



Profile of Kushiro

K U S H I R O



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Located against the Pacific coastline on the eastern side of Hokkaido, Kushiro City is blessed with valuable and beautiful nature, including the two national parks of Akan-Mashu and Kushiro-Shitsugen, where Japanese cranes and marimo (algae balls) of Lake Akan, both Special Natural Monuments of Japan, can also be found.

The maximum summer temperature is around 20°C, making the city suitable for long-term stays to avoid the summer heat elsewhere.

Kushiro City has developed as a production area centered on the primary industries of fisheries (boasting one of the largest catches in Japan); forestry based on abundant forest resources; and dairy, livestock, and other farming in the hinterland. In addition, there are the secondary industries of large-scale food and pharmaceutical plants, paper mills, and Japan's only active underground coal mine.

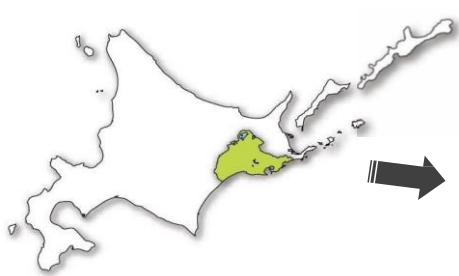
We wish to pass the strengths we have cultivated as a production city to the next generation. These include our rich natural environment and diverse cultures, as well as the charm and value of Kushiro, which has developed as the base of eastern Hokkaido. With this intention, we stride forward with the slogan, "Connection Between the City, People and the Future – The Hub City of Eastern Hokkaido,

City Emblem



The star shape refers to the North Star and the circle in the center represents a bracelet. The kanji (Chinese character) for “Ku” means bracelet. The emblem shows that Kushiro is surrounded by the North Star, which is the symbol of Hokkaido. It was designed with the desire to help Kushiro prosper.

Location

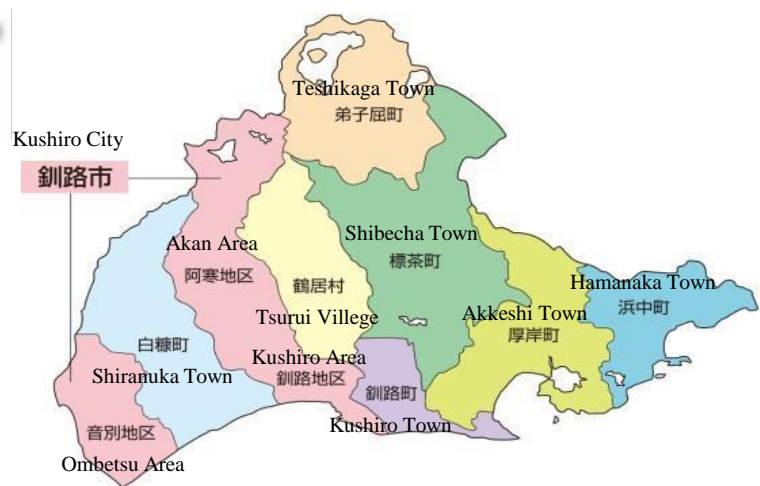


Location of Kushiro City

Long. 144° 22' 24"

Lat. 42° 58' 10"

