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## REGIONS OF JAPAN

The **Hokkaido region (北海道地方)** is the only region that does not cover more than one prefecture. The entire region is made up of the island and prefecture of Hokkaidō. It is Japan's second largest island and the largest prefecture.

The **Tohoku region (東北地方)** consists of six prefectures in the northeastern portion of the main island of Honshu. It's main industry is tourism, and it is well-known for a harsh climate, but with beautiful, remote scenery.

The **Kanto region (関東地方)** covers seven prefectures on the main island of Honshu, including the Greater Tokyo metropolitan area. As of 2010, approximately one third of the entire population of Japan lives in the Kanto region.

The **Chubu region (中部地方)**, which literally means "central region", is in the middle of Honshu. It's made up of nine prefectures and includes Nagoya, the Pacific and Sea of Japan coastlines, and Mount Fuji.

The **Kansai region (関西地方)** is south-central Honshu. It is made up of seven prefectures, including Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe, and is the second most populated in Japan.

The **Chugoku region (中国地方)** is the westernmost prefecture of Honshu and has five prefectures, including Hiroshima.

The **Shikoku region (四国地方)** includes four prefectures on one island, also called Shikoku. It is famous for its citrus fruits and rafting on the Yoshino river.

The **Kyushu region (九州地方)**, includes the island of Kyushu and the islands of Okinawa. It is known for its tropical climates, hot springs, and beautiful beaches.

