



Wetland City  
NIIGATA

# Niigata City

2026

Statistical Data

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# Greetings from the Mayor of Niigata City

It has been 20 years since Niigata City merged with 13 neighboring local municipalities. Niigata City, the only ordinance-designated city on Honshu's Sea of Japan Coast, reflects the distinctive characters of its merged municipalities and is blessed with abundant nature that accounts for the largest area of rice paddies and largest amount of rice production in Japan. On the other hand, 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. As such, it has developed as a hub city where the urban area and the countryside exist in a harmonized balance.

Meanwhile, the economic and social situation of our city has drastically changed, including a rapid decrease in population and the transformation of its industrial structure. This document is an approachable introduction to key statistics using graphs and charts that depict the city's situation.

I sincerely hope that this will help not only citizens, but also those inside and outside the city, to gain a better understanding of Niigata City.

NAKAHARA Yaichi  
Mayor, Niigata City  
March 2026



City Tree : Weeping Willow



City Flower : Tulip



City Bird : Swan

## 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.



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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)

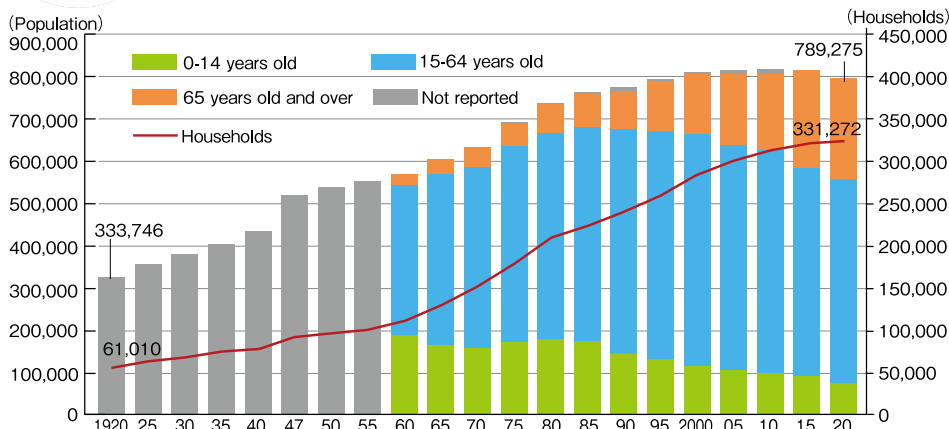
## History of Niigata City

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

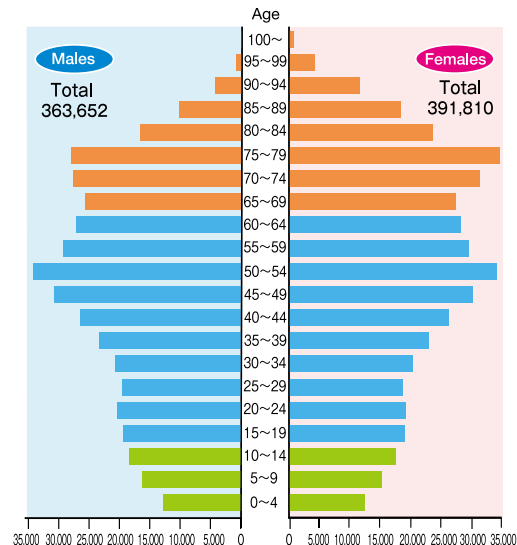
Data is based on the Population Census. Current as of October 1st each year.  
Current population and number of households in the city includes foreign residents.  
Total population numbers for 2010 and earlier include numbers with ages unknown.  
The population by age for 2015 and 2020 are imputed values.



