

White Paper on Crime 2023

- "The Juvenile Delinquents and their Growing Environments" - [Summary]

Introduction

White Paper on Crime

The annual White Papers on Crime published by the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice provide statistical data on crimes and offender treatments as well as current issues in the criminal justice field. The first volume of the Papers was published in 1960. Since then, they have been widely used by lawmakers, practitioners and academics, and have facilitated significant policy changes.

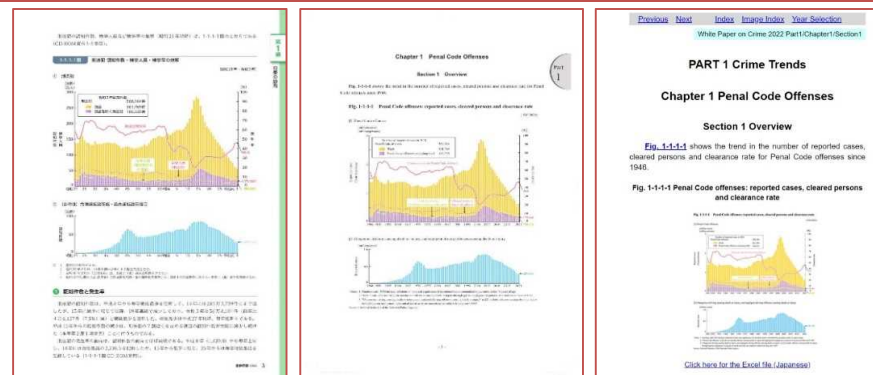
Specifically, the White Paper on Crime 2007 revealed that roughly 60% of all crimes were committed by repeat offenders, who accounted for approximately 30% of convicted offenders. This finding led to the development of “Comprehensive Measures for the Prevention of Re-offending 2012” adopted by the Ministerial Meeting Concerning Measures Against Crime, which has served as the basis of the criminal justice policy of Japan and set numerical targets for the next decade.

All the volumes of the Papers (Japanese version since 1960) and their English version (since 2000) are available on the website of the Ministry of Justice.

(https://www.moj.go.jp/EN/housouken/houso_hakusho2.html)

Research and Training Institute

The Research and Training Institute is one of the agencies of the Ministry of Justice. The Institute conducts a wide range of work, including (i) research related to criminal justice policies and other Ministry of Justice affairs, (ii) various kinds of training for Ministry of Justice officials, and (iii) international cooperation, both in the criminal and civil justice sectors.



White Paper on Crime (Japanese, English and Web version)

Special Features of White Paper on Crime 2023

The White Paper on Crime 2023 focuses on juvenile delinquents and their growing environments. The White Paper provides various statistical data and information on the trends in juvenile delinquency and treatment and assistance for juvenile delinquents. It also analyzes a questionnaire survey for juvenile delinquents in juvenile training schools, juvenile delinquent probationers and their guardians, conducted in 2021.

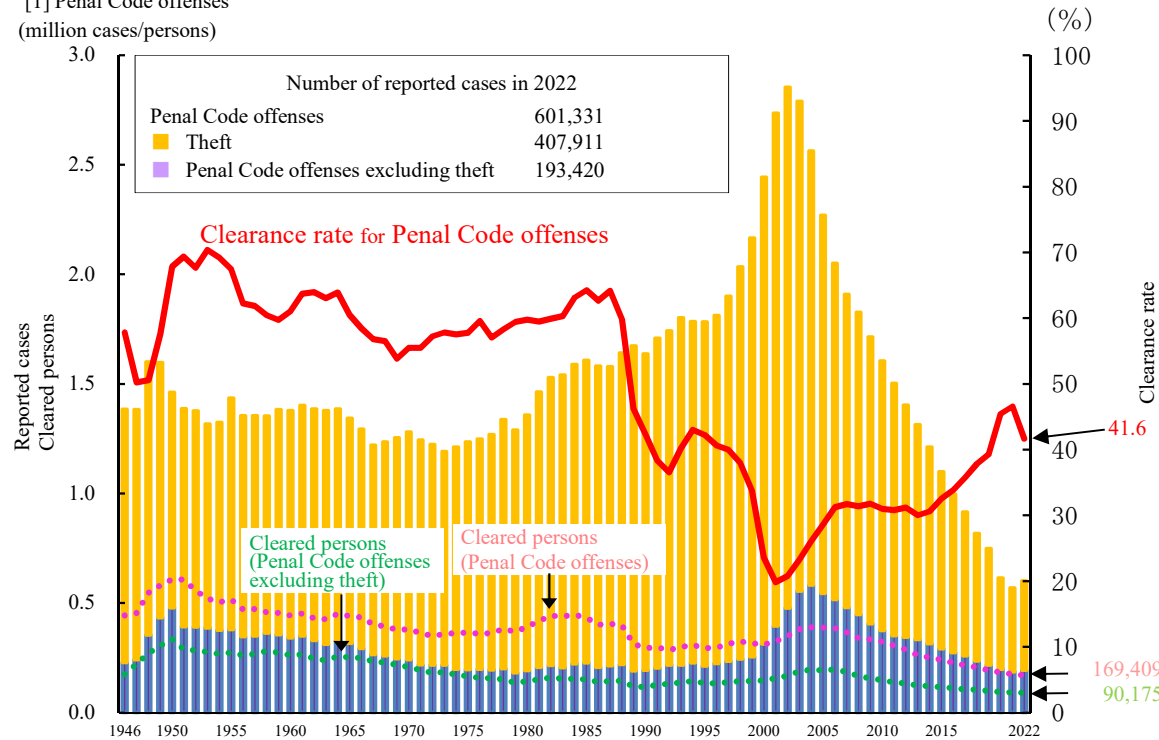


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Crime Trends

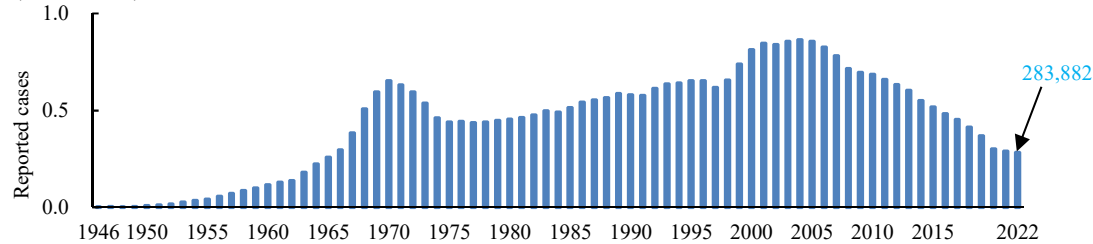
Penal Code offenses: reported cases, cleared persons and clearance rate

