



# Insight of Filipino Migrants in Japan

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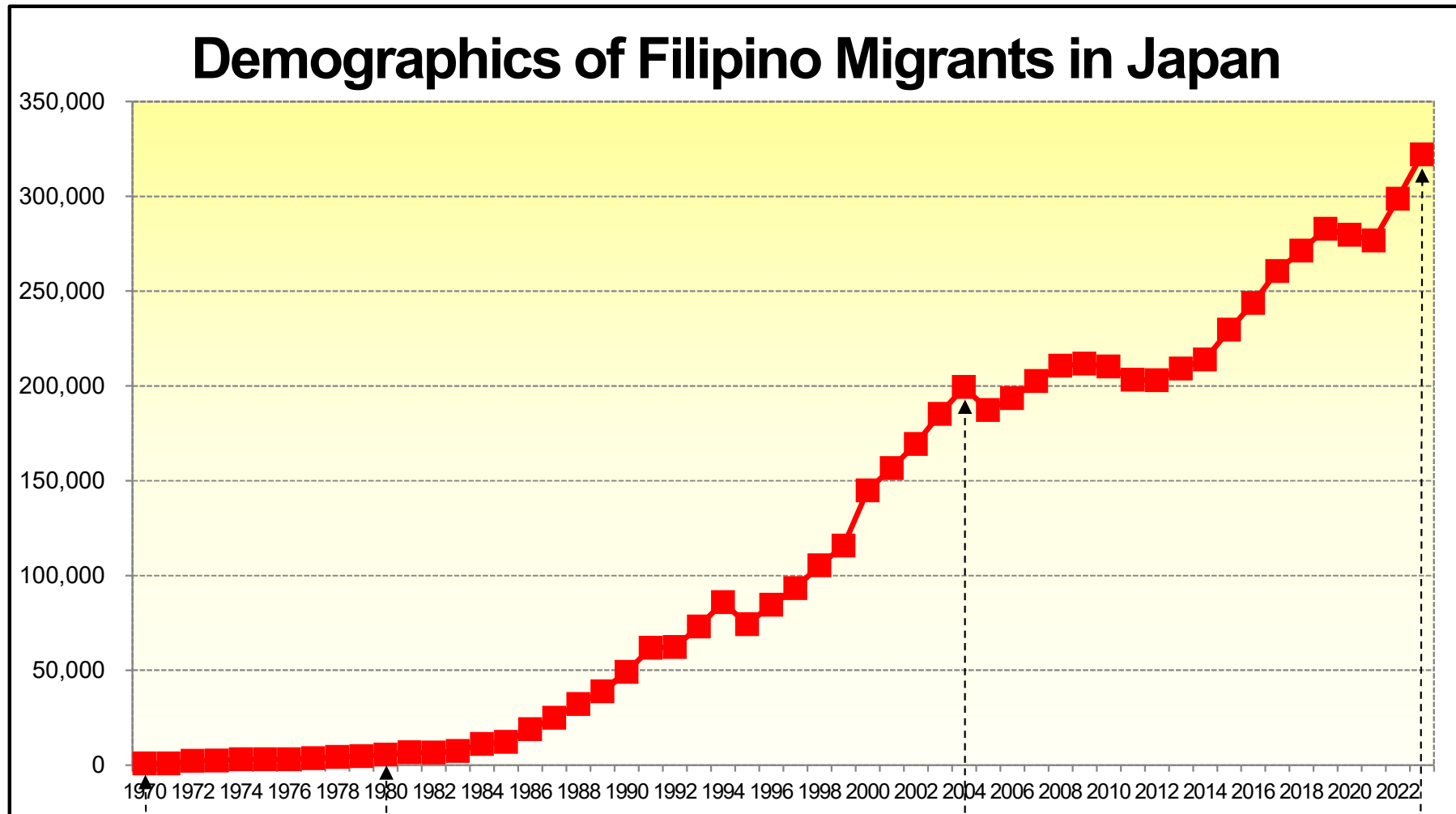
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# Filipino Migrants in Japan Insight



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 women 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.**

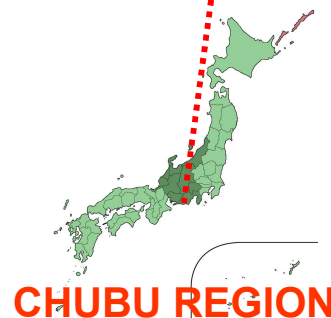
The number of Filipino technical intern trainees has reached 35,932, which was 11.16% of the population of Filipinos in Japan as of 2023.

