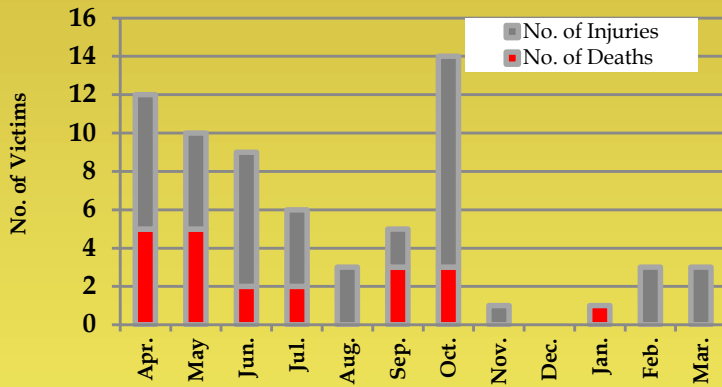


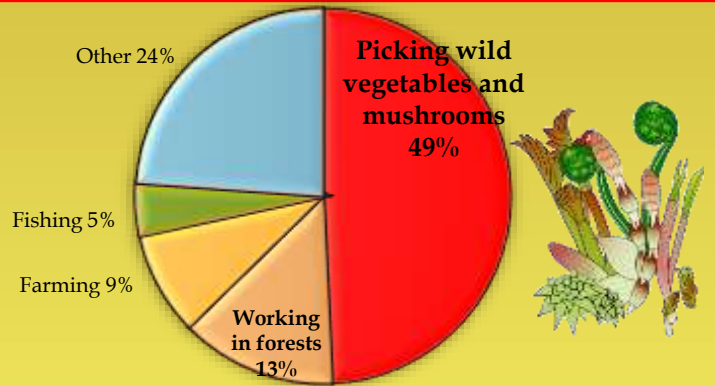
# Warning: Brown Bear Activity Higher in Spring

Most bear attacks on humans occurred in spring and autumn



No. of People Attacked by Brown Bears by Month  
(from FY 1989 to the end of Jan. in FY 2025, excluding cases in which hunters were attacked)

Half of the incidents happened while people were picking wild vegetables and mushrooms



Activities of the victims at the time of the attacks  
(from FY 1989 to the end of Jan. in FY 2025, excluding cases in which hunters were attacked)

## Use Extreme Caution: Spring Brown Bear Increased Activity Period April 1 (Tue) - May 31 (Sat), 2025

The best way to prevent becoming a victim of an attack is  
**to avoid an encounter with a brown bear**

Therefore, please be keep in mind:

**Always take your food and garbage with you out of the forest**  
**Never enter a forest alone**  
**Always make noise when walking in a forest**  
**Check brown bear sighting information prior to entering any forest**  
**Avoid activities when it's dark**  
**Turn back when you see bear droppings and footprints**

※ If you witness any brown bears near residential areas, please contact your municipal office or the police.

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