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[SOURCES]

I. Original White Paper on Crime

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This White Paper is a summary and translated version of the “White Paper on Crime 2025” (the original version is written/described in Japanese), one of annual publications of the Ministry of Justice of Japan. The translations in this Paper are tentative and are to be considered solely as a reference. For more statistics and further details, refer to the original Japanese version.

This tentative translation was prepared by the “Study Group Concerning Translation of White Paper on Crime in Japan”.

II. Data sources

Statistics, tables, figures, and other information presented in the White Paper on Crime are specially provided by the respective bureaus/departments of the Ministry of Justice and the Immigration Services Agency, and are also obtained from various research or surveys conducted by relevant agencies, as well as the following official statistics:

- Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency (Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency);
- Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution (Judicial System Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Justice);
- Annual Report of Judicial Statistics (General Secretariat, the Supreme Court);
- Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Judicial System Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Justice);
- Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction (Judicial System Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Justice); and
- Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation (Judicial System Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Justice).

The statistical data sources up to May 14, 1972 do not include data for Okinawa Prefecture.

III. Coverage of statistical materials

The data in this White Paper are based on statistical materials that were available by the end of July 2025. Unless otherwise indicated, the most recent annual numbers are of the year 2024. Any corrections made to the data offered or publicized by relevant agencies will be reflected in subsequent editions of this Paper if deemed necessary.

[PUNISHMENT, OFFENSES AND TERMS]

I. Definitions of punishment and offenses

Types of punishment and the offense names in this White Paper are used in accordance with the following meanings and the definitions in the sources, unless specified otherwise.

1 Types of punishment

(1) “**Imprisonment with work**” refers to the punishment prescribed in Article 12 of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Penal Code, etc. (Act No. 67 of 2022).

(2) “**Imprisonment without work**” refers to the punishment prescribed in Article 13 of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Penal Code, etc. (Act No. 67 of 2022).

2 Penal Code offenses

“**Penal Code offenses**,” in principle, refer to those offenses prescribed by the Penal Code (Act No. 45 of 1907) and violations of the following laws, except offenses against the Penal Code that fall under 3 and 4 below:

- (i) Explosives Control Act (Cabinet Order No. 32 of 1884);
- (ii) Act Relating to Duels (Act No. 34 of 1889);
- (iii) Act on Punishment of Crimes Related to Stamps (Act No. 39 of 1909);
- (iv) Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others (Act No. 60 of 1926);
- (v) Act on Prevention and Punishment of Robbery and Theft (Act No. 9 of 1930);
- (vi) Act on Punishment of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (Act No. 68 of 1970);
- (vii) Act on Punishment of Crime to Cause Pollution Harmful for Human Health (Act No. 142 of 1970);
- (viii) Act on Punishment of Acts to Endanger Aviation (Act No. 87 of 1974);
- (ix) Act on Punishment of Compulsion and Other Related Acts Committed by Those Having Taken Hostages (Act No. 48 of 1978);
- (x) Act on Punishment of Organized Crimes and Control of Crime Proceeds (Act No. 136 of 1999); and
- (xi) Act Prescribing Punishments for the Non-Consensual Recording and Distribution of Sexual Images, and Establishing Measures for Deleting the Electronic and Magnetic Records of Non-Consensual Images That Have Been Recorded on Seized Articles (Act No. 67 of 2023; hereinafter referred to as “**Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others**”).

As a side note, each category of offenses, in principle, includes the following variations as provided in the Penal Code:

- (i) attempt;
- (ii) preparation;
- (iii) inducement and accessoryship;
- (iv) offenses which aggravate the gravity of the punishment of the base offense (e.g., robbery causing death or injury);
- (v) offenses such as when the gravity of the punishment is aggravated or mitigated based on the types of social activities, purposes, status of an offender or other elements as prescribed in the Penal Code; and
- (vi) offenses that aggravate the punishment as prescribed in the Act on Prevention and Punishment of Robbery and Theft.

3 Dangerous driving causing death or injury

“**Dangerous driving causing death or injury**,” in principle, refers to offenses provided in Article 2, Article 3, and Article 6, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Act on Punishment of Acts Inflicting Death or Injury on Others by Driving a Motor Vehicle (Act No. 86 of 2013; hereinafter referred to as “**Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving**”) and offenses provided in Article 208-2 of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013.

4 Negligent driving offenses causing death or injury

“**Negligent driving offenses causing death or injury**,” in principle, refer to offenses provided in Article 4, Article 5, and Article 6, paragraphs (3) and (4) of the Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving, offenses that cause death or injury through negligence in vehicle driving (offenses provided in Article 211, paragraph (2) of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013).

5 Special Acts offenses

“**Special Acts offenses**,” in principle, refer to offenses other than those referred to in 2 to 4 above and include violations of Prefectural/Municipal Ordinances and Regulations.

- (1) “**Road traffic-related violations**” refer to violations of the Road Traffic Act (Act No. 105 of 1960) and Act on Assurance of Car Parking Spaces and Other Matters (Act No. 145 of 1962).
- (2) “**Violations of four traffic-related Acts**” refer to road traffic-related violations, and violations of the Road Transport Vehicle Act (Act No. 185 of 1951) and Automobile Liability Security Act (Act No. 97 of 1955).
- (3) “**Violations of traffic-related Acts**” refer to violations of four traffic-related Acts and

violations of the Road Transportation Act (Act No. 183 of 1951), Road Act (Act No. 180 of 1952), National Highway Act (Act No. 79 of 1957), Parking Lot Act (Act No. 106 of 1957), Act on Special Measures Concerning Prevention of Traffic Accident Caused by Large-Sized Automobiles Carrying Earth, Sand and Others (Act No. 131 of 1967), Act on Special Measures Concerning Regulation of Taxi Services (Act No. 75 of 1970), Consigned Freight Forwarding Business Act (Act No. 82 of 1989), Motor Truck Transportation Business Act (Act No. 83 of 1989), Studded Tires Regulation Act (Act No. 55 of 1990), and Act on Regulation of Substitute Driving Service (Act No. 57 of 2001).

6 Cannabis Control Act

“**Cannabis Control Act**” refers to the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants (Act No. 124 of 1948) prior to its amendment by Act No. 84 of 2023, and the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023.

II. Definitions of terms

1 Police

- (1) The number of “**reported cases**” refers to the number of cases occurrence of which became known to the police.
- (2) “**Crime rate**” refers to the number of reported cases per 100,000 population.
- (3) The number of “**cleared cases**” or “**cases cleared**” refers to the number of cases cleared by the police or other investigative authorities. The number is not limited to cases referred to public prosecutors but includes cases disposed by the police as trivial offenses and other dispositions.
- (4) “**Clearance rate**” refers to the percentage of cleared cases among the number of reported cases. Since the “cleared cases” include reported cases in the previous years, the “clearance rate” may exceed 100%.
- (5) The number of “**cleared persons**” or “**persons cleared**” refers to the number of persons cleared by the police or other investigative authorities. The same applies to “**cleared juveniles**” or “**juveniles cleared**”.

2 Prosecution and courts

- (1) The number of “**persons received by public prosecutors**” refers to the number of suspects in cases directly detected or received by public prosecutors or referred from judicial police officers (including special judicial police officers (e.g., coast guard officers, narcotics agents) and internal inspectors of the National Tax Agency).

- (2) “**Prosecution rate**” refers to the percentage of persons prosecuted among the sum of the number of persons prosecuted and not prosecuted.
- (3) “**Court of first instance**” refers to ordinary trial procedures at district courts and summary courts and excludes summary proceedings.
- (4) “**Conclusive disposition**” refers to:
 - (i) where the data is from the Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution, disposition of a case by a prosecutor, excluding transfer of a case between Public Prosecutors Offices or disposition to suspend an investigation; and
 - (ii) where the data is from the Annual Report of Judicial Statistics or the General Secretariat of the Supreme Court, disposition of a case by a court, excluding transfer of a case between other courts (in Chapter 2 of Part 3, cases consolidated are not individually counted as disposed cases).

3 Correction and rehabilitation

- (1) “**Newly sentenced inmates**” refer to inmates newly admitted to penal institutions each year for reasons such as the execution of their finalized sentence.
- (2) “**Reimprisoned inmate**” refers to a person who has been imprisoned before.
- (3) “**Parole rate**” refers to the percentage of inmates released on parole among the total number of inmates released upon the completion of their term of imprisonment (with or without partial suspension of execution) and inmates released on parole.
- (4) “**Probation rate**” refers to the percentage of persons granted (full or partial) suspension of the execution of their sentence of imprisonment and placed under supervision for a period of suspension among the total number of persons granted (full or partial) suspension of the execution of their sentence of imprisonment (with or without supervision).

4 Juvenile cases

- (1) “**Juvenile**” refers to a person under 20 years of age.
- (2) Juvenile delinquent
 - (i) “**Juvenile offender**” refers to a juvenile who has committed a crime (aged 14 or older at the time of the crime);
 - (ii) “**Juvenile offender under 14**” refers to a juvenile under 14 years of age who has violated laws and regulations of a criminal nature; and
 - (iii) “**Pre-delinquent**” refers to a juvenile who is, in light of his/her personality or environment, likely to commit crimes or violate laws and regulations of a criminal nature in the future due to his/her propensity not to submit to legitimate supervision

by a custodian or other reasons.

