

# Survey for Foreign Nationals Living in Aizu Wakamatsu City

~Conducting a survey of Foreign Nationals living in Aizu Wakamatsu City~

This survey was sent to you by Aizu Wakamatsu City Hall.

To make Aizu Wakamatsu a city where people choose to live, and a city where it is easy to live, we will also be conducting a survey of foreign residents living in Aizu Wakamatsu City.

When answering this survey please tell us what you think and how you feel.

Thank you.

November 2024

Aizu Wakamatsu Mayor

Muroi

Shouhei

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会 津 若 松 市 長

室井照平

## <About this survey>

- This survey is being sent to all foreign nationals 18 years old and above living in Aizu Wakamatsu City.
- This survey is not related to immigration control.
- Your answers will not be shared with other people.
- There is a name on the envelope. The person with that name should answer this survey.
- Depending on your country this survey was sent in either Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, English, South Korean, or North Korea, and easy Japanese (yasashii Nihongo).

<How to answer this survey>

■Please answer online.

①Access the survey from the URL or QR Code below. Please choose from Easy Japanese (Yasashii Nihongo) or English.

【Easy Japanese】 <https://logoform.jp/f/BdJbt>



【English】 <https://logoform.jp/f/5L6Ua>



②Please answer the question according to the explanation.

③At the end once you press the “Send” button you are finished.

It is also possible to save your answers temporarily.

Once you press the “Send” button, it is not possible to change your answers.

<Deadline for answering this survey>

■Please answer 2024 by **December 27<sup>th</sup> (Fri)** 2024

<If you don' t understand something>

■If there is something you do not understand in this survey, please send an email to the Inquiry Contact below.

Inquiry Contact Aizu Wakamatsu City Hall Planning and Consultation Division

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# Survey for foreign nationals living in Aizu Wakamatsu City      Questionnaire Sheet

## 1. About yourself

Q1－1    What is your gender?

Please select 1 answer.

- |         |           |          |                      |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| 1. Male | 2. Female | 3. Other | 4. Prefer not to say |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------------|

Q1－2    What is your age in years?

Please select 1 answer.

- |           |             |           |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. 18～19  | 2. 20～24    | 3. 25～29  | 4. 30～34  |
| 5. 35～39  | 6. 40～44    | 7. 45～49  | 8. 50～54  |
| 9. 55～59  | 10. 60～64   | 11. 65～69 | 12. 70～74 |
| 13. 75～79 | 14. Over 80 |           |           |

Q1－3    What is your Nationality?

Please select 1 answer.

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|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Chinese            | 2. Vietnamese | 3. Filipino(Philippines) |
| 4. South/North Korean | 5. Indian     | 6. Taiwanese             |
| 7. American           | 8. Indonesian | 9. Other                 |

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Q1 – 4 What is your status of residence? Please select 1 answer.

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|---|---|
| 1. Permanent resident                     | 2. Spouse/dependent of Japanese national          |
| 3. Spouse/dependent of permanent resident | 4. Long term resident                             |
| 5. Professor                              | 6. Religious activities                           |
| 7. Instructor                             | 8. Engineering/Humanities/International Relations |
| 9. Intra-company transferee               | 10. Care worker                                   |
| 11. Skilled worker                        | 12. Specified skilled worker                      |
| 13. Technical intern training             | 14. Designated activities                         |
| 15. Study abroad                          | 16. Researcher                                    |
| 17. Dependent                             | 18. Other   |

Q1 – 5 What work are you doing? Please select 1 answer.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Agriculture/Forestry         | 2. Construction          |
| 3. Manufacturing                | 4. Retail                |
| 5. Hotel/Accommodation industry | 6. Food service industry |
| 7. Education                    | 8. Medical care/Nursing  |
| 9. Student                      | 10. Not working          |
| 11. Other                       |                          |

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Q1－6 Have long have you been living in Aizu Wakamatsu City?

Please select 1 answer.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Less than 6 months  | 2. 6 months to 1 year   |
| 3. 1 year to 3 years   | 4. 3 years to 5 years   |
| 5. 5 years to 10 years | 6. 10 years to 20 years |
| 7. More than 20 years  |                         |

Q1－7 How happy are you now? Please choose a number between 10 and 0, with 10 being “Very happy” and 0 being “Not at all happy” .

Please select 1 answer.

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10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

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Q1－8 How satisfied are you with life in Aizu Wakamatsu City? Please choose a number between 10 and 0, with 10 being “Completely satisfied” and 0 being “Not at all satisfied” .

Please select 1 answer.

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10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

## 2. About Language

Q2－1 Which language(s) do you know?

Please choose all that apply.

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|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Japanese   | 2. Chinese            | 3. North/South Korean |
| 4. English    | 5. Vietnamese         | 6. Tagalog            |
| 7. Indonesian | 8. Russian            | 9. Nepalese           |
| 10. Thai      | 11. Burmese (Myanmar) | 12. Sinhala           |
| 13. Tamil     | 14. Malaysian         | 15. Other             |

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Q2-2 What level of Japanese texts can you read?

Please select 1 answer.

1. I can read books, newspapers, and magazines etc. written in Japanese.
2. I can read things if they are written in Easy Japanese
3. I can read things if they are written in Hiragana
4. I cannot read anything, even if it is written in Easy Japanese or hiragana.

Q2-3 How much can you converse in Japanese? Please select 1 answer.