[1] Penal Code offenses
(million cases/persons)

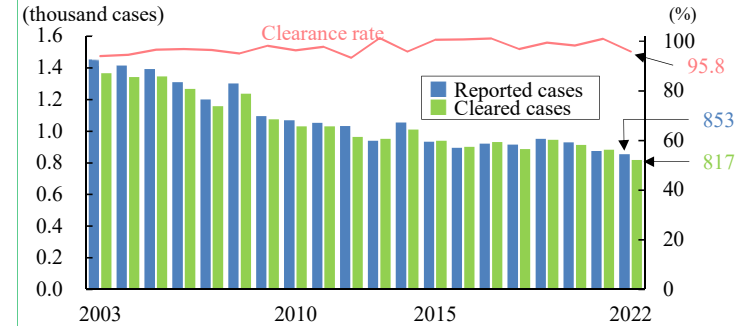


[2] Dangerous driving causing death or injury, and negligent driving offenses causing death or injury

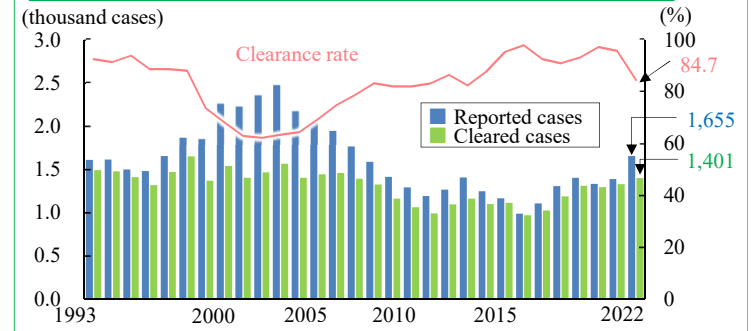
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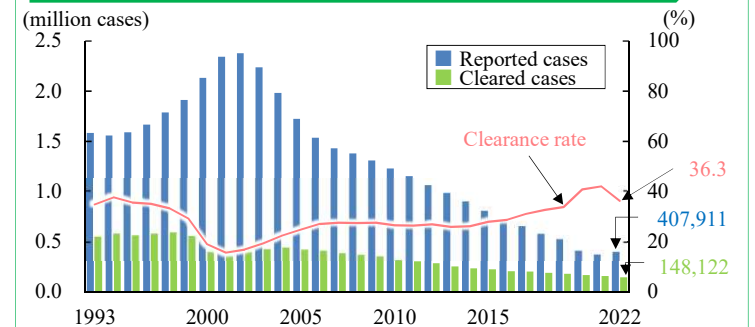
Homicide: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



Rape: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



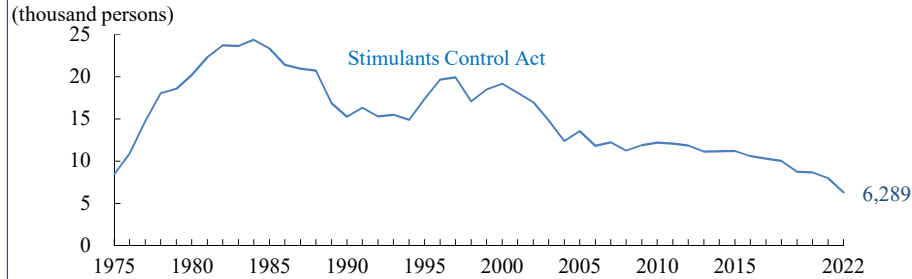
Theft: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



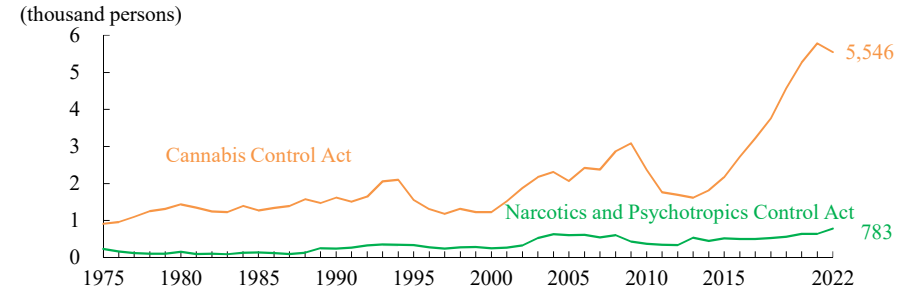
Specific Offenders/Juvenile Delinquents

Drug offenses

[1] Violations of Stimulants Control Act: Persons cleared

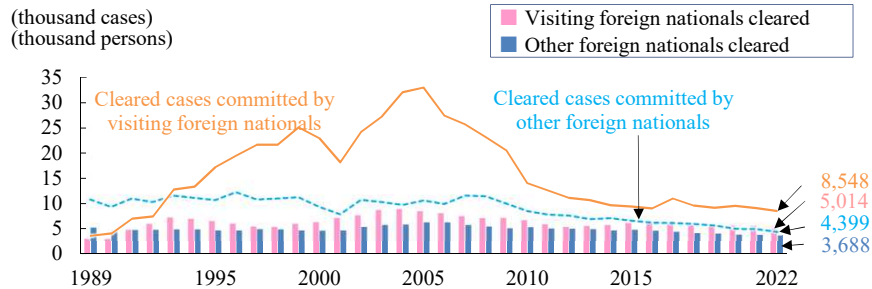


[2] Violations of Cannabis Control Act and other drug control laws: Persons cleared