- (3) “**Juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools**” refer to juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools by rulings to refer or commit the juveniles to juvenile training schools.

5 Others

- (1) “**Rate per population**” refers to the rate of persons in a specific group per 100,000 persons of the population.
- (2) “**Percentage of female**” refers to the percentage of females among the total number of males and females.
- (3) “**Percentage of juveniles**” refers to the percentage of juveniles among the total number of persons.
- (4) “**Elderly**” or “**elderly person**” refers to persons aged 65 or older.
- (5) “**Visiting foreign nationals**” refer to foreign nationals in Japan except those staying as [1] special permanent residents, [2] permanent residents, [3] members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, its civilian components, and their family members, and [4] persons whose status of residence is unclear, prior to 2022. From 2023 onward, they refer to foreign nationals in Japan except those staying as [1] special permanent residents, [2] permanent residents, [3] members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, its civilian components, and their family members, [4] members of the Australian Defense Force and its civilian components, [5] members of the United Kingdom Armed Forces and its civilian components, and [6] persons whose status of residence is unclear.

If the data source is the Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency, the term refers to foreign nationals staying in Japan except those staying under established residency (permanent residency, spouse or other dependency status of permanent residents and special permanent residency), or statuses related to the U.S. forces based in Japan, and those whose status is unclear.

- (6) “**Previous conviction**” refers to a previous conviction based on a finalized judgment.
- (7) “**Treatment**” refers to treatment of persons cleared for an offense in the subsequent stages of prosecution, court, correction and/or rehabilitation.
- (8) “**Full suspension of execution of sentence**” refers to the full suspension of execution of sentence provided in Article 25 of the Penal Code.
- (9) “**Partial suspension of execution of sentence**” refers to the partial suspension of execution of sentence provided in Article 27-2 of the Penal Code and Article 3 of the Act on Suspension

of Execution of Part of the Sentence Rendered to a Person Who Has Committed a Drug-related Crime (Act No. 50 of 2013).

[PRESENTATION IN THE WHITE PAPER]

I. Numbering of figures and tables

The numbering of figures and tables is indicated in the order of Section, Chapter, and Part. For example, Fig. 2-4-1-3 refers to the third figure in Section 1 of Chapter 4 of Part 2. This English version of the White Paper on Crime 2025 does not necessarily correspond to the numbering of the figures and tables of the original Japanese White Paper on Crime 2025.

II. Presentation of values, etc.

1 Presentation of tables

- (1) “-” refers to zero in number or not applicable
- (2) “0” refers to a number that does not reach one when rounded off
- (3) “0.0” refers to a number that does not reach 0.1 when rounded off
- (4) “...” refers to data/statistical materials that are not available, or the case where the parameter is zero

2 Presentation of figures

- (1) “0” refers to zero in number
- (2) “0.0” refers to a number that does not reach 0.1 when rounded off

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I. Calculation

The proportion and percentage, etc. are rounded off. Therefore, the sum of the proportions may not add up to 100.0.

The sum or difference of each proportion is calculated by first adding or subtracting values and then rounding off the resulting value. Thus, the value may not match the value calculated by first rounding off each value and then adding or subtracting the rounded off values.

For example, when calculating the difference between 12.76 and 7.53, first subtract 7.53 from 12.76 and then round off the value 5.23 to obtain the result of 5.2, rather than subtracting the rounded off value of 7.5 from the rounded off value of 12.8 (which yields 5.3).

II. Website

This White Paper on Crime 2025 and its original Japanese version are available on the website of the Ministry of Justice of Japan.

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PART 1

Crime Trends



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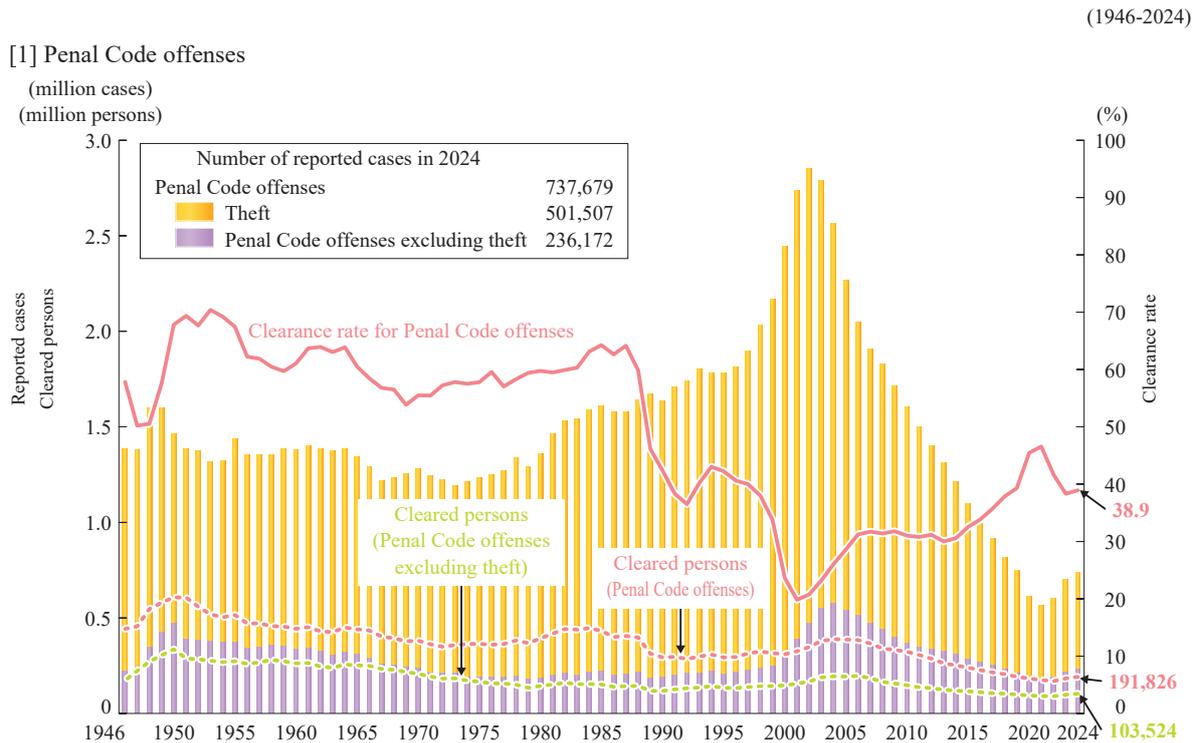
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Chapter 1 Penal Code Offenses

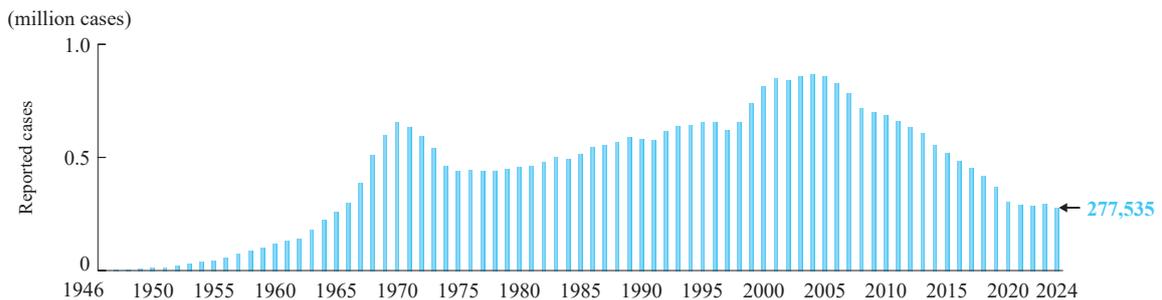
Section 1 Overview

Fig. 1-1-1-1 shows the trend in the number of reported cases, cleared persons and clearance rate for Penal Code offenses since 1946.

