

# White Paper on Crime 2025

## - Actual Circumstances of Crime Victimization -

[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, etc., and have served as a basic reference in the process of policy formulation.

The White Paper on Crime 2007 was exceptional as it 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 “the Comprehensive Measures to Prevent Recidivism” adopted by the Ministerial Commission on Crime Control in 2012. Thereafter, the Act for the Prevention of Recidivism (Act No. 104 of 2016) was established, which currently serves as the basis for the implementation of recidivism prevention measures in Japan.

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

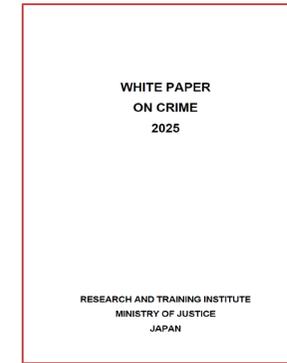
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(Japanese)



(English)



White Paper on Crime 2025 (Japanese and English version)

#### Special Features of White Paper on Crime 2025

The White Paper on Crime 2025 focuses on actual circumstances of crime victimization. The White Paper provides various statistical data and information on the trends in crime victimization, as well as initiatives related to measures for crime victims and others. It also presents the results of the Sixth National Crime Victimization Survey and the research on sexual crime victims with mental disorders or disabilities, etc.

#### 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 fields.



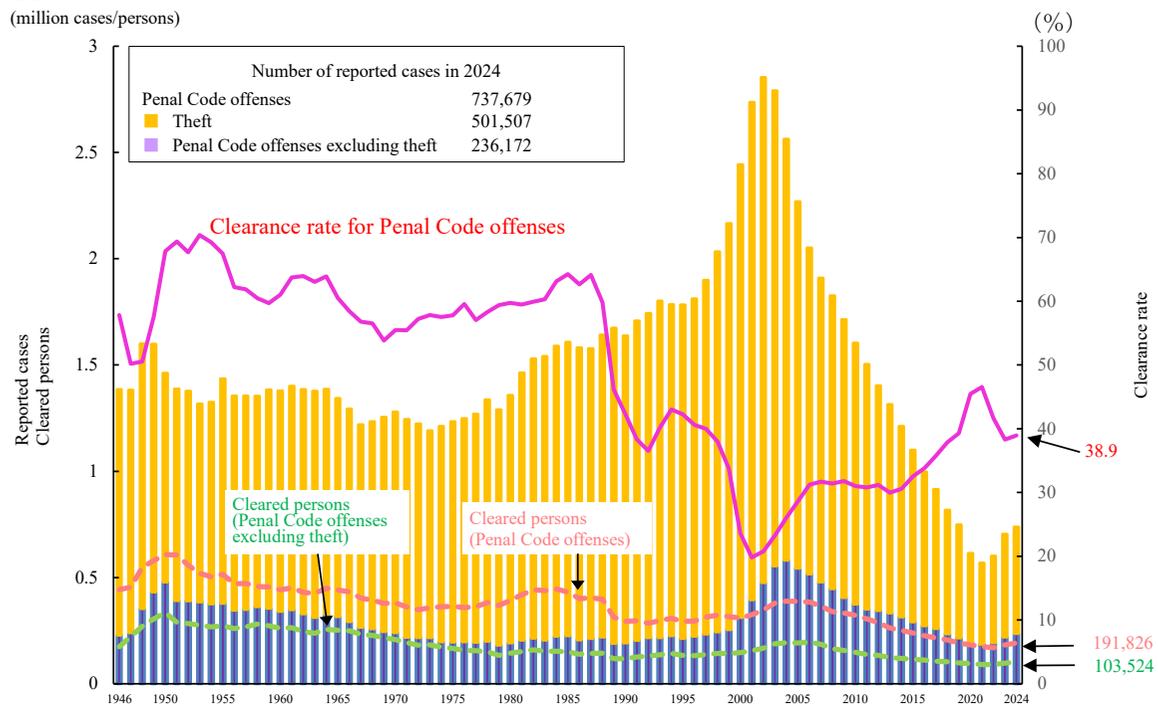
The Research and Training Institute, MOJ

