

Niigata City

2017 Statistical Data



Greeting from Akira Shinoda, Mayor of Niigata City

The only ordinance-designated city on Honshu's Sea of Japan coast, Niigata City is surrounded by the rich water of the Sea of Japan and the Shinano and Agano Rivers, as well as by fertile land that allows us to have the most rice paddy acreage in the country. Not only are we blessed with abundant nature, we have an established expressways network, the Joetsu Shinkansen bullet train line, and an international airport and harbors. We possess advanced urban functions as the largest transportation and distribution hub on the Japan Sea side of Honshu, connecting major cities in Japan with the world.

It has been ten years since Niigata became an ordinance-designated city. As we welcome this new chapter in our history,

we hope to further develop our city based on two main principles. First is the utilization of the strengths and resources of our various regions, communities, and nature to create a safe and healthy living environment. Second is the idea of creative development that makes full use of the accessibility of our city as a port town. We aim to continue developing as a place, full of vitality, where people can come together and support one another, and where children can be born and raised in comfort and safety.

This document brings together graphs and figures illustrating Niigata City's key statistics.

I sincerely hope that it will help both our citizens and the many visitors who travel to our city gain a better understanding of the City of Niigata. (March, 2017)

Akira Shinoda Mayor, City of Niigata



City Tree: Weeping Willow



City Flower: Tulip



City Bird: Swan

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."





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.

The Symbol of the People of Niigata



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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 outward-looking in its development and has welcomed oversea influences. 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 Niigata's citizens' hard work and determination over the years.

It is up to us to take another firm step towards creating the Niigata 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)

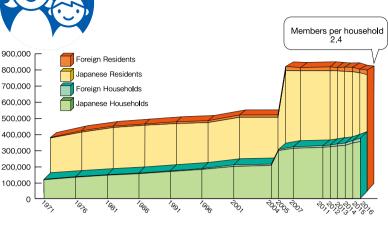
History of Niigata City

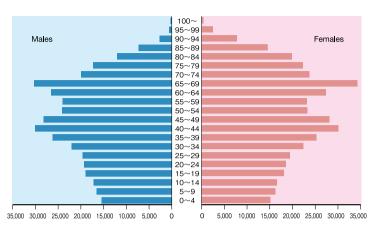
Year	Event
18,000 B.C.	Settlement on the Niitsu Hills
4,000 B.C.	Settlement on the sand dune areas of Echigo Plain
647	Establishment of a sub-branch by the Yamato Imperial Court
17-18th century	Development of new rice paddies
1869	Opening of the Niigata Port (10 years after the Treaty of Amity and Commerce)
1870	Establishment of a prefectural office
1889	Conferment of city status
1897	Start of railway services (b/w 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)
1967	Opening of the Niigata City Aquarium
1973	Start of the first international flight services between Khabarovsk, Russia and Niigata (regular flights)
1978	Opening of an expressway (b/w Niigata and Nagaoka)
1982	Opening of the Joetsu Shinkansen (b/w Niigata and Omiya)
2001	Municipal merger with Kurosaki Town
2002	FIFA World Cup
2005	Merger with surrounding municipalities/population of over 810,000 (resource: National 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 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

Population Shift

Population Pyramid(x1) (December 31st, 2016)





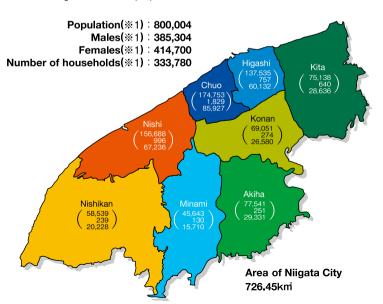


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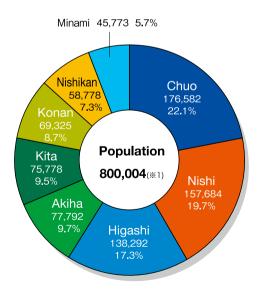
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Population/Households by Ward December 31st, 2016

Upper Figure : Japanese Residents Middle Figure : Foreign Residents Lower Figure : Households(※1)



Population (*2)

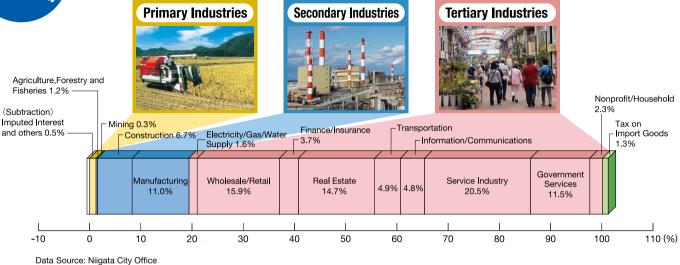


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^{※1} Including foreign residents