Fig. 1-1-1-1 Penal Code offenses: reported cases, cleared persons and clearance rate



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



- Notes:
1. Numbers until 1955 include violations of laws and regulations of a criminal nature committed by juveniles under 14 years of age.
 2. "Penal Code offenses" in [1] does not include offenses causing death or injury through (gross) negligence in pursuit of social activities until 1965.
 3. "Penal Code offenses" in [1] includes offenses causing death or injury through (gross) negligence in pursuit of social activities not related to vehicle driving since 1966.
 4. "Dangerous driving causing death or injury, and negligent driving offenses causing death or injury" in [2] includes offenses causing death or injury through (gross) negligence in pursuit of social activities not related to vehicle driving until 1965.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Section 2 Penal Code Offenses by Category

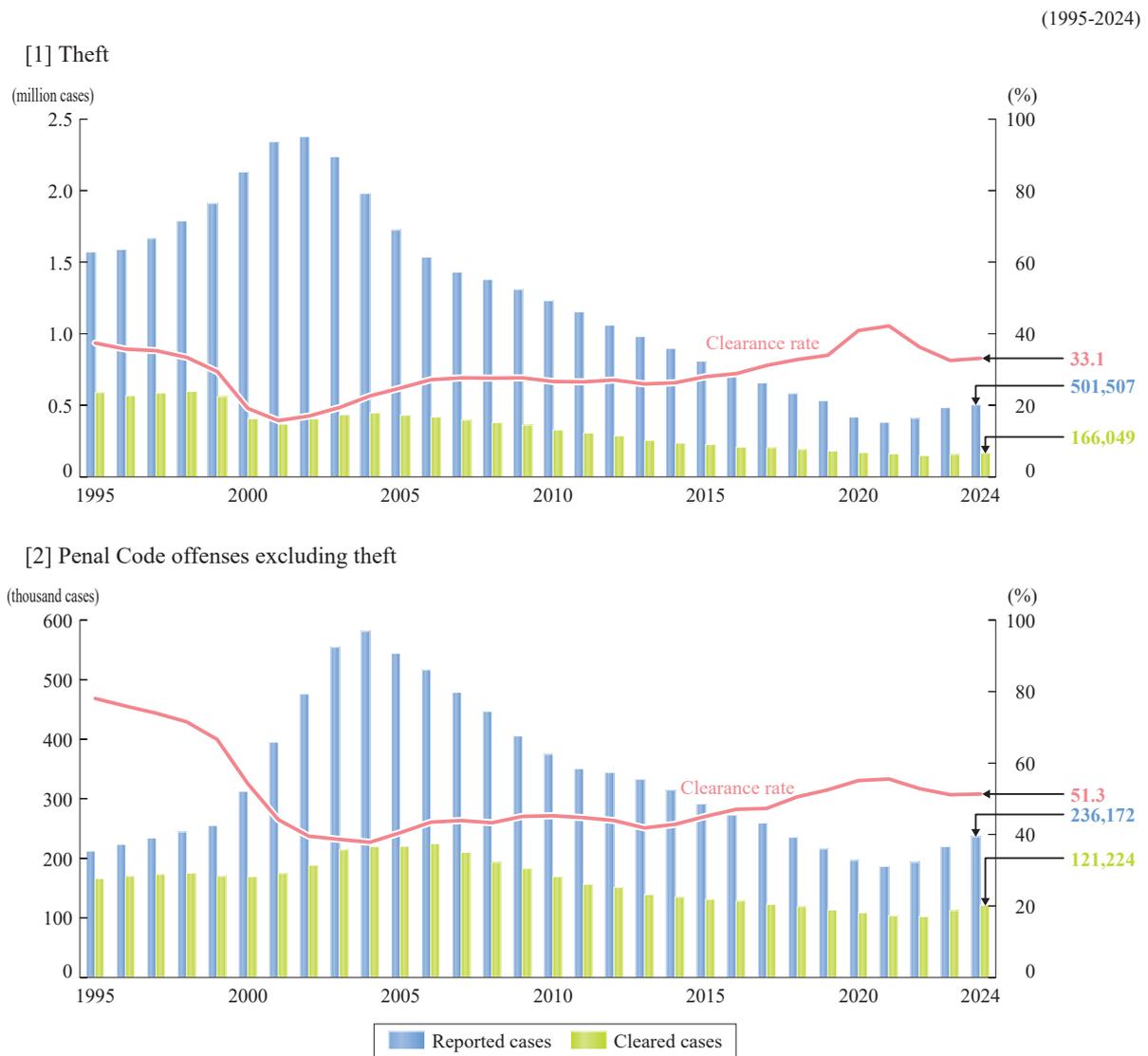
1 Theft

Theft accounts for nearly 70% of the reported cases for Penal Code offenses.

Fig. 1-1-2-1 [1] shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for theft.

Fig. 1-1-2-1 [2] shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for Penal Code offenses excluding theft.

Fig. 1-1-2-1 Penal Code offenses: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate (theft/Penal Code offenses excluding theft)

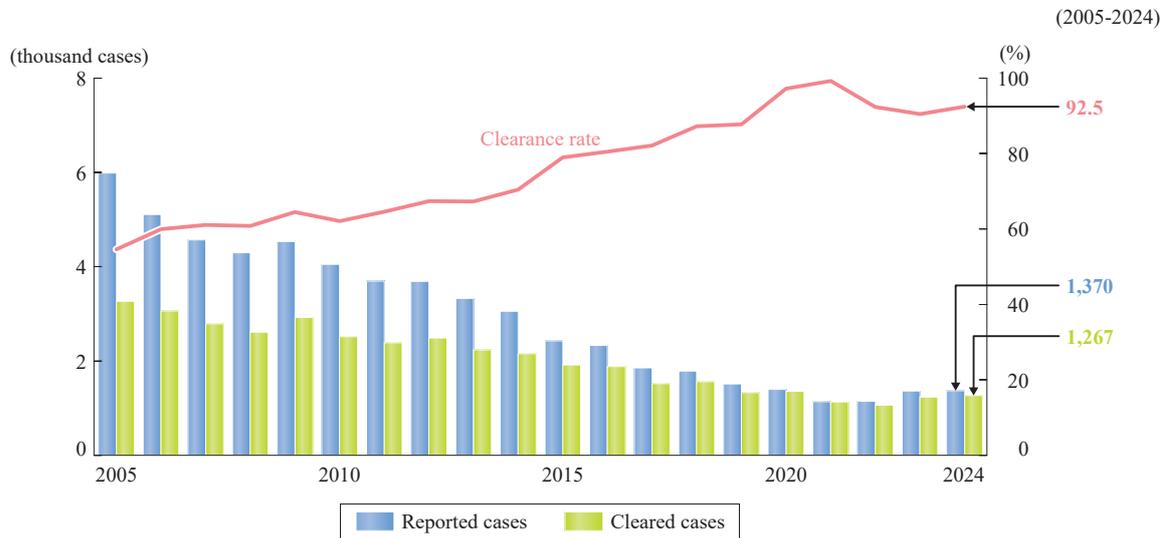


Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

2 Robbery

Fig. 1-1-2-2 shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for robbery.

Fig. 1-1-2-2 Robbery: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

3 Fraud

Fig. 1-1-2-3 shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for fraud.

Fig. 1-1-2-3 Fraud: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

4 Penetrative sexual assault and indecent assault

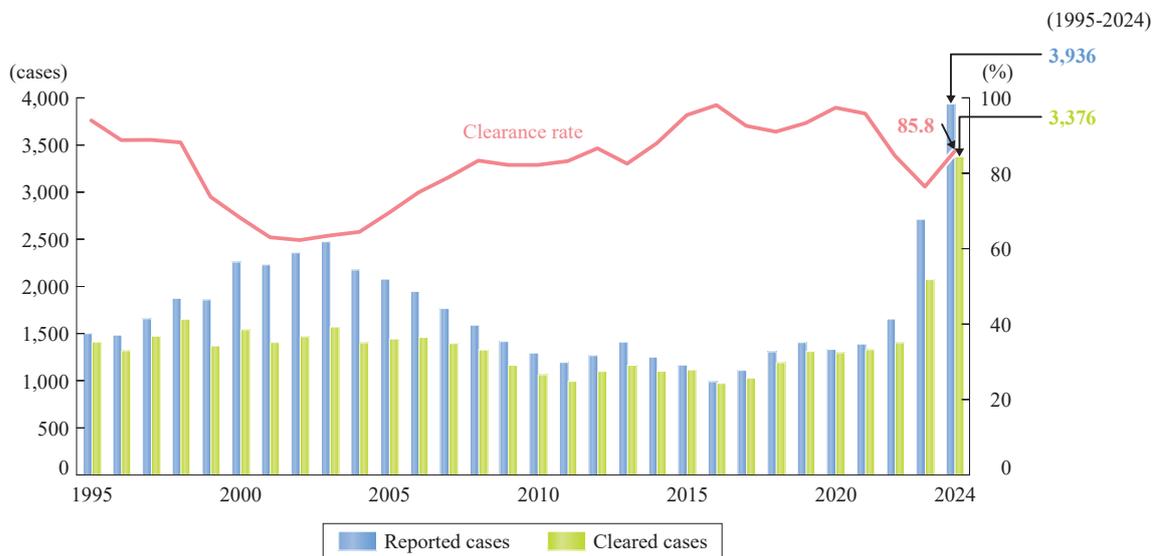
The Act Partially Amending the Penal Code (Act No. 72 of 2017) came into effect in July 2017. Changes were made to the Act to revise rape to forcible sexual intercourse, widen the definition of rape prior to its amendment so that it made no distinction based on the victim’s sex, and include anal and oral intercourse (hereinafter vaginal intercourse, anal intercourse or oral intercourse are referred to as “sexual intercourse”). The Act also raised the minimum statutory penalty, newly established indecency and sexual intercourse by a person having custody of a victim under the age of 18, and changed forcible sexual intercourse and indecency through compulsion into a crime indictable without a complaint.

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.

Fig. 1-1-2-4 shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for penetrative sexual assault (including forcible sexual intercourse (offenses provided in Article 177 and Article 178, paragraph (2) of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 66 of 2023), sexual intercourse by a person having custody of a person under 18, and rape (offenses provided in Article 177 and Article 178, paragraph (2) of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 72 of 2017); hereinafter the same).