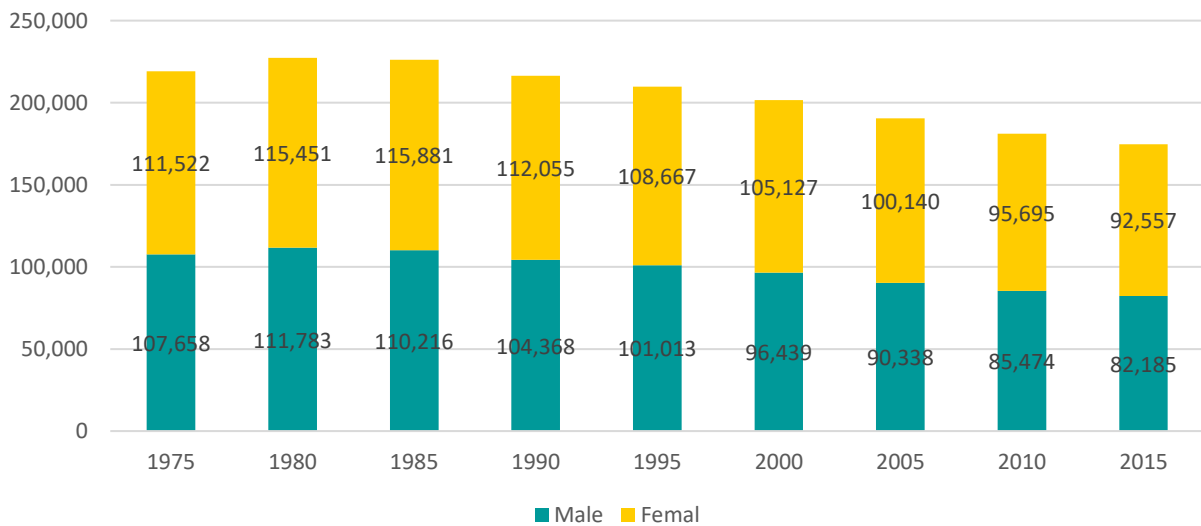
Area of Kushiro City 1,362.90 km²



Population

168,730 (Mar. 2019)

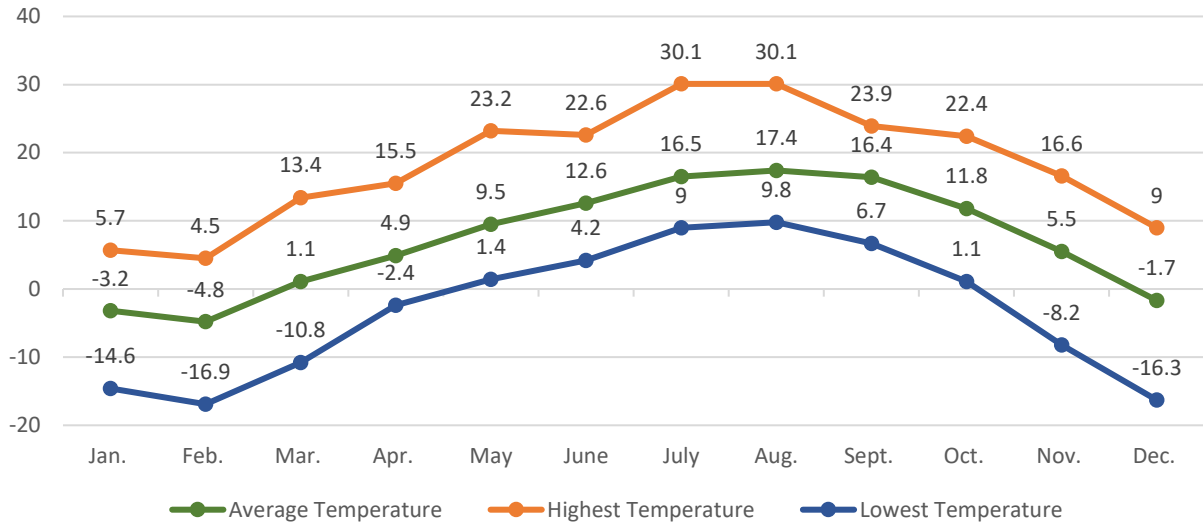
(Unit: people)



Climate

Monthly average, highest, and lowest temperatures (2018)

(Unit: °C)



Spring

Red-crowned cranes, which are designated as a Special Natural Monument of Japan



Summer

Canoeing on the Kushiro River



Fall

Autumn leaves around Lake Akan



Winter

Pancake ice on the Kushiro River



Official Flowers of Kushiro

(Established at the Ceremony for the First Anniversary of the Merger of Kushiro City)



