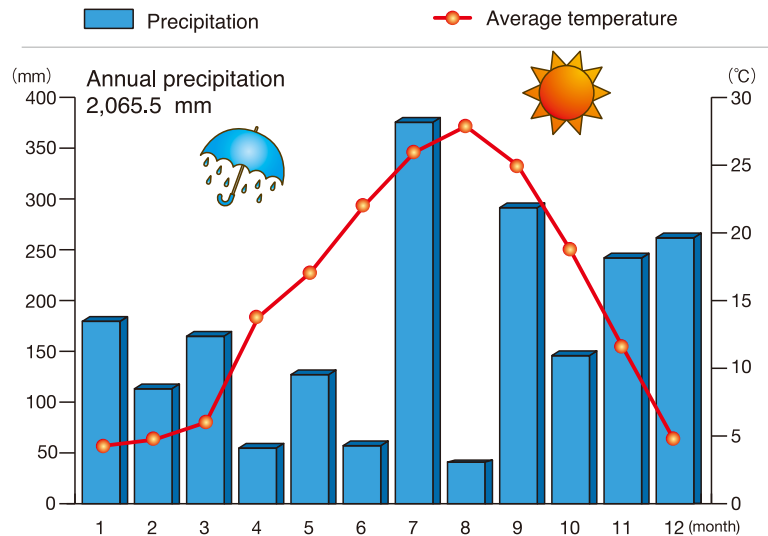
Comparison of Maximum and Minimum Temperatures

(2024)



Average Monthly Temperature and Precipitation

(2024)

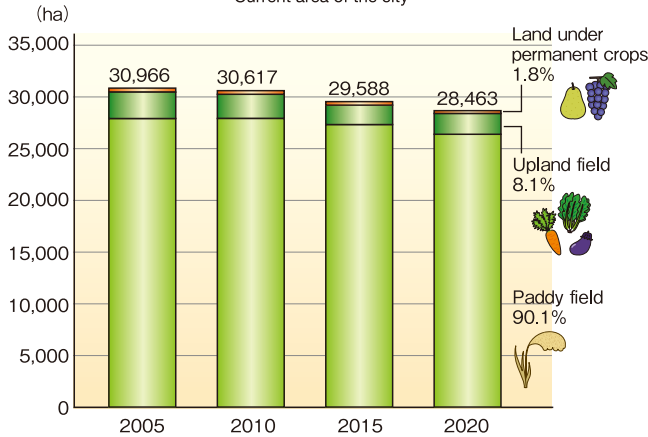


Agriculture and Fisheries



Area of Cultivated Land under Management (Agriculture Management Entities)

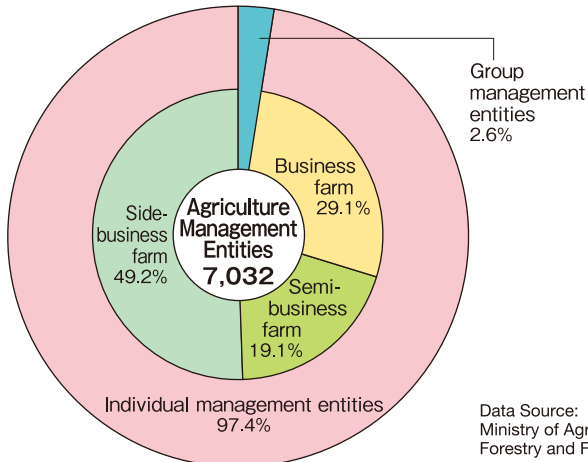
Census of Agriculture and Forestry (Census Date: As of every February 1st)
Current area of the city



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Agriculture Management Entities

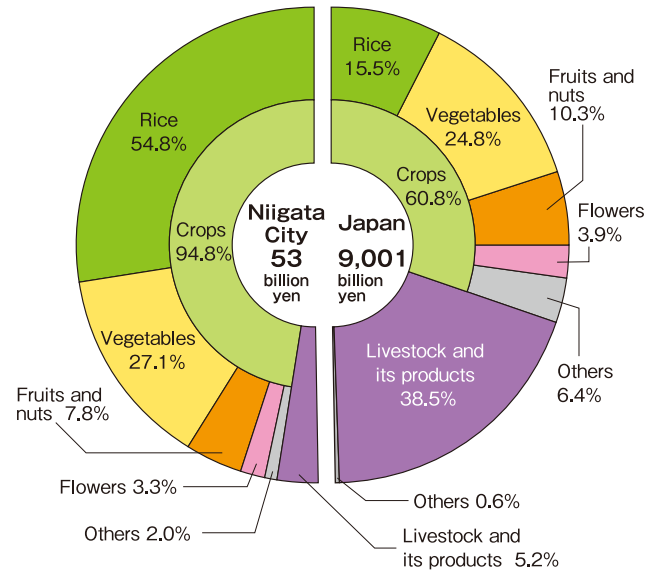
2020 Census of Agriculture and Forestry (Census Date: February 1st, 2020)



