

Damages to Cultural Properties in the “the Great East Japan Earthquake”

The earthquake and tsunami devastated the Tohoku district and other regions.

The following are the numbers of cultural properties which suffered damage.

(As of July 29, 2011 at 7:00)

Designation	Number of damaged properties
National Treasures	5
Important Cultural Properties	156
Special Historic Sites	6
Historic Sites	89
Special Places of Scenic Beauty	5
Places of Scenic Beauty	17
Natural Monuments	16
Important Preservation Districts Groups of Traditional Buildings	6
Important Tangible Folk Cultural Properties	3
Others	411
Total	714

Prefecture	Japanese	Region	Number of damaged properties
Aomori	青森県	Tohoku	10
Iwate	岩手県	Tohoku	68
Miyagi	宮城県	Tohoku	88
Akita	秋田県	Tohoku	11
Yamagata	山形県	Tohoku	11
Fukushima	福島県	Tohoku	62
Ibaraki	茨城県	Kanto	174
Tochigi	栃木県	Kanto	79
Gunma	群馬県	Kanto	60
Saitama	埼玉県	Kanto	25
Chiba	千葉県	Kanto	38
Tokyo	東京都	Kanto	47
Kanagawa	神奈川県	Kanto	12
Niigata	新潟県	Chubu	3
Yamanashi	山梨県	Chubu	10
Nagano	長野県	Chubu	1
Shizuoka	静岡県	Chubu	3
Mie	三重県	Kansai	1
Kochi	高知県	Shikoku	1
Total			704

*704 items suffered damage (some of these have multiple designations and the total count reported as cultural properties is 714).

The following is the situation for cultural properties which have suffered main damage.
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◆Zuigan-ji Temple (瑞巖寺) ; National Treasures (Matsushima, Miyagi Pref.)

The earthquake resulted in cracked walls and pillars as well as some broken sculptures.

◆Osaki Hachimangu Shrine (大崎八幡宮) ; National Treasures (Sendai, Miyagi Pref.)

The earthquake broke the walls, the lacquering and the sculptures slightly.

◆Amida-do Hall (阿弥陀堂); National Treasures (Iwaki, Fukushima Pref.)

The earthquake broke the wall slightly.

◆Buddha Hall of Seihaku-ji Temple (清白寺仏殿, Seihaku-ji Butsuden); National Treasures (Yamanashi , Yamanashi Pref.)

The earthquake broke *ranma* (欄間, a Japanese fanlight).

◆Matsushima(松島); Special Places of Scenic Beauty (Shiogama (塩竈), Shichigahama (七ヶ浜), Rifu (利府), Matsushima (松島) and Higashi-matsushima (東松島), Miyagi Pref.)

The earthquake and tsunami caused great damages around Matsushima.

◆Ruins of a temple attached to the Tagajo Castle ruins (多賀城跡 附 寺跡, Tagajo-ato tsuketari tera-ato); Special Historic Sites (Tagajo, Miyagi Pref.)

The earthquake caused some cracks over the pavement in front of the main building.

◆Old Kodokan School (旧弘道館, Kyu-Kodokan); Special Historic Sites & Important Cultural Properties (Mito, Ibaraki Pref.)

The earthquake broke the alarm bell completely.

The tiles over the roofs of the fences fell down completely.

◆Nikko Toshogu (日光東照宮), Rinno-ji Temple (輪王寺), Futarasan Shrine (二荒山神社, Futarasan Jinja); Important Cultural Properties (Nikko, Tochigi Pref.)

Some of the stone monuments fell down.

※There is no damage to the culture properties designated by the national government of Hiraizumi's (平泉) Cultural Heritage (including Chuson-ji (中尊寺), Motsu-ji (毛越寺) , Temple, etc.)