

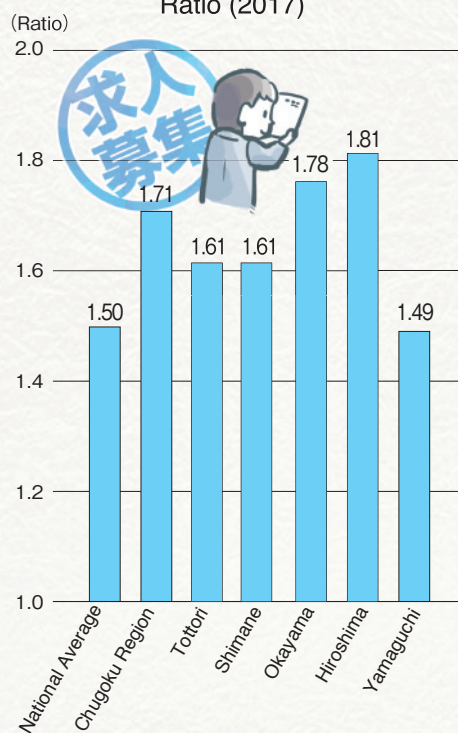
2 Diverse Employment and Comfortable Work Environments

The Chugoku Region, which is home to a wide variety of industries, offers a diverse range of workplaces from large to medium and small enterprises, to satisfy the needs of working people. It provides a good employment situation, such as a high ratio of job offers to job seekers compared to all of Japan.

Commute times to workplace and school are shorter than major metropolitan areas such as Tokyo and Osaka, as well as regional urban areas in places such as Miyagi Prefecture and Fukuoka Prefecture. One feature of the Chugoku Region is a small burden due to short commute times.

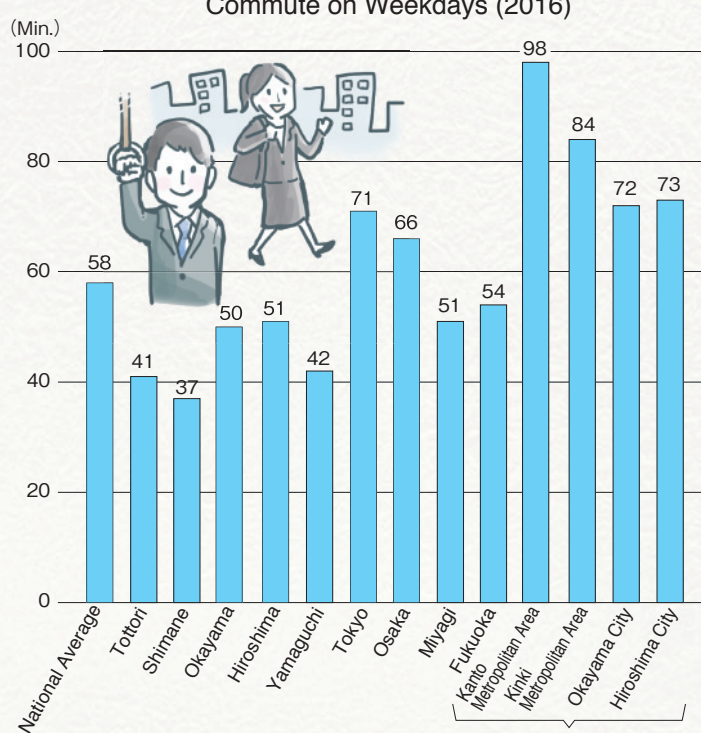


Active Job Openings-to-Applicants
Ratio (2017)



Source: "Employment Security Statistics",
Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare

Average Daily Work/School
Commute on Weekdays (2016)



Source: "Survey on Time Use and Leisure Activities",
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

By metropolitan area