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

## Population Pyramid

As of December 31st, 2025



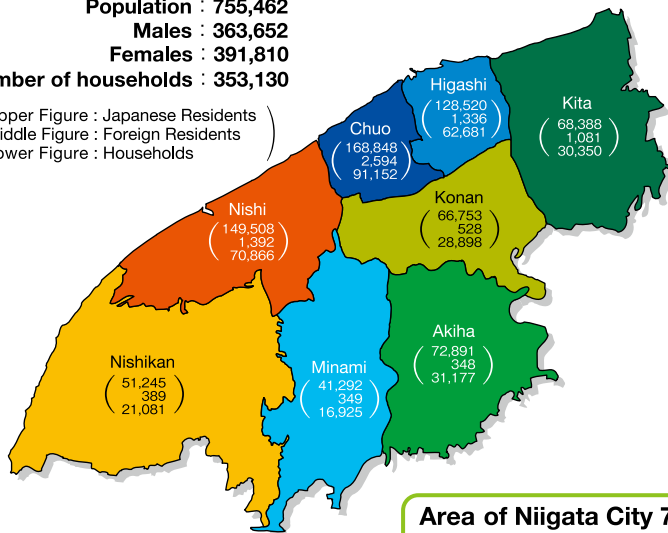
Data Source: Niigata City Office

## Population/Households by Ward

As of December 31st, 2025

**Population : 755,462**  
**Males : 363,652**  
**Females : 391,810**  
**Number of households : 353,130**

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



**Area of Niigata City 726.01km<sup>2</sup>**

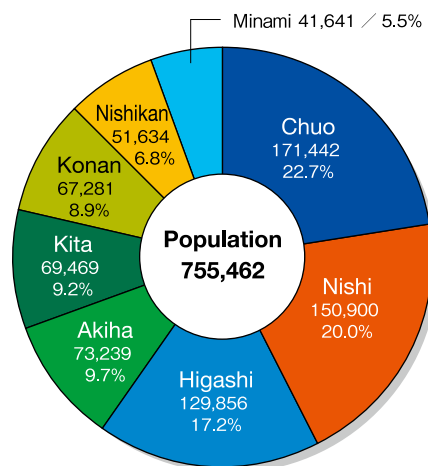
October 1st, 2025

Data Source:  
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

Data Source: Niigata City Office

## Population by Ward

As of December 31st, 2025



Data Source: Niigata City Office

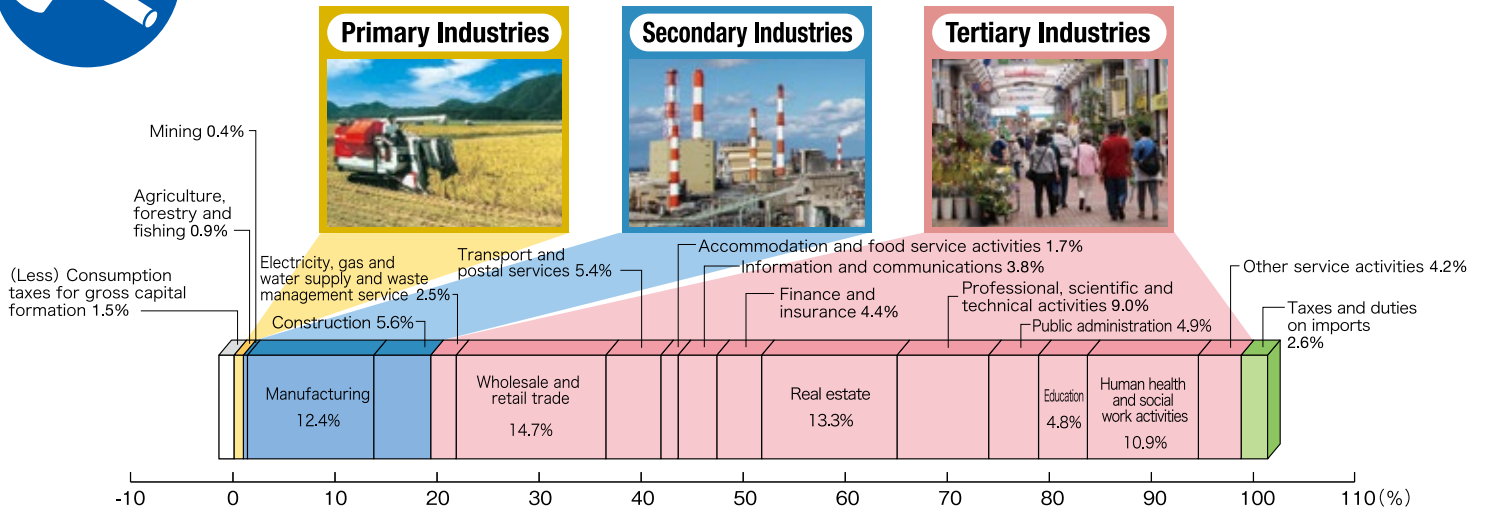
\*Including foreign residents



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

(FY 2022)