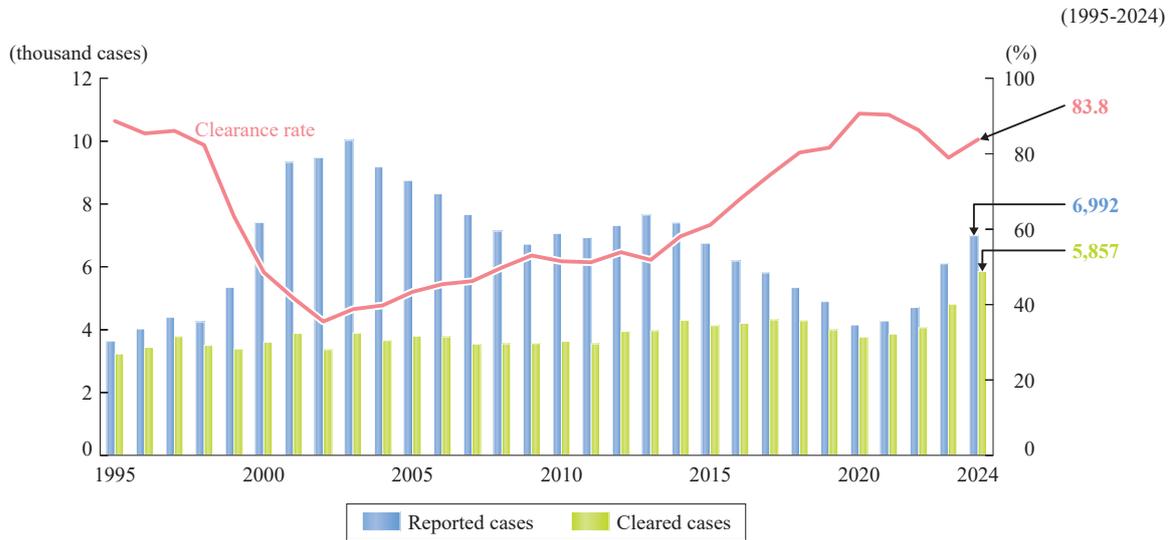
Fig. 1-1-2-4 Penetrative sexual assault: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate



Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Fig. 1-1-2-5 shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for indecent assault (including indecency through compulsion (offenses provided in Article 176 and Article 178, Paragraph (1) of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 66 of 2023) and indecency by a person having custody of a person under 18; hereinafter the same).

Fig. 1-1-2-5 Indecent assault: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate

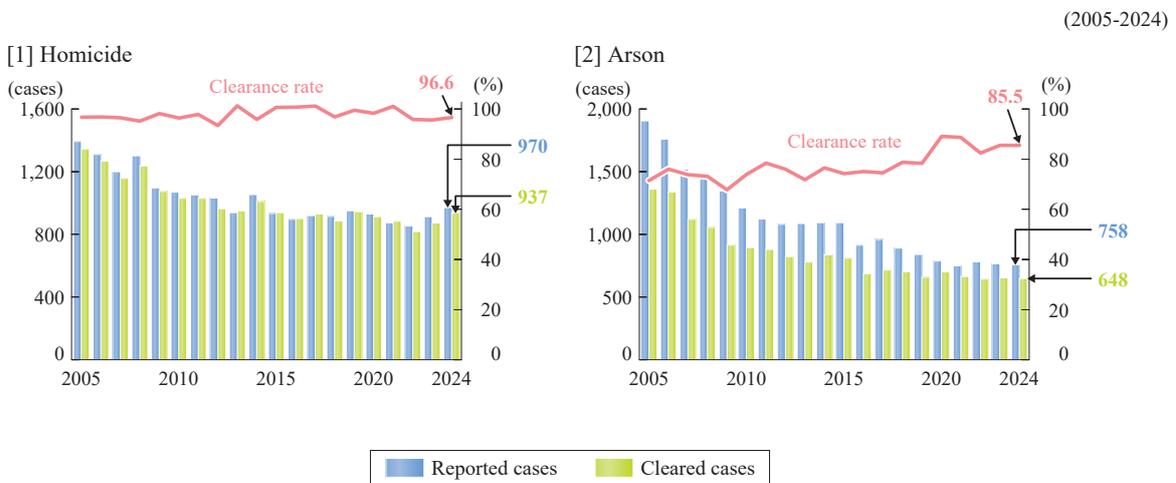


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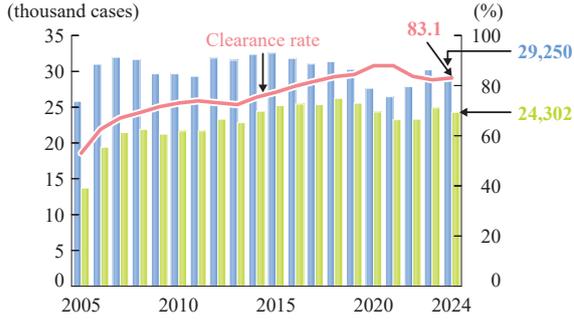
5 Other Penal Code offenses

Fig. 1-1-2-6 shows the trend in the number of reported/cleared cases and the clearance rate for other major Penal Code offenses.

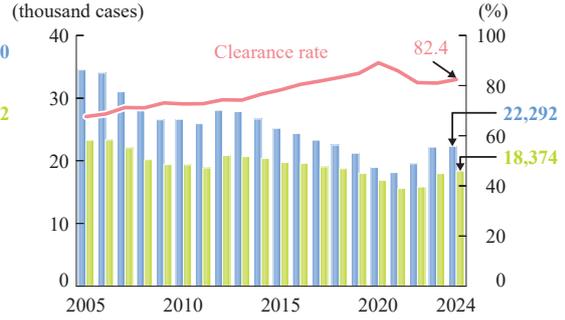
Fig. 1-1-2-6 Penal Code offenses: reported/cleared cases and clearance rate (by type of offense)



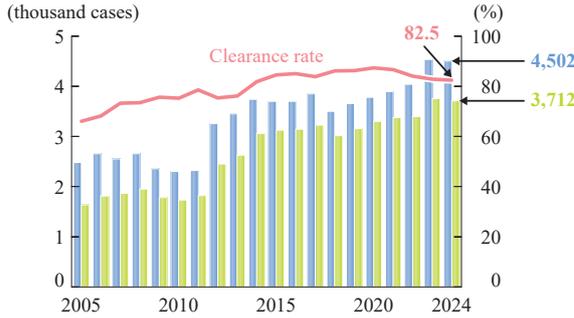
[3] Assault
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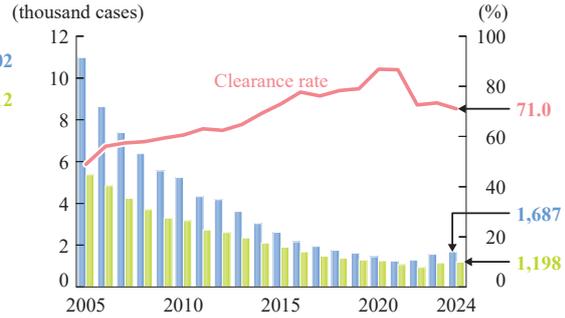
[4] Injury
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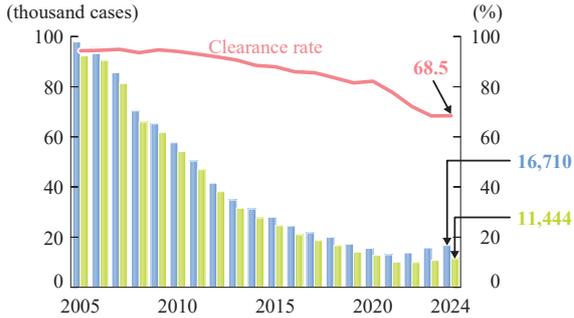
[5] Intimidation
(thousand cases)



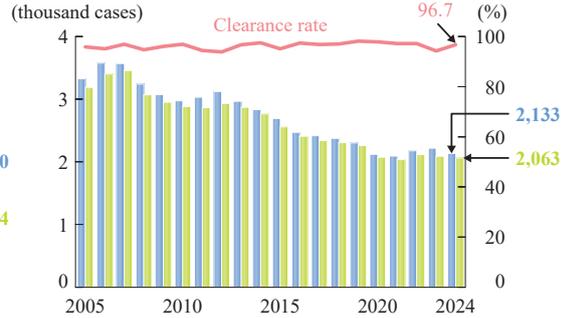
[6] Extortion
(thousand cases)



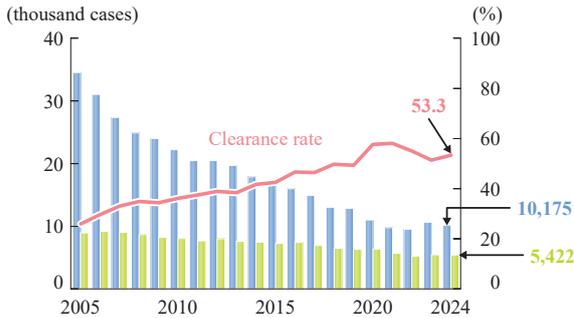
[7] Embezzlement (including embezzlement of lost property)
(thousand cases)



