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# Okinawa Prefecture Industrial Site Guide

OKINAWA INDUSTRIAL LOCATION



Connecting through  
**Okinawa**

Okinawa: The Business  
HUB Connecting Asia  
and Japan



Okinawa Special Economic Zone

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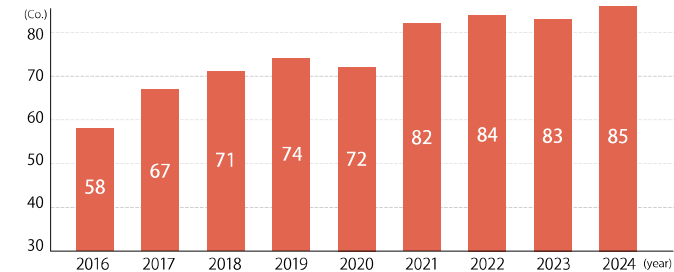
## Overview of the Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

### Overview of the Business Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

~Okinawa, the crossroads of Asia where "People" and "Goods" meet~

#### ■ Okinawa Attracting Companies as a Business Hub

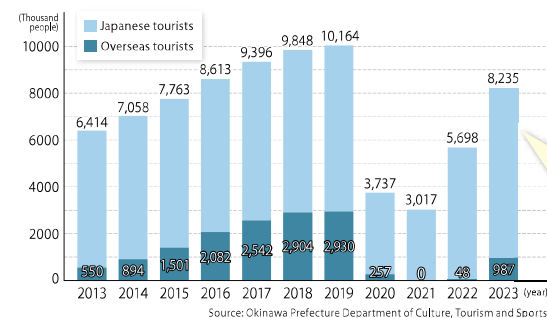
■ Trends in the number of companies located in the Former Special Economic Zone (Manufacturing industry)



Source: Business Creation Promotion Division; Department of Commerce, Labor, and Industry; Okinawa Prefectural Government (As of March 2025)



#### ■ Progression of number of visitors to the region



Source: Okinawa Prefecture Department of Culture, Tourism and Sports

#### ■ Increasing Number of Visitors to the Region

The total number of visitors to Okinawa in 2023 was 8,235,400, an increase of 2,537,600 (44.5%) over the previous year. This marked the second-largest annual increase in visitor numbers and the fifth-highest growth rate since Okinawa's reversion to Japan, continuing the upward trend from the previous year.

##### 《2023 Results》

- Number of visitors ..... 8,235,400 people  
(of which overseas visitors ... 986,600 people)
- Tourism revenue ..... 831.6 million yen

#### <As of February 2024>

- Domestic flights provide service to and from 23 cities.
- International flights provide service to and from major cities in Taiwan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia.

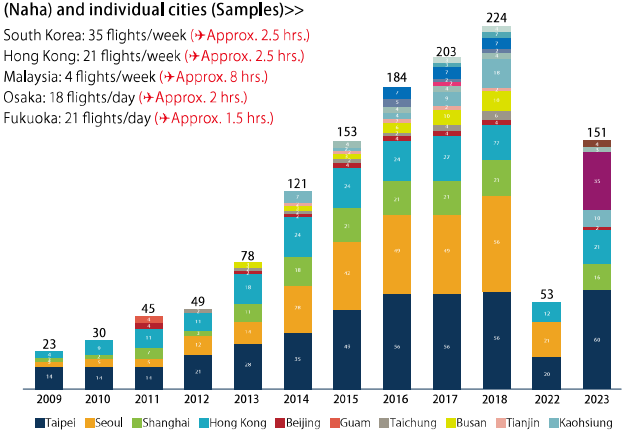
#### <<Flights and travel time between Okinawa (Naha) and individual cities (Samples)>>

- Taiwan: 70 flights/week (→ Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
- China: 18 flights/week (→ Approx. 3.5 hrs.)
- Singapore: 3 flights/week (→ Approx. 6 hrs.)
- Tokyo: 40 flights/day (→ Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
- Nagoya: 13 flights/day (→ Approx. 2 hrs.)
- South Korea: 35 flights/week (→ Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
- Hong Kong: 21 flights/week (→ Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
- Malaysia: 4 flights/week (→ Approx. 8 hrs.)
- Osaka: 18 flights/day (→ Approx. 2 hrs.)
- Fukuoka: 21 flights/day (→ Approx. 1.5 hrs.)

#### ■ Number of scheduled international passenger flights in service

The number of international passenger flights at Naha Airport has increased by approximately a factor of 10 in 2018 compared to 2009. Since these passenger flights also carry out cargo shipments, transportation capabilities in the region are expected to continue growing.

Source: Okinawa Convention Bureau research  
\*All services were suspended from 2019 to 2021 due to COVID-19



Legend: Taipei, Seoul, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Beijing, Guam, Taichung, Busan, Tianjin, Kaohsiung, Incheon, Hangzhou, Xi'an, Nanjing, Chongqing, Bangkok, Daegu, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur

\*Unit (flight) ※2009-2018 are as of the end of the fiscal year.