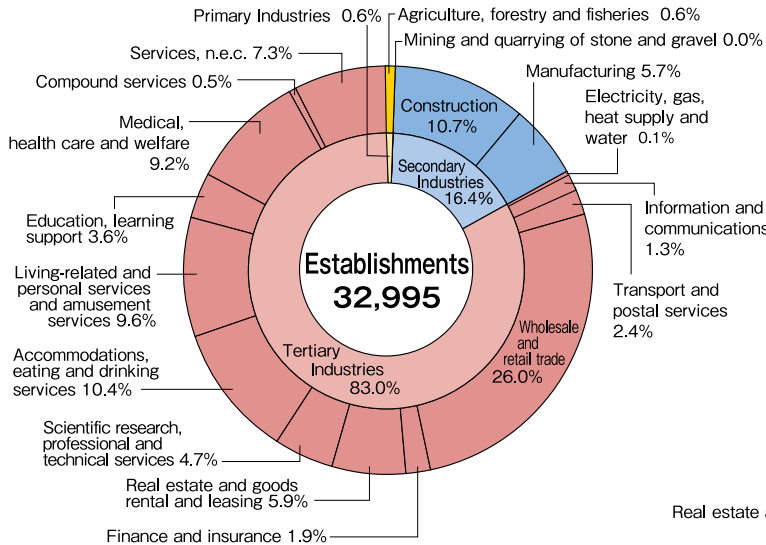
Total **3,233 billion yen**



Data Source: Niigata City Office

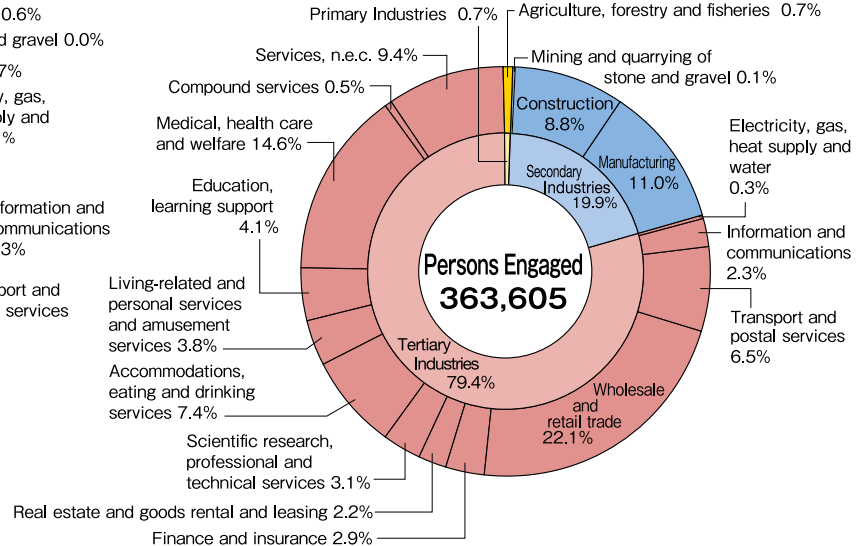
## Number of Establishments by Industry (Privately Owned)

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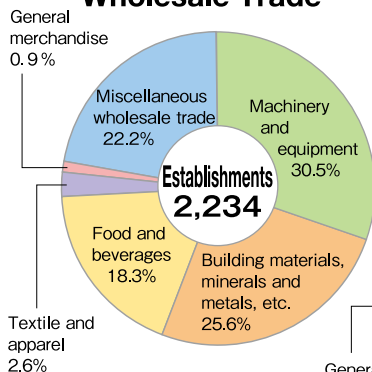
※Annual Sales of Goods are values for the year 2020,

Number of Establishments and Number of Persons Engaged are the values as of June 1st, 2021.

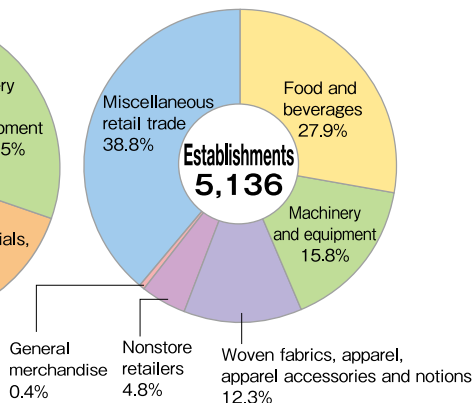
Compiled on the basis of those establishments that reported relevant information.

## Number of Establishments by Industry

### Wholesale Trade

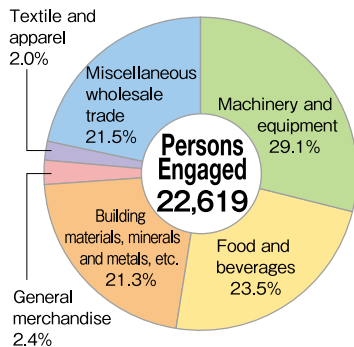


### Retail Trade

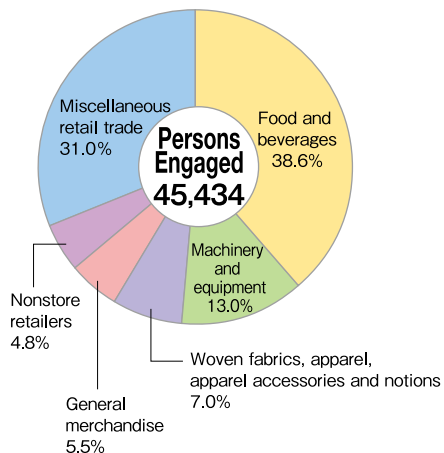


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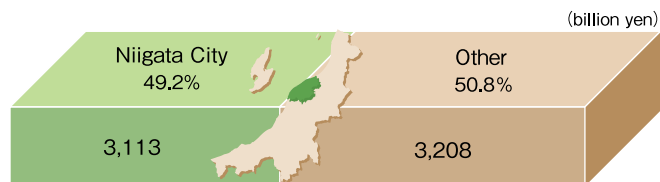