◆ Nasturtium
Tropaeolaceae
Tropaeolum



◆ Lily of the valley
Liliaceae
Convallaria



◆ Gentian
Gentianaceae
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Official Trees of Kushiro

(Established at the Ceremony for the First Anniversary of the Merger of Kushiro City)



◆ Japanese lilac tree
Oleaceae
Syringa

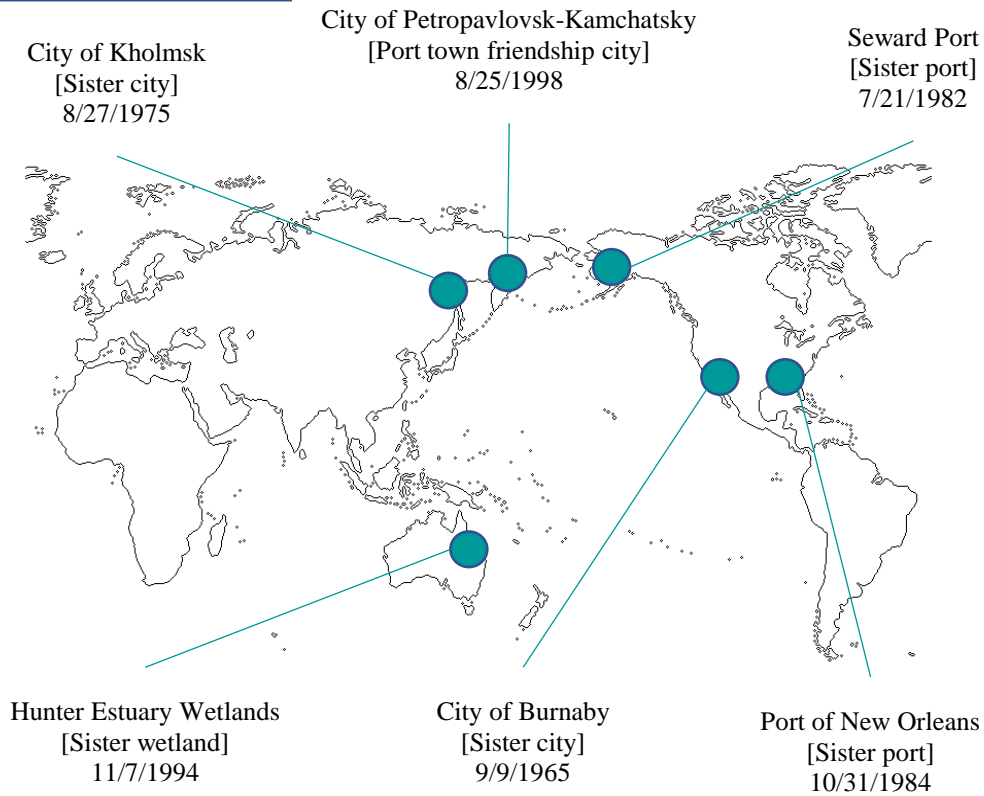


◆ Sargent cherry
Rosaceae
Cerasus

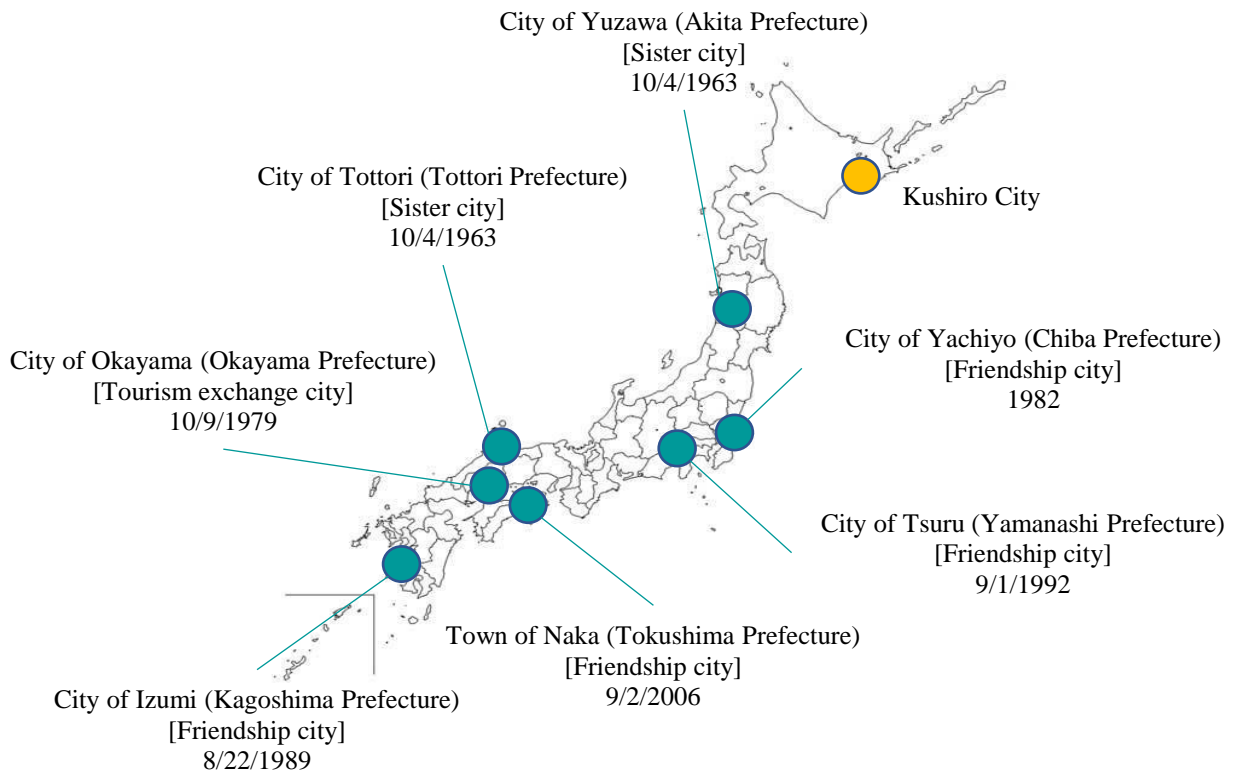


◆ Japanese rowan
Rosaceae
Sorbus

Overseas Affiliations



Domestic Affiliations



Changes in gross municipal output

(Unit: thousand yen, %)

Item	Amount of money			Ratio			Increase / decrease from the previous year	
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014
1. Industry	491,800,056	498,864,431	491,456,679	85.5	85.6	85.0	1.4	△ 1.5
(1) Agriculture	3,402,203	3,461,312	3,920,599	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.7	13.3
(2) Forestry	113,496	171,304	167,520	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.9	△ 2.2
(3) Fisheries	5,155,426	5,238,294	6,928,757	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.6	32.3
(4) Mining	3,363,487	3,512,161	3,553,874	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.4	1.2
(5) Manufacturing	73,919,878	70,178,678	65,553,375	12.9	12.0	11.3	△ 5.1	△ 6.6
(6) Construction	25,382,729	36,500,588	31,113,317	4.4	6.3	5.4	43.8	△ 14.8