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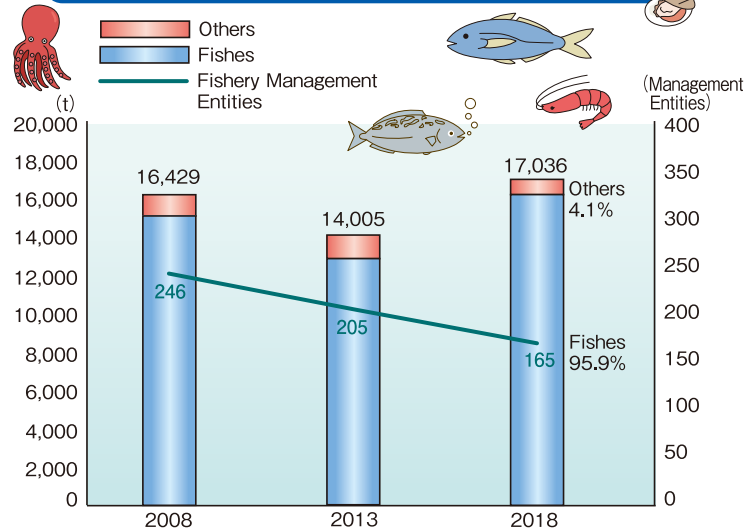
Gross Agricultural Output

(2022)



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Quantity of Catches of Marine Fisheries and Number of Fishery Management Entities



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



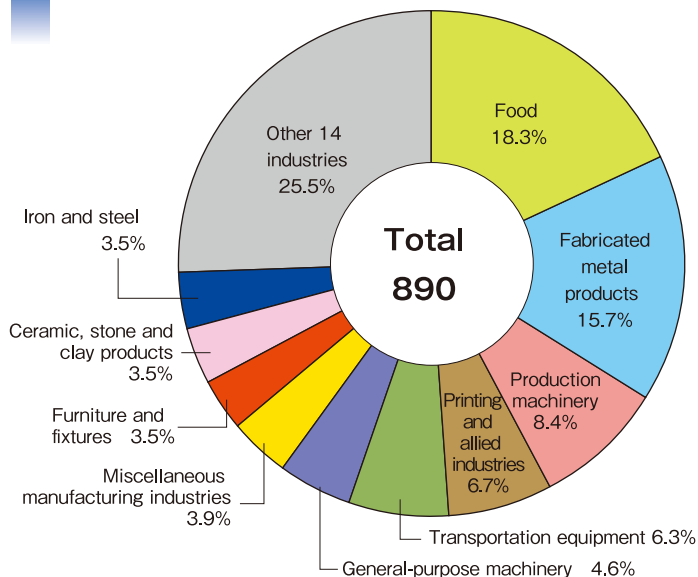
Manufacturing

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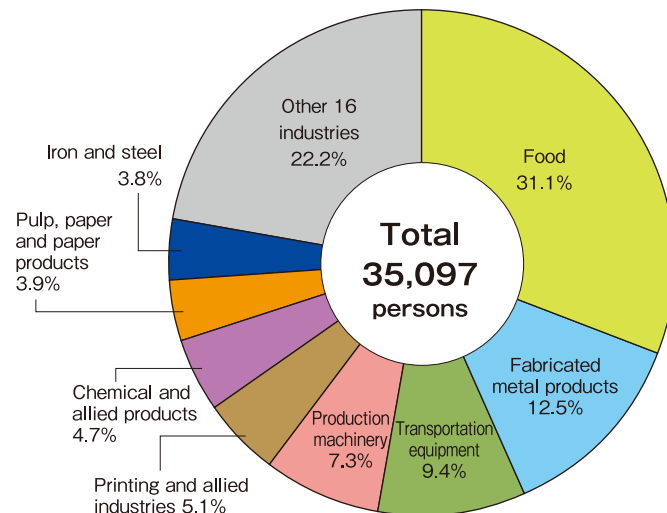
* Establishments with 4 or more persons engaged

* Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments is the values for the year 2020, while Number of Establishments and Number of Persons Engaged are the values as of June 1st, 2021.

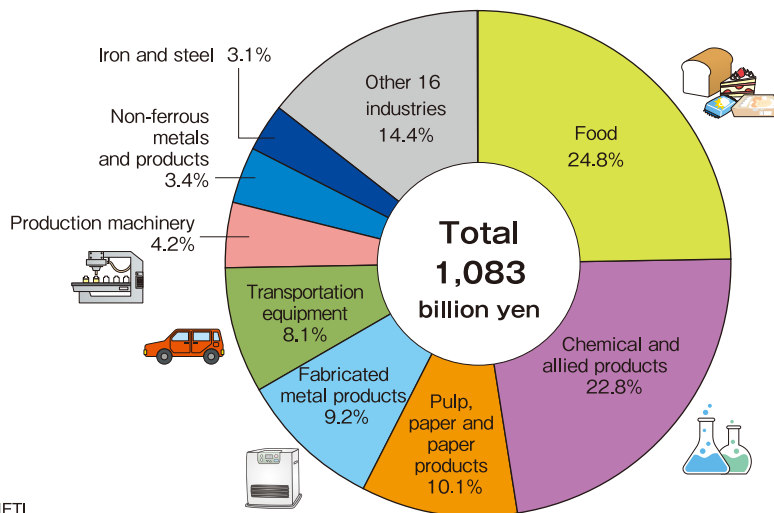
Number of Establishments by Medium Industry Group