### Retail Trade



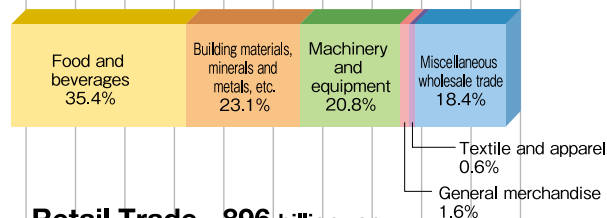
## Annual Sales of Goods in the Prefecture

Niigata Prefecture 6,321 billion yen

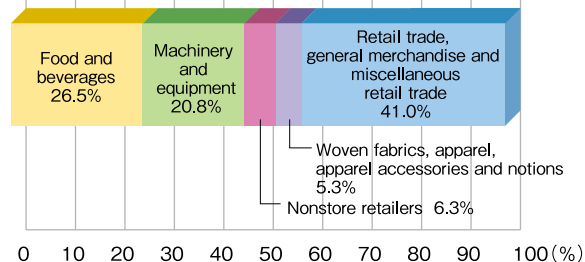


## Annual Sales of Goods by Industry

### Wholesale Trade 2,217 billion yen



### Retail Trade 896 billion yen



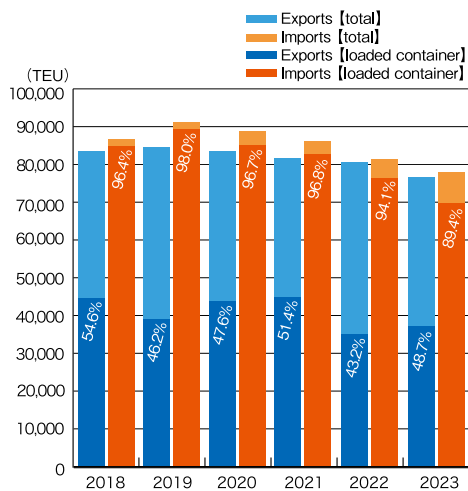


## Niigata Airport International Passenger Transport

(2024)



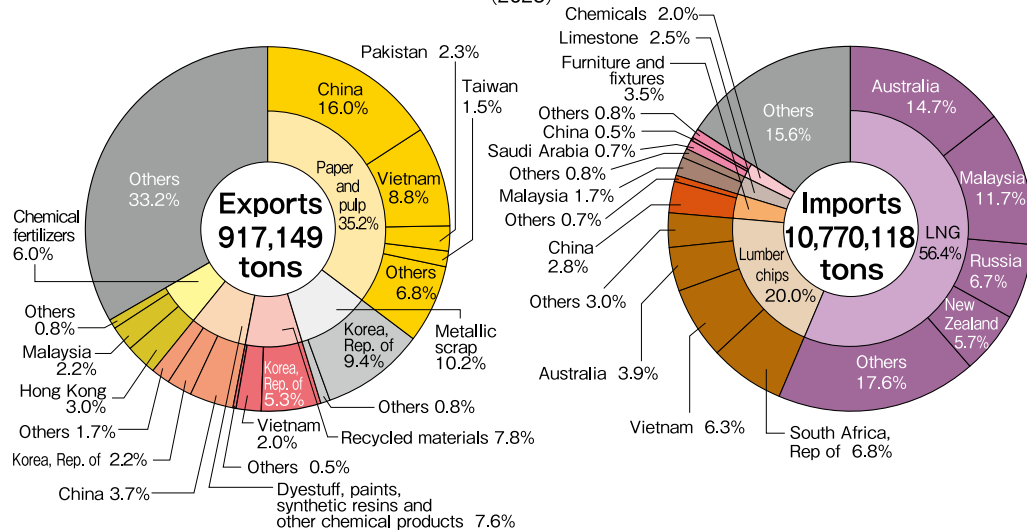
## Trends in Niigata Port Container Cargo Volume Over Time