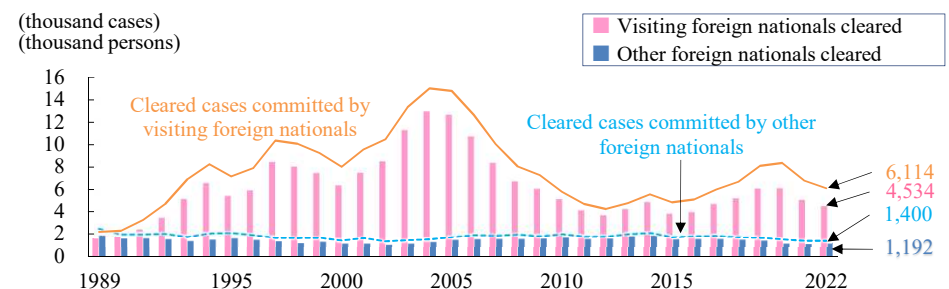


Foreign nationals

[1] Cases/persons cleared for Penal Code offenses

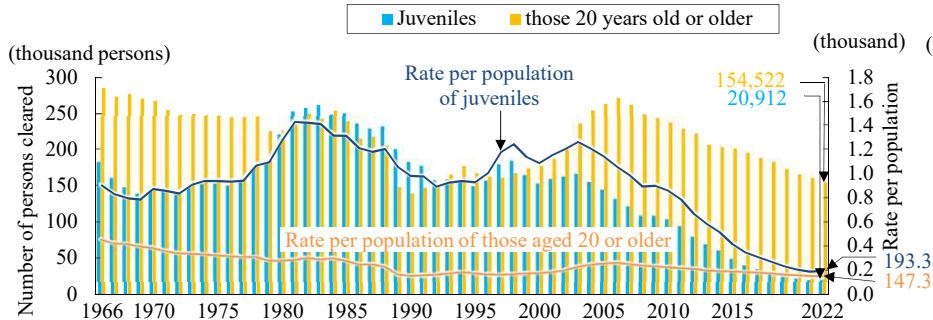


[2] Cases/persons cleared for Special Acts offenses

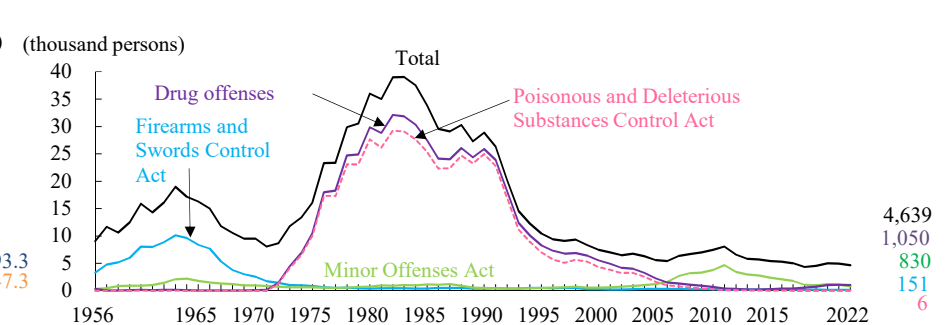


