

GINOWAN CITY NEWSLETTER

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GINOWAN POPULATION AS OF DEC 2023

Total population---100,322 (+74)
 Total households--47,485 (+70)
 Foreign residents--1,806 (+11)
 Nationalities-----53 (±0)

OTHER NEWS

Grade 1 and grade 7 orientations will take place on 01.26 and 02.02 respectively. For more information, please see the December issue of the newsletter.

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIZED BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

The deadline to receive a subsidized breast/cervical cancer screening for this fiscal year is **January 31, 2024 (Wednesday)**. Screenings received after this date will not be subsidized. If you would like to receive a screening, please book an appointment as soon as possible. For more details, please see the leaflets enclosed with your voucher or call the Ginowan City Health Consultation Centre at 098-898-5598.

Type of screening	Without subsidy	With subsidy
Cervical cancer	approx. 7,000 yen	1,900 yen!
Breast cancer	approx. 5,000 yen	1,900 yen!



*Cervical cancer screening is available to women over 20 and breast cancer screening is available to women over 40. Women who did not use their screening vouchers from the previous year are eligible for subsidized screening this year.

REDUCTION & EXEMPTION OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR NEW MOTHERS



New mothers who are insured under National Health Insurance can receive an exemption/reduction of insurance premiums for 4 months if they fulfill the following criteria:

1. Has given birth after November 2023 or who will be giving birth
2. The pregnancy lasted more than 85 days (or 4 months)*

*Mothers who had a stillbirth, premature birth, miscarriage or an induced abortion are also considered eligible for reduction/exemption.

	3 months prior	2 months prior	1 month prior	Month of childbirth	1 month after	2 months after
Single Birth						
Multiple Birth						

For single births, the exemption/reduction period begins 1 month prior to childbirth and ends 2 months after childbirth (for a total of 4 months). For multiple births, the exemption/reduction period begins 3 months prior to childbirth (for a total of 6 months).

Please note, however, only the health insurance premiums for the month of January 2024 onward are eligible for reduction. Please see our example below.

Example:	SEPT 2023	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023	JAN 2024	FEB 2024
			Childbirth			

*Households that exceed the taxable limit may be deemed as ineligible for an exemption/reduction.

\ TO APPLY /

Application opens on January 4, 2024. Applicants can submit an application 6 months prior to the expected date of delivery.

Documents required:

1. Application form
2. Mother and Child Health Handbook
3. Applicant's ID
4. (If submitting on someone's behalf) Authorization form

*Applicants will be notified of their exemption/reduction amount by mail.

FY2024 MUNICIPAL/PREFECTURAL RESIDENT TAX & NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE TAX DECLARATION



2/16 (Fri) - 3/15 (Fri)

**Ginowan City Office 1F (in front of the main entrance)
9:00-11:30 and 13:00-16:00**



■ Tax filing schedule by district

Please come on the dates designated for your district.

Date	Districts
2/16 (Fri)	Nodake, Futenma, Aragusuku
2/19 (Mon)	
2/20 (Tue)	Kiyuna, Isa, Oyama
2/21 (Wed)	
2/22 (Thu)	Mashiki, Uchidomari, Ojana
2/26 (Mon)	
2/27 (Tue)	Kakazu, Maehara, Samashita
2/28 (Wed)	
2/29 (Thu)	Ganeko, Nagata, Shimashi
3/1 (Fri)	
3/3 (Sun)	For those who are unable to come on the specified dates.
3/4 (Mon)	

Date	Districts
3/5 (Tue)	Ganeko, Nagata, Shimashi
3/6 (Wed)	Ginowan, Aichi, Kamiyama, Akamichi, Uehara
3/7 (Thu)	
3/8 (Fri)	
3/11 (Mon)	For those who are unable to come on the specified dates. Wait times tend to increase towards the end of the filing period. Please come as soon as possible.
3/12 (Tue)	
3/13 (Wed)	
3/14 (Thu)	
3/15 (Fri)	

■ Who is required to file for municipal/prefectural resident tax?

- Any resident who had an address in Ginowan City as of January 1, 2024 and who had some kind of income last year (regardless of whether they were employed)
- Residents who had no income but would like to have their National Health Insurance or Nursing Care Insurance premiums reduced must file and declare their income as zero.
- Residents who only had a salary income or income from pension who would like to add dependents, add life and social insurance deductions, or medical expense deduction

■ Documents required for tax filing

- Tax declaration form (available at the venue)
- My Number Card or My Number Notification card + photo ID

■ Additional documents to bring based on individual circumstances

- Salaried employees and public pensioners
➔ Withholding Tax Statement (in Japanese: *gensen choshu-hyo*)
- Business owners, real estate/property income earners
➔ Statement of Earnings and Expenses
- National Health Insurance and Long-term Care insured person
➔ proof (certificate) of premiums paid
- National pensioners
➔ social insurance premium deduction certificate
(in Japanese: *shakai hokenryo kojo shomeisho*)
- Individuals with disability ➔ disability handbook
- Students ➔ student ID
- Individuals claiming for medical deduction
➔ breakdown of medical expenses incurred last year and relevant receipts
- Others
➔ life/earthquake insurance premiums deduction certificate

FAQ

Q: Why do I need to file my taxes?

It is so that the city can calculate all your income and determine a fair and appropriate municipal/prefectural tax amount based on your income.

However, if you ①only had a salary income and have already completed the year-end tax adjustment, ②only had income from public pension, or ③are a dependent of a Ginowan resident who has already completed the year-end tax adjustment or final income tax return, you do not have to file for resident tax.

Q: What happens if I don't file my taxes?

You may find yourself unable to get tax-related certificates issued or become unable to receive a reduction in National Health Insurance and Nursing Care Insurance premiums.