

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



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Please respond to the Population Census

・国勢調査にご回答ください
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As of October 1, 2025, the Population Census will be conducted.

The Population Census is an important statistical survey that is conducted on all people and households living in Japan (including foreign nationals). According to the law, everyone is obliged to respond.

In order to answer the Population Census, first please read the website below.

Your answers will not be used for anything other than the Population Census.

Survey documents will be distributed to each household by a member of the census staff, beginning from late September. Please cooperate in answering the survey.

Population Census 2025 (English version): <https://www.kokusei2025.go.jp/about/en/>



Deadline for responses: Tuesday October 8th

How to respond:

By paper questionnaire (by post), or online (from a smartphone, computer, or tablet)

- (1) If responding by paper questionnaire, fill in the Japanese questionnaire while looking at the translation table.
- (2) If responding by Internet or post is difficult, please hand the questionnaire to a member of the census staff.
- (3) During the survey period, you can respond by Internet 24 hours a day. It is easy to respond from a smartphone or computer, and filling out the paper form is not necessary.
- (4) If answering the survey online, you can choose not only Japanese, but also English, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Vietnamese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

How to respond online

- (1) A member of the census staff will distribute documents such as the 'Internet Response Request Form' to each household.
- (2) Either read the QR code written on the request form with a smartphone, etc., or access the URL and enter the login ID and access key.
- (3) Follow the guidance on the screen, reply to the required items, and when you send the survey, your response is complete.

Beware of fraud

Please be careful about suspicious visits, phone calls, or emails pretending to be from the Population Census.

Members of the census staff always carry an 'Census Staff ID Card' with a photo.

They will never ask for money, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, or other personal information.

Contact: Population Census Contact Center (Kokusei Chosa Contact Center, 国勢調査コンタクトセンター),
tel.: 0570-02-5901 (calls to this number are not free)

(From IP phones and prepaid mobile phones: 03-6628-2258)

Reception Hours: 9:00 - 21:00 (until November 7th)

Available Languages (22 languages): English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Spanish, Indonesian, Filipino, Myanmar, Nepali, Thai, Sinhala, Bengali, Khmer, French, Hindi, Mongolian, Russian, Malay, German, Italian, Urdu

2025 (second semester) Higashihiroshima Japanese Classes in Sunsquare

- ・ 令和7年度（後期）
- ・ にほんご教室東広島

Japanese classes in Sunsquare for the second semester of the 2025 financial year are as follows:

Thursdays, 19:30-21:00 23rd October to 12th February	Sundays, 10:00-12:00 19th October to 15th February	Sundays, 13:30-15:30 19th October to 15th February
Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo IV

Details of the classes are as follows:

Nihongo I: Participants will study starting from hiragana and katakana.

Nihongo II: For those who can read hiragana and katakana. Participants will study conversations related to situations in everyday life.

Nihongo III: Participants will study speaking and writing about various topics. The content level is basic Japanese.

Nihongo IV: Participants will increase their vocabulary from conversations about daily life, and practice talking about themselves. The level is N4 of the JLPT.

Classes take place on the second floor of the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare Higashihiroshima) (28-6 Saijo Nishihonmachi).

The tuition fee for the course is 2000 yen for each class. This includes the fee for textbooks. Each of the classes is limited to 20 students, and membership is decided on a first-come-first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted from Sunday October 5th, between 9:00 and 16:30. If you wish to apply, please take your residence card, your health insurance certificate, and the tuition fee (2000 yen) to the Communication Corner.

Contact: Communication Corner, 1F Sunsquare (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922

email: corner@hhface.org

Participants wanted for the Japanese Speech Contest for non-Japanese residents

- ・ 日本語スピーチコンテスト
- ・ 参加者募集



This event will take place in Azalea Hall, in the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare), on Sunday November 9th.