Juvenile delinquents

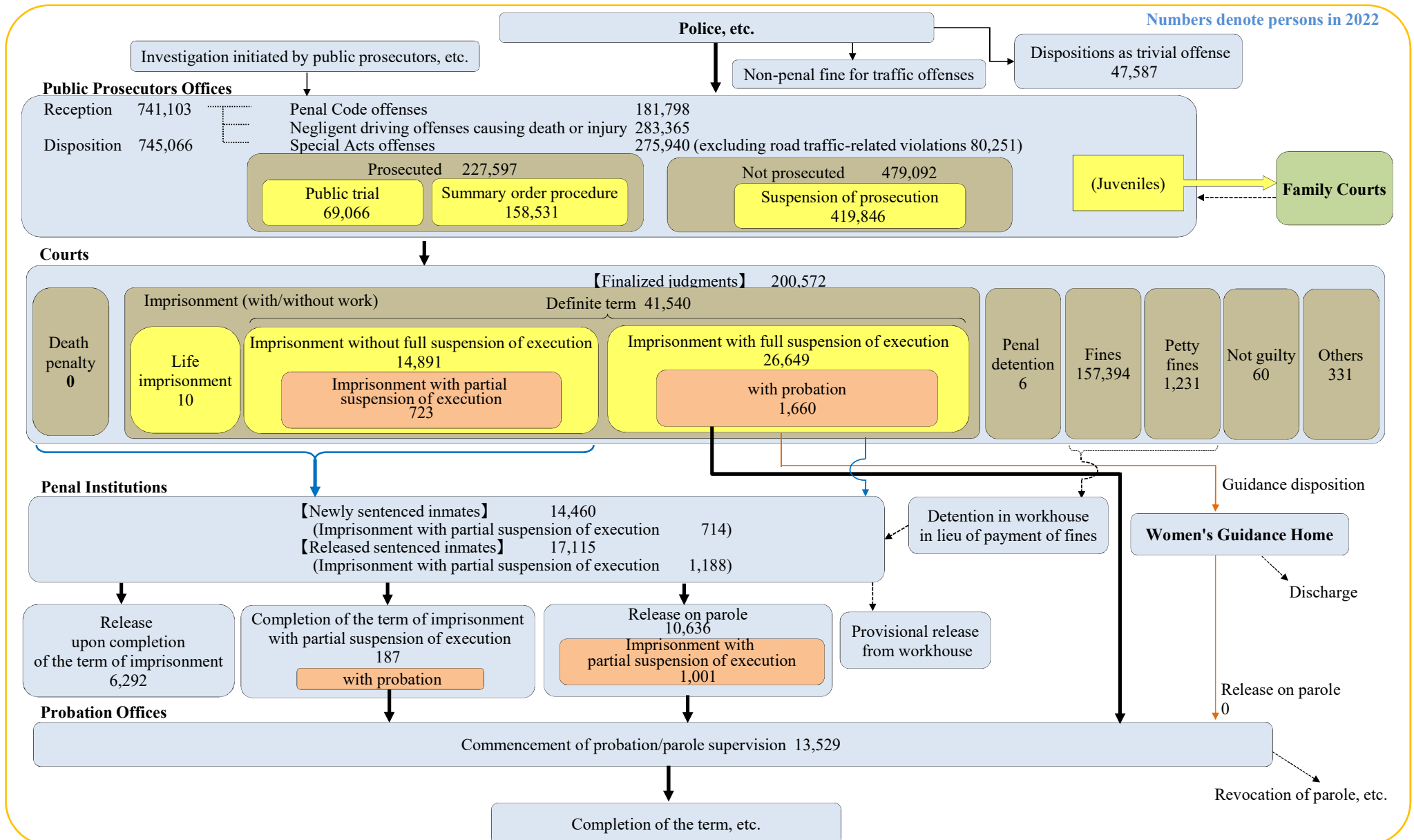
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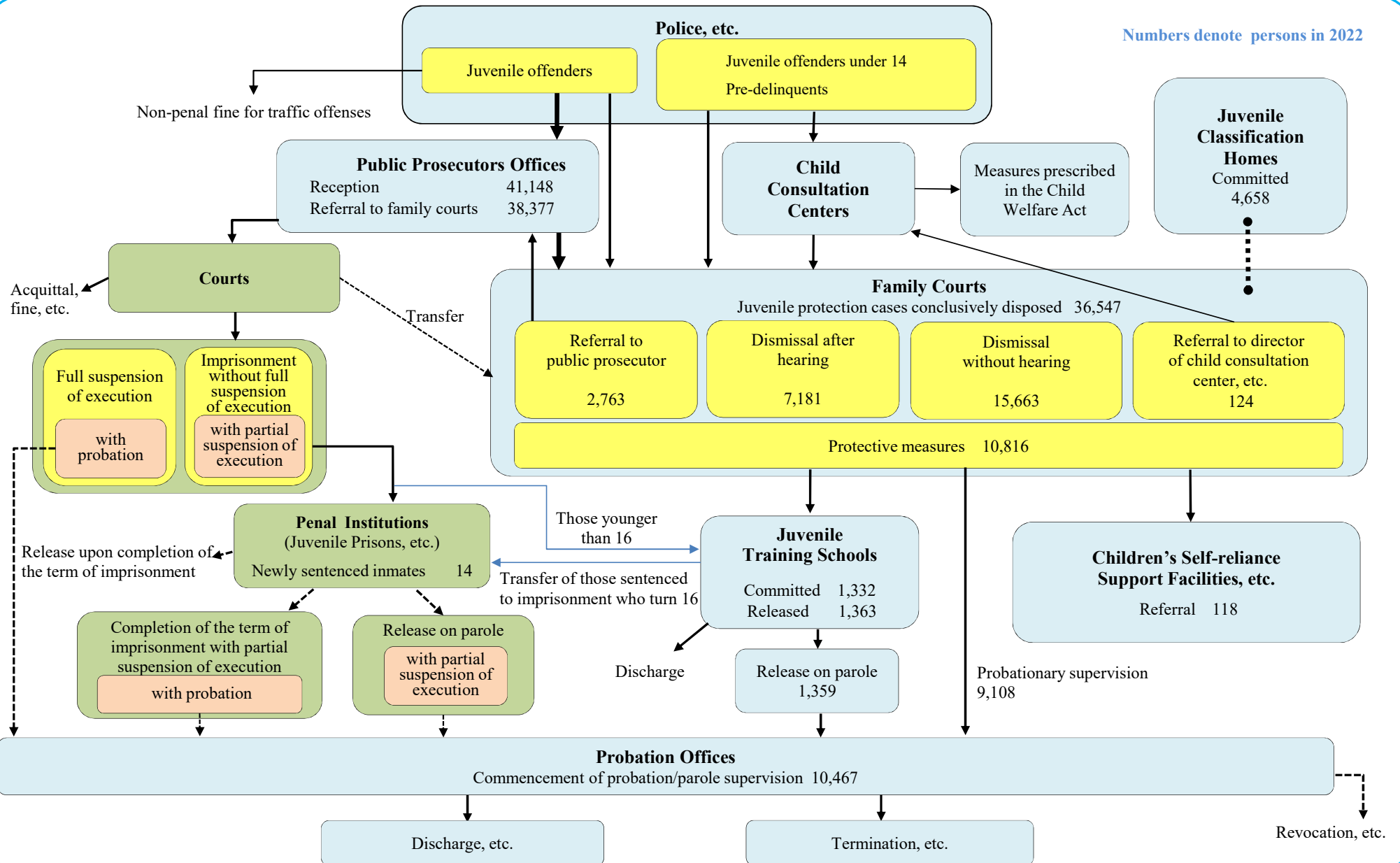
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Procedure of Criminal Justice

