

In the Center of Kyushu: Kumamoto

Transportation Map

Excellent Access to Major Cities in Kyushu and Japan

Kumamoto City is located in the heart of Kyushu, making it a convenient place for both foreign and domestic business, as well as tourism.

Land

Using the Shinkansen or highway buses, it is possible to travel to major cities in Kyushu, such as Fukuoka and Kagoshima, within one hour.

Minimum Time Using JR

Shinkansen from Kumamoto Station

- Shin-Osaka: **2 Hours 57 Minutes**
- Hakata: **33 Minutes**
- Kagoshima: **43 Minutes**

Driving Times

Ordinary Vehicles from the Kumamoto IC

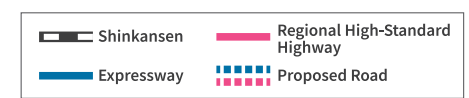
- Fukuoka: 75 Minutes
- Nagasaki: 120 Minutes
- Saga: 60 Minutes
- Oita: 150 Minutes
- Miyazaki: 120 Minutes
- Kagoshima: 120 Minutes

Time Needed to

Go to the Airport

Limousine Bus From Sakuramachi Bus Terminal

- Kumamoto Airport: 50 Minutes



Building the Future of Kumamoto The 10-and-20-Minute Concept

Improving convenient transportation to revitalize economic activity!

We aim to improve access to each hub from the center of Kumamoto City.

- Highways **About 10 minutes** to the Interchange
- **About 20 minutes** to Kumamoto Airport

Air

Kumamoto Port

[International Container Shipping Route]

- Busan Port, South Korea: 1 Trip per Week

[International Feeder Container Shipping Route]

- Kobe Port, Hyogo: 1 Trip per Week

[Passenger Channel]

- Shimabara Port, Nagasaki: 15 Trips per Week

Asia's Gateway: Kyushu



Operating Hours and

Number of Flights to

Major Airports

From Kumamoto Airport

[Domestic Flights]

- Tokyo (Haneda): **90 Minutes, 23 Flights per Day**
- Tokyo (Narita): 100 Minutes, 2 Flights per Day
- Osaka (Itami): 60 Minutes, 12 Flights per Day
- Nagoya (Komaki): 80 Minutes, 10 Flights per Day
- Okinawa (Naha): 100 Minutes, 1 Flight per Day

[International Flights]

- Seoul (Incheon): **100 Minutes, 21 Flights per Week**
- South Korea (Busan): **85 Minutes, 7 Flights per Week**
- Taiwan (Taipei): 160 Minutes, 19 Flights per Week
- Taiwan (Kaohsiung): 150 Minutes, 6 Flights per Week

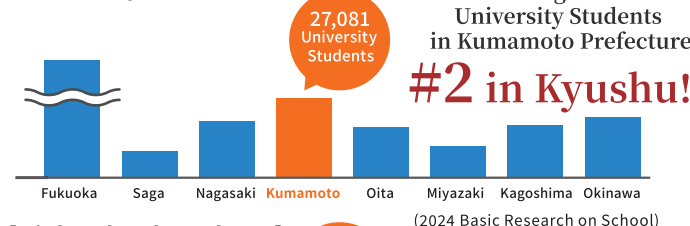
(As of Jan. 2026)

Outstanding Human Resources

Kumamoto Prefecture has 10 Universities, three junior colleges, and one technical college. Of these, eight universities and one junior college are concentrated in Kumamoto City. The engineering and science departments are particularly rich, and graduates have been demonstrating a high degree of skill at companies, such as in their R&D or management departments.