(7) Electricity, gas and waterworks	11,826,972	13,373,053	17,442,904	2.1	2.3	3.0	13.1	30.4
(8) Wholesale and retailing	83,716,676	78,974,612	75,810,816	14.6	13.5	13.1	△ 5.7	△ 4.0
(9) Finance and insurance	25,210,389	24,695,921	24,919,580	4.4	4.2	4.3	△ 2.0	0.9
(10) Real estate	74,819,085	73,597,332	73,590,505	13.0	12.6	12.7	△ 1.6	△ 0.0
(11) Transport	39,732,177	42,103,837	42,617,293	6.9	7.2	7.4	6.0	1.2
(12) Information and telecommunications	11,760,882	10,968,023	10,361,074	2.0	1.9	1.8	△ 6.7	△ 5.5
(13) Service	133,396,656	136,089,316	135,477,065	23.2	23.3	23.4	2.0	△ 0.4
2. Government service provider	67,943,589	68,121,568	71,380,012	11.8	11.7	12.4	0.3	4.8
(1) Electricity, gas and waterworks	2,487,073	2,744,489	3,513,704	0.4	0.5	0.6	10.4	28.0
(2) Service	17,896,729	17,522,086	17,635,806	3.1	3.0	3.1	△ 2.1	0.6
(3) Public affairs	47,559,787	47,854,993	50,230,502	8.3	8.2	8.7	0.6	5.0
3. Private non-profit service providers for households	13,928,369	14,135,979	14,932,988	2.4	2.4	2.6	1.5	5.6
4. Sub-total (1+2+3)	573,672,014	581,121,978	577,769,679	99.7	99.7	100.0	1.3	△ 0.6
5. Taxes and custom duties on imports	4,467,998	4,856,679	4,395,254	0.8	0.8	0.8	8.7	△ 9.5
6. Consumption tax on gross capital formation	△ 2,898,938	△ 3,081,805	△ 4,219,749	△ 0.5	△ 0.5	△ 0.7	6.3	36.9
Total (4+5+6)	575,241,074	582,896,852	577,945,184	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.3	△ 0.8