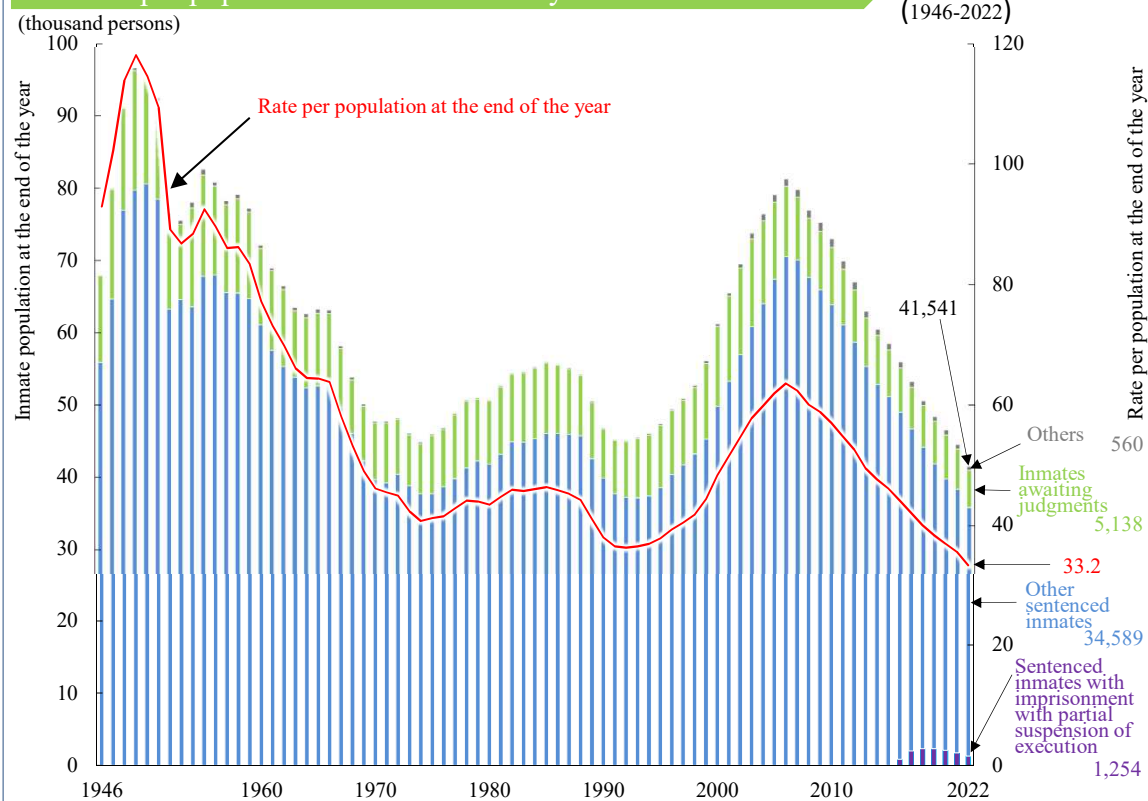


Procedure of Criminal Justice for Juvenile Delinquents

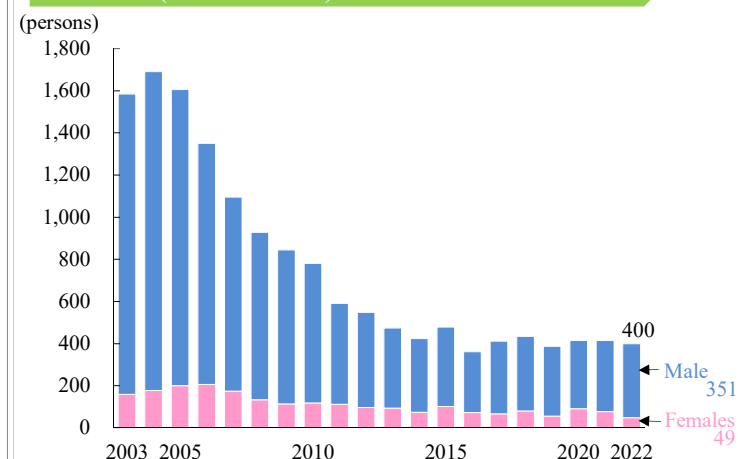


Treatment of Offenders/Re-offending

Inmate population of penal institutions and rate per population at the end of the year

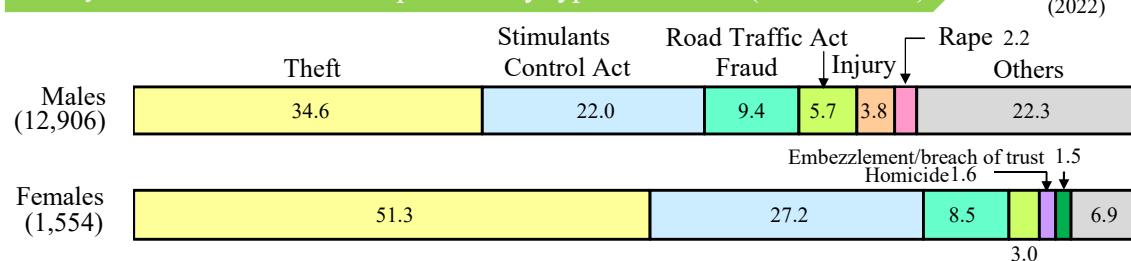


Newly sentenced and F-class categorized inmates (male/female)

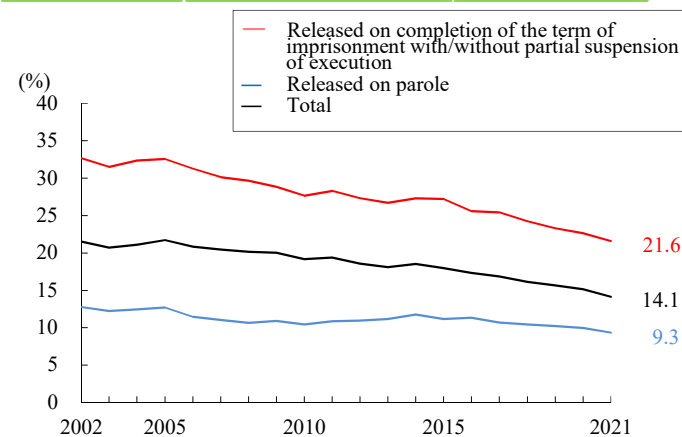


Note: Sentenced inmates (until the end of March 2022, foreign national sentenced inmates) who require different treatment from that of Japanese sentenced inmates are categorized as F-class and provided with treatment in accordance with their culture and lifestyle.

Newly sentenced inmates: composition by type of offense (male/female)



Rate of reimprisonment within 2 years



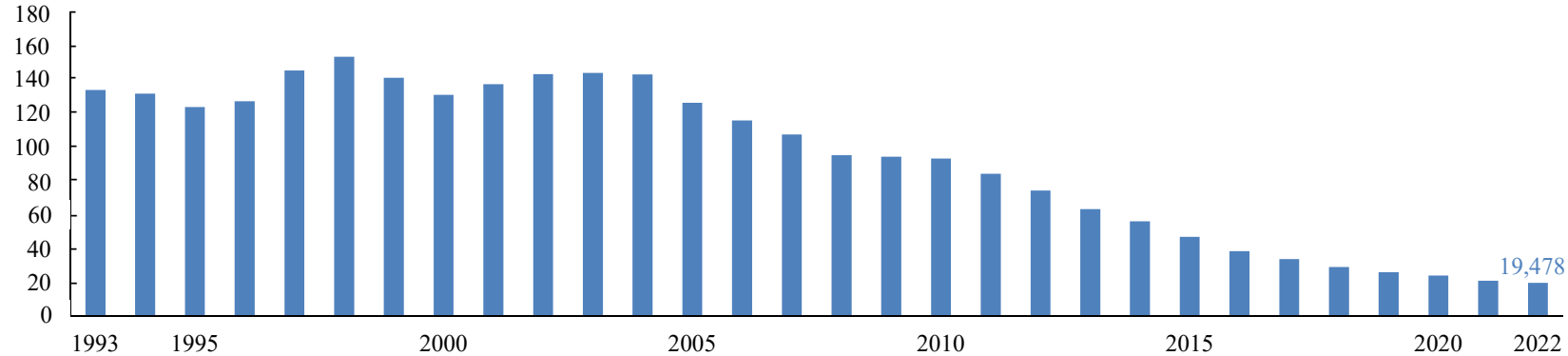
Note: The rate of reimprisonment means the percentage of inmates reimprisoned to serve sentences for offenses after release among the released sentenced inmates of a given year.