\*TEU: Twenty-foot equivalent unit

## Niigata Port Foreign Trade

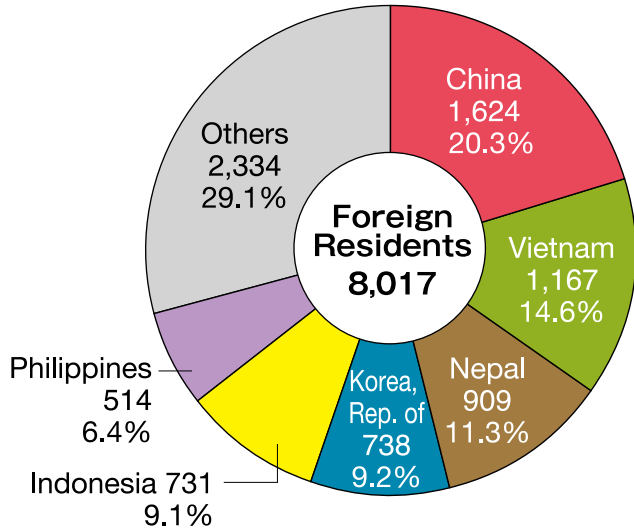
(2023)



Data Source: Niigata Prefectural Office

## Foreign Residents by Nationality

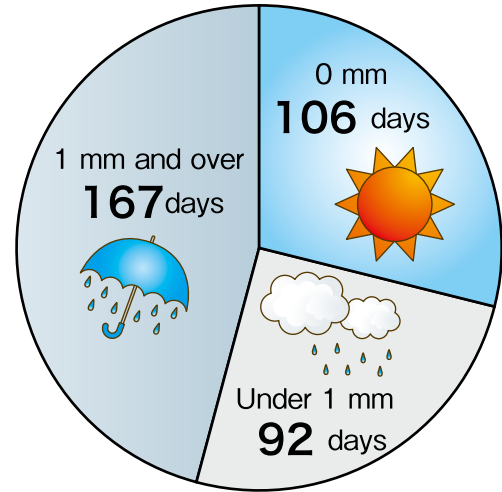
December 31st, 2025



Data Source: Niigata City Office

## Number of Days with Precipitation

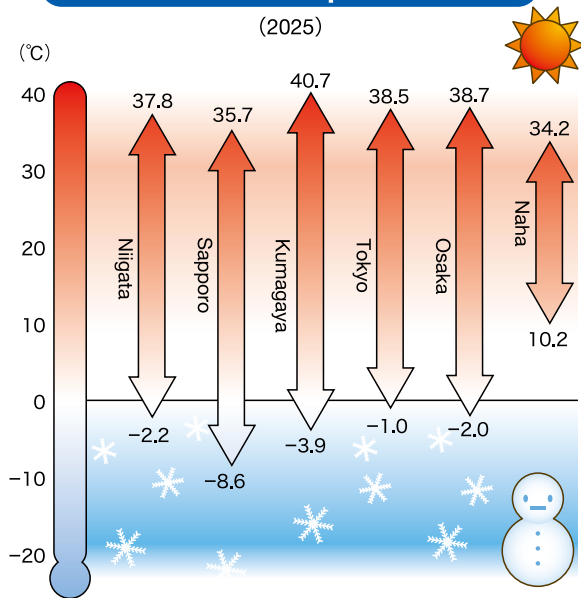
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Data Source: Japan Meteorological Agency

## Comparison of Maximum and Minimum Temperatures

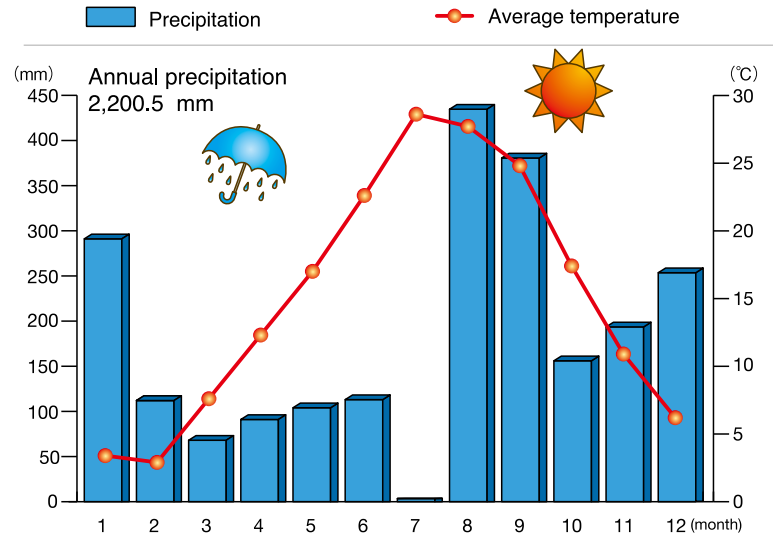
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## Average Monthly Temperature and Precipitation

(2025)



