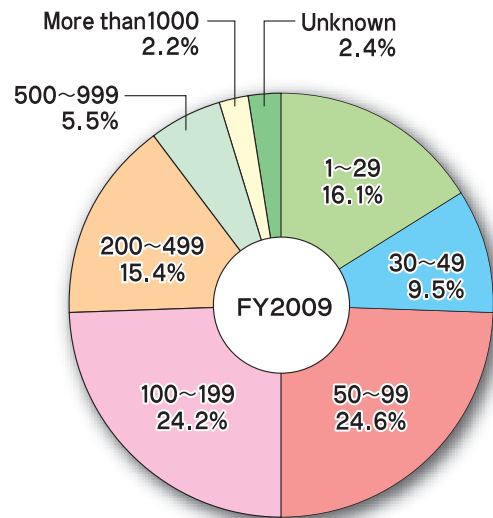


## Number of Groups Practicing Group Collection in FY2009

Even it differs much accordingly to the size of the population of the municipal, many of the municipalities manage and register 50-199 agencies in Japan.

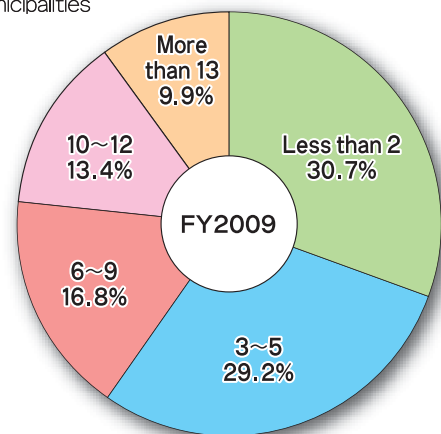
	FY2009	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)
1~29	93	16.1
30~49	55	9.5
50~99	142	24.6
100~199	140	24.2
200~499	89	15.4
500~999	32	5.5
More than 1000	13	2.2
Unknown	14	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## Annual Average Frequency per Group in FY2009

The data of average frequency of group collection per group indicate that most of the group practice less than 2 times (30.7%) or 3-5 times (29.2%). It is assumed that many of them perform group collection 2 times per year or 1 time per quarter of the year. And 9.9% of the municipalities perform 13 times per year (more than 1 time per month) and indicates the group collection has been accustomed. Also, there are municipalities practice group collection instead of separate collection are included.

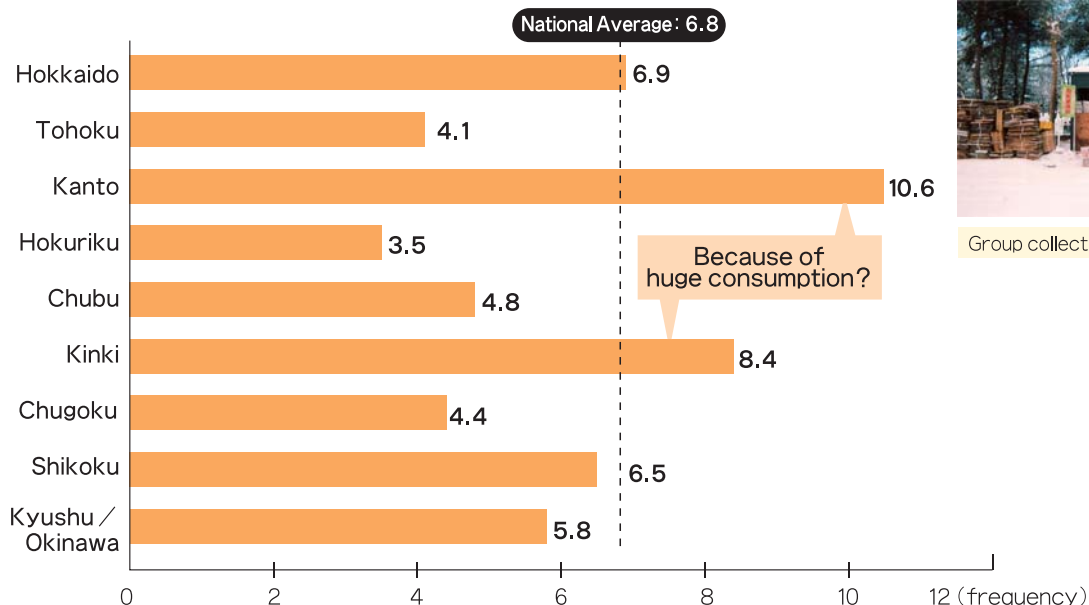
	FY2009	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Less than 2	146	30.7
3-5	139	29.2
6~9	80	16.8
10~12	64	13.4
More than 13	47	9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>100.0</b>



Note. [Total] excludes the number of wards and cities had no answer.

## Annual Average Frequency per Group by District in FY2009

The data of average frequency of domestic group collection indicated is 6.8 times per year (as same as FY2008) and Kanto area is ranked first recording 10.6 times and followed by Kinki area recording 6.8 times per year, Hokkaido area recording 6.9 times per year and all are more than the average. The reason that the frequency is relatively lower in Tohoku region, Hokuriku region and Chubu region might be because of the heavy snow in winter.



Group collection in the snowy day