

FUKUI PREFECTURE



Prefecture's Flag

Main City: Fukui

Population: 795,000 people ranking 43/47 prefecture (2013) [1]

Area: 4,188 km² [2]

Latest update: August 2013



Geographical / Landscape description

The province faces the Sea of Japan, and has a western part which is a narrow plain between the mountains and the sea, and a larger eastern part with wider plains including the capital and most of the population. [2]

Climate

Due to its location on the coast of the Japan Sea, Fukui climate is characterized by important snowfall and heavy rains. There is one motto that states: "you may forget your bento but do not forget your umbrella". (Bento is a home-packed meal to eat at the office/picnics) [2]

Time zone:

GMT +7 in summer (+8 in winter)

International dialling code: 0081

Recent history, culture

Fukui has long been a centre for papermaking in Japan (along with Kyoto). Local papermakers use the traditional Echizen style. Fukui is also renowned for its clean water and crops which results in delicious sake, rice, and famous soba noodles. Fukui is also home to the most important excavation site of dinosaur fossils in Japan. [2]

Economic overview

The long history and rich cultural heritage of Fukui Prefecture has produced a number of traditional crafts. Currently, Fukui boasts six nationally designated production centres for five areas of traditional craftwork: lacquerware, Japanese-style paper, agate working, blade-making, and pottery. Other famous local industries in Fukui include textiles and a lens-crafting industry that ranks among the best in the world. [3]

Using the world's leading technology, Fukui Prefecture produces 98% of the glass frames made in Japan. [4]

Economic Indicators

	Fukui Prefecture	All Japan
Population (2013) [1]	795,000	127,350,000
Unemployment rate (2012) [5]	2.6%	4.3%
GPD (2010) [6]	0.6% of Japan's	495 trillion Yen

Infrastructure

Road/railways

Good connections with Osaka and the entire Kansai region by train. [7]

Shipping

Tsuruga Port is closest of all the Sea of Japan ports to the two major economic regions of Kansai and Chukyo, and it offers easy road and rail access, making it an extremely convenient port for cargo transportation. [7]

Living Environment

Fukui Prefecture consistently ranks near the top of surveys examining wealth, livability, etc., thanks to the convenience and safety which Fukui has to offer to employees and their families. [8]

Major types of economic activities

Manufacturing

In 2011 manufacturing industry's shipment value was principally composed of electronic components 20.2%, chemicals 15.8%, and pulp and textiles 13.4%. [9]

R&D, Innovation, Scientific research

Located in the prefecture is the Wakasa Wan Energy Research Center that aims to develop nuclear power and energy-related science and technology, and promoting exchange and cooperation with institutions in both Japan and overseas. [10]

Opportunities for EU Investors / Exporters / Importers

Promising sectors for cooperation

Long-established industries: textile industry, machinery industry, eye-ware production, chemical industries, traditional industrial arts. [3] [4]

Financial/logistic support

No English recent and verified data could be identified. Data available in Japanese.

More information: <http://www.yuchi.pref.fukui.jp/system/0600.html>

Setting up a business in Fukui

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Fukui Industrial Support Center

<http://www.fisc.jp/>

Wakasa Wan Energy Research Center

<http://www.werc.or.jp/english/index.htm>

Fukui Tourist Association

<http://www.fuku-e.com/lang/english/>

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