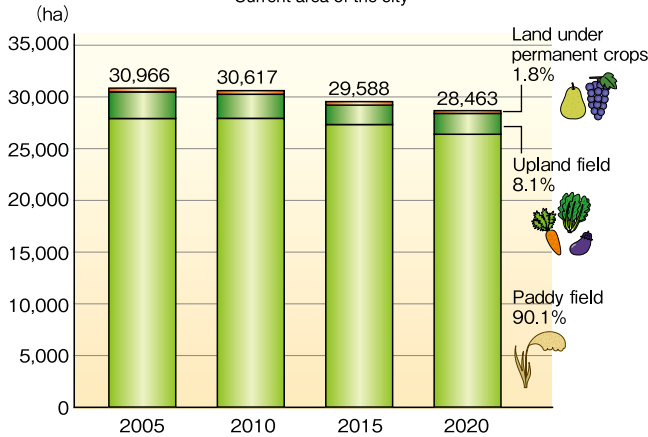
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# Agriculture and Fisheries



## Area of Cultivated Land under Management (Agriculture Management Entities)

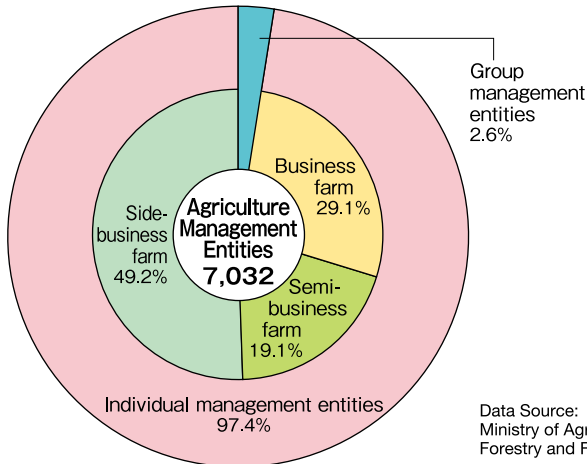
Census of Agriculture and Forestry (Census Date: As of every February 1st)  
Current area of the city



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

## Agriculture Management Entities

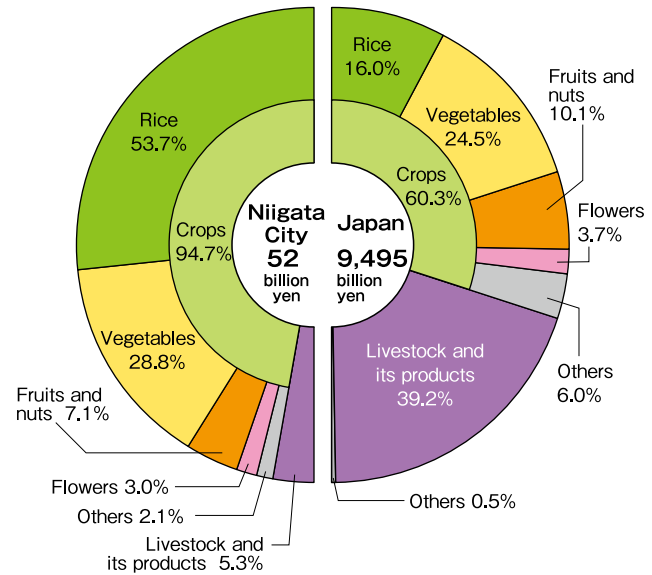
2020 Census of Agriculture and Forestry (Census Date: February 1st, 2020)



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

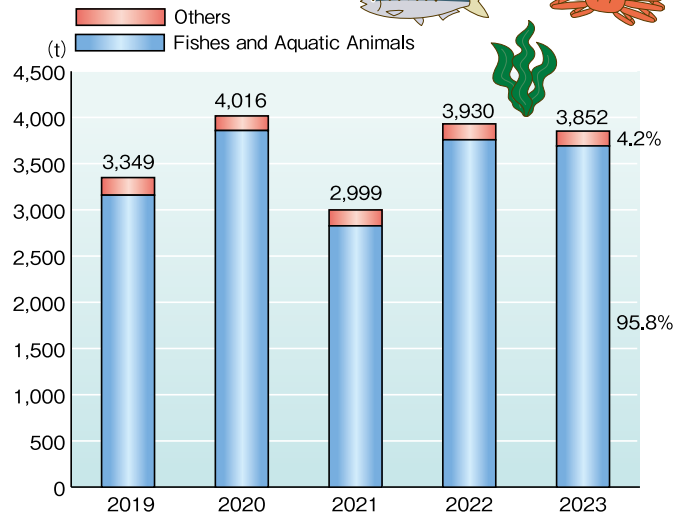
## Total Agricultural Output

(2023)