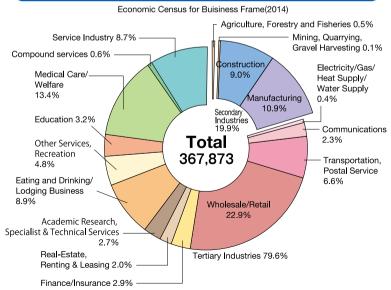
Gross Domestic Product (2013) Total 3,130,023 million yen



Enterprises According to Industry (Private) (2014)

Economic Census for Buisiness Frame(2014) Agriculture. Forestry and Fisheries 0.4% Service Industry 6.9% Compound services 0.5% Electricity/Gas/ Medical Care/ Heat Supply/ Welfare Construction Water Supply 7.8% 10.6% 0.1% Manufacturing Education 3.5% Communications 5.8% Secondary Industries 16.5% 1.2% Other Services, Transportation, Recreation Postal Service 10.0% Total 2.3% 36,591 Eating and Drinking/ Wholesale/Retail **Lodging Business** 27.5% 12.2% Academic Research. Specialist & Technical Services 4.1% Tertiary Industries 83.1% Real-Estate. Renting & Leasing 5.3% Finance/Insurance 1.7%

Employees According to Industry (Private) (2014)



Data Source: Niigata City Office

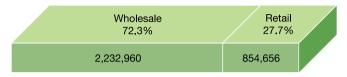
[※]Excluding privately managed agricultural/forestry/fishing operations, housekeeping services, and diplopmatic offices.

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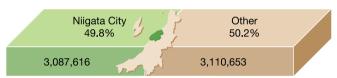
Buisiness (2014) Census of Commerce (2014)

Annual Sales

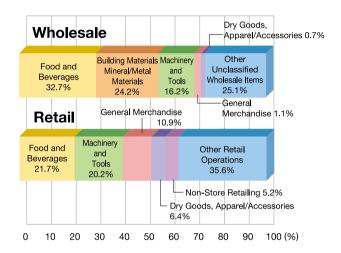
Niigata City 3,087,616 million yen



Niigata Prefecture 6,198,269 million yen



Annual Sales According to Industry



Commercial Outlets According to Industry

Wholesale Retail General Merchandise Other 0.8% Unclassified Machinery Wholesale Items Food and and Tools Other Retail 22.6% Operations Beverages 28.9% 36.6% 29.8% **Stores** Stores 2.245 5.434 Food and Dry Goods, Beverages **Building Materials** Apparel/ 20.4% Machinery Mineral/Metal Accessories and Tools Materials 14.9% 14.1% 24.6% General Merchandise Dry Goods, Apparel/ 0.4% Accessories Non-Store Retailing 4.2% 2.6%

Employees According to Industry

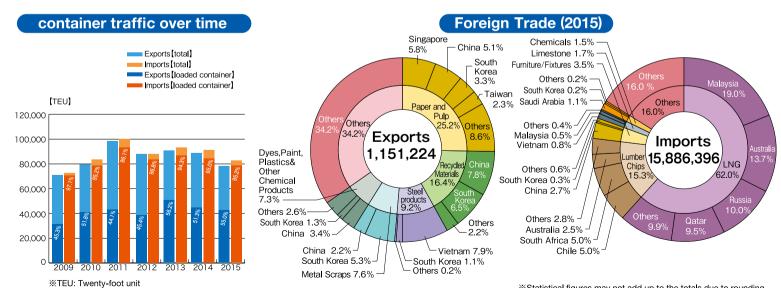


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Air Routes (2015)



Data source: Niigata City Office



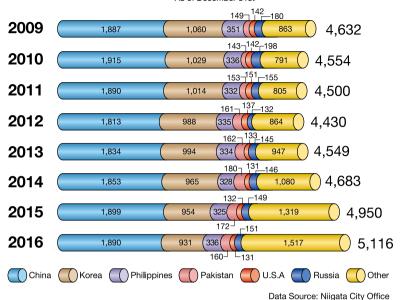
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Data source: Niigata Prefectural Office

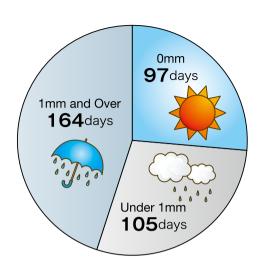
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Foreign Residents

As of December 31st

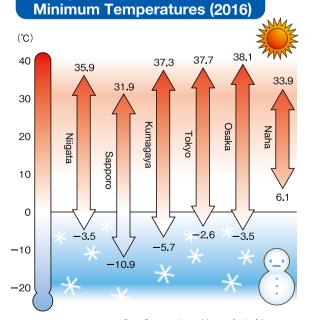


Precipitation (2016)



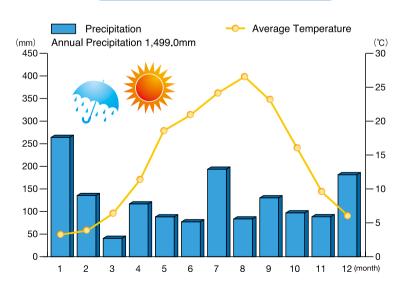
Data Source: Japan Meteorological Agency

