



# Insight of Filipino Migrants in Japan

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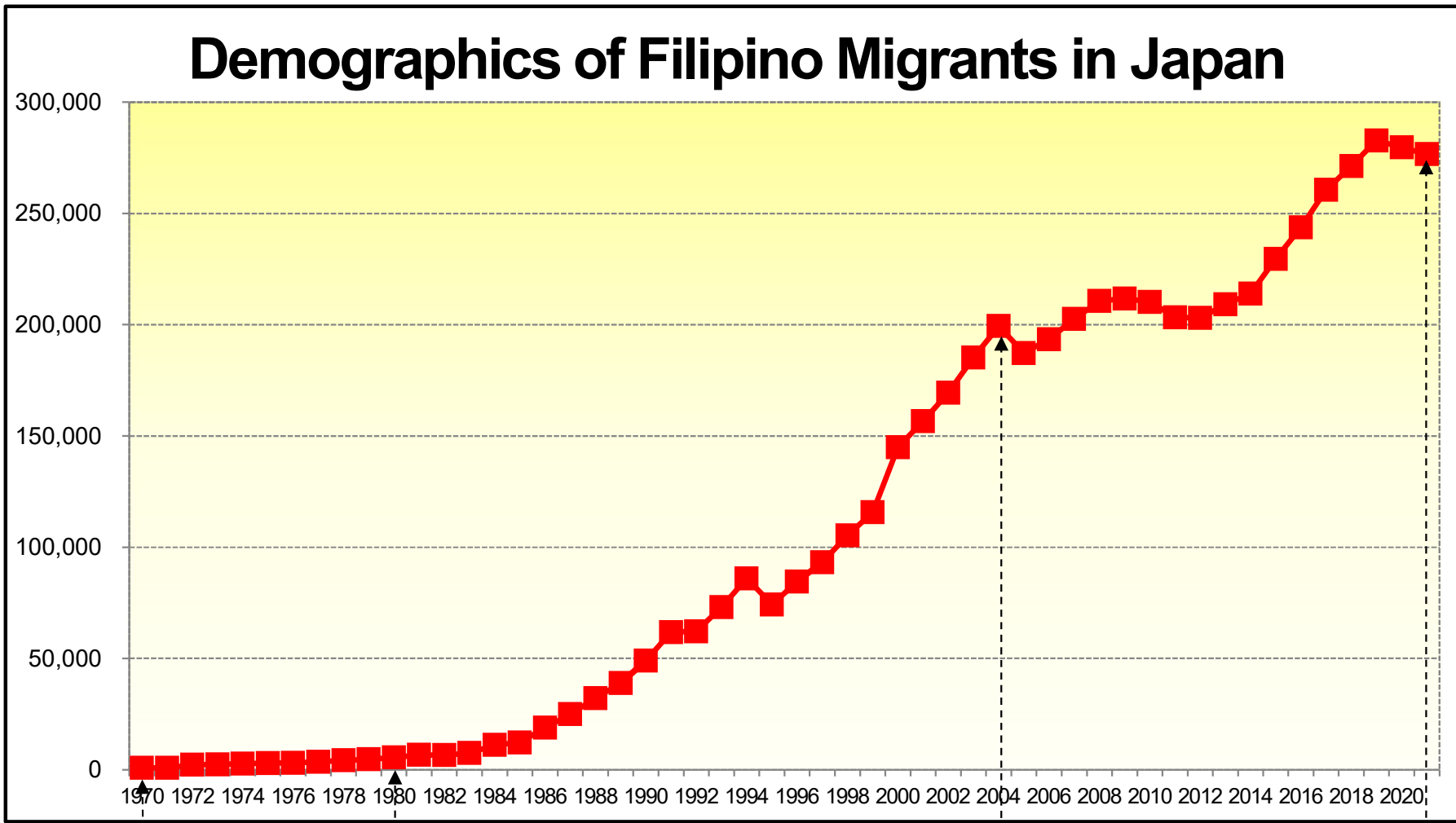
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# Filipino Migrants in Japan Insight



In 1970, there was a registered Filipino population of 932 in Japan. The population increased slightly to 5,547 in 1980.

**The Initial Filipino Migrants in Japan.**

In the early 1980s, Filipino woman began to come to Japan to work at the nightclubs (Philippine pub) and the cabarets as hostesses.

**From the early 1980s, many Japayuki San (Miss Japan-going) came from the Philippines to Japan on entertainer visas, ostensibly to work as dancers and singers.**

The Philippine pub boom reached its peak in 2004, when there were over 80,000 Filipino women in Japan on entertainer visas.

