

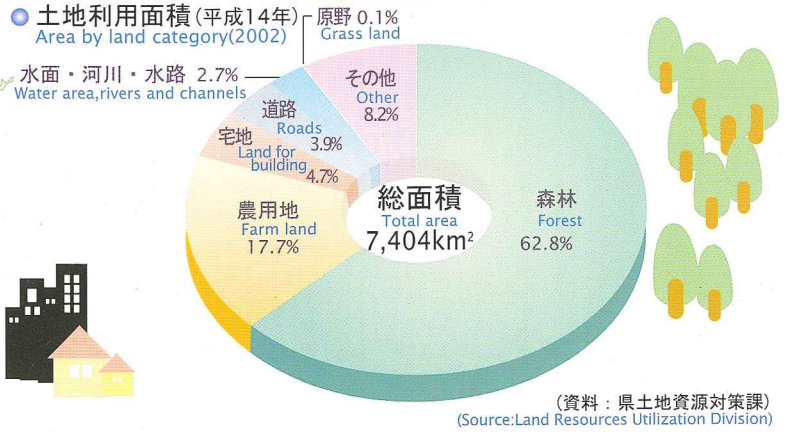
地勢 Geography

本県は、九州地方のほぼ中央に位置し、面積は約7,404km²で、全国第15位、その約6割が森林で占められています。北部は比較的緩やかな山地、東から南にかけては標高1,000m級の山々に囲まれており、その随所に深い谷があり、見事な渓谷美を見せています。西部は有明海、八代海に面し、外洋の東シナ海に続いています。世界一のカルデラを持つ雄大な阿蘇を含む「阿蘇くじゅう国立公園」、大小120の島々からなる「雲仙天草国立公園」と2つの国立公園を持ち、山あり海あり美しい景観に富んだ地形になっています。

Kumamoto is located in the center of the Kyushu island. As the fifteenth largest prefecture in Japan, it covers approximately 7,404 square kilometers. Sixty percent of the land is forested. Gently rolling hills can be found in the north, while to the east and the south are mountainous areas that reach heights of 1,000 meters. Deep valleys are found in every area that afford views of breathtaking beauty. To the west is the Ariake and the Yatsushiro seas linked to the open sea, the East China Sea. Kumamoto has two national parks, one is the Aso Kuju National Park that includes the magnificent Aso volcano which boasts the best caldera in the world, and Unzen Amakusa National Park, the other, that comprises 120 islands, both large and small. In the geographical sense, Kumamoto has an abundance of beautiful landscapes

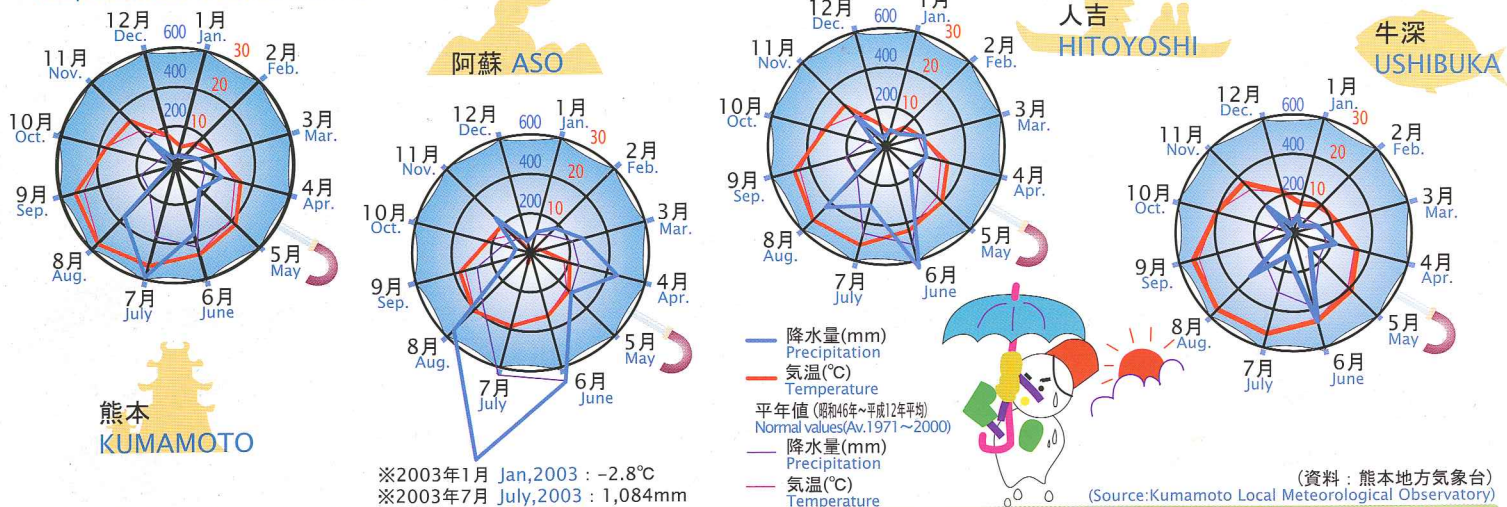
土地 Land

●土地利用面積(平成14年) Area by land category(2002)