Comparison of Maximum and



Data Source: Japan Meteorological Agency

Average Monthly Temperature and Precipitation (2016)

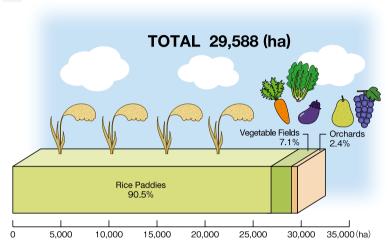


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Aguriculture and Fisheries

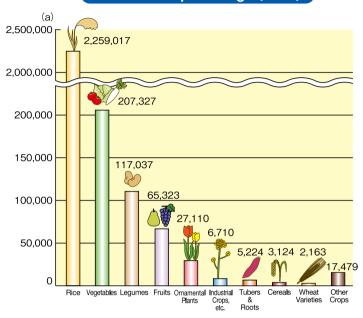
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Cultivated Land Acreage (2015)



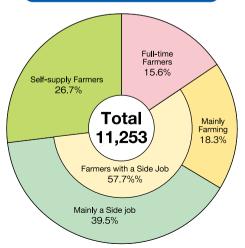
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Planted Crop Acreage (2015)



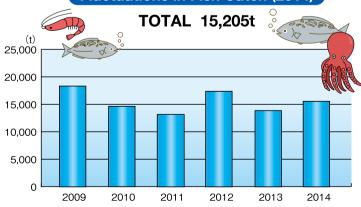
Data Source: Niigata City Office

Farm Households (2015)



Data Source: Niigata City Office

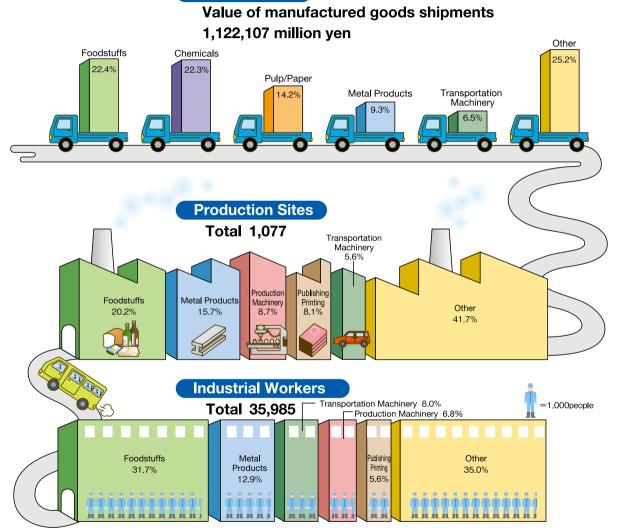
Fluctuations in Fish Catch (2014)

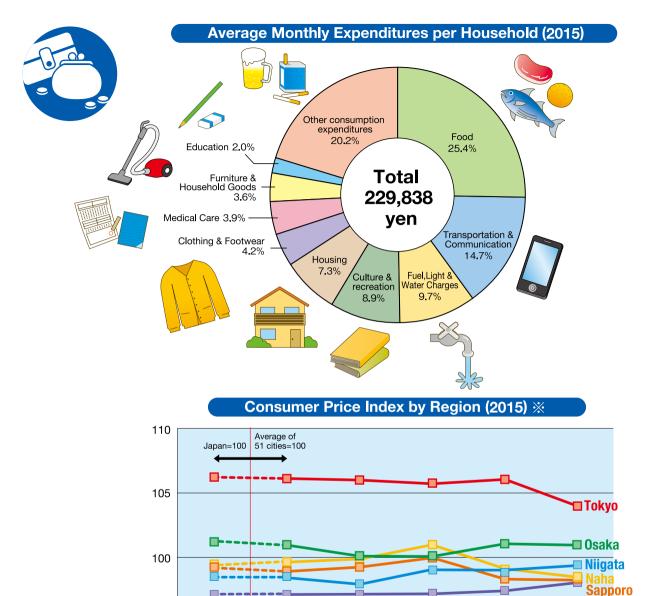


Date Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

Manufacturing (2014)

Commodities





**The 51 cities used to calculate this index are all cities with prefectural governments (including the wards of Tokyo) or cities which are government ordinance-designated (Kawasaki-shi, Hamamatsu-shi, Sakai-shi and Kitakyushu-shi)

2011

**Prior to 2010 the index showing regional differences in the price of commodities was composed using the national average (taken from 167 municipalities) as 100. However, as of 2010 the composition of the index has changed so that 100 became the average from 51 cities. As a result, the index prior to and post 2010 cannot be compared.

2013

2014

2012

95

2010

Fukuoka

2015

Life in Niigata

Some Daily Life Figures from Niigata (2015)