Special Feature: Juvenile Delinquents and their Growing Environments

Trend in the number of persons conclusively disposed in family courts for non-traffic protection cases

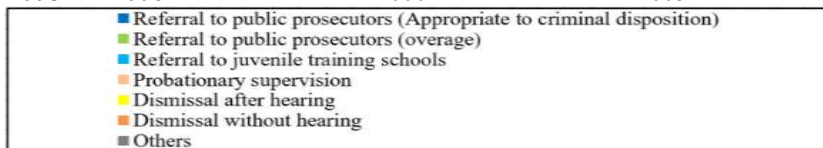
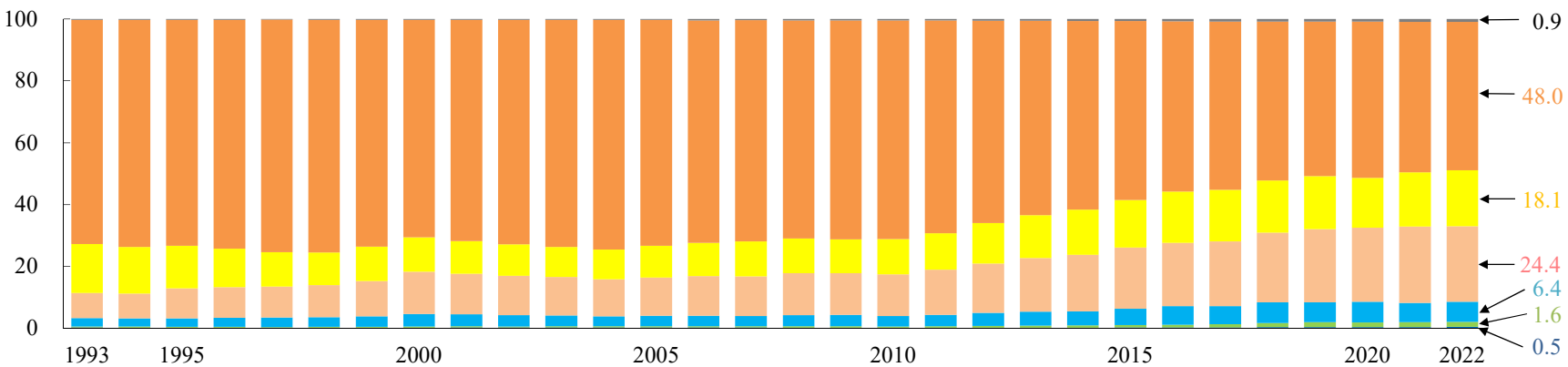
[1] Total

(thousand persons)



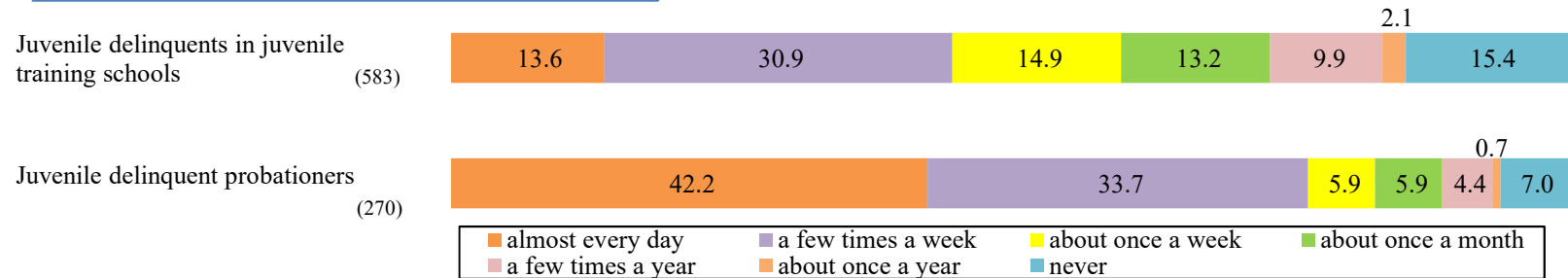
[2] Composition by type of disposition

(%)