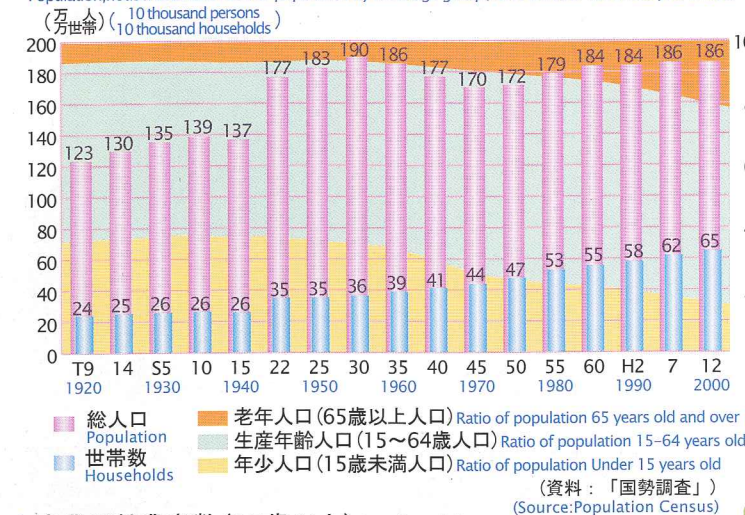
気象 Climate

●平均気温と降水量(平成15年) Temperature and precipitation(2003)

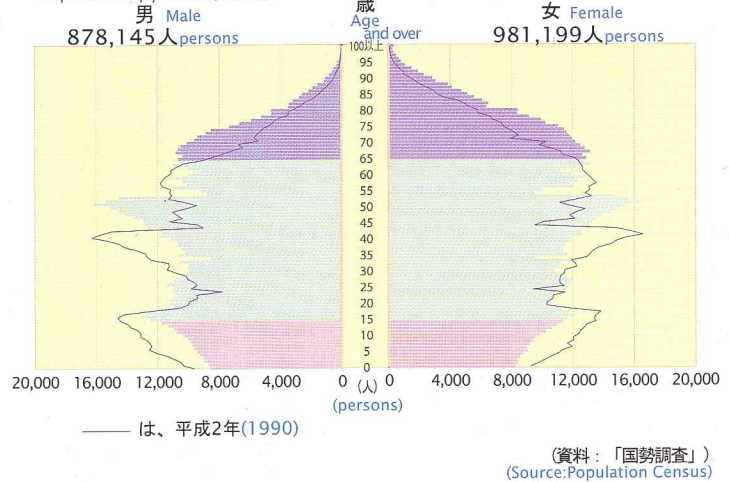


人口 Population

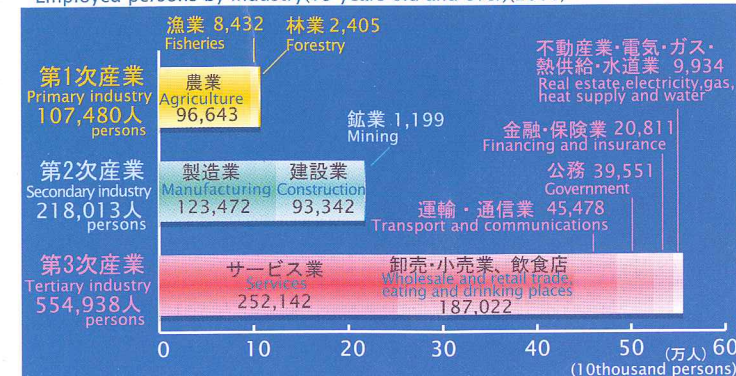
●人口・世帯数、年齢3区分別人口割合の推移(各年10月1日現在) Population, households and ratio of population by three age group(As of October 1st of the year stated)



●人口ピラミッド(平成12年) Population pyramid(2000)



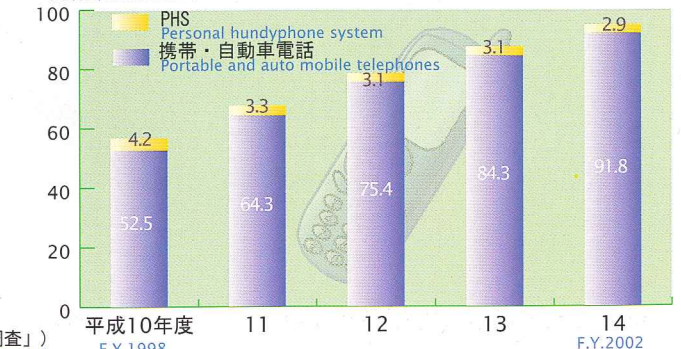
●産業別就業者数(15歳以上)(平成12年) Employed persons by industry(15 years old and over)(2000)



通信 Communications

●電気通信加入数 Telecommunication subscribers

(資料：九州総合通信局)
(Source: Kyushu Bureau of Telecommunications)



就業者総数=886,887人(「分類不能の産業」を含む)
Employed persons=886,887(Includes "Establishments not adequately described") (Source: Population Census)