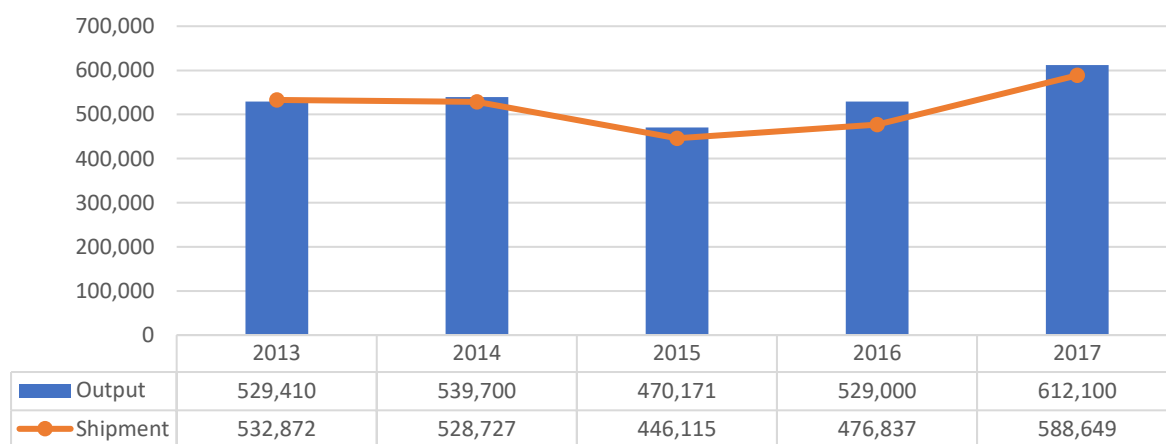
Fish catch by species

(Unit: t, thousand yen, %)

Fish catch by species	Amount / ratio				Monetary value / ratio			
	2016		2017		2016		2017	
Total	114,207	100.0	139,678	100.0	10,099,229	100.0	10,203,667	100.0
Alaska Pollack	39,487	34.6	41,087	29.4	2,296,624	22.7	2,165,141	21.2
Pacific cod	6,378	5.6	7,404	5.3	1,563,395	15.5	1,918,351	18.8
Saury	5,659	5.0	2,740	2.0	1,004,696	9.9	826,415	8.1
Squid	1,468	1.3	45	0.0	728,045	7.2	13,887	0.1
Flatfish	526	0.5	665	0.5	230,714	2.3	225,402	2.2
Trout	138	0.1	79	0.1	81,800	0.8	51,109	0.5
Red-skinned fish	117	0.1	131	0.1	193,017	1.9	256,582	2.5
Atka mackerel	1	0.0	0	0.0	984	0.0	129	0.0
Mackerel	6,661	5.8	7,653	5.5	761,320	7.5	659,566	6.5
Sardine	49,471	43.3	76,793	55.0	2,096,873	20.8	3,170,909	31.1
Smelt	170	0.1	100	0.1	290,996	2.9	204,717	2.0
Others	4,131	3.6	2,981	2.1	850,765	8.4	711,459	7.0