Number of Persons Engaged by Medium Industry Group



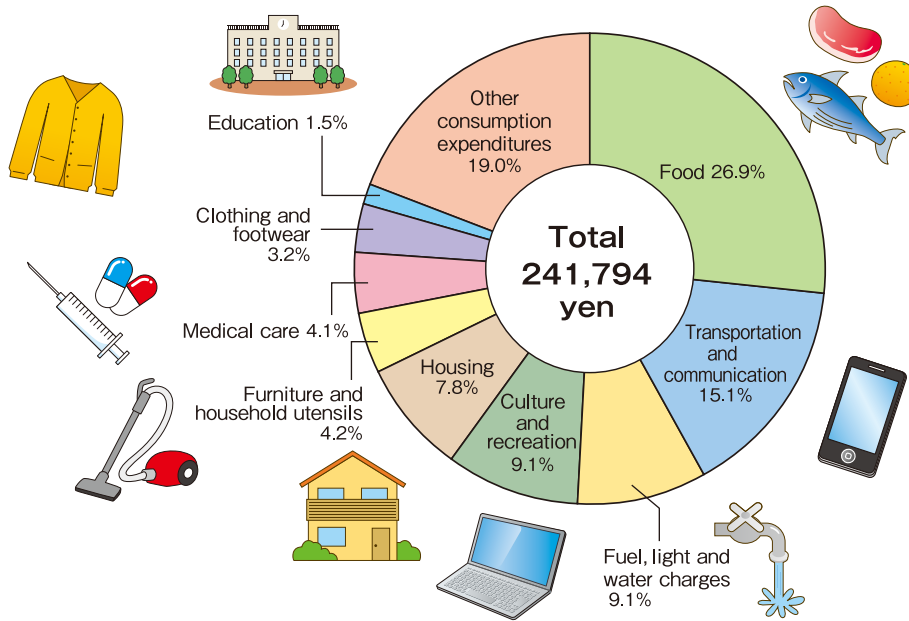
Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments by Medium Industry Group





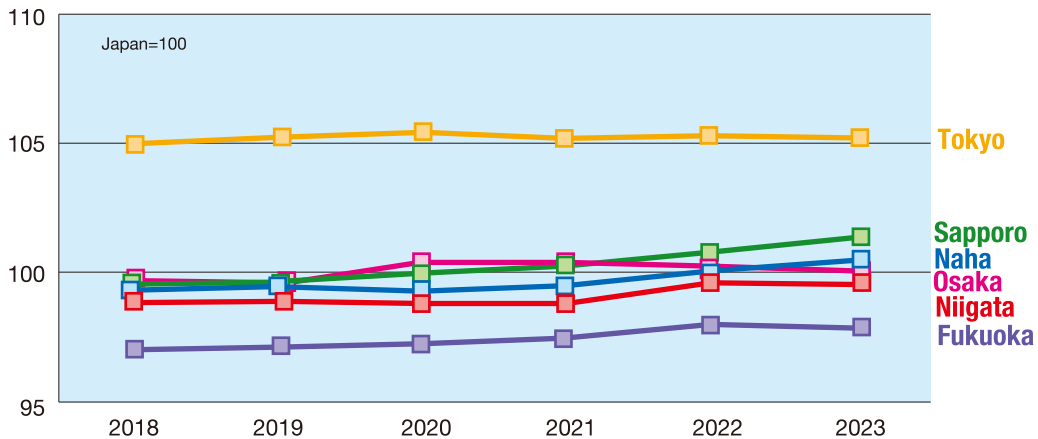
Monthly Disbursements per Household (Total Households)

(2023)



Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices

Cities (23 Wards for Tokyo)



Data Source: Statistics Bureau, MIC

One Day in Niigata

(2023)

Births

12



Deaths

29



Marriages

7



Divorces

3



Passengers Utilizing Rail Services

74,000



Passengers Utilizing Bus Services

30,000



Passengers Utilizing Taxi Services

15,000



Fires

0.5



Traffic Accidents Resulting in Injury or Death

3



Crimes (Criminal Law Crimes)

11



City Facilities

(2023)

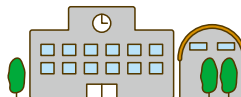
● **Nursery Schools** 134



● **Elementary Schools** 108

● **Junior High Schools** 61

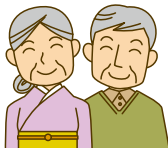
● **Senior High Schools** 28



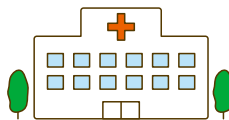
● **Libraries** 20



● **Welfare Facilities for the Elderly** 552



● **Hospitals** 42



● **City Parks** 1,452

