

GINOWAN CITY NEWSLETTER

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Census 2025 National Census: Conducted Once Every Five Years

Foreign residents are required to participate. Get counted!

Q. What is the census?

A. The census is the most important statistical survey in Japan, covering all households and people living in the country. The first census was held in 1920, and the upcoming one is the 22nd nationwide survey. The results serve as essential data for a wide range of government policies at both national and local levels. They are also widely used by businesses, universities, research institutes, and other organizations to support planning, research, and analysis across many fields.

Q. When will it be held?

A. The survey will be conducted as of October 1, 2025. Starting September, census staff will visit each household to distribute survey documents.

Q. How can you participate?

A. The easiest way is to complete the online survey using your smartphone or computer! You also have the option of filling out the paper form and sending it by post.

Completing the survey online is convenient and easy!

Login easily using your smartphone!

Use the QR code to login to your Online Survey Form sent to your household.



Complete the survey any time of the day or night!

You can complete the survey any time or from anywhere using your smartphone, tablet or computer.



Rated highly by respondents!

In the 2020 Census, 98% of those who responded online said they would prefer to use the internet again for future surveys.



098-893-4103 Statistics Section, Policy Planning Division, Ginowan City Office

第48回
はなびも祭り
48th
Hagoromo Festival
on
September 27 (Saturday)
September 28 (Sunday)
at
Ginowan Seaside Park
Featuring Live concert,
Kachashi Competition, Games,
Food stalls etc.

第33回
はなびも祭り
カチャーシー大会

主催 宜野湾はごも祭り実行委員会 (☎098-897-2764)

Don't Forget to Renew the Electronic Certificate on Your My Number Card!

Your My Number Card includes an electronic certificate used for online services such as e-Tax and other government procedures.

This certificate is valid for 5 years from the date your card was issued. You will receive a renewal notice by mail about 2-3 months before the expiration date.

If you do not renew the electronic certificate, you will not be able to use your My Number Card for online services.

What to Do:

- Please bring your My Number Card and complete the renewal process at the city hall counter.
- No need to renew the physical card itself – this process is only for the electronic certificate.

Please Note:

City Hall counters are especially crowded on Mondays, Fridays, and after holidays, so we recommend coming on other days or allowing extra time for your visit.

Where to Go:

Resident Affairs Division
Ginowan City Hall, 1st Floor, Counter No. 3
☎ 098-893-4411 Extension 2773



Population as of July

Total Population	100,313 (+43)
Total Households	48,706 (+55)
Foreign Residents	2,387 (+13)
Nationalities	55(±0)

Recent Changes in National Health Insurance

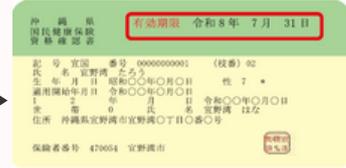
The Japanese Government has stopped issuing new health insurance cards since December 2, 2024. Instead, a Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate or a Notification of Eligibility will be sent to eligible individuals. Medical coverage will continue for all residents even if you have not linked your health insurance card with your My number card.

Mail Delivery: New certificates will be mailed to household heads from early July.

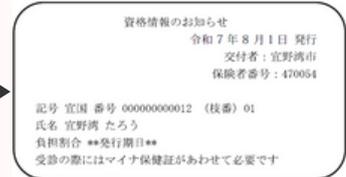
Didn't receive it by late July? Please contact the National Health Insurance Division, Benefits Section.

	Mail Delivery	No One At Home	Validity Period
Insurance Card Not Linked to My Number Card	Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate will be sent by registered mail	Redeliver or pick up at the post office	July 31, 2026
Insurance Card Linked to My Number Card	Notification of Eligibility will be sent by regular mail	---	No Deadline (except for people aged 70-74)

Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate



Notification of Eligibility



Key Changes in Insurance Coverage from Fiscal Year 2025

1. Increase in the Annual Premium Cap for High-Income Households

Under the revised Local Tax Act Enforcement Order, the assessment limit for the annual premium of is being increased from FY2025, as shown in the first table below. This will allow more households to qualify for capped premiums and helping limit their overall healthcare costs.

2. Higher Income Thresholds for Insurance Coverage

Under the revised Local Tax Act Enforcement Order, the income limits for 50% and 20% medical coverage will be raised starting in FY 2025, as shown in the second table below. This will allow more people with moderate incomes to qualify for reduced medical premiums and lowering their out-of-pocket healthcare costs.

	New Assessment Limit	Insurance Coverage %	Details of Changes Made
Medical Insurance	Yen 660,000 (Increase of Yen 10,000)	70%	Yen 430,000 + Yen 100,000 x (Number of Salary Earners, etc.**)
Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over	Yen 260,000 (Increase of Yen 20,000)	50%	Yen 430,000 + Yen 305,000 (Yen 10,000 increase) x Number of Insured Persons*1 + Yen 100,000 x (Number of Salary Earners, etc.** - 1)
Long-Term Care (Kaigo)	Yen 170,000	20%	Yen 430,000 + Yen 560,000 (Yen 15,000 increase) x Number of Insured Persons*1 + Yen 100,000 x (Number of Salary Earners, etc.** - 1)
Total	Yen 1,090,000 (Increase of Yen 30,000)		

*1 The number of insured persons also includes household members who have moved from National Health Insurance to the Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over.

*2 Refers to people with a certain level of employment income and income from public pension.

Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over – Important Changes from August 2025

1. Health Insurance Card Issued to People Aged 75 and Over Changed to Certificate of Eligibility for Medical Care for the Elderly from August 2025

Due to the change in the health insurance system, the insurance card issued for medical care for People Aged 75 and Over will be replaced by a Certificate of Eligibility for Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over.

New certificates will be sent by mail (valid until July 31, 2026).

From August, show your new certificate when visiting medical institutions.

If you have a My Number Health Insurance Card, you may use it instead.

Note: Certificates will be issued to all insured persons, even if they have a My Number Health Insurance Card.

2. Changes to "Certificate of Limit Application for Out-of-Pocket Payment" and "Limit Application Certificate"

The health insurance card for elderly, the Certificate of Limit Application for Out-of-Pocket Payment, and the Limit Application Certificate have been combined into a single certificate.

- If you received a light purple certificate last year, you will automatically be sent the new certificate showing your limit classification (no application needed).
- If the limit classification is indicated on your Certificate of Eligibility, your out-of-pocket medical expenses for hospitalization or outpatient care will be capped at the monthly limit.
- If the limit classification is not indicated, you can apply to have it added. For application requirements, please contact the number below.



The title will change to **Certificate of Eligibility for Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over.**

The certificate will be valid for 1 year, till July 31, 2026.

National Health Insurance
098-893-4411

Insurance Premium Section Ext. 4245 / 4261
Medical Care for People Aged 75 and Over Ext. 4271 / 4272
Benefits Section Ext. 4226