

Living Cost and Price













1 Check currency and price of goods

The Japanese currency is the yen. Although many stores in Japan accept credit cards, paying in cash is common for small shopping. Checks are not used to pay everyday expenses.



◆ Prices of major products in Japan

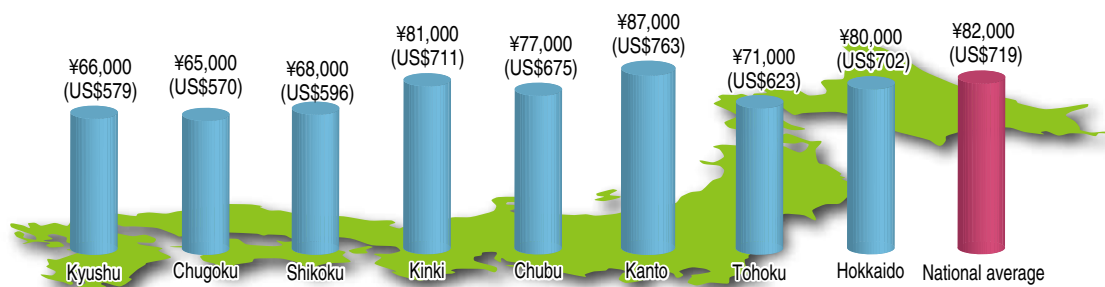
Calculated at US\$1 = ¥114

 Rice (5 kg)	JPY 2,137 (US\$19)	 Soft drink (500 ml plastic bottle)	JPY 97 (US\$1)
 Bread (1 kg)	JPY 435 (US\$4)	 Hamburger	JPY 174 (US\$2)
 Milk (1,000 ml)	JPY 223 (US\$2)	 Gasoline (1 liter)	JPY 132 (US\$1)
 Eggs (10 eggs)	JPY 248 (US\$2)	 Toilet paper (12 rolls)	JPY 279 (US\$2)
 Apples (1 kg)	JPY 497 (US\$4)	 Movie ticket	JPY 1,800 (US\$16)
 Cabbage (1 kg)	JPY 244 (US\$2)	 Taxi (4 km)	JPY 1,450 (US\$13)

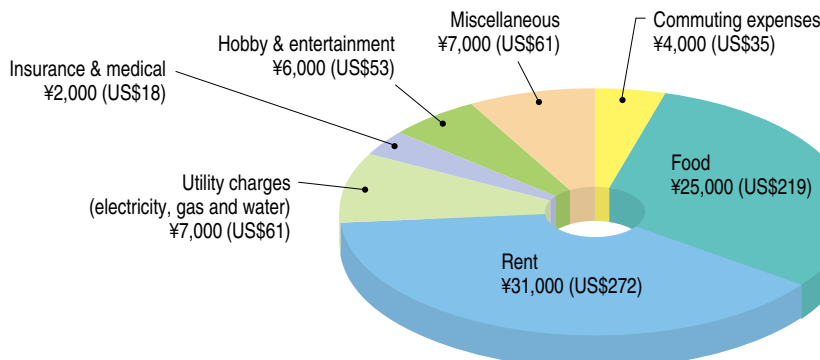
Source: Portal Site of Official Statistics of Japan

2 Check the cost of living

The average monthly expenses (excluding academic fees) of an international student are shown below. The cost of living in metropolitan areas is higher than in rural areas.



Breakdown of itemized monthly spending (excluding academic fees) (national average)



Note: Calculated at US\$1 = ¥114

Source: Lifestyle Survey of Privately Financed International Students 2015 (JASSO)