If you are a non-Japanese resident in Higashihiroshima, or you work or study in Higashihiroshima, and your native language is not Japanese, how about taking part? There are various prizes, and you can speak on any topic (with the exceptions below). If you are interested in taking part, please write a speech of about 4-7 minutes in length. You need to submit the application form, and a summary of the speech on a set form. You can obtain the form at the Communication Corner, or download it from <https://hhface.org/wp/corner/>.

There will be a prize decided by the audience, as well as a range of other prizes.

The deadline for applications is Friday October 10th. You can apply in person at the Communication Corner (between 9:00 and 16:45), or by email.

The contest is for about ten people, but if you have gained the top prize in this contest in the past, you are not eligible to take part.

Your speech can be on any topic, but it cannot be a speech you have made in another contest. Also, you cannot speak about political topics or religious topics, related to sales or other promotions, or connected to missionary activities.

Contact: Communication Corner (1F Sunsquare) (コミュニケーションコーナー、サンスクエア1階),

tel.: 082-423-1922, email: tabunka@hhface.org



Communication Corner website

<https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/>



Pamphlet in simple Japanese

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IFPWAmP1q4fibagZKyTYVnbQULeJNl_0/view?usp=sharing



Pamphlet in Japanese

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p9w1YBaFjyeoF8VdNpa5E-lqmkFiqhvl/view?usp=sharing>

Events in Higashihiroshima City

- 市内のイベント情報
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Sakagura Strolling あかりの散歩道

Date: Saturday September 13th to Tuesday September 23rd

Location: Saijo Sakagura-dori Street

Content: Stroll along Sakagura-dori with a lantern, explore the chimneys with a guide, etc.

Cost: Varies depending on the event

Contact: Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center, tel.: 082-421-2511



Aqua Festa in Fukutomi アクアフェスタin福富

Date and time: Saturday October 4th, Sunday October 5th, 10:00-16:00

Location: Kohan no Sato Fukutomi Roadside Station

Contact: Aqua Festa in Fukutomi Planning Committee

Tickets for Sake Matsuri are on sale! 酒まつりチケット販売中!

Tickets are on sale for the areas of the Sake Matsuri (Sake Festival) that are not free to enter (the Sake Hiroba and the Bishu Nabe area). These tickets are only on sale while places are available.

Date for Sake Matsuri: Saturday October 11th, Sunday October 12th

Contact: Sake Matsuri Planning Committee, tel.: 082-420-0330



Special 'Moon Viewing' Concert 特別公演 観月会

At the time of the autumn moon, why not spend time with the sounds of the shinobue (a bamboo flute), the koto (a stringed instrument), and gagaku (ancient Japanese court music)?

Date and time: Sunday September 28th, 14:00 (doors open at 13:30)

Attendance: limited to 250 people (decided on a first-come first basis). Please note that children of under school age are not permitted to attend the event.

Applications are accepted by telephone from Tuesday September 2nd.

Contact: Higashihiroshima Foundation for Affairs of Culture and Education,
tel.: 082-421-1160

Deadline for payment of taxes: Tuesday September 30th

- ・ 次回の納期限は
- ・ 9月30日(火)

Please pay the National Health Insurance Premium (the third installment) by Tuesday September 30th. A notice of non-payment (Tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a Tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

※ **Note:** it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a Tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

- ・ 外国人相談窓口

• **Consultation services for non-Japanese residents** are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

• **40-minute free legal consultations** are not available in September.

• **Communication Corner Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Communication Corner website (English)



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

- ・ 夜間休日当番医

• **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

• **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

• **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33907.html>

The Medical Information Net

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryuu.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/znk-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening**

- ・ 市民課窓口:木曜延長・日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for September are September 4th and September 18th.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on September 14th and September 28th from 9:00 to 12:00. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. **Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times.** For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of July, 2025:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 191,100 (118 more than June)
Population of foreign residents: 9,781 (46 more than June)

Households: 93,121 (109 more than June)
Foreign households: 7,627 (50 more than June)