

JAPN 311 Prefecture Presentation

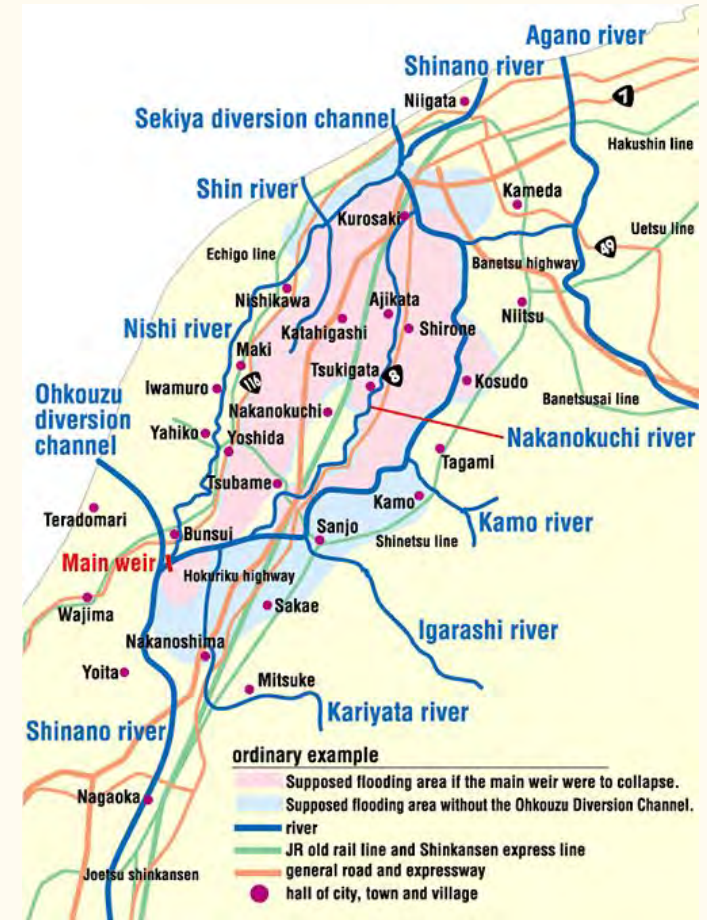
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Niigata Prefecture population: 2,371,574



Shinano River

Flood protection



Nature and Attractions

- **Shouun Sanso Garden**
 - Created in 1926
 - Kimura Tea Ceremony Museum
 - Trees and shrubs: 350 enkianthus shrubs, 1650 rhododendrons, 300 maple, 450 Japanese red pines
- **Naena Falls (Naenanotaki)**
- **Osado Ishina Natural Cedar Forest**
 - For leisurely strolls
 - Elevation: 900 m
 - Trees 200-400 years old
 - Walking path completed in 2011
- **Onsen**
 - Myoko Onsen, located near Mt. Myoko
 - Echigo-Yuzawa Onsen, 800 years old, “Snow Country” novel
 - Ike-no-Taira Onsen, birch trees, flower-shaped black mineral deposits



Cultural heritages

★ Hakusan Shrine

- tangible cultural heritage
- <http://en.sumayado.jp/tokusyu/powerspot/jt06>

★ Ojiya-Chijimi

- intangible cultural heritage of human



<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/RL/ojiya-chijimi-echigo-jofu-techniques-of-making-ramie-fabric-in-uonuma-region-niigata-prefecture-00266>

Local Issues in Niigata

- The local issue for Niigata, is that when the 6.8 earthquake hit on July 16, 2007 a transformer from the nuclear power plant got caught on fire and a small amounts of the radioactive substances leaked out.

www.env.go.jp



Nagano Prefecture

population: 2,148,425



Mt Asama 2009 volcanic eruption

<http://www.zimbio.com/pictures/4oNQpWx0EIS/Mt+Asama+Erupts>

Agricultural contributions

- Fruit production: second largest producer of apples, also known for peaches and grapes (textbook, pg. 132)



