



2019

- March 19** Ceremony marking completion of Ojiya water filtration plant
- April 28** Public exhibition of new ladder fire truck
- June 15** Conference to promote “Cool Japan” campaign in Niigata
- June 18** “The custom of paper picture decoration at the Ojiya Hinamatsuri Doll’s Festival” designated as a folk cultural asset of Ojiya
- August 20** New design decided for “Ojiya” hot air balloon
- August 22** Host town joint signing ceremony with U.S. Virgin Islands
- October 12** Ojiya City Disaster Control Headquarters for Typhoon No. 19 established
- October 19** Number of visitors to Ojāru Citizens’ House reaches 200,000!
- October 19** Concert by Kiyoshi Maekawa to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Great Chuetsu Earthquake
- October 19** Kiyoshi Maekawa & Maya Kobayashi appointed as Ojiya City PR Ambassadors
- October 25** Yoshita-kun mascot updated
- December 2** Ojiya Nishikigoi carp released in the garden pond of Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
- December 5** Main building and detached tatami room of the Former Nishiwaki Residence registered as Tangible Cultural Properties of Japan

2020

- January 6** Asueru Health and Childcare Support Center opened on the site of the former Uonuma Hospital
- February 29** Ojiya City Headquarters for COVID-19 Infectious Disease Control established
- March 4** Temporary closure of city schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- April 1** Comprehensive Parenting Support Center established
- April 3** Ojiya Bravo! (FM Niigata) started broadcasting
- June 11** Large photo banner stand installed in Ojiya Nishikigoi no Sato
- July 5** First reopening of ushi-no-tsunotuski bull sumo tournament (until November, 5 sessions), which had been postponed due to the pandemic
- September 20** “Celebrating 20 in 2020” fireworks event held in support of local youth whose coming-of-age ceremony had been postponed
- October 22** Ojiya City promotional video “Ojiya Koiuta” released
- November 26** First Pokemon-themed manhole covers in the Chubu region installed at four locations in Ojiya



History of Ojiya

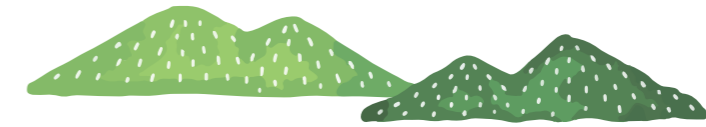


2021

- February 3** Ojiya City COVID-19 Vaccination Promotion Committee “Team Ojiya” established
- March 21** The 1st Ojiya Living Lab “At Ojiya” held toward development of a library and other complex facilities
- March 31** Takanashi Nursery School closed
- June 4 & 5** Citizens participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay
- July 14** The Toei Motonakago urban planning road opened to traffic along its entire length
- July 15** Ojiya Bosai Park opened
- July 21** Nishikigoi carp viewing pond completed at Tokyo Torch Park next to Tokyo Station
- August 20** Niigata Prefecture issued special alert for Ojiya and Nagaoka due to spread of COVID-19
- September 5** 24th general meeting of the National Bull Sumo Summit held in Ojiya
- October 23** Sonaekan celebrated its 10th anniversary
- October 30** Ojiya Festival: “Tomoshihi” Lights Event—Thoughts of 2022
- November 13** Ojiya City nuclear disaster prevention training held

2022

- March 31** Matto Nursery School closed
- May 3** With Japan’s lowering of the age of adulthood, the traditional coming-of-age ceremony was changed to a “Party to celebrate turning 20”
- May 14** For the first time in Japan, a residents’ opera, “Carmen,” was staged at the bull sumo ring
- May 28** Evacuees from Ukraine were hosted at city-owned facilities
- June 17** The movie “The Pass: Last Days of the Samurai,” featuring Ojiya City as a shooting location, was released
- July 14** Peace memorial concert held to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the declaration of Ojiya City as a nuclear weapons-free city
- July 24** Telework station Ojiya opened
- October 7** Ojiya Future Assembly event held
- October 21** Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd. donated three large pieces of playground equipment to Ojiya Bosai Park
- November 5** Nishikigoi carp release ceremony held at Nishikigoi no Sato as part of the World Nishikigoi Summit
- November 5 & 6** World Nishikigoi Summit & Cool Japan Expo in NIIGATA held
- November 29** Mayor Etsuo Miyazaki inaugurated
- December 19** Disaster Relief Act applied to Ojiya City due to heavy snowfall