# Crime Trends

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

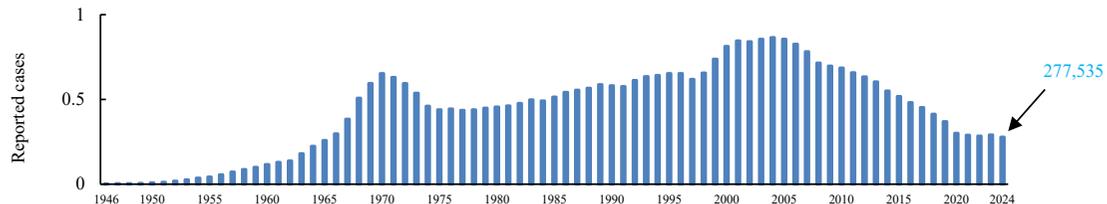
[1] Penal Code offenses

(million cases/persons)



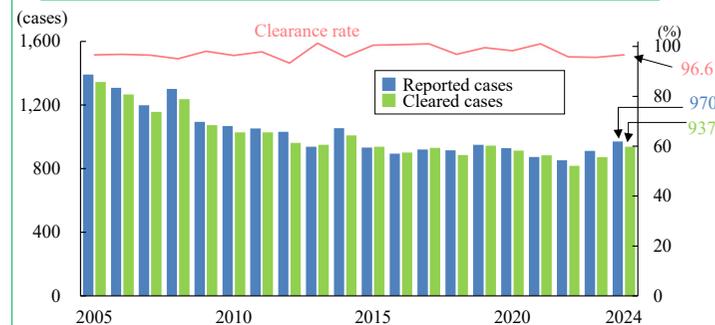
[2] Dangerous driving causing death or injury, and negligent driving offenses causing death or injury

(million cases)

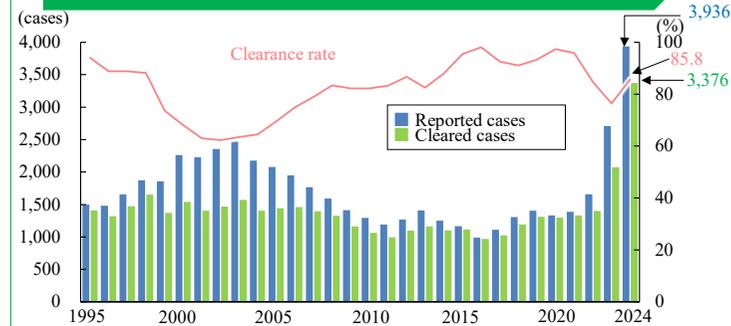


\* The Act Partially Amending the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act No. 66 of 2023) came into effect on July 13, 2023, and as a result, indecency through compulsion and constructive indecency through compulsion, and forcible sexual intercourse and constructive forcible sexual intercourse were integrated into indecent assault and penetrative sexual assault, respectively. In addition, the penalties were also revised, such as making it possible to punish a person for the crime of indecent assault and penetrative sexual assault if the person commits an indecent act or sexual penetration against a victim between the ages of 13 and 15, and was born more than 5 years before the date of the birth of the victim.

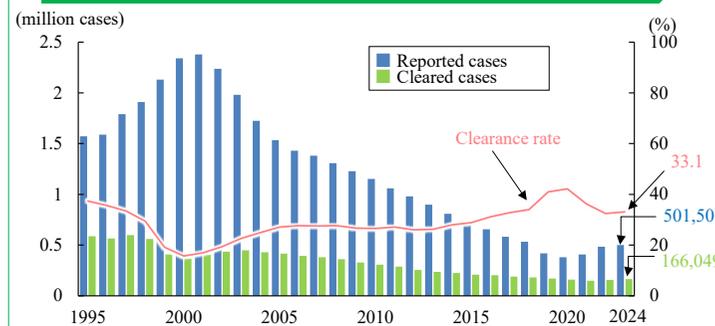
## Homicide: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