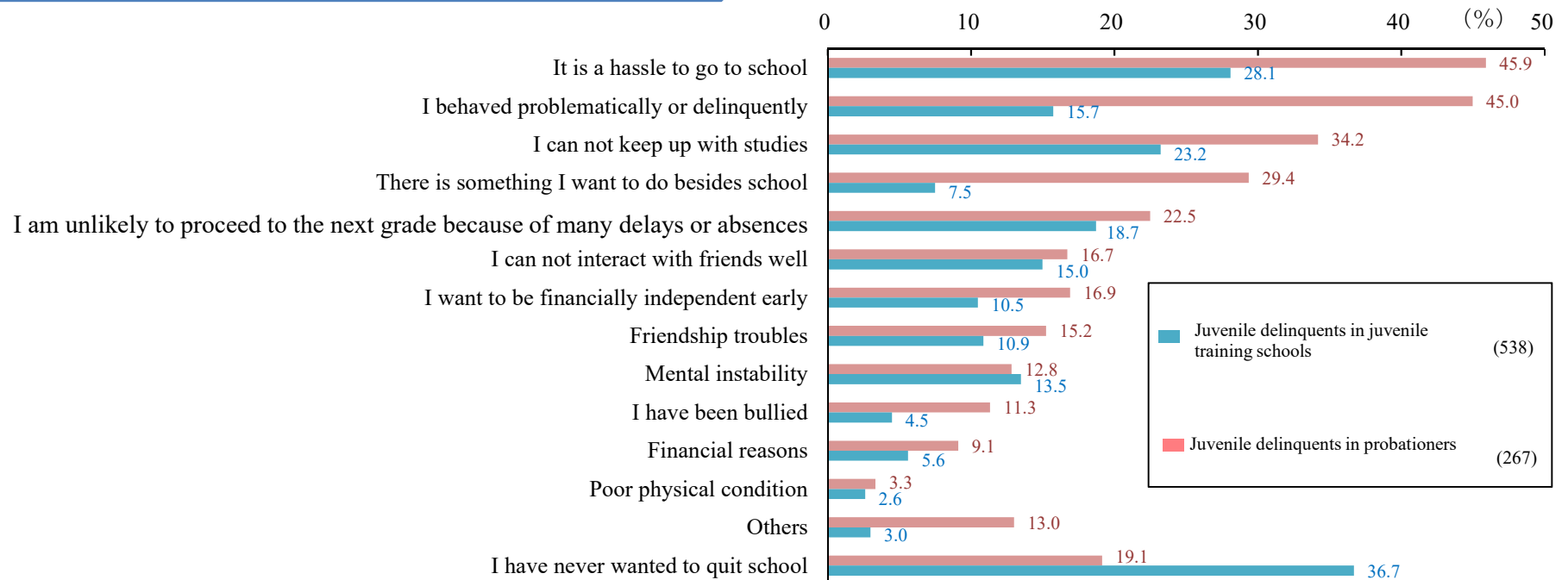
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Survey for juveniles: Frequency of dinner with family



Note: Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Survey for juveniles: Experience of wanting to quit school