**Japan landed on a human trafficking watch list and started cracking down heavily on these visas.**

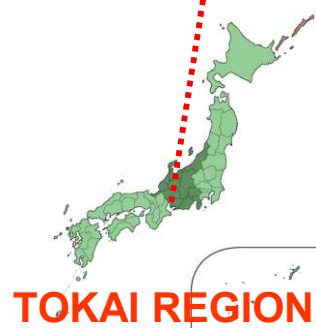
The number of Filipino technical intern trainees has reached 23,186, which was 8.38% of the population of Filipinos in Japan as of 2021.

**A new visa status "Specific Skill", which allows foreigners to work in Japan, was newly created after the Immigration Control Act was revised in April 2019.**

# There were 276,615 Filipinos registered in Japan as of December 2021

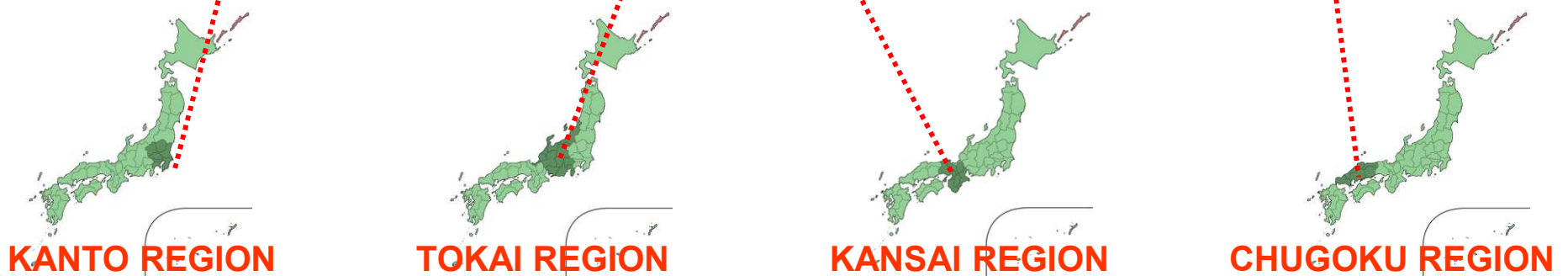
Aichi, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba and Shizuoka have the concentration and the largest population of Filipinos