## Penetrative sexual assault\*: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



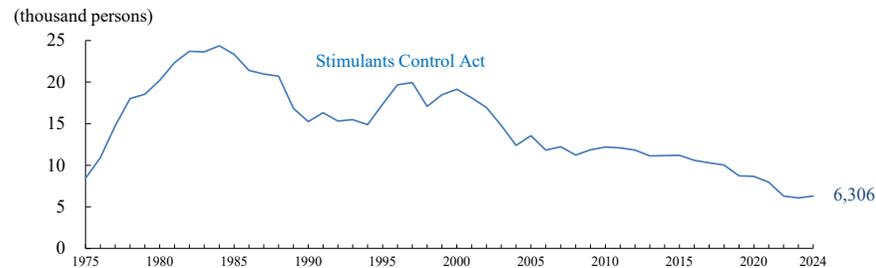
## Theft: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



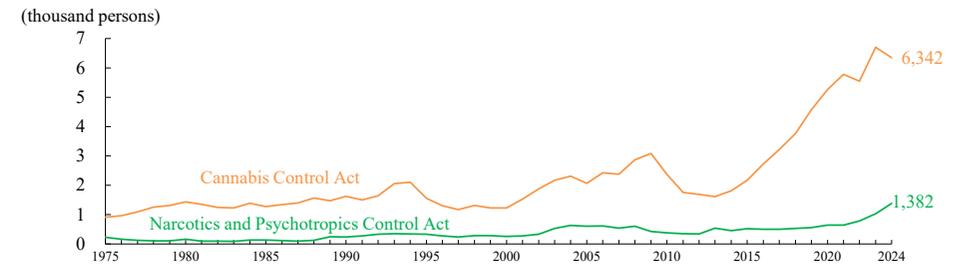
# Specific Offenders/Juvenile Delinquents

## Drug offenses

[1] Violations of Stimulants Control Act: cleared persons

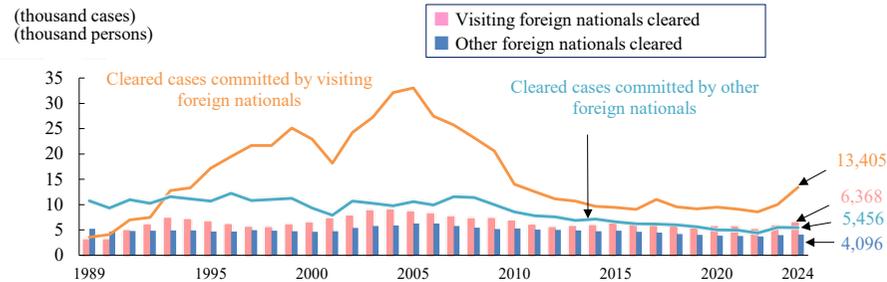


[2] Violations of Cannabis Control Act and other drug control laws: cleared persons

