

The City of Sendai

The **City of Sendai** lies on a coastal plain along the Pacific coast of the island of Honshu, northeast of Tokyo. It is the prefectural center for Miyagi Prefecture. The center of the city lies about 10 km away from the coastline. It has a population of just over 1 million people.

Climate

The **climate in Sendai** is mild, with a yearly rainfall of 1204.4 mm. Lying near the coast, both winter and summer are moderate. Snow falls most years inside the urban center between January and March, but this snow generally melts within a week. However, the mountain ranges west of Sendai are covered in deep snow from late December to April, and there are ski-fields within an hour's bus ride from central Sendai.

Average Temperatures in Sendai by Season

	High	Low
Winter	6.2 C	1.6 C
Spring	14.5 C	5.3 C
Summer	25.3 C	18.5 C
Autumn	18.8 C	10.5 C

A Safe City

Japan is a safe country. According to data released by the OECD, in the period between 2005 and 2011, Japan at 0.4% ranked 114th out of 118 countries for the number of murders per 100,000 people in the population. In terms of traffic accidents, Japan ranked 162nd out of 192 countries. Within Japan, the five wards of Sendai City rank between 287th to 833rd, amongst the 1,923 local government areas (City, Town, Village) within Japan. In terms of traffic accidents, the five wards of Sendai rank between 485th to 1005th.

A Compact City

Sendai is a compact city. The City of Sendai covers 788km², but most of the population is concentrated near the center of the city, and the population density for the whole city is 1,305 people per km². Famous Japanese and international stores and brands have branches in central Sendai and the large shopping malls on the outskirts of the city, and the city enjoys a vibrant urban lifestyle. On the other hand, a short train or bus ride can take you to rural areas, scenic forested mountains, or the nearby sea. MGU is only a 30 minute bus ride from the center of Sendai, and the bullet express to Tokyo will get you there within just 90 minutes.



Cost of Living

The cost of living is cheaper than in big cities such as Tokyo, Osaka or Kyoto. Rents in Sendai are on average, 20 to 50% cheaper than in Tokyo.

Sendai and the Disaster of 11th March, 2011	
<h3>Earthquake and Tsunami</h3> <p>Miyagi Prefecture as a whole suffered the highest number of deaths and people missing due to the tsunami of 11th March, 2011, and the death rate for the prefecture was 0.46%. However, the total death rate for Sendai was 0.09%. In Sendai, these deaths all occurred in the fishing villages and roads along the coastline, 10 kms away from the center of the city. The buildings of Miyagi Gakuin only suffered minor damage from the earthquake, and the buildings were easily repaired.</p>	<h3>The Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Explosion</h3> <p>The university monitored our grounds for a year after the nuclear accident in Fukushima. There is a preschool/daycare on the university grounds, and we were particularly concerned about any possible side-effects of nuclear radiation on the health of the infants there. During a whole year of monitoring, all readings were within safe levels. The prevailing winds after the nuclear plant explosion carried radiation towards Tokyo and elsewhere, and Sendai was spared from exposure to nuclear radiation.</p>

For further information about the city, please visit the [Sendai Official Tourism Website](http://www.sendai-travel.jp) . (www.sendai-travel.jp)



Sendai Aoba Festival



Sendai Castle Site



Jozenji Street Jazz Festival



Sendai Tanabata Festival



Izumigatake Ski Ground



Date Masamune