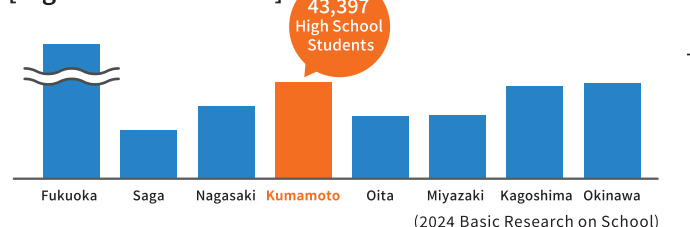
Number of Students in Each Prefecture of Kyushu

[University Students]



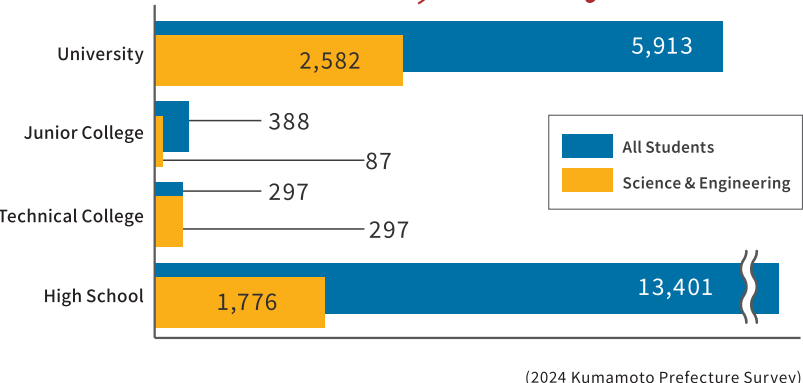
Number of High School and University Students in Kumamoto Prefecture
#2 in Kyushu!

[High School Students]



Number of Graduates in the Prefecture (All / Science & Engineering)

Science & Engineering Graduates About 5,000 a year!



A Diverse Job Placement Environment

Kumamoto City is dedicated to allowing companies that set up here to operate smoothly by fostering partnerships with educational institutions, helping to acquire talented human resources, and creating business opportunities.



Holding Job Fairs and More

As a way to create opportunities for businesses and job-seekers to connect, we are holding regular job fairs for general job-seekers and university students. In addition, for high school students, we also hold roundtable discussions between teachers and companies in the prefecture. This allows the companies to directly let the teachers know what they have to offer students when they decide on a career path.

Kumamoto City UIJ Turn Support Desk

For those wishing to move to Kumamoto City, our relocation support staff provide consultation regarding making the move to the city. Also, the employment support staff will meet the needs of those looking for work and aim to promote employment at local companies to people from outside the prefecture.

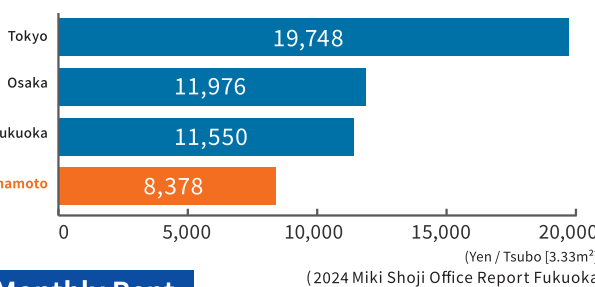
Xoss Point

Xoss Point is the first startup support service in Kumamoto city and provides the ideal environment for entrepreneurs and companies aiming to develop new markets. In addition to holding regular networking events and connecting companies that share similar interests, we collaborate with local governments and public groups inside and outside the prefecture to create business opportunities. We also set up collaborations that focus on regional development.

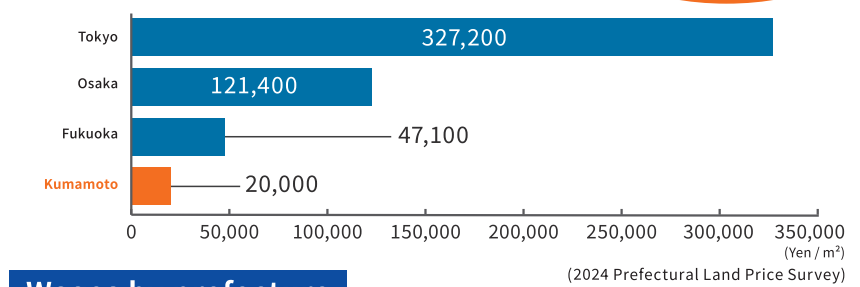
An Excellent Investment Environment

Kumamoto City has a business environment with excellent cost performance, such as low office rent and land prices, providing huge benefits for businesses that choose to expand here.