Coal output

<Data: Kushiro Coal Mine Co., Ltd. > (Unit: t)



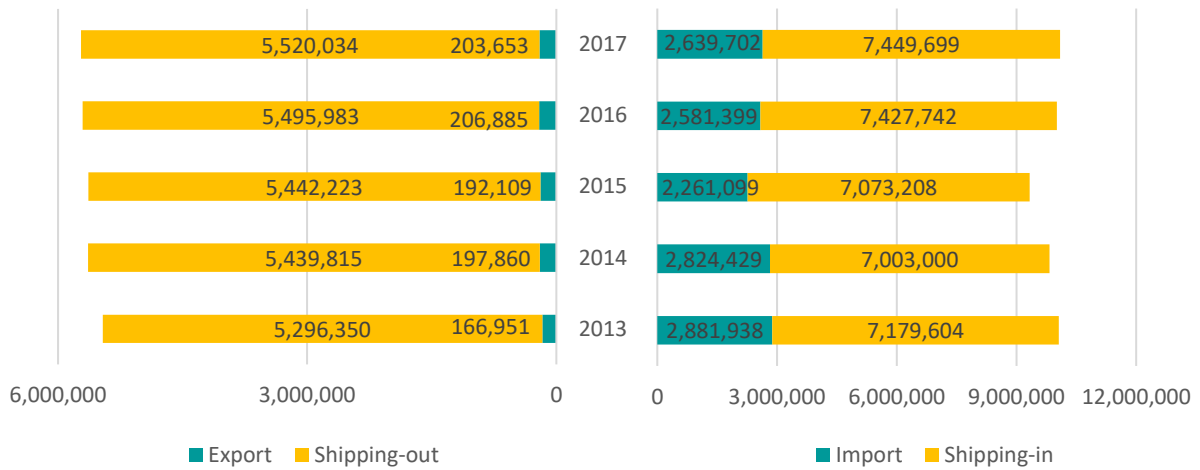
Number of inbound tourists

(Unit: people)

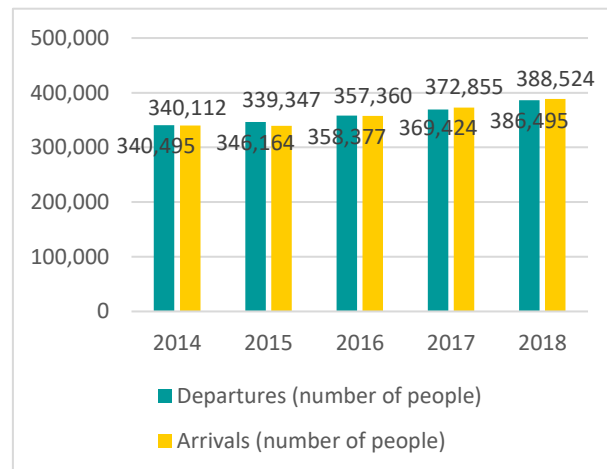
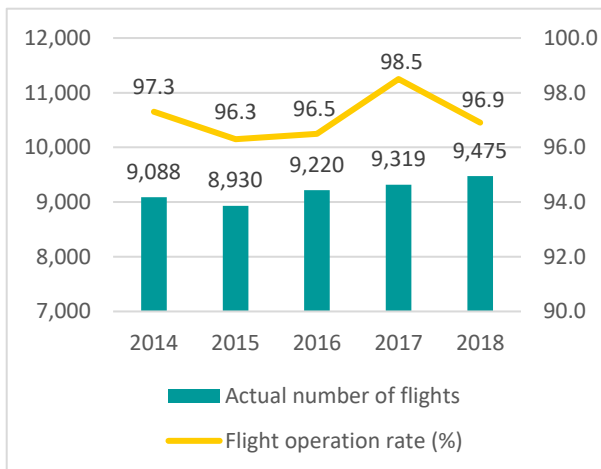
	Total	Kushiro area		Akan area		Ombetsu area	
		From inside Hokkaido	From outside Hokkaido	From inside Hokkaido	From outside Hokkaido	From inside Hokkaido	From outside Hokkaido
2013	3,526,298	1,699,137	752,516	593,774	473,684	6,770	417
2014	3,917,837	1,913,772	863,668	641,132	490,488	8,223	554
2015	4,256,216	2,114,650	923,086	672,993	536,326	8,655	506
2016	4,599,669	2,356,448	1,056,037	660,025	518,585	7,858	716
2017	5,239,429	2,496,637	1,099,667	1,085,401	549,337	7,710	677