Nature and Attractions

- **Matsukawa Ravine** - along Matsukawa River (east of Nagano city), variety of maple trees, Kaminari Falls
- **Kamikochi** - 1500 m elevation, Azusa River, starting point Kappa-bashi (bridge)
- **Nezame-no-toko** - along Kiso River, Bijutsu Park, Urashima Taro (300 year disappearance)

Image from

www.michitravel.com



Nagano 1998 Winter Olympics

- 72 nations and 2,176 participants contested in 7 sports and 68 events at 15 venues.
- It was the third olympic games and second winter Olympics to be held in Japan.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998_Winter_Olympics

Cultural information

- Matsumoto castle
 - the oldest existing castle in Japan
 - <http://www.go-nagano.net/modules/contents07/index.php?id=1&mode=disdetailsisetu&cityid=2&junleid=3&indexid=5&kubuncode=1>
- Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park
 - the home of the world-famous “snow monkeys”
 - <http://www.go-nagano.net/modules/contents07/index.php?id=1&mode=disdetailsisetu&cityid=107&junleid=2&indexid=1&kubuncode=1>



Local Issues in Nagano,

- The 19 areas within Nagano prefecture are without doctors and the number of doctors per person is 181.8 per 100,000 which is below the national average and ranked 35th.

www.gettyimages.com



Yamanashi Prefecture

population: 845,022



Rain shadow in Kofu Basin

Nature and Attractions

- **Mt. Fuji** - located between Yamanashi and Shizuoka, 12380 ft. (~3773.4 m) tall, part of Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, formed from heavy volcanic activity
- **Fuji Sengen Shrine** - surrounded by cedar trees (two ~1000 years old), local festivals, Fujiyoshida side of Mt. Fuji
- **Yamanashi Prefectural Museum of Art** - opened in 1978, Millet collection, Henry Moore statues, works of various Japanese artists

Image from www.planetware.com



Cultural information

- Mt. Fuji
 - World cultural heritage site
 - 200,000 climbers per year make Mt. Fuji the most climbed mountain in the world
 - it is made up of three active volcanoes

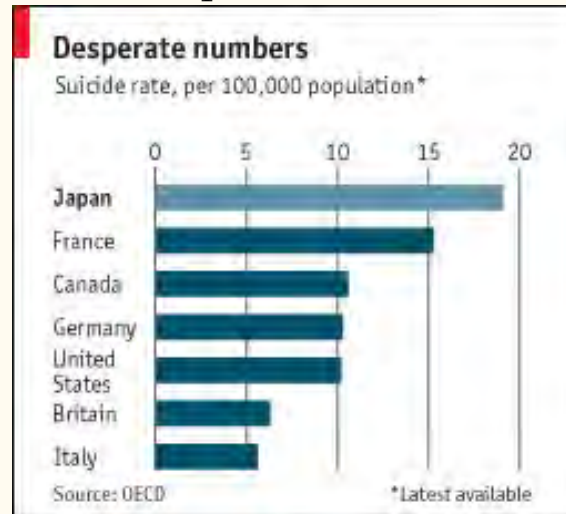


Local Issues in Yamanashi

- The local issues for Yamanashi prefecture is the suicide rate. In general, Japan has been high in suicide rates but specifically Yamanashi, at least 39 people in every 100,000. This was the worst in the country. The UN shows that 24 in 10,000 people commit suicide in Japan, almost double the rate in U.S

www.theguardian.com/world/2008/Japan

www.economist.com



Links

Nagano

- <http://www.go-nagano.net/>
- <http://www.nagano-cvb.or.jp/foreign/en>
- <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/regional/nagano/>

Niigata

- <http://enjoyniigata.com/english/>
- <http://www.nvcb.or.jp/travelguide/en/>
- <http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/location/regional/niigata/niigatasi.html>
- <http://www.pref.niigata.lg.jp/en/>
- <http://www.japan-guide.com/list/e1207.html>

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- <https://www.pref.yamanashi.jp/english/>
- <http://en.japantravel.com/yamanashi>