Office Rent

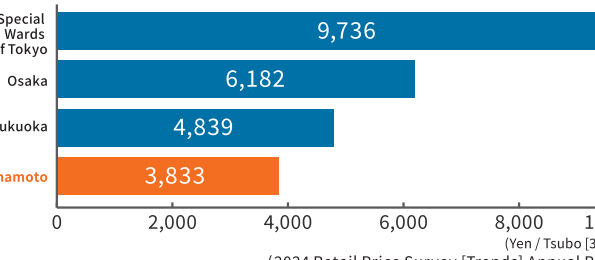


Average Price of Industrial Property

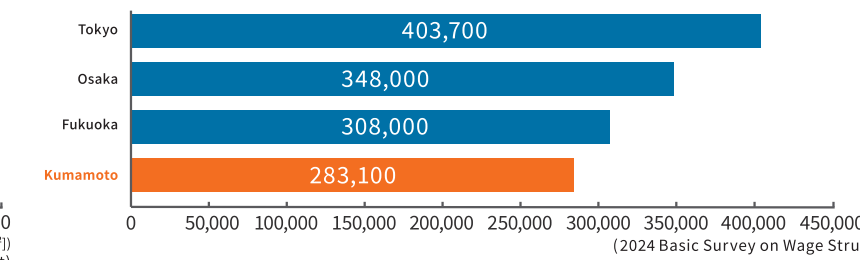


Low costs compared to the rest of Japan!