OJIYA DATA BOOK



Ojiya City Data Book 〈Reference Edition〉

—2022 Edition—



Ranked **1st** in the prefecture for “Convenience”
for 5 consecutive years (2018–2022) in the Livability Ranking

Ojiya City in Data

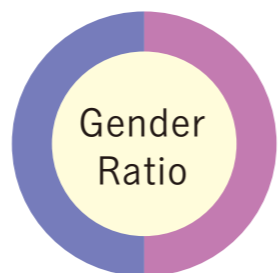


Ojiya City
Statistical Data

Life in Ojiya

Population

33,728



Households

12,898 households



● Male
16,684

● Female
17,044

(As of December 31, 2022)

Number of births

171 births/year



(from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022)

Nursery schools
9 schools

Centers for early childhood education and care
3 centers

(As of April 1, 2022)

Average annual temperature

13.1°C



Average temperature in August

25.9°C

Average temperature in January

0.2°C

(2021)

Elementary schools

8 schools

Ojiya Elementary School is the first public elementary school in Japan!

Junior high schools

5 schools

Schools for special needs

1 schools



(As of April 1, 2022)

Budget (general accounting)

22.23 billion yen (FY2023)

Hospitals & medical clinics

16 facilities

(as of April 1, 2022)

Number of offices

1,711 offices

(as of June 1, 2021)

What is Ojiya proud of?

Calculations by Toyo Keizai Inc. Livability Ranking

The Livability Ranking is calculated based on 20 data points from four perspectives: safety, convenience, comfort, and affluence. It covers 812 cities and wards across Japan.

for **5** consecutive years

Ranked **1st**
in the prefecture
in terms of “Convenience”
(2018–2022)

for **3** consecutive years

Ranked **1st**
in the prefecture
(2009–2012)

What is convenience?

Retail sales per capita, large-scale retail store floor space per capita, number of food & beverage retail businesses by inhabitable land area, number of restaurants per capita

*From Toyo Keizai Inc. “City Datapack” FY2009–2022 editions

Low rate of adult tooth decay

Ranked **1st** in Niigata Prefecture out of 20 cities



Moreover, /
Niigata Prefecture ranked 1st in Japan (2021)

Specific health checkup implementation rate

Ranked **1st** in Niigata Prefecture out of 20 cities

Residents are highly health-conscious! (2020)

Ranked 3rd in Japan out of 812 municipalities

Low long-term care certification rate

Ranked **1st** in Niigata Prefecture out of 20 cities



The high rate of health checkups is a factor in the health of older people! (2021)

Manufacturers & launchers of large-scale fireworks

2 companies

It is rare for two fireworks specialist companies to be based in the same municipality, making Ojiya a “town of fireworks” (April 1, 2022)

Number of Nishikigoi carp produced

Ranked **2nd** -highest in Japan

One of Ojiya’s treasures, the Nishikigoi carp is recognized as a fish of national importance (April 1, 2022)

Message

Etsuo Miyazaki,
Mayor of Ojiya City



Ojiya City is located almost in the center of Niigata Prefecture, and Japan’s largest river, the Shinano River, flows through the city.

Ojiya–chijimi hemp fabric, which is registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, Nishikigoi carp, a local city and prefectural ornamental fish of national recognized importance, and the tradition of ushi–no–tsunotsuki bull sumo, a nationally designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property, are all traditions, culture, and techniques handed down from our predecessors. These are the treasures of Ojiya.

In terms of industry, the manufacturing industry for precision machinery and electronic parts is thriving, and in terms of agricultural products, the cultivation of Uonuma Koshihikari rice, cauliflower, watermelons, and melons is flourishing.

During the major consolidations of the Heisei era, Ojiya City chose the path of autonomy and independence. With the participation of all citizens, Ojiya works hard to create a place where everyone, from children to the elderly, are proud of their town—happy to be born here, happy to live here, and happy to return here. Ojiya City hopes many people are interested in learning about its many attractions and initiatives.

Citizens’ Charter

[The Hopes of Ojiya Citizens]

Surrounded by beautiful mountains and rivers, covered in deep snow
Our ancestors, who lived in this land, nurtured kind and patient spirits, a generous snow country culture, and creative industries.

Inheriting these benefits, we, the citizens of Ojiya, set our next goals and move forward toward a brighter tomorrow.

Let’s all work together to nurture our town, Ojiya.
A town strong enough to overcome the snow.
A town overflowing with care and sincerity.
A healthy town, rich in culture.
An industrial town, filled with the joy of working.
(Established March 1, 1980)