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

## Niigata Port Landed Quantity Principal of Fishery Products



Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



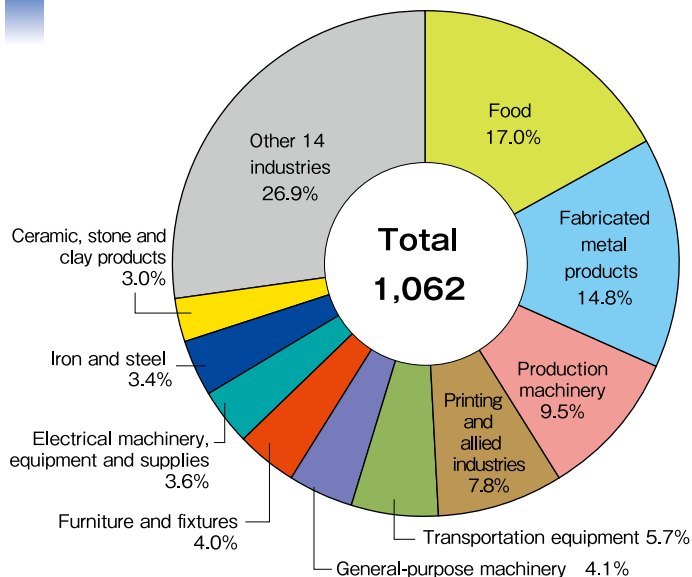
# Manufacturing

2024 Annual Business Survey (Survey of Manufacturing Industry) (Census Date: June 1st, 2024)

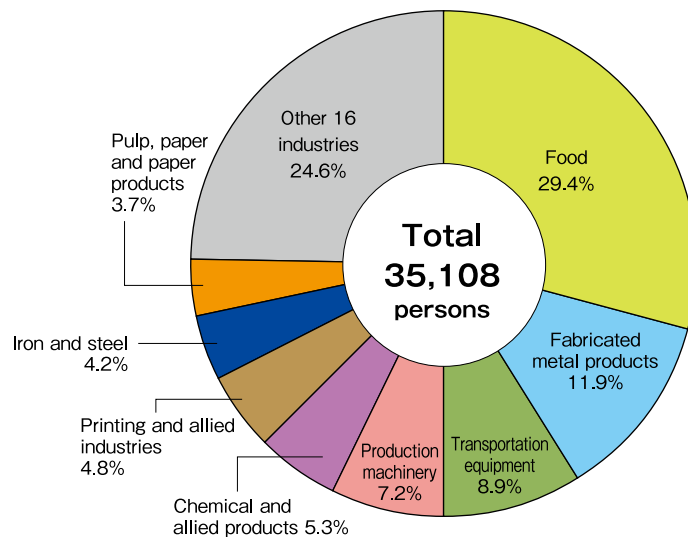
\* Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments is the values for the year 2023, while Number of Establishments and Number of Persons Engaged are the values as of June 1st, 2024.

\* All establishments excluding central/local government and individual proprietorship establishments within the scope of achieving an 90% shipment value share in the Section, Division, Group and Class in manufacturing industry.

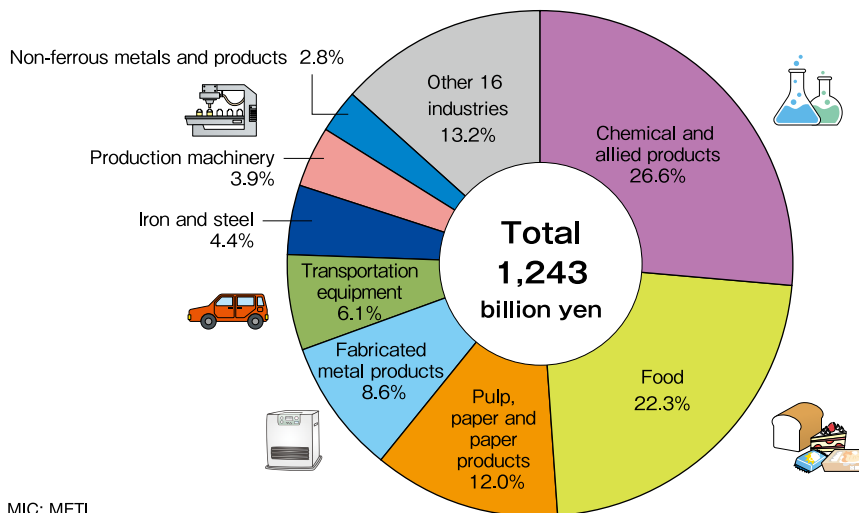
### Number of Establishments by Medium Industry Group