1. I can converse freely with Japanese people
2. I can have everyday conversations with Japanese people
3. I can make a self-introduction and greet others
4. I cannot really speak Japanese

## 3. About life in Aizu Wakamatsu City

Q3-1 For foreign residents, is it easy to live in Aizu Wakamatsu City?  
Please select 1 answer.

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|--------|-------|---------------|
| 1. Yes | 2. No | 3. Don't know |
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Q3 – 2    What are some problems or concerns you have about living in Aizu Wakamatsu City?

Please choose all that apply.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Becoming sick or injured                 | 2. Earthquake, disaster etc.          |
| 3. Education for my children/toddlers       | 4. Traffic Rules                      |
| 5. Work                                     | 6. School                             |
| 7. Housing                                  | 8. How to throw out garbage/recycling |
| 9. Relationships with people around you     |                                       |
| 10. Relationships with other foreign people |                                       |
| 11. Studying Japanese                       | 12. Money                             |
| 13. Discrimination                          | 14. Status of residence               |
| 15. Cultural differences                    | 16. None                              |
| 17. Other                                   |                                       |



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Q3—3 If you have problems or concerns about living in Aizu Wakamatsu City, who do you ask for advice? Please choose all that apply.

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Family in Japan                                       | 2. Family in your country        |
| 3. Japanese friends                                      | 4. Friends in your country       |
| 5. Friends from your country in Japan                    | 6. Work colleagues               |
| 7. Seniors at work                                       | 8. School friends                |
| 9. Teacher or staff in charge of study abroad at school  |                                  |
| 10. Aizu Wakamatsu International Association (AWIA)      |                                  |
| 11. Fukushima Prefecture International Association (FIA) |                                  |
| 12. Aizu Wakamatsu City Hall                             | 13. Fukushima Prefectural Office |
| 14. Embassy/Consulate                                    | 15. Online friends               |
| 16. Your host family                                     | 17. I do not ask anyone          |
| 18. Other  |                                  |

Q3—4 Are the 'City Newsletter (Shisei Dayori)' and/or City Homepage helpful to your life in Aizu Wakamatsu City? Please select 1 answer.

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Extremely helpful             | 2. Somewhat helpful |
| 3. Neither helpful nor unhelpful | 4. Not very helpful |
| 5. Not at all helpful            | 6. Don' t know      |

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Q3－5    What is good, and what do you like about Aizu Wakamatsu City?

Please choose all that apply.

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|--|--|
| 1. Easy to raise children                      | 2. Many schools                          |
| 3. Can enjoy sports                            | 4. Can feel Japanese culture and history |
| 5. International                               | 6. Volunteering opportunities            |
| 7. Delicious foods                             | 8. Lots of nature                        |
| 9. The town is lively                          | 10. Many places to work                  |
| 11. Convenient shopping                        | 12. Price of goods is cheap              |
| 13. Many hospitals                             | 14. Good climate                         |
| 15. Environmentally friendly                   | 16. Many parks                           |
| 17. Few disasters                              | 18. Safe                                 |
| 19. Roads and water supply are well maintained |  |
| 20. Easy to get around by bus or train         |  |
| 21. Clean                                      | 22. New technologies are being used      |
| 23. Many festivals                             | 24. Many kind people                     |
| 25. City Hall is very kind                     | 26. Many fun places to go to             |
| 27. Other                                      |  |

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Q3－6    What kind of interactions and exchanges would you like to have with the people of Aizu Wakamatsu City?

Please choose all that apply.

1. Teaching about your country
2. Teaching about your country' s culture (cooking etc.)
3. Interpretation
4. Providing sightseeing information for people from other countries
5. Teaching sports
6. Participating in sports tournaments
7. Participating in festivals
8. Participating in cleaning up the city
9. Spreading information about Aizu Wakamatsu City to your own country
10. Helping out with Aizu Wakamatsu International Association activities
11. Do not want to participate in exchange
12. Other

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Q3－7 Is there anything you would like to tell or ask Aizu Wakamatsu City Hall? If possible, please write in Japanese or English.

## 4. About your child/children

Q4—1 Do you have children under the age of 18 living in Aizu Wakamatsu City?  
Please select 1 answer.

1. Yes

2. No

If you answered “1. Yes” to Q4—1, please continue to Q4—2

If you answered “2. No” to Q4—1, this is the end of the survey.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Q4 – 2    Where do your children attend?

Please choose all that apply.

1. Certified Child Center (Kodomo-en)
2. Nursery School (Hoiku-en)
3. Nursery School (Hoiku-jo)
4. Kindergarten (Youchi-en)
5. Elementary School in Aizu Wakamatsu City
6. Junior High School in Aizu Wakamatsu City
7. High School in Aizu Wakamatsu City
8. Japanese Elementary School not in Aizu Wakamatsu City
9. Japanese Junior High School not in Aizu Wakamatsu City
10. Japanese High School not in Aizu Wakamatsu City
11. School in own country
12. Does not attend school
13. Other

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Q4－3 What are your problems or concerns about raising children or your children' s education?

Please choose all that apply.

1. I cannot read school announcements in Japanese
2. I do not understand my child' s school life
3. I do not understand how Japanese schools work
4. I cannot speak with the teachers
5. I cannot speak with other parents
6. My child will not go to school
7. The relationship between my child and their teacher is not good.
8. My child cannot keep up with their schoolwork
9. My child cannot make friends
10. My child can only speak Japanese
11. I cannot decide which school to send my child to
12. After my child graduates, I cannot think what kind of job they will do
13. Nothing
14. Other

This is the end of the survey. Thank you for your cooperation.