Prefecture	Filipinos	All Foreigners	% of Filipinos	Prefecture	Filipinos	All Foreigners	% of Filipinos	Prefecture	Filipinos	All Foreigners	% of Filipinos
Hokkaido	2,154	36,316	5.93%	Ishikawa	1,020	14,766	6.91%	Okayama	1,956	29,435	6.65%
Aomori	727	5,693	12.77%	Fukui	1,593	16,014	9.95%	Hiroshima	7,254	50,605	14.33%
Iwate	1,218	7,203	16.91%	Yamanashi	2,011	17,163	11.72%	Yamaguchi	1,483	15,873	9.34%
Miyagi	1,393	21,089	6.61%	Nagano	4,693	35,673	13.16%	Tokushima	764	6,094	12.54%
Akita	792	4,045	19.58%	Gifu	13,564	56,697	23.92%	Kagawa	1,936	13,043	14.84%
Yamagata	844	7,472	11.30%	Shizuoka	17,304	97,338	17.78%	Ehime	2,007	11,900	16.87%
Fukushima	2,572	14,120	18.22%	Aichi	39,149	265,199	14.76%	Kochi	698	4,500	15.51%
Ibaraki	9,923	71,121	13.95%	Mie	7,336	54,295	13.51%	Fukuoka	5,405	76,234	7.09%
Tochigi	4,830	42,430	11.38%	Shiga	2,741	33,458	8.19%	Saga	654	6,507	10.05%
Gunma	7,890	61,945	12.74%	Kyoto	2,455	58,370	4.21%	Nagasaki	1,019	8,982	11.34%
Saitama	21,485	197,110	10.90%	Osaka	9,247	246,157	3.76%	Kumamoto	2,523	16,686	15.12%
Chiba	19,667	165,356	11.89%	Hyogo	5,174	111,940	4.62%	Oita	1,499	11,879	12.62%
Tokyo	33,027	531,131	6.22%	Nara	876	13,873	6.31%	Miyazaki	791	7,011	11.28%
Kanagawa	23,278	227,511	10.23%	Wakayama	766	7,132	10.74%	Kagoshima	1,962	11,833	16.58%
Niigata	2,651	16,936	15.65%	Tottori	612	4,529	13.51%	Okinawa	2,206	18,535	11.90%
Toyama	2,401	18,237	13.17%	Shimane	898	9,405	9.55%	Unidentified	167	1,794	9.31%
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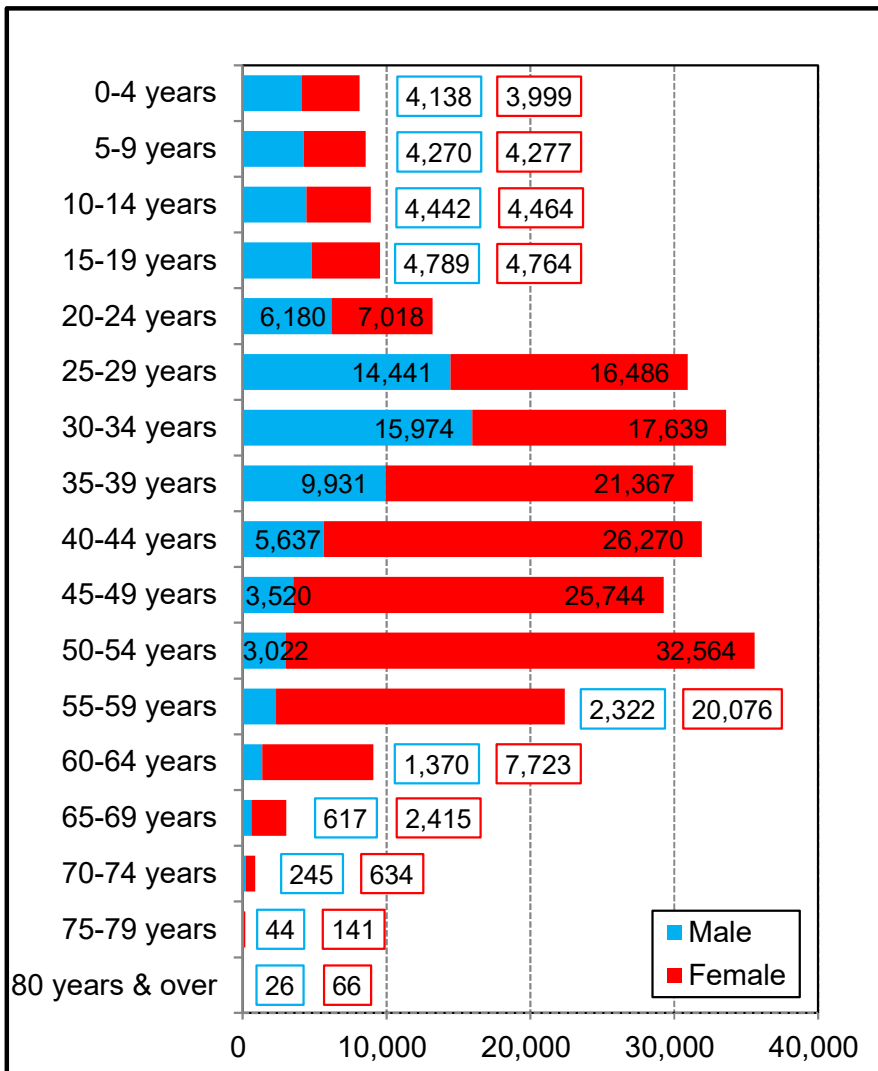
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Hokkaido	2,154	0.78%	Ishikawa	1,020	0.37%	Okayama	1,956	0.71%
Aomori	727	0.26%	Fukui	1,593	0.58%	Hiroshima	7,254	2.62%
Iwate	1,218	0.44%	Yamanashi	2,011	0.73%	Yamaguchi	1,483	0.54%
Miyagi	1,393	0.50%	Nagano	4,693	1.70%	Tokushima	764	0.28%
Akita	792	0.29%	Gifu	13,564	4.90%	Kagawa	1,936	0.70%
Yamagata	844	0.31%	Shizuoka	17,304	6.26%	Ehime	2,007	0.73%
Fukushima	2,572	0.93%	Aichi	39,149	14.15%	Kochi	698	0.25%
Ibaraki	9,923	3.59%	Mie	7,336	2.65%	Fukuoka	5,405	1.95%
Tochigi	4,830	1.75%	Shiga	2,741	0.99%	Saga	654	0.24%
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### Age and Gender Distribution of Filipinos in Japan as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Gender Composition: Male 29.3%, Female 70.7%  
 Median Age: Male 32.6 years old, Female 40.1 years old



### Visa Status of Filipinos in Japan as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

- ① Permanent Resident: 135,350
- ② Long-Term Resident: 54,946
- ③ Spouse or Child of Japanese Citizen: 25,538
- ④ Technical Intern Training: 23,186