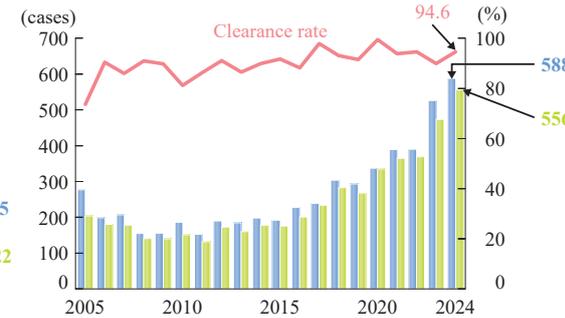
[8] Obstruction of performance of public duty
(thousand cases)



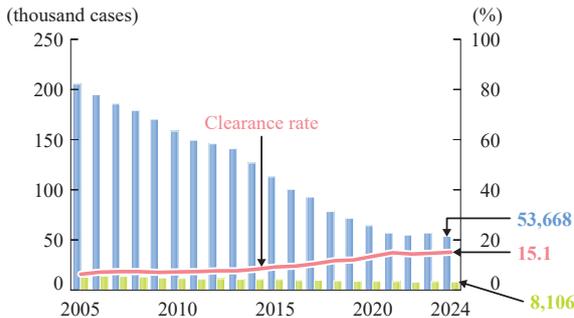
[9] Breaking into a residence
(thousand cases)



[10] Kidnapping and human trafficking
(cases)



[11] Damage of property
(thousand cases)



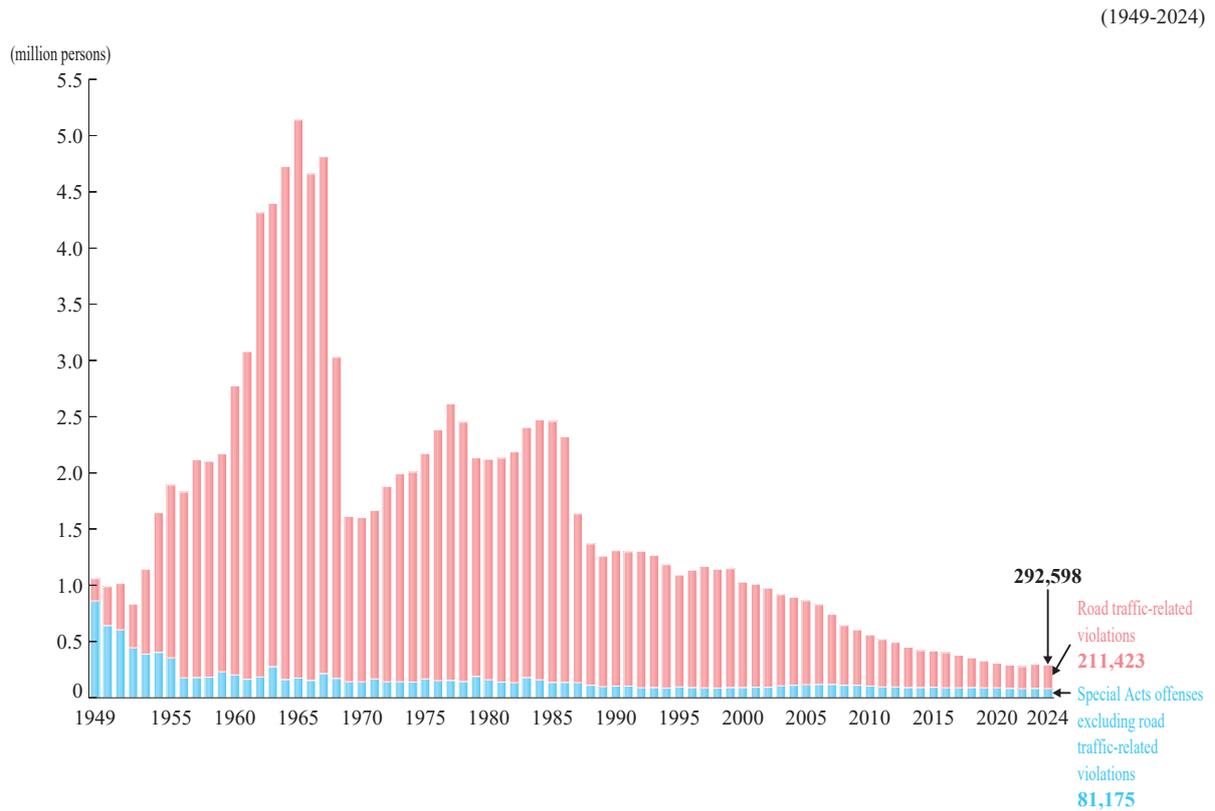
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Chapter 2 Special Acts Offenses

Section 1 Overview

Fig. 1-2-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons received by public prosecutors for Special Acts offenses since 1949.

Fig. 1-2-1-1 Special Acts offenses: persons received by public prosecutors



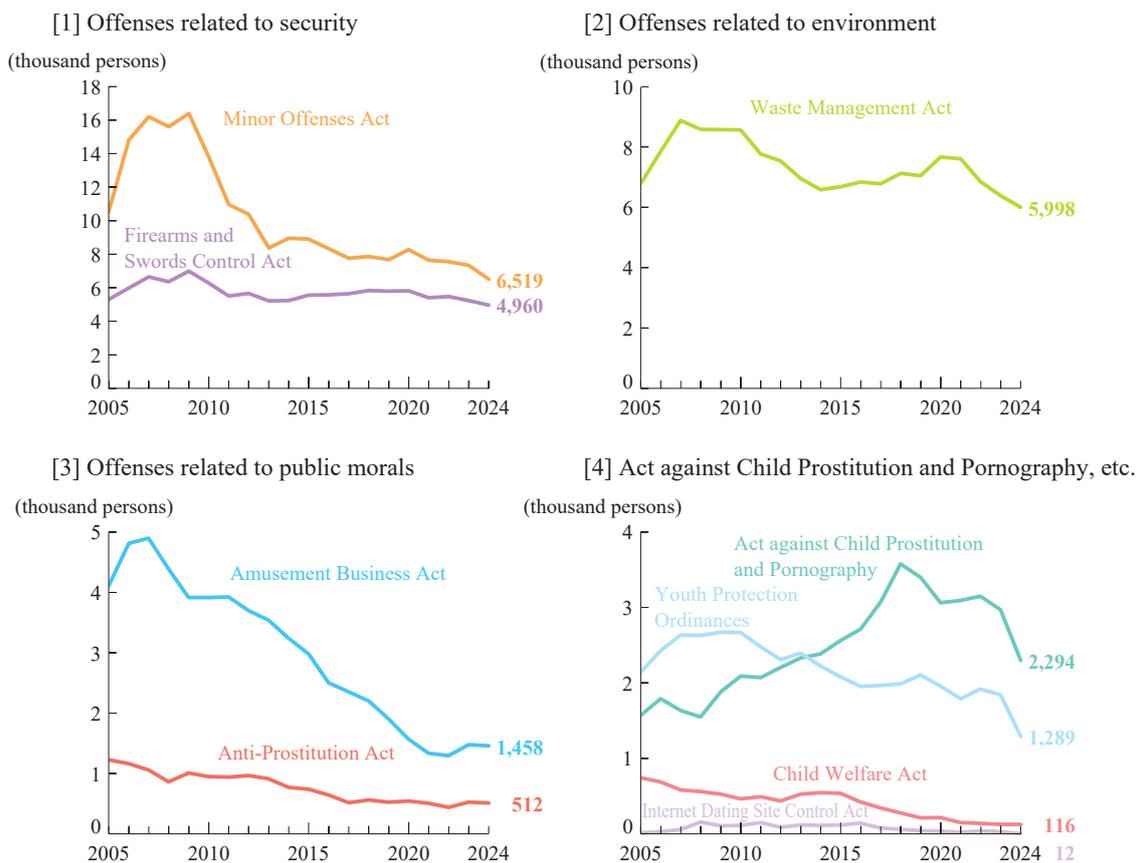
Source: Annual Report of Criminal Statistics
Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Section 2 Special Acts Offenses by Category

Fig. 1-2-2-1 shows the trend in the number of persons received by public prosecutors for a violation of certain categories of Special Acts offenses. See also Part 4 for other offense categories (Ch. 1 on traffic offenses, Ch. 2 on drug offenses, Ch. 4 on financial/economic offenses, and Ch. 5 on cybercrimes).