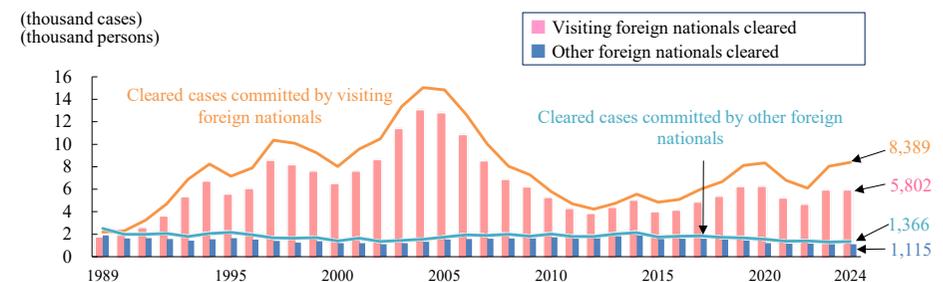


## Foreign nationals

[1] Cases/persons cleared for Penal Code offenses

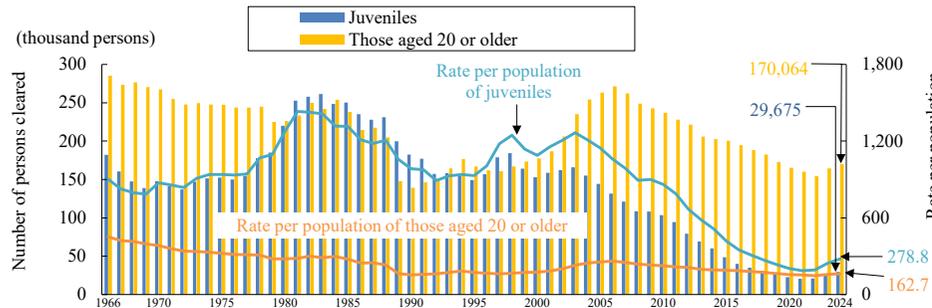


[2] Cases/persons cleared for Special Acts offenses

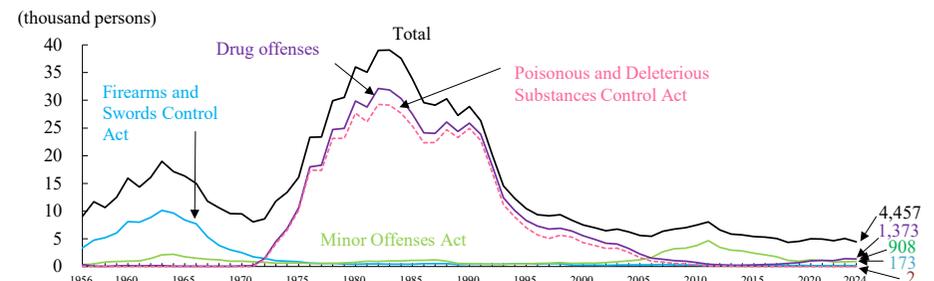


## Juvenile delinquents

[1] Juveniles cleared for Penal Code offenses



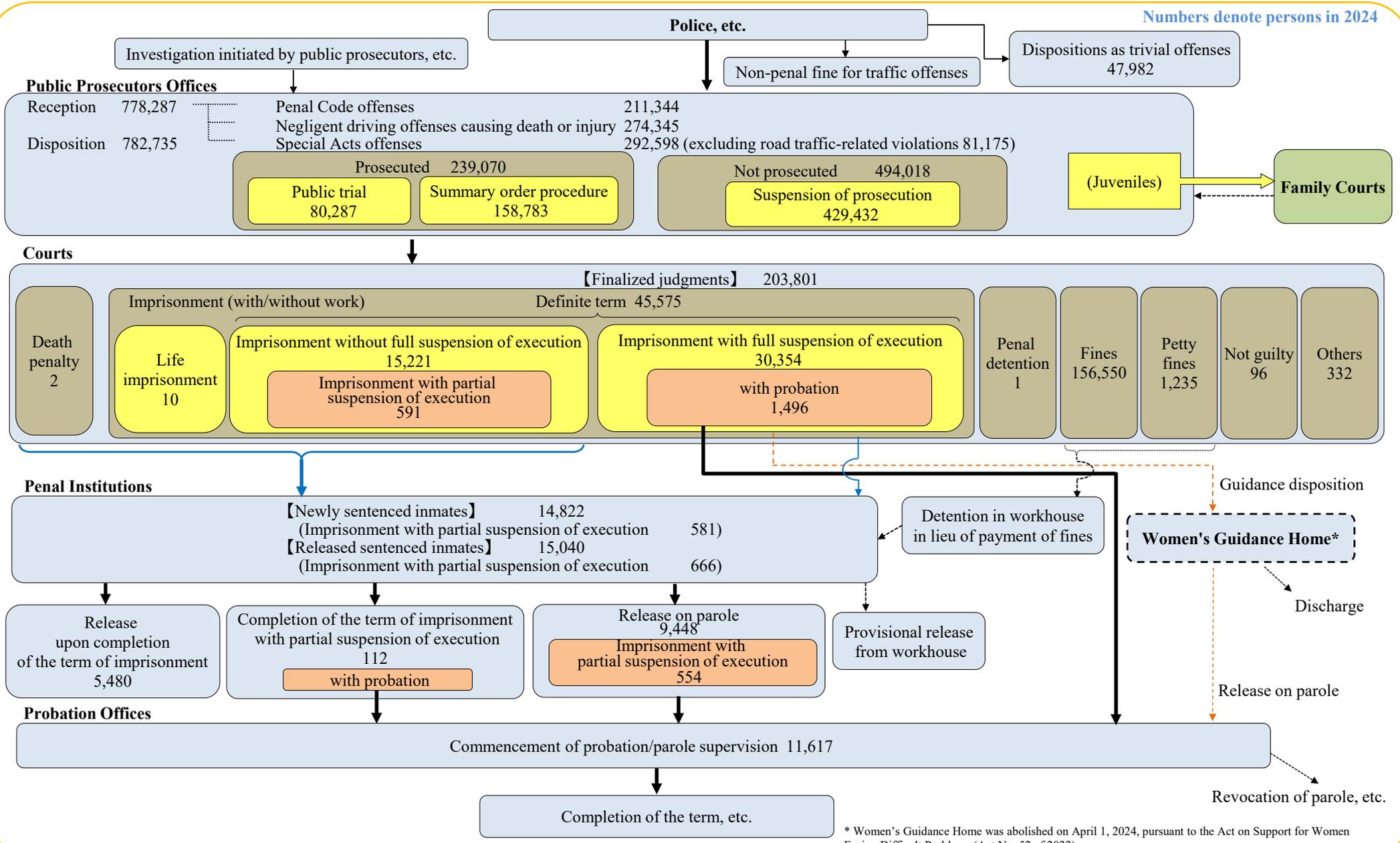
[2] Juveniles cleared for Special Acts offenses