### Number of Persons Engaged by Medium Industry Group



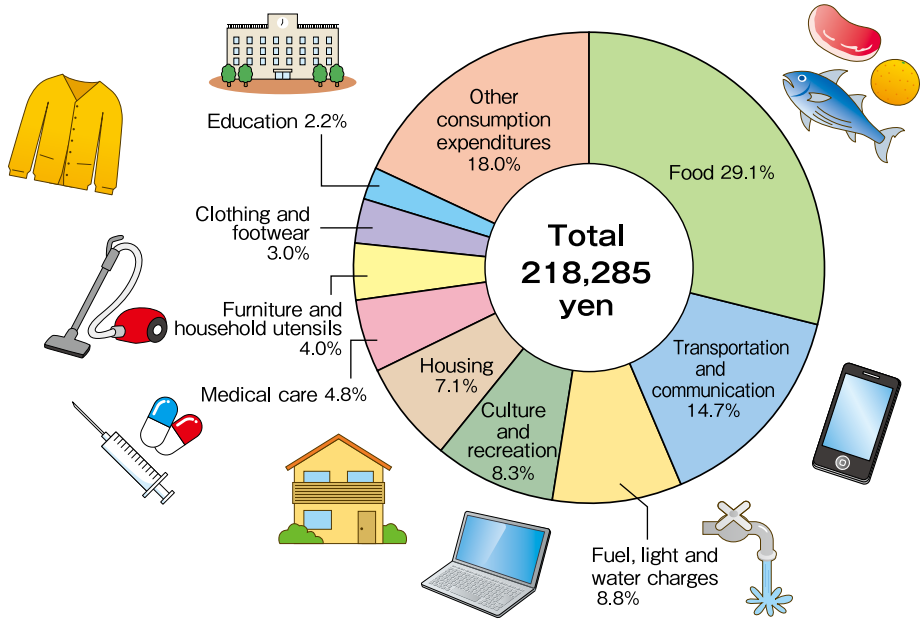
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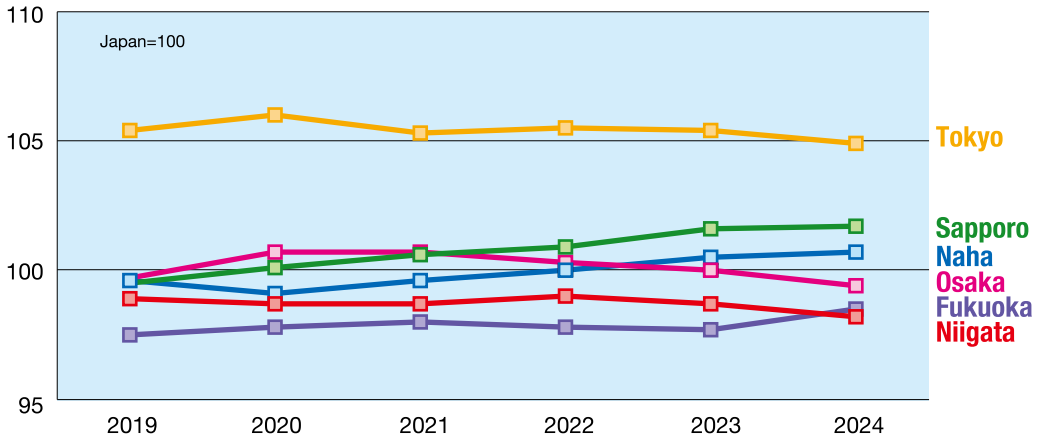
## Monthly Disbursements per Household (Total Households)

(2024)



## Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices

Cities (23 Wards for Tokyo)



Data Source: Statistics Bureau, MIC

# One Day in Niigata City

(2024)

**Births**

11 People



**Deaths**

29 People



**Moving in**

49 People



**Moving out**

48 People



**Marriages**

8 Couples



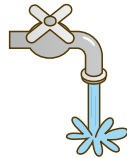
**Divorces**

3 Couples



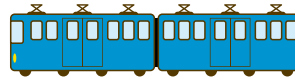
**Water Supply**

263 Cubic Kilometers



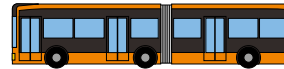
**Passengers Utilizing Rail Services**

78,501 Passengers



**Passengers Utilizing Bus Services**

30,942 Passengers



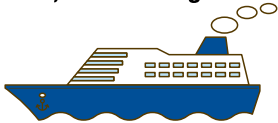
**Passengers Utilizing Taxi Services**

14,472 Passengers



**Passengers Utilizing Ship Services**

1,653 Passengers



**Passengers Utilizing Airplane Services**

1,528 Passengers



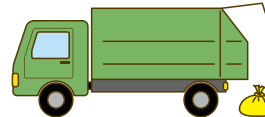
**Books Lent by Libraries**

9,574 Books



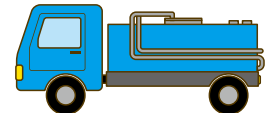
**Waste Generation**

706 Tons



**Human Waste Disposal**

226 Kiloliters



**General Account Expenditures**

1.24 Billion Yen



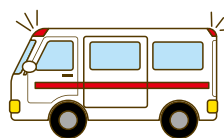
**Traffic Accidents Resulting in Injury or Death**

3 Cases



**Ambulance Dispatches**

127 Cases



**Fires**

0.4 Cases



**Crimes (Criminal Law Crimes)**

12 Cases