Fig. 1-2-2-1 Major Special Acts offenses: persons received by public prosecutors

(2005-2024)



Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

PART 2

Treatment of Offenders



Multidisciplinary Collaboration in a Penal Institution

Source: Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice



Volunteer Probation Officers Case Conference at an Offender Rehabilitation Support Center

Source: Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

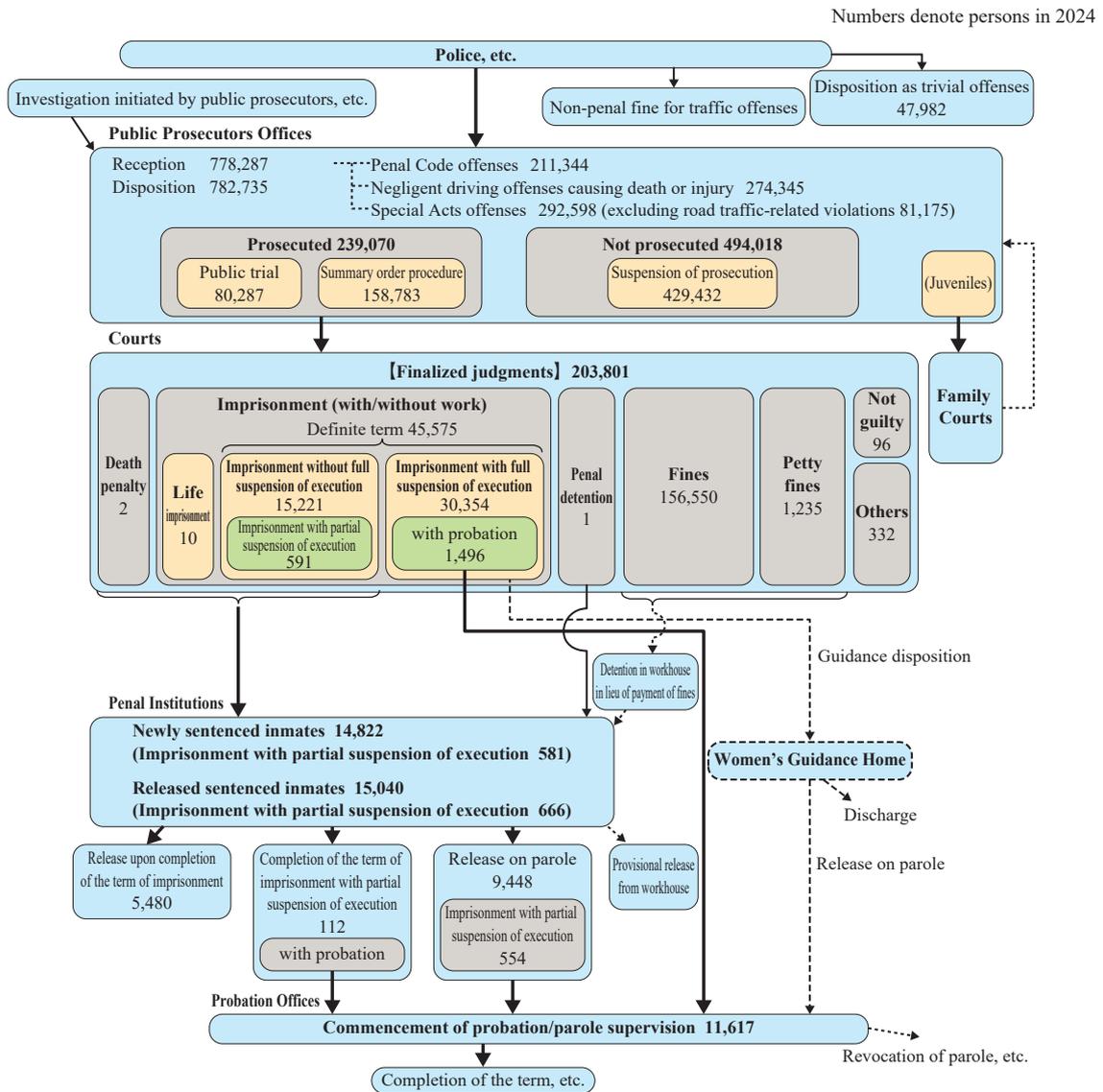
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Chapter 1 Overview

Persons cleared for offenses by the police or special judicial police officers are treated in stages of prosecution, trial, and institutional correction and rehabilitation services.

Fig. 2-1-1 shows the number of persons treated in these stages in 2024.

Fig. 2-1-1 Outline of treatment of offenders



- Notes: 1. Numbers indicate persons in 2024 and include juveniles.
2. "Disposition as trivial offenses" refers to dispositions for trivial offenses (offenses designated by public prosecutors, such as theft, assault and embezzlement including embezzlement of lost property) committed by those aged 20 or older that judicial police officers do not refer to public prosecutors pursuant to the proviso to Article 246 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Numbers in "Public Prosecutors Offices" indicate the total number of persons in cases received/disposed by public prosecutors offices, thus a person received/disposed twice for different cases is counted as two persons.
4. "Released sentenced inmates" consists of the number of persons who were released on parole, upon completion of their term of imprisonment with partial suspension of execution, and upon completion of their term of imprisonment.
5. "Commencement of probation/parole supervision" consists of the number of inmates released from a penal institution on parole, persons sentenced with partially or fully suspended imprisonment with probation and those released from a women's guidance home on parole.
6. "Others" in "Finalized judgments" consist of the number of instances of dismissal for judicial bar, dismissal of prosecution, jurisdictional incompetence and remission of punishment.
7. "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).

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
 Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution
 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction
 Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

Chapter 2 Prosecution

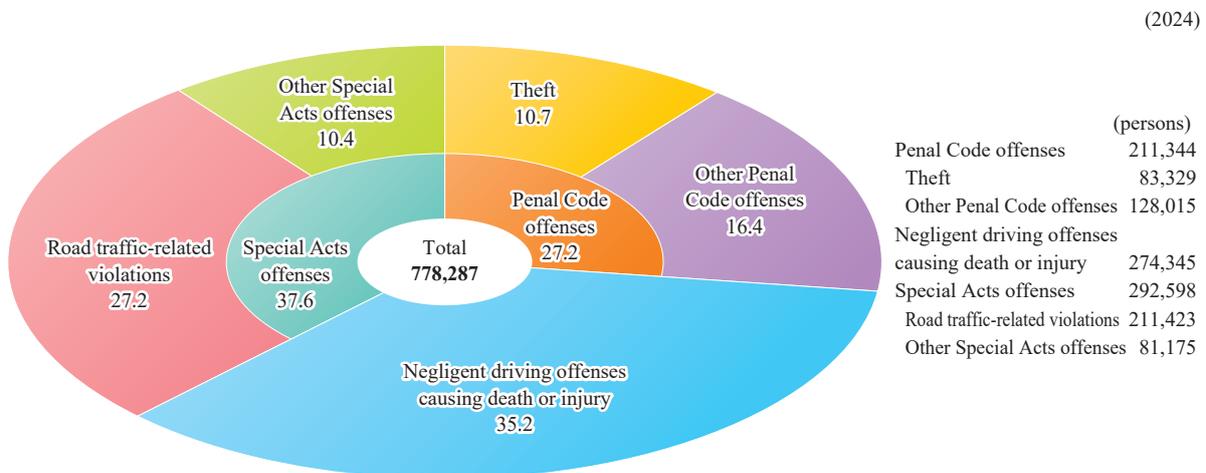
Judicial police officers are to refer every criminal case to **public prosecutors**, except [1] cases subject to disposition as **trivial offenses** (certain minor offenses committed by those aged 20 or older with particularly strong mitigating factors that satisfy public prosecutors’ predesignated criteria, are not required to be referred to public prosecutors pursuant to the proviso stipulated by Article 246 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act No. 131 of 1948)) and [2] those of certain violations of the Road Traffic Act that are subject to *Hansokukin* (administrative fine).

Public prosecutors investigate cases referred by the police or special judicial police officers. In addition, public prosecutors may institute an investigation, on their own initiative if necessary, or in response to a complaint or accusation directed to them. In concluding the investigation, they decide whether or not to prosecute a suspect, on the basis of factors such as whether or not his/her act constitutes an offense and punishment is required on his/her case.

Section 1 Reception

Fig. 2-2-1-1 shows the composition of persons received by public prosecutors in 2024 by type of offense committed.