Monthly Rent



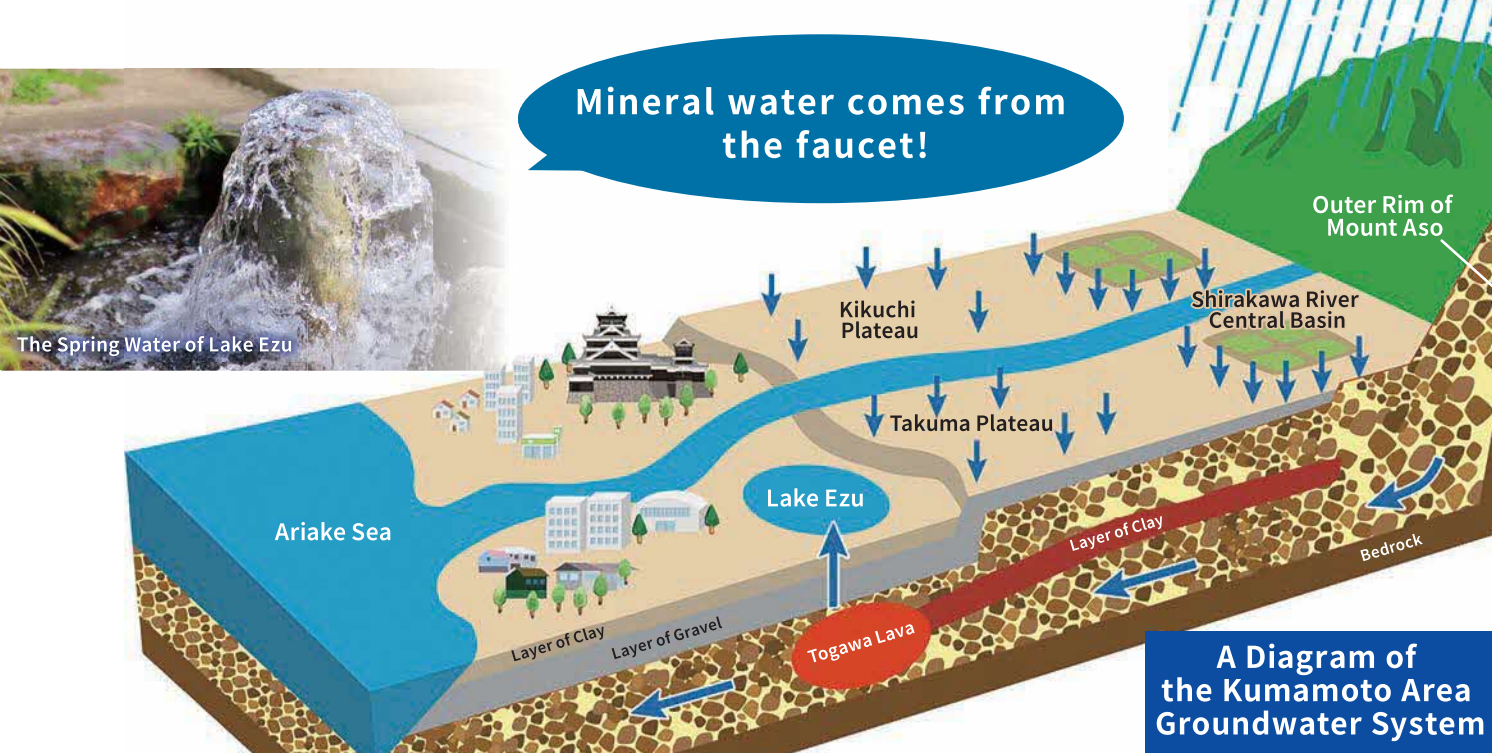
Wages by prefecture



Abundant High-Quality Water Resources

A World-Class City for Groundwater

Kumamoto City is known for its groundwater and 100% of the tap water comes from underground. This groundwater is pure and high-quality, water coming from rainwater that has filtered through the strata created by the eruptions of Mt. Aso. This water is a crucial resource for the semiconductor and food industries, and Kumamoto City is in a very invaluable location to enjoy its blessings.



Industrial Landscape

Kyushu can be called "Silicon Island" because of the large concentration of semiconductor companies that operate there. And within it, the Kumamoto Metropolitan Area is home to a variety of businesses such as semiconductors, automobiles, and food production, making it an environment that facilitates cooperation and collaboration. Rich in resources like water and land, the entire metropolitan area has been attracting a lot of attention as a destination for investment and innovation.

Major Companies in the Kumamoto Metropolitan Area

- Semiconductor Related
- Vehicle Related
- General Manufacturing
- Food Production Related
- Medical Product Related
- Environment Related
- Office Related
- Other

1 Kumamoto City

- Tachibana Chemicals
- Noge Electric Industries
- Hokuetsu
- Renesas Semiconductor Manufacturing
- Aisin Kyushu
- Aisin Kyushu Casting
- Hisada
- Hirata
- Ueki Factory
- Kyushu Okura
- Kojima Cardboard
- Coop Foods
- Fundodai
- Kyushu Processing Center
- Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan
- Ryoyu Baking
- Wakaba Foods
- IDS
- KM Biologics
- Libatope Pharmaceutical
- Eco-port Kyushu
- Accenture
- Asteria
- Aso Alpha
- E-Guardian
- SCSK Nearshore Systems
- NTT Marketing ACT ProCX
- Coamix
- JTB
- Centric
- Sony Assurance
- TMJ
- Densan
- Trans Cosmos
- Nihon Total Tele-marketing
- Japan Post Corporate Service
- BBS Outsourcing Kumamoto
- C2C
- DIGITAL WORKS Entertainment
- Yamaehisano

5 Koshi City

- Asahi-Seiki
- Tokyo Electron Kyushu
- Mitsubishi Electric
- Goshi Giken Kogyo
- Air Liquide Japan

6 Kikuyo Town

- JASM
- Sony Semiconductor Manufacturing
- Fujifilm Kyushu
- Maruha Nichiro Kyushu
- Shindengen Kumamoto Technosearch

7 Ozu Town

- Amkor Technology Japan
- Sanyu Switch
- Teradyne
- Hamada Heavy Industries
- Chuo Malleable Iron
- Fuji Seiko
- Honda Motor
- Kozo Keikaku Engineering
- Ichimiya Logistics
- Carim Engineering

2 Gyokuto Town

- Nakayama Seimitsu
- Horiba STEC
- Mitsui High-tec
- International Chemical
- Kyowa

3 Uto City

- Disco
- Hoya
- Koikeya

4 Uki City

- Asahi Kokusai Technion
- Chuo Denshi Kogyo
- Rika Denshi
- Kyushu F.C.C.
- Hitachi Astemo
- Fuji Baking Kyushu
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