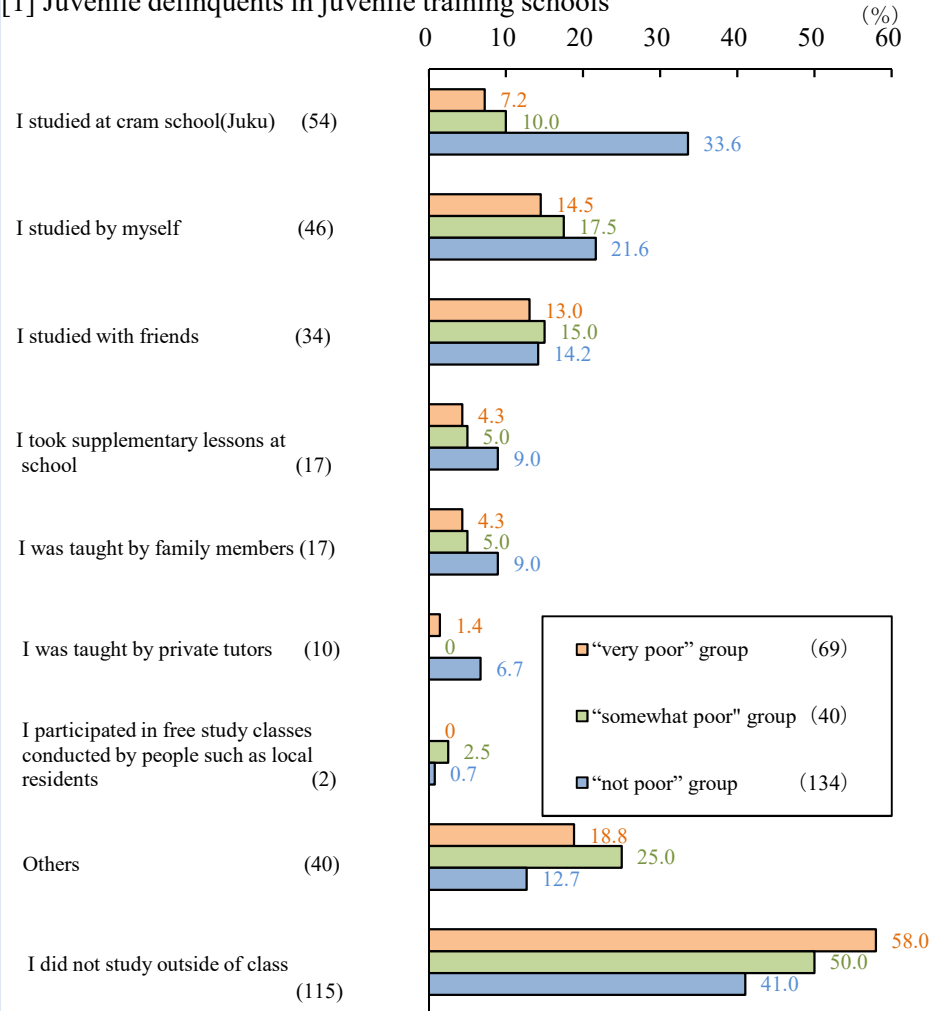


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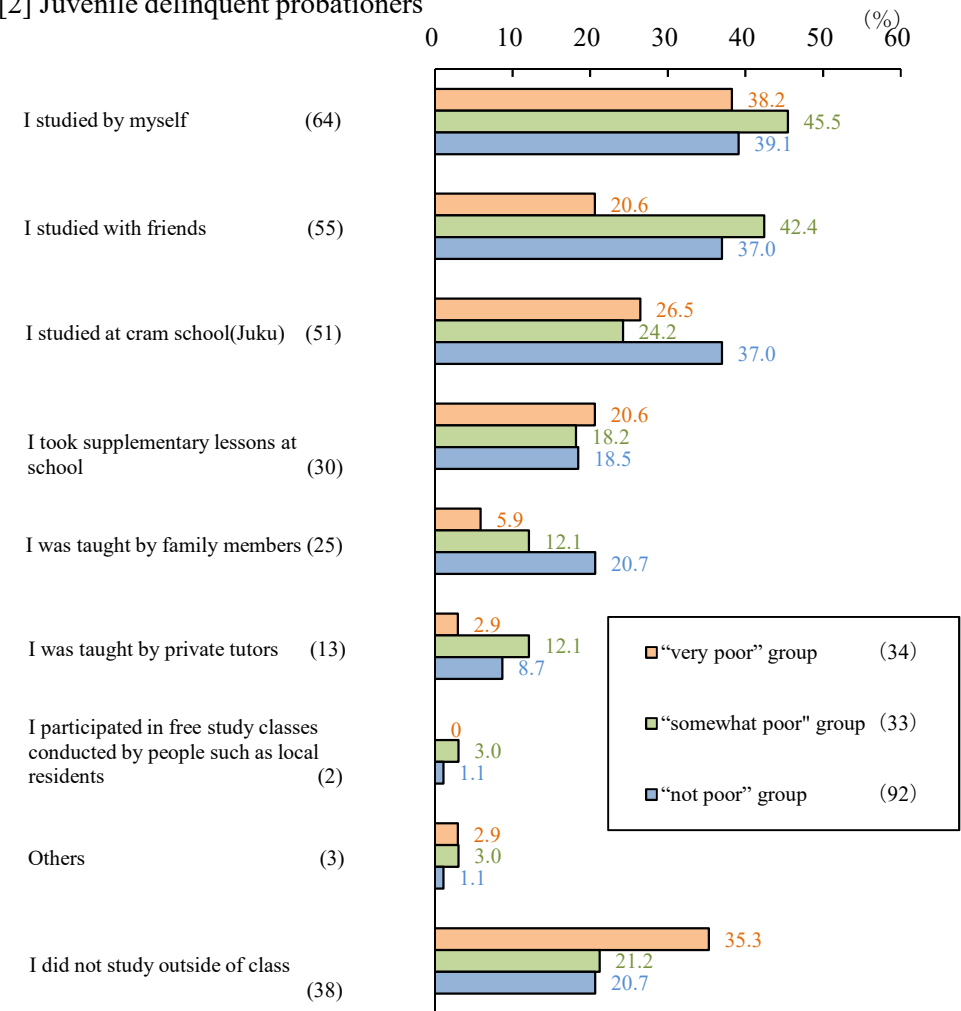
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Survey for juveniles: Ways of studying as a student during second grade of junior high school (by economic situation)

[1] Juvenile delinquents in juvenile training schools



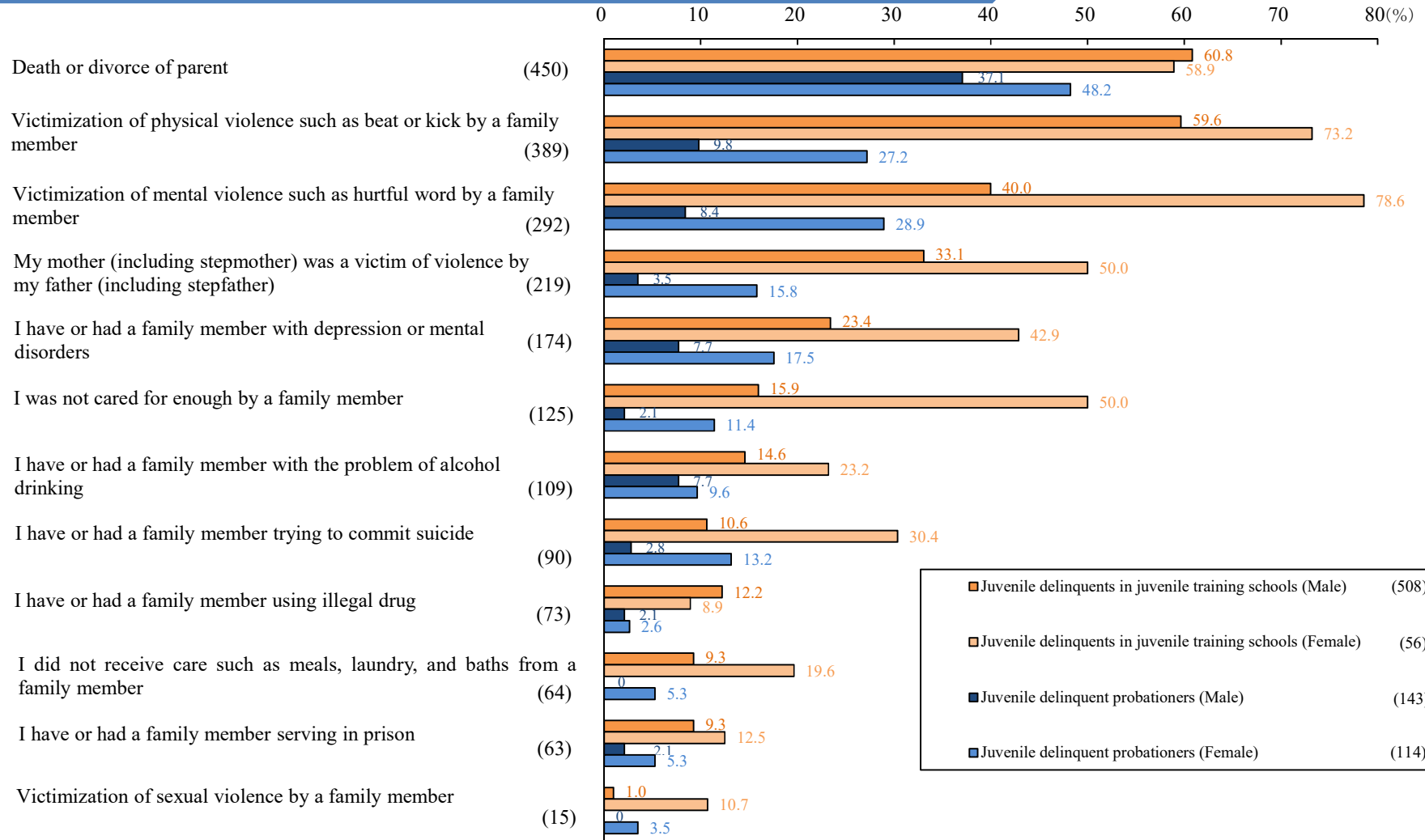
[2] Juvenile delinquent probationers



Note: Numbers in parentheses in the legend and on the vertical axis indicate the number of persons.

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Survey for juveniles: Presence or absence of experiences of Adverse Childhood Experiences (by male/female)



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