**Land**

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Gifu is situated approximately in the center of the Japanese archipelago, occupying a total land area of approximately 10,621 square kilometers, or 2.8% of Japan’s total landmass. Of this area, approximately one quarter is made up of highlands, which exceeds 1,000 meters above sea level. Gifu has a rich natural environment, with 80.7% of the prefecture covered by woods and forests. The northern and eastern parts are mountainous and the Nobi Plain expands across the southern part, where beautiful rivers flow, converging in the riverside area at sea level.

![The Nagara River flowing through the Nobi Plain](image)

**Climate**

**Average Monthly Temperature/ Precipitation in Gifu City and Takayama City**

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There is a large difference in climate between the southern and northern regions of Gifu Prefecture. The average temperature from 1981 to 2010 in the Mino Region in the south including Gifu City is 15.8°C, whereas the Hida Region in the north including Takayama City is 11.0°C. Most of the Hida Region is covered with heavy snow in winter.

![Average Monthly Temperature/ Precipitation](image)

*Source: Japan Meteorological Agency*

*Note: Average temperature/precipitation figures from 1981 to 2010*