Notes: 1. "Rate per population of juveniles" refers to the number of juveniles cleared per 100,000 population of juveniles aged 10 or older.  
2. "Rate per population of those aged 20 or older" refers to the number of those aged 20 or older cleared per 100,000 population of those aged 20 or older.

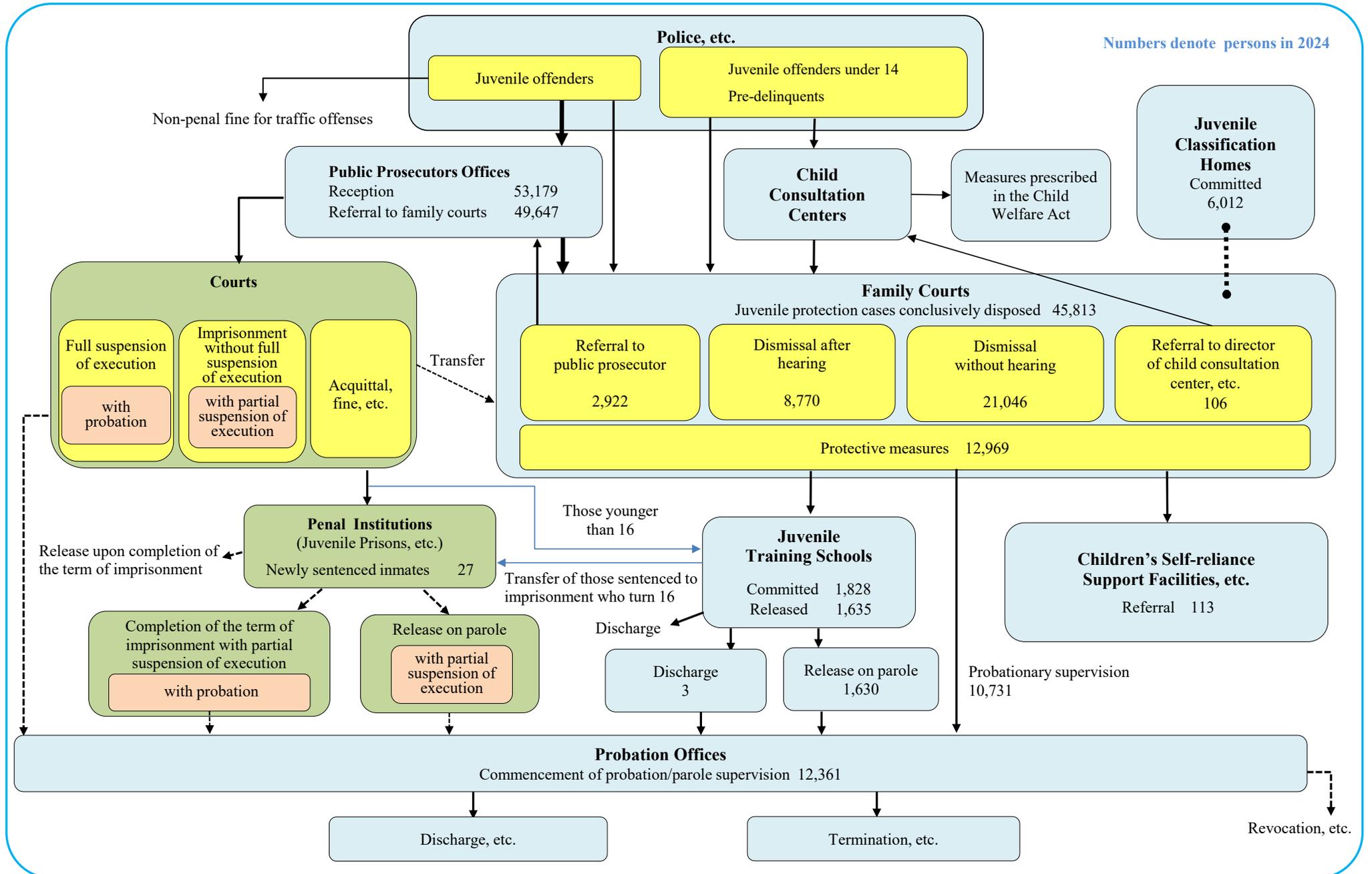
# Procedure of Criminal Justice

Numbers denote persons in 2024



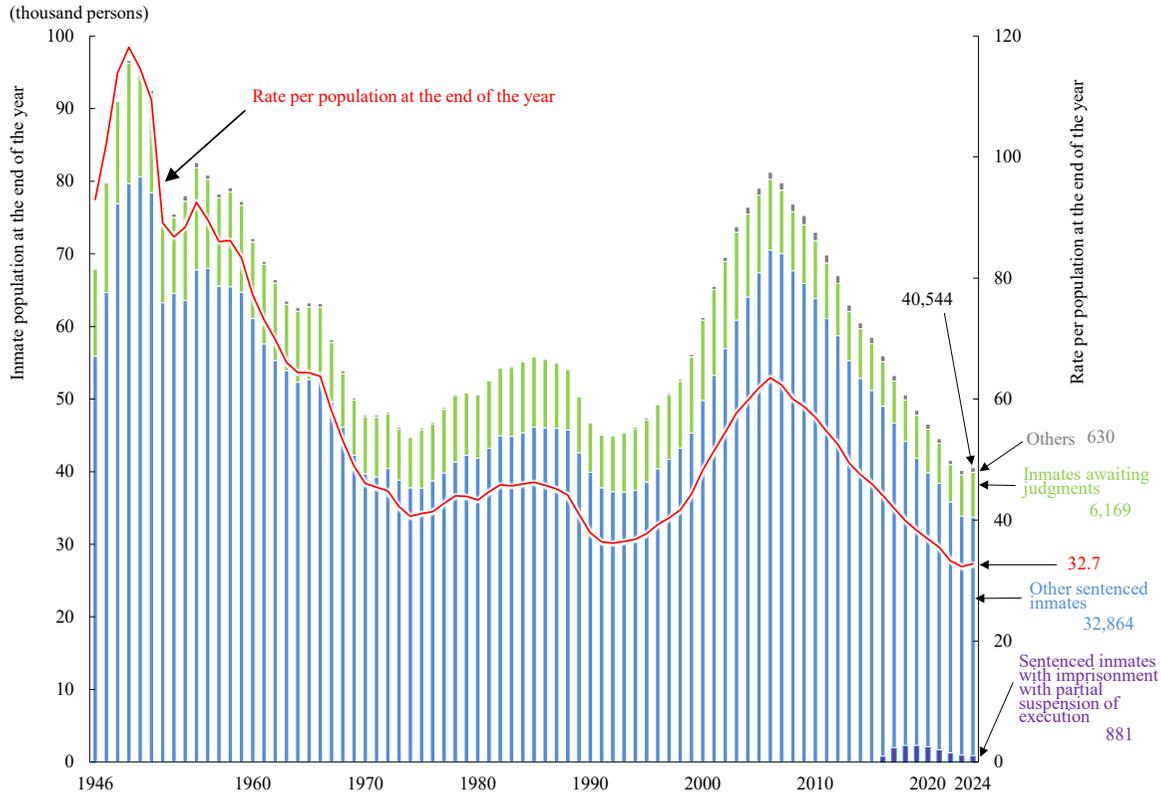
\* Women's Guidance Home was abolished on April 1, 2024, pursuant to the Act on Support for Women Facing Difficult Problems (Act No. 52 of 2022).

