

# The Children of Fukushima

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## 36 Percent Of Fukushima Children Have Abnormal Growths From Radiation Exposure

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*Of more than 38,000 children tested from the Fukushima Prefecture in Japan, [36 percent have abnormal growths](#) – cysts or nodules – on their thyroids a year after the Fukushima nuclear disaster, as reported by ENENews.*

The shocking numbers come from the thyroid examination section of the “[Sixth Report of Fukushima Prefecture Health Management Survey](#),” published by *Fukushima Radioactive Contamination Symptoms Research (FRCSR)* and translated by the blog *Fukushima Voice*.

Shunichi Yamashita, M.D., president of the Japan Thyroid Association, [sent a letter](#) to members in January with guidelines for treating thyroid abnormalities. In 2001 Yamashita

[co-authored a study that found normal children in Nagasaki to have 0 percent nodules and 0.8 percent cysts.](#)

The introduction of the letter, written by *Fukushima Voice*, states that the results in Fukushima show a “much faster progression compared to Chernobyl” as research done around Chernobyl showed the rate of thyroid nodules in children 5 to 10 years after the accident to be 1.74 percent.

In March 2011 a massive earthquake triggered a tsunami that led to [series of nuclear meltdowns and releases of radioactive materials](#) at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, leading to the largest nuclear disaster since Chernobyl in 1986.

The introduction of the letter notes that Australian pediatrician Helen Caldicott said that is “not at all normal for children to have thyroid nodules or cysts” and that “early appearance of thyroid abnormalities, less than one year, meant the children received a very high dose of radiation.”

ENENews also [reported a specific case](#) in which three children in a family who lived 60 miles from the Fukushima nuclear plant were found to have multiple cysts on their thyroids.

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