**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 322,046 Filipinos registered in Japan as of December 2023

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	2,987	56,485	5.29%	Ishikawa	1,493	19,407	7.69%	Okayama	2,415	35,928	6.72%
Aomori	893	7,797	11.45%	Fukui	2,127	17,595	12.09%	Hiroshima	9,758	62,363	15.65%
Iwate	1,504	10,173	14.78%	Yamanashi	2,300	21,502	10.70%	Yamaguchi	1,985	19,622	10.12%
Miyagi	1,681	27,009	6.22%	Nagano	5,281	43,075	12.26%	Tokushima	911	7,949	11.46%
Akita	954	5,280	18.07%	Gifu	15,519	69,477	22.34%	Kagawa	2,607	17,312	15.06%
Yamagata	988	9,326	10.59%	Shizuoka	19,728	115,642	17.06%	Ehime	3,488	16,384	21.29%
Fukushima	2,918	18,070	16.15%	Aichi	44,779	310,845	14.41%	Kochi	867	6,129	14.15%
Ibaraki	11,416	91,694	12.45%	Mie	8,356	64,420	12.97%	Fukuoka	6,698	99,695	6.72%
Tochigi	5,383	51,073	10.54%	Shiga	3,208	40,743	7.87%	Saga	877	9,764	8.98%
Gunma	9,016	74,154	12.16%	Kyoto	2,959	75,818	3.90%	Nagasaki	1,495	13,590	11.00%
Saitama	23,964	234,698	10.21%	Osaka	11,362	301,490	3.77%	Kumamoto	3,754	25,589	14.67%
Chiba	21,919	204,091	10.74%	Hyogo	6,227	131,756	4.73%	Oita	1,933	18,108	10.67%
Tokyo	36,279	663,362	5.47%	Nara	1,052	17,614	5.97%	Miyazaki	948	9,752	9.72%
Kanagawa	26,086	267,523	9.75%	Wakayama	919	9,090	10.11%	Kagoshima	2,460	16,417	14.98%
Niigata	3,091	21,558	14.34%	Tottori	675	5,604	12.04%	Okinawa	2,587	25,447	10.17%
Toyama	2,734	22,460	12.17%	Shimane	1,078	10,350	10.42%	Unidentified	387	7,762	4.99%
								Total	322,046	3,410,992	9.44%

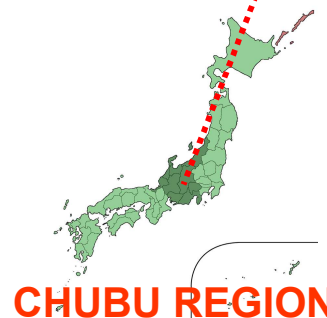


There were 276,615 Filipinos registered in Japan as of December 2021

Prefecture	Filipinos	Population ratio	Prefecture	Filipinos	Population ratio	Prefecture	Filipinos	Population ratio
Hokkaido	2,987	0.93%	Ishikawa	1,493	0.46%	Okayama	2,415	0.75%
Aomori	893	0.28%	Fukui	2,127	0.66%	Hiroshima	9,758	3.03%
Iwate	1,504	0.47%	Yamanashi	2,300	0.71%	Yamaguchi	1,985	0.62%
Miyagi	1,681	0.52%	Nagano	5,281	1.64%	Tokushima	911	0.28%
Akita	954	0.30%	Gifu	15,519	4.82%	Kagawa	2,607	0.81%
Yamagata	988	0.31%	Shizuoka	19,728	6.13%	Ehime	3,488	1.08%
Fukushima	2,918	0.91%	Aichi	44,779	13.90%	Kochi	867	0.27%
Ibaraki	11,416	3.54%	Mie	8,356	2.59%	Fukuoka	6,698	2.08%
Tochigi	5,383	1.67%	Shiga	3,208	1.00%	Saga	877	0.27%
Gunma	9,016	2.80%	Kyoto	2,959	0.92%	Nagasaki	1,495	0.46%
Saitama	23,964	7.44%	Osaka	11,362	3.53%	Kumamoto	3,754	1.17%
Chiba	21,919	6.81%	Hyogo	6,227	1.93%	Oita	1,933	0.60%
Tokyo	36,279	11.27%	Nara	1,052	0.33%	Miyazaki	948	0.29%
Kanagawa	26,086	8.10%	Wakayama	919	0.29%	Kagoshima	2,460	0.76%
Niigata	3,091	0.96%	Tottori	675	0.21%	Okinawa	2,587	0.80%
Toyama	2,734	0.85%	Shimane	1,078	0.33%	Unidentified	387	0.12%
						Total	322,046	100.00%



