

# GINOWAN CITY | MAY-JUNE 2024

# NEWSLETTER

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## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION OF FY2024 NATIONAL PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS OPENS JUL 1

The monthly contribution for National Pension in fiscal 2024 is 16,980 per month. Those who have difficulty making payments can apply to have their premiums reduced or exempted. It is possible to apply for an exemption of contributions going back two years and one month.

◆ **Start of application period:** July 1 (Monday)

◆ **Period exempted or reduced:** July 2024 - June 2025

◆ **Criteria:**

1. The income of the applicant, the applicant's spouse or the head of household from the previous year must be under a certain amount, or
2. There is a unique circumstance (such as unemployment, natural disaster, closure of business, etc.)

◆ **Required documents:** Photo ID

\*Additional documents will be required if applying due to unemployment, etc. For more information, please contact the Pension Unit on the main floor of the city office.

## GINOWAN POPULATION

### AS OF APRIL

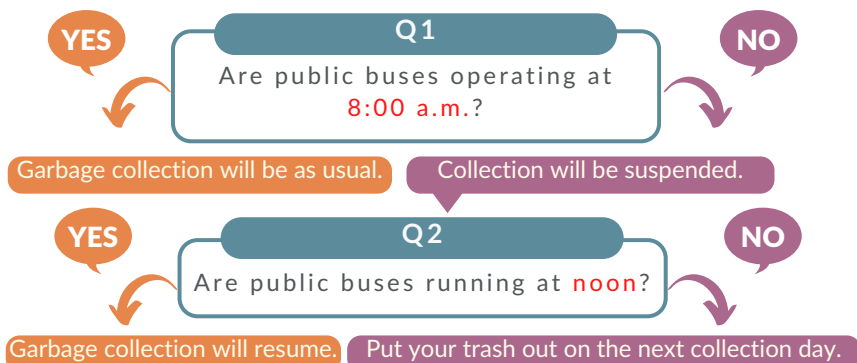
Total population	100,310 (+301)
Households	47,799 (+302)
Nationalities	53 (+1)
Foreign residents	1,916 (+122)

### AS OF MAY

Total population	100,355 (+45)
Households	47,879 (+80)
Nationalities	54 (+1)
Foreign residents	1,986 (+70)

## GARBAGE COLLECTION DURING A TYPHOON

Typhoon season is just around the corner. Depending on the severity of the storm, the city may suspend garbage collection. Here's how to find out.



If you made a booking for oversized trash pickup, you will be contacted separately.

## INTRODUCING THE GINOWAN CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTER

Ginowan has opened the Children and Family Center at the Health Consultation Center and inside the Children and Families Division on the second floor of the city office. We will provide comprehensive consultation service and support for all pregnant women, child-rearing households, and children. Please feel free to consult with us!

Health Consultation Center  
☎️ 098-898-5595  
Children and Families Division  
☎️ 098-893-4643



### HEATSTROKE ALERT

Heatstroke occurs when the balance of fluids and salts in the body is disrupted. It can cause the body's temperature regulation function to fail, resulting in symptoms such as elevated body temperature and dizziness. It's important to be cautious because heatstroke can occur even indoors.



### BOX JELLYFISH ALERT

Between May to October every year, incidents of box jellyfish stings increase. These jellyfish are very hard to spot and their sting is very painful and can even cause shock. In the case of children, it can be life-threatening. Please be very cautious when going to the sea.

## ~TEEN SUPPORT ROOM OKIDANE~ FY2024 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

FREE OF  
CHARGE

Run by the students of the Okinawa International University, Teen Support Room Okidane is a safe place for junior high school students from single parent families to get help with studying and to have fun with university students through sports and games!

#### Schedule

- Every Tuesday 18:00-20:00 at the Okinawa International University
- Every Thursday 18:00-20:00 at the Aragusuku Children's Center

#### Who can join?

- Grade 7-9 students from single parent families

Application will close as soon as quota is reached. To apply or inquire, please call the Children and Families Division at 098-893-4642.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING FY2023 BENEFITS Deadline extended to Aug 3 (Sat)

\*Both handouts are only available to those who were registered residents of Ginowan City as of December 1, 2023.

\*Households comprised of only dependents of another individual who was subject to the per capita levy of resident tax is NOT eligible for the following handouts.

### [1] Handout for Households Subject Only to Per Capita Levy of Resident Tax

#### What kind of household is eligible?

- A household in which all its members are only subject to the per capita levy of resident tax, or
- A household comprised of individuals who are only subject to the per capita levy of resident tax AND individuals who are exempt from resident tax

**Amount of handout:** 70,000 yen per household

\*Households that moved into Ginowan after May 2, 2023 can receive 100,000 yen (per household)

### [2] Additional Benefits for Children in Resident Tax-Exempt Households and Households Subject Only to Per Capita Levy of Resident Tax

#### Who is eligible?

- Children under 18\* who belong in a household exempt from resident tax and children under 18\* who are dependents of a household that is subject only to the per capita levy of resident tax

\*In this case, "children" refers to any child born after April 2, 2005.

**Amount of handout:** 50,000 yen per child

#### Application procedure for [1] and [2]

If there is an individual in the household who moved into Ginowan after January 2, 2023 or who has not yet filed their taxes, this household must submit an application form. If the number of people in the household increased between May 2, 2023 and December 1, 2023, this household will also need to submit an application form.

The application form is available on the city's website and our service window.

#### Application procedure for [2]

Households that are thought to be eligible will be mailed a "Confirmation of Requirements for Payment." The head of household must confirm the contents of the form and submit it to the city by mail or in person.

\*If there is a child who was born after December 2, 2023, that household must submit a separate application form.

The special counter for these handouts is located at the old My Number Card Center.

The special call center is available 9:00-17:00 (excluding weekend and holidays) at ☎0120-472-450.