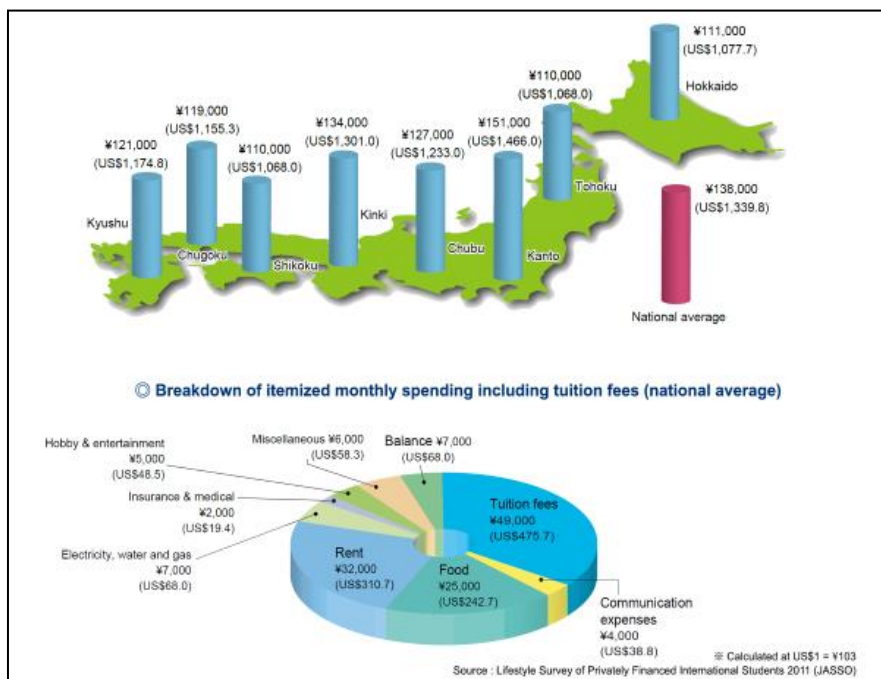


4. Living in Japan

4-1 Living Expenses

Monthly living expenses in Japan for a student from overseas (including tuition) on average nationwide comes to about 138,000 yen. The most expensive region is the Kanto region at 151,000 yen. The Kanto region includes Tokyo, where the monthly living expenses average 154,000 yen. The high expense of Tokyo can be attributed to the high rent costs in the city, along with the costs of transportation for commuting and will not be as high in the Fujisawa area. Moreover, the cost of living varies depending on factors such as housing expenditure, food budget, lifestyle, etc.



Rent

Rent varies according to factors such as location, room size, and facilities. For example, an ordinary, unfurnished single room with kitchen area, toilet and bath in Shonandai starts from around ¥45,000 and up per month.

In addition to rent, you have to pay costs for electricity, water and gas as well as internet if you decide to get a connection. It is also customary in Japan to pay other fees such as key money, a deposit and a commission when you move in. This can amount to an up-front payment of several

months' rent when signing and means that your first month in Japan will be more expensive than an average month.

Examples for budget and spending (student/living alone)

● 2nd year student, female

Budget	Support from parents	¥60,000
	Scholarship	¥40,000
	Part-time-job	¥40,000
	total	¥140,000
Spending	Rent	¥68,000
	Food	¥16,000
	Electricity, water, gas	¥10,000
	Social expenses	¥7,000
	Phone	¥8,000
	Books	¥5,000
	Transport	¥20,000
	Miscellaneous	¥6,000
	Total	¥140,000

● 2nd year student, male

Budget	Scholarship	¥51,000
	Part-time-job	¥55,000
	Total	¥106,000
Spending	Rent	¥51,000
	Food	¥20,000
	Electricity, water, gas	¥10,000
	Social expenses	¥5,000
	Phone	¥5,000
	Books	¥2,000
	Transport	¥3,000
	Savings	¥10,000
	Total	¥106,000