Fig. 2-2-1-1 Persons received by public prosecutors: composition by type of offense



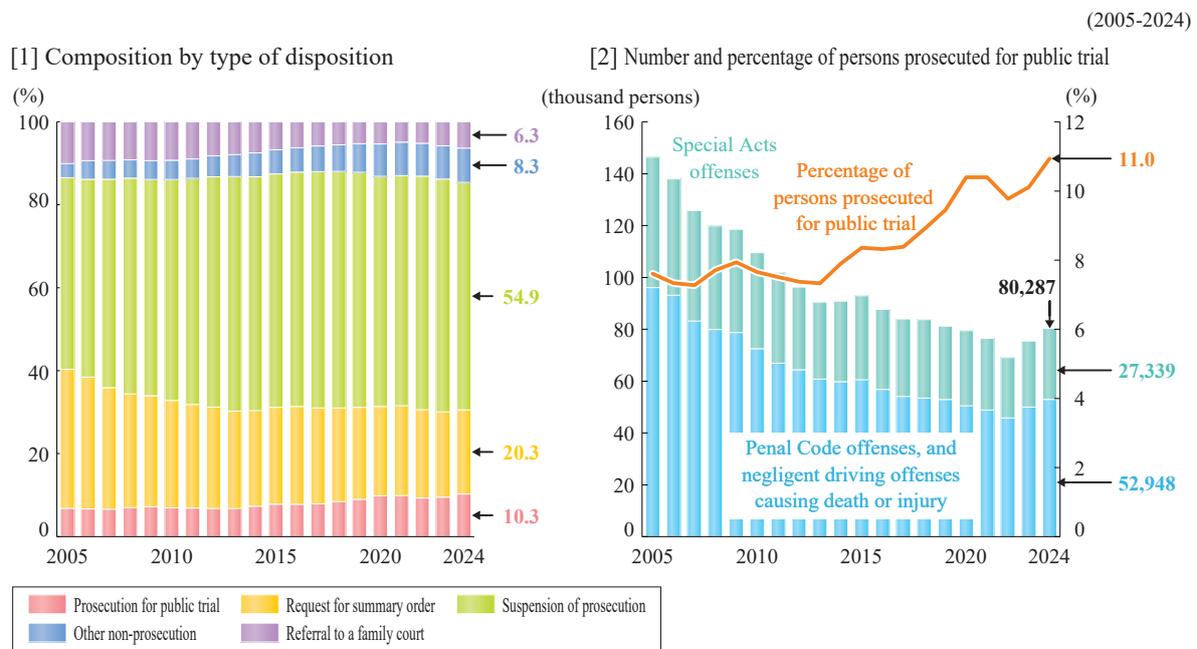
Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Section 2 Dispositions

Where a public prosecutor decides to prosecute a person, they request a public trial or a summary procedure. A public prosecutor decides not to prosecute a person where [1] a precondition for prosecution (e.g., a victim’s complaint for certain offenses) is not satisfied, [2] the person’s act does not constitute an offense (or the person is not punishable due to insanity, etc.), or [3] there is insufficient evidence to prove an offense (including no evidence). [4] A public prosecutor may also decide not to prosecute a case even where there is sufficient evidence to prove an offense if it is deemed unnecessary to be prosecuted on the basis of factors such as a suspect’s character, age, environment, gravity of an offense and circumstances during or after an offense (suspension of prosecution).

Fig. 2-2-2-1 shows, in relation to persons conclusively disposed by public prosecutors (including negligent driving offenses causing death or injury and road traffic-related violations), the trend in the composition of such persons by type of disposition and the number and **percentage of persons prosecuted for public trial**.

Fig. 2-2-2-1 Persons disposed by public prosecutors: composition by type of disposition and number of persons prosecuted for public trial, etc.

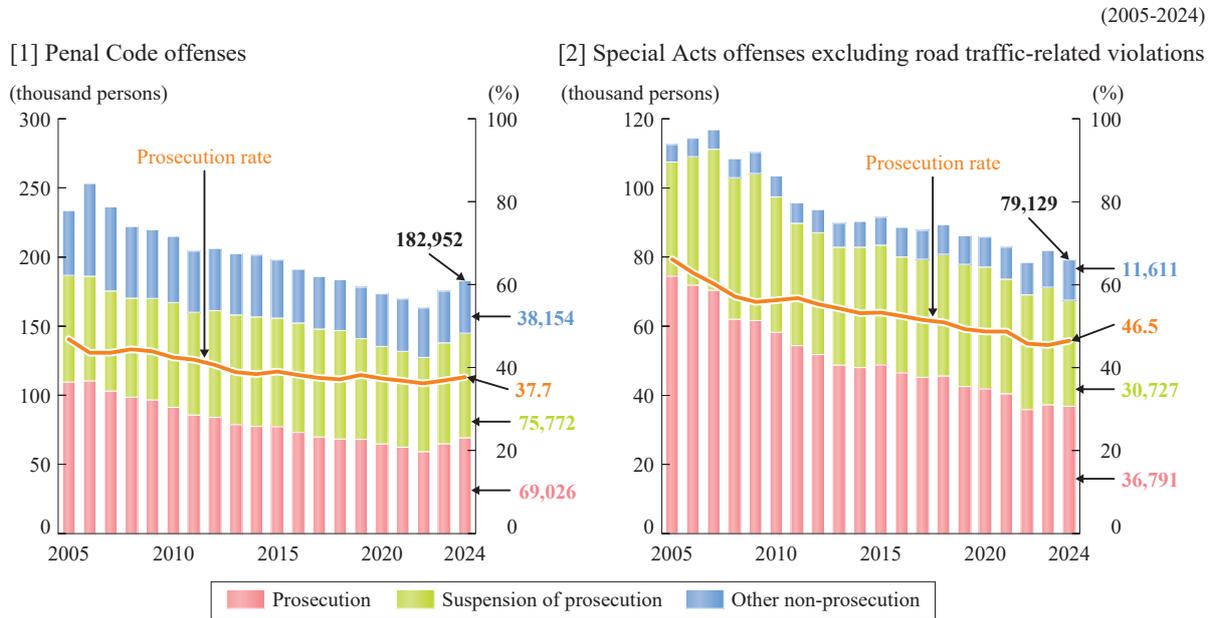


Note: “Percentage of persons prosecuted for public trial” refers to the percentage of persons prosecuted for public trial among the sum of the number of persons prosecuted and not prosecuted.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Fig. 2-2-2-2 shows the trend in the number of persons prosecuted or not prosecuted and the **prosecution rate** for [1] Penal Code offenses and [2] Special Acts offenses excluding road traffic-related violations.

Fig. 2-2-2-2 Persons prosecuted, not prosecuted, etc.



Note: "Prosecution rate" refers to the percentage of persons prosecuted among the sum of the number of persons prosecuted and not prosecuted.
Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Table 2-2-2-3 shows the number of persons not prosecuted by reason of non-prosecution (excluding negligent driving offenses causing death or injury and road traffic-related violations) in 2024.

Table 2-2-2-3 Persons not prosecuted (by reason)

(2024)

Total	Suspension of prosecution	Insufficient evidence	Withdrawal of complaint, etc.	Insanity	Others
156,264	106,499	38,072	5,896	296	5,501
(100.0)	(68.2)	(24.4)	(3.8)	(0.2)	(3.5)

Notes: 1. Numbers exclude negligent driving offenses causing death or injury, and road traffic-related violations.
2. "Insufficient evidence" includes no evidence.
3. "Withdrawal of complaint, etc." refers to lack, invalidity or withdrawal of a complaint, accusation or a claim when a complaint, accusation or a claim from a prescribed party is a prerequisite to prosecute an offense.
4. "Others" include expiration of statute of limitations, death of a suspect, etc.
5. Numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of persons categorized in the respective categories among the total number of persons not prosecuted.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Chapter 3 Courts

In principle, a **district court** (for all offenses except for the offense of insurrection and those subject to a penalty of a fine or less) or a **summary court** (for offenses subject to a penalty of a fine or less, offenses for which a fine is an optional statutory penalty or certain predesignated offenses including habitual gambling) is designated as a court of first instance for a criminal case.

Trials in courts of first instance are held in public. Where a defendant is found guilty, and is subject to the statutory penalty provided for an offense, possible punishments include the following: **death penalty, imprisonment, fine, penal detention, or petty fine**. The defendant may be remitted in a certain case. Summary courts do not have jurisdiction to impose a punishment of imprisonment or a heavier penalty, except certain predesignated offenses, such as theft, for which the courts may impose a sentence of imprisonment for not more than three years.

Where a sentence is imprisonment for not more than three years or a fine of not more than 500,000 yen, an execution of the sentence can be fully or partially suspended (**suspension of execution of sentence**), and where it is deemed necessary, an offender may be placed under **probationary supervision** during a period of suspension.

Summary courts may order imposition of a fine of not more than one million yen or a petty fine (**summary order**) on the basis of an examination of evidentiary documents (**summary proceeding**). Those subjected to a summary order may request a formal trial, and thereafter, a case will be tried in a public trial.

The defendant and public prosecutor may appeal a judgment of a court of first instance by a district court or a summary court to a **high court**, and subsequently, to the **Supreme Court**.

Section 1 Finalized Judgment

Table 2-3-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons whose cases have been finalized by type of judgment.

Table 2-3-1-1 Persons whose cases have been finalized (by type of judgment)

(2015-2024)

Year	Total	Guilty											Not guilty	
		Death penalty	Life imprisonment with work	Imprisonment with work for a definite term	Partial suspension of execution of sentence	Full suspension of execution of sentence	Fully suspended execution rate	Imprisonment without work for a definite term	Full suspension of execution of sentence	Fully suspended execution rate	Fine	Penal detention		Petty fine
2015	333,755	2	27	53,710	...	31,620	58.9	3,141	3,068	97.7	274,199	5	2,247	88
2016	320,488	7	15	51,824	855	30,837	59.5	3,193	3,137	98.2	263,099	6	1,962	104
2017	299,320	2	18	49,168	1,525	29,266	59.5	3,065	2,997	97.8	244,701	5	1,919	130
2018	275,901	2	25	47,607	1,567	28,831	60.6	3,159	3,099	98.1	222,841	1	1,834	123
2019	245,537	5	16	46,086	1,452	28,044	60.9	3,076	3,021	98.2	194,404	3	1,556	96
2020	221,057	2	19	44,232	1,298	27,163	61.4	2,738	2,691	98.3	172,326	5	1,366	76
2021	213,315	4	18	43,556	1,015	26,905	61.8	2,670	2,624	98.3	165,276	5	1,390	94
2022	200,572	-	10	38,910	723	24,069	61.9	2,630	2,580	98.1	157,394	6	1,231	60
2023	201,990	3	17	39,220	571	24,789	63.2	2,703	2,660	98.4	158,336	5	1,264	79
2024	203,801	2	10	42,443	591	27,260	64.2	3,132	3,094	98.8	156,550	1	1,235	96

Notes: 1. "Total" includes dismissal for judicial bar, dismissal of prosecution, jurisdictional incompetence, and remission of punishment.