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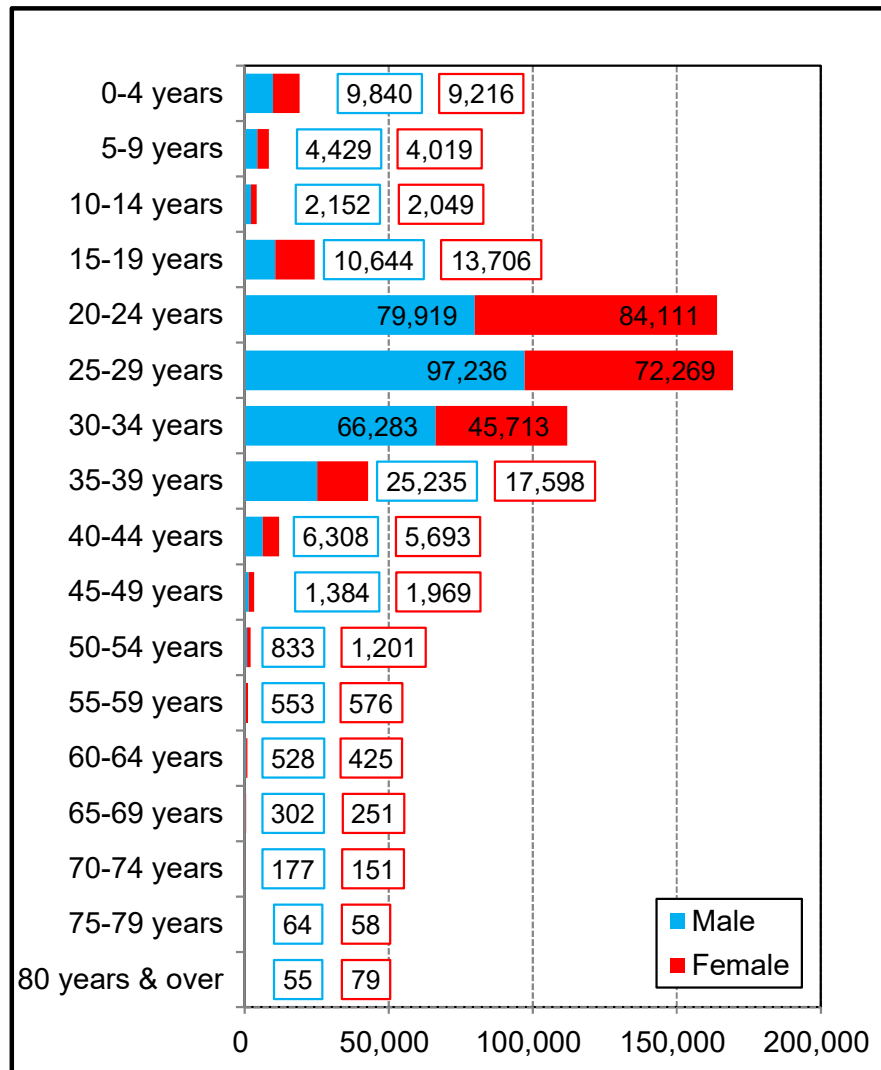


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## Age and Gender Distribution of Filipinos in Japan as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Gender Composition: Male 33.1%, Female 66.9%

Median Age: Male 30.5 years old, Female 37.8 years old



## Visa Status of Filipinos in Japan as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

① Permanent Resident: 139,584

② Long-Term Resident: 60,446

③ Technical Intern Training: 35,932

④ Spouse or Child of Japanese Citizen: 26,201