# Living Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

~A fulfilling environment to live in "Okinawa"~

## An overview of Okinawa Prefecture

Location	Southwestern tip of the Japanese archipelago	Distance north to south of Okinawa main land	135km
Marine area	1,000km East to West, 400km North to South	Highest temperature	32.1 °C in July
Number of island	160 islands of various sizes (47 inhabited islands)	Lowest temperature	16.3 °C in January
Area of Okinawa main land	1,207km <sup>2</sup>	Climate	Subtropical climate and warm throughout the year compared to other prefectures

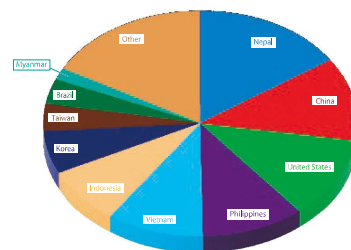
## Life in Okinawa

Since Okinawa has historically close relationships with overseas countries, many people from abroad already have the experience of living in Okinawa, which has promoted the development of an environment and communities that are friendly to people from abroad.

### Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation

The *Business & Life in Okinawa* provides a wide range of information, including information on the living environment in Okinawa Prefecture that overseas companies need to make their move trouble free.

Source: Statics on Foreign Nationals Residing in Japan by the Immigration Services Agency  
Number of Foreign Nationals Residing in Japan by Prefecture, Nationality, and Region as of June 2023



## RANKING

Okinawa: Japan's youngest and most vibrant prefecture

Average age	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (43.5)	👑
Total fertility rate	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (1.8)	👑
Youth population	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (16.3%)	👑
Rate of natural change in population	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (0.7%)	👑
Percentage of residents returning to home prefecture	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (69 %)	👑
Startup rate	1 <sup>st</sup> in Japan (7.1%)	👑
Source: The Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, 2023 White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan		
Natural rate of population change	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Japan (2.4%)	👑
Total population	#25th in the nation (1,467,480 people)	👑

Source: The Statistics Bureau of Japan and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare



Okinawa as seen from 100 metrics (Japanese language only)

## Safety and Disaster Prevention in Okinawa

Japan is known as a country that is peaceful and orderly. According to the 2023 Global Peace Index, Japan is the 9th most peaceful country in the world.

### Useful Websites in the Event of Disaster

Most local governments in Okinawa have prepared local community disaster prevention guide maps and evacuation center maps in multiple languages for foreign residents in the event that a typhoon, earthquake, or some other disaster occurs. The Okinawa Disaster Prevention Information Portal also provides information about typhoons, earthquakes, tsunami, advisories, and warnings in English, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), and Korean.

<https://bousai-okinawa.my.salesforce-sites.com>

### In the Event of Emergency

**Fire, injury, or sudden illness** TEL 119  
Dial 119 direct to call for a fire truck or ambulance.

**Accidents and crimes** TEL 110  
Dial 110 direct to call the police.



## Medical Care in Okinawa

The prefecture operates six hospitals covering the northern, central, and southern (including Naha) parts of the main island as well as the Miyako and Yaeyama islands, respectively, as well as another 16 clinics associated with those hospitals. Also, there are emergency hospitals in every part of the prefecture with staff who can handle foreign languages as well, so the non-Japanese speaker need not be concerned if worst comes to worst.

## Emergency Hospitals with Foreign Language-Speaking Staff

EN English CN Chinese KR Korean

### Northern Okinawa Medical Center

EN

1712-3 Umusa, Nago City  
TEL: +81-980-54-1111

### Okinawa Kyodo Hospital

EN

4-10-55 Kohagura, Naha City  
TEL: +81-98-853-1200

### Urasoe General Hospital

EN

CN

KR

4-16-1 Iso, Urasoe City  
TEL: +81-98-878-0231

### Adventist Medical Center

EN

868 Kochi, Nishihara Town  
TEL: +81-98-946-2833

### Makiminato Chuo Hospital

EN

CN

1199 Makiminato, Urasoe City  
TEL: +81-98-877-0575

### Nanbu Tokushukai Hospital

EN

CN

KR

171-1 Hokama, Yaese Town  
TEL: +81-98-998-3221

### University of the Ryukyus Hospital

EN

207 Uehara, Nishihara Town  
TEL: +81-98-895-3331

### Nanbu Medical Center & Children's Medical Center

EN

CN

KR

118-1 Arakawa, Haeburu Town  
TEL: +81-98-888-0123

### Chubu Tokushukai Hospital

EN

CN

KR

801 Higa, Kitanakagusuku Village  
TEL: +81-98-932-1110

### Okinawa Central Hospital

EN

1-26-6 Yogi, Naha City  
TEL: +81-98-854-5511

Source: Japan Tourism Agency

## A Useful Website Should You Fall Sick

Should it become necessary to get medical treatment in Japan, this website should be useful. It provides easy-to-understand information in English, Chinese, and Other languages about where you should go if you have various symptoms.

Japan Tourism Agency, "Guide to Medical Institutions"

[https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/eng/mi\\_guide.html](https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/eng/mi_guide.html)







# Map of Okinawa

~Okinawa: Where businesses and resorts thrive alongside each other~

Okinawa is popular as an ideal location for "workations," a new style of working while one is enjoying a vacation, due to its excellent access to a variety of resort amenities.



Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



Kouri Bridge



Provided by Japan Entertainment



Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) P.36~



Naha International Container Terminal P.12~



International Logistics Hub Integrated Industrial Area, Naha District



Maezato Region, Itoman City P.28~



Umikaji Terrace Senagajima



National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College P.36~



Nakamine & Uezu Regions, Uruma City P.27~



Okinawa IT Shinryo Park



International Logistics Hub Integrated Industrial Area, Uruma/Okinawa District (Around 27km/45-minute drive from Naha Airport) P.23~



Tomoyose-Higashi Region, Yaese Town P.29~

