

White Paper on Crime 2022

- "COVID-19 and the criminal justice system" and "The attitudes and values of offenders and juvenile delinquents"-
[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 politicians, practitioners, and academics and have facilitated significant policy changes.

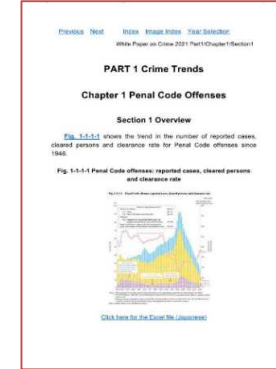
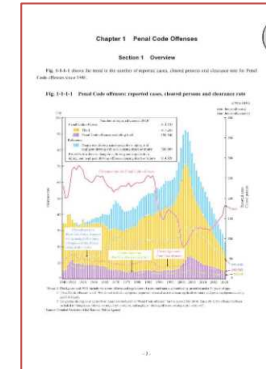
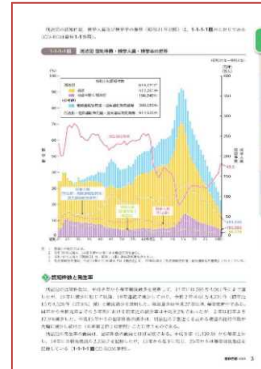
Specifically, the White Paper on Crime 2007 revealed that roughly 60% of all crimes were committed by repeat offenders, who accounted for approximately 30% of convicted offenders. This finding led to the development of "Comprehensive Measures for the Prevention of Re-offending 2012" by the Ministerial 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.

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Special Features of White Paper on Crime 2022

The White Paper on Crime 2022 focuses on "COVID-19 and the criminal justice system" and "the attitudes and values of offenders and juvenile delinquents." The White Paper provides various statistical data and information on the trend in crimes during the pandemic and introduces the challenges the authorities faced. It also analyzes a questionnaire survey on the attitudes and values of offenders and delinquents conducted in January 2021.



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