Amount of port freight handled

(Unit: t)



Airport use conditions



Water-supply coverage ratio

(Unit: people, %, m)

Year	Population within the water-supply area	Population covered by the water-supply system	Coverage ratio	Total length of water distribution pipes
2013	194,628	194,492	99.9	1,137,736
2014	192,773	192,636	99.9	1,139,830
2015	190,806	190,708	99.9	1,144,631
2016	188,940	188,831	99.9	1,146,698
2017	186,495	186,389	99.9	1,156,523

Sewerage coverage ratio

(Unit: ha, thousand people, km, 1,000 m²)

	Sewerage system construction area	Population covered by the constructed sewerage system	Sewerage treatment area	Population currently covered by the sewerage treatment system	Total length of sewerage pipes	Daily average treatment amount
2013	4,538	175.7	4,537.7	175.7	1,471.3	69.3
2014	4,539	174.1	4,538.8	174.1	1,475.2	68.7
2015	4,539	172.4	4,539.0	172.4	1,476.2	67.7
2016	4,540	170.6	4,540.0	170.6	1,476.8	67.2
2017	4,542	168.3	4,541.5	168.3	1,477.6	67.0

Overview of educational facilities inside the city

	Number of schools	Number of classes	Number of teachers	Number of students
Kindergardens etc...	29	124	268	2,373
Elementary schools	27	372	614	7,729
Junior high schools	17	169	357	4,120
High schools	8	124	363	4,418

	Number of department	Number of teachers	Number of students
Kushiro National College of Technology	8	76	839
Kushiro Junior College	2	17	190
Hokkaido University of Education, Kushiro Campus	9(3)	60	791(32)
Kushiro Public University of Economics	2	39	1,365
Tsuruno Support School	14	44	72
Schools for disabled children	44	105	183

Overview of child daycare centers

	Number of facilities	Number of teachers	Enrollment limit		Number of children (Age)					
					0	1	2	3	4	5
Total	20	267	1,385	1,229	64	186	224	255	253	247
Public facilities	7	85	465	325	11	46	58	71	71	68
Company-run facilities	13	182	920	904	53	140	166	184	182	179

Access

● Car

- Sapporo City 4 hrs. 10 min.
- Asahikawa City 5 hrs. 20 min.
- Obihiro City 2 hrs. 30min.
- Kitami City 3 hrs.
- Abashiri City 2 hrs. 45 min.
- Nemuro City 2 hrs. 15 min.

● Airplane

- Haneda Airport 1 hr. 40 min.
- New Chitose Airport 45 min.
- Okadama Airport 45 min.
- Kansai International Airport 2 hrs.
- Itami Airport 2 hrs.
- Central Japan International Airport 2hrs.

● JR

- Sapporo Station 4 hrs.
- Obihiro Station 1 hrs. 30 min.
- Abashiri Station 3 hrs. 30 min.
- Nemuro Station 2 hrs. 30 min.

● Intercity Bus

- Sapporo City 5 hrs.
- Asahikawa City 7 hrs.
- Kitami City 3 hrs.
- Nemuro City 3 hrs.