# Procedure of Criminal Justice for Juvenile Delinquents

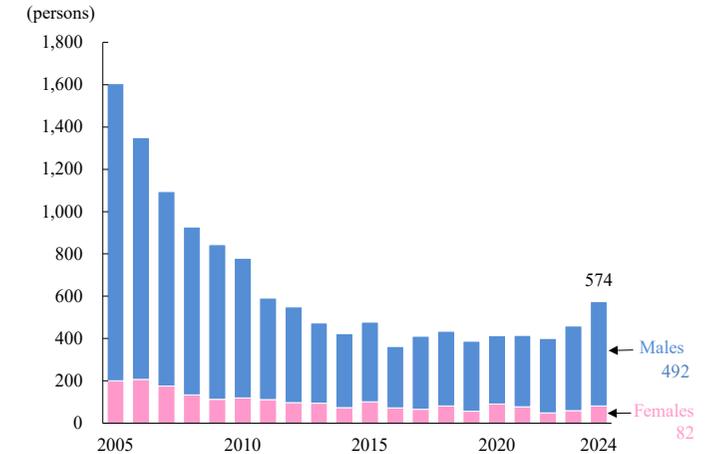


# Treatment of Offenders/Re-offending

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

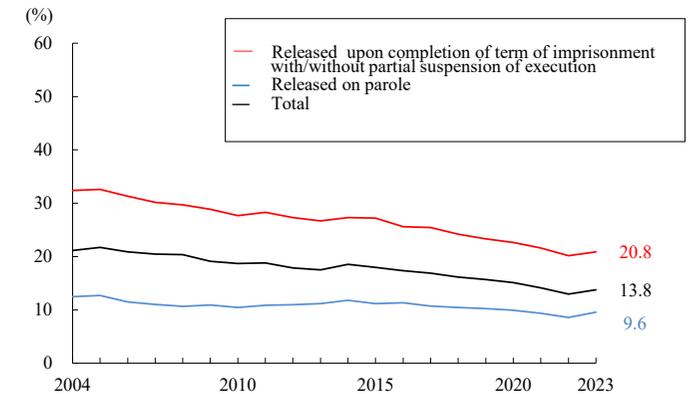


Newly sentenced, F-class categorized inmates (male/female)



Note: Until the enforcement in June 2025 of the Act Partially Amending the Penal Code, etc. (Act No. 67 of 2022) establishing a new category of imprisonment, sentenced inmates who require different treatment from that of Japanese sentenced inmates were categorized as F-class and provided with treatment in accordance with their culture and lifestyle.

Rate of reimprisonment within 2 years



Note: "Rate of reimprisonment within 2 years" is the percentage of persons who were reimprisoned by the year-end of the second (following) year after their release, among the total number of released sentenced inmates of respective years.

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