2. "Partial suspension of execution of sentence" in 2016 counts the number of persons who were given a final and binding judgment of such sentence from June to December 2016.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Section 2 Courts of First Instance

1 Dispositions

Table 2-3-2-1 shows the number of persons whose cases were conclusively disposed by courts of first instance by type of judgment, and also by type of offense in 2024.

Table 2-3-2-1 Persons disposed by courts of first instance (by type of offense and by type of judgment)

(2024)

Offenses	Total	Guilty							Fine, etc.
		Death penalty	Imprisonment with or without work						
			Life imprisonment	Imprisonment for a definite term	Partial suspension of execution	with probation	Full suspension of execution			with probation
Total	48,388	3	22	45,896	597	593	30,401	1,470	2,083
District Court	45,797	3	22	43,921	597	593	28,972	1,375	1,583
	(85)								
Penal Code offenses	22,890	3	22	21,796	28	28	12,048	954	906
Obstruction of performance of public duty	237	-	-	181	-	-	131	11	53
Arson	193	-	-	187	-	-	96	41	-
Breaking into a residence	382	-	-	340	1	1	209	22	41
Counterfeiting	407	-	-	405	-	-	327	1	-
Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault	1,926	-	-	1,902	3	3	1,060	176	4
Homicide	213	2	5	200	-	-	48	14	-
Injury	2,178	-	-	1,877	5	5	1,220	125	277
Theft	11,391	-	-	10,972	18	18	5,625	393	362
Robbery	439	1	17	420	-	-	92	30	-
Fraud	3,080	-	-	3,063	1	1	1,700	57	-
Extortion	275	-	-	273	-	-	180	7	-
Embezzlement	544	-	-	516	-	-	288	8	21
Destruction/concealment	434	-	-	370	-	-	282	21	61
Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others	245	-	-	204	-	-	95	8	41
Others	946	-	-	886	-	-	695	40	46
Special Acts offenses	22,907	-	-	22,125	569	565	16,924	421	677
Public Offices Election Act	6	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	2
Anti-Stalking Act	143	-	-	118	-	-	85	12	24
Firearms and Swords Control Act	74	-	-	48	-	-	15	1	25
Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others	442	-	-	427	4	4	292	34	15
Child Welfare Act	29	-	-	28	-	-	21	2	-
Cannabis Control Act	2,330	-	-	2,326	32	32	1,959	60	-
Stimulants Control Act	4,786	-	-	4,770	511	509	1,717	138	-
Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act	775	-	-	771	20	19	551	20	-
Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics	92	-	-	92	-	-	50	4	-
Tax-related Acts	237	-	-	167	-	-	158	3	69
Investment Act	48	-	-	44	-	-	40	-	4
Road Traffic Act	5,595	-	-	5,380	-	-	4,648	72	182
Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving	4,840	-	-	4,744	1	-	4,504	38	70
Immigration Control Act	2,161	-	-	2,104	-	-	2,047	-	55
Waste Management Act	112	-	-	82	-	-	74	1	28
Organized Crime Punishment Act	122	-	-	113	-	-	81	-	5
Others	1,115	-	-	907	1	1	678	36	198
Summary Court	2,591	...	...	1,975	-	-	1,429	95	500
	(7)								
Penal Code offenses	2,348	...	...	1,975	-	-	1,429	95	326
Breaking into a residence	68	...	...	55	-	-	41	4	12
Injury	94	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	79
Theft	2,089	...	...	1,880	-	-	1,368	89	188
Embezzlement	44	...	...	36	-	-	17	2	8
Acceptance of stolen property	-	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	53	...	...	4	-	-	3	-	39
Special Acts offenses	243	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	174
Public Offices Election Act	2	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	2
Anti-Stalking Act	2	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	1
Firearms and Swords Control Act	7	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	7
Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others	4	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	3
Road Traffic Act	61	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	38
Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving	62	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	43
Waste Management Act	19	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	13
Others	86	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	67

- Notes: 1. "Total" includes dismissal for judicial bar, dismissal of prosecution, jurisdictional incompetence, and withdrawal of request for formal trial.
2. "Fine, etc." includes penal detention, petty fine, and remission of punishment.
3. "Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXII of the Penal Code.
4. "Injury" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXVII of the Penal Code and includes the offense in Article 208-2 prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013.
5. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
6. "Destruction/concealment" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXXX of the Penal Code.
7. "Tax-related Acts" refers to violations of the Income Tax Act, the Corporation Tax Act, the Inheritance Tax Act, the Local Tax Act, the Consumption Tax Act, and the Customs Act.
8. "Cannabis Control Act" excludes violations of the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023.
9. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of persons who were found not guilty (included in the total number of persons disposed).

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics
The General Secretariat, Supreme Court



2 Sentences

Table 2-3-2-2 shows the number of persons sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for a definite term by courts of first instance in 2024.

Table 2-3-2-2 Persons sentenced to imprisonment for a definite term by courts of first instance

(2024)

[1] Over 3 years

Offenses	Total	Over 25 years/ 30 years or less	Over 20 years/ 25 years or less	Over 15 years/ 20 years or less	Over 10 years/ 15 years or less	Over 7 years/ 10 years or less	Over 5 years/ 7 years or less	Over 3 years/ 5 years or less
District Court	3,127	10	11	44	109	293	555	2,105
Homicide	148	9	8	34	29	28	22	18
Injury	111	-	-	1	4	17	34	55
Theft	704	-	-	-	-	8	36	660
Robbery	285	-	1	5	22	58	91	108
Fraud	432	-	-	-	2	16	77	337
Extortion	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	11
Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault	557	-	1	3	11	65	166	311
Firearms and Swords Control Act	7	-	-	-	1	2	3	1
Drug offenses	670	-	1	1	32	79	97	460
Act on Fatal/ Injurious Driving	30	-	-	-	6	6	4	14

[2] 3 years or less

Offenses	Total	2 years or more/ 3 years or less			1 year or more/ less than 2 years			6 months or more/ less than 1 year			Less than 6 months		
		Imprisonment without full suspension of execution	Partial suspension of execution	Full suspension of execution	Imprisonment without full suspension of execution	Partial suspension of execution	Full suspension of execution	Imprisonment without full suspension of execution	Partial suspension of execution	Full suspension of execution	Imprisonment without full suspension of execution	Partial suspension of execution	Full suspension of execution
District Court	40,794	4,653	271	7,613	4,544	300	13,696	2,245	25	6,920	380	1	743
Homicide	52	4	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Injury	1,766	138	3	408	247	-	620	142	2	188	19	-	4
Theft	10,268	1,710	5	1,871	2,022	11	3,221	891	2	531	20	-	2
Robbery	135	43	-	90	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Fraud	2,631	601	1	975	277	-	707	49	-	17	4	-	1
Extortion	261	36	-	115	42	-	65	3	-	-	-	-	-
Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault	1,243	163	2	686	68	1	321	4	-	1	-	-	-
Firearms and Swords Control Act	41	3	-	4	6	-	1	12	-	9	5	-	1
Drug offenses	7,289	1,588	259	1,008	1,205	284	1,878	184	19	1,389	35	1	2
Act on Fatal/ Injurious Driving	4,714	79	-	706	60	-	2,731	66	1	1,050	5	-	17
Summary Court	1,975	33	-	198	352	-	1,026	159	-	205	2	-	-
Theft	1,880	32	-	198	342	-	995	137	-	175	1	-	-

Notes: 1. "Partial suspension of execution" is according to the total term of sentence.

2. "Injury" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXVII of the Penal Code and includes the offense in Article 208-2 prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013.

3. "Drug offenses" refers to violations of the Stimulants Control Act, the Cannabis Control Act (excluding violations of the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023), the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act, the Opium Control Act, and the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics.

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics

The General Secretariat, Supreme Court

3 Saiban-in trials

In *Saiban-in trials*, a panel consisting of three professional judges and six saiban-ins (lay judges chosen from the public for each case) (one professional judge and four saiban-ins, in exceptional cases) conducts deliberations to make a determination on fact finding, applications of laws and regulations, and sentencing. In the deliberations, determinations are made by a majority opinion of the panel which must include opinions of both professional judge(s) and saiban-ins.

District courts handle the following cases through *saiban-in trials*: [1] cases involving offenses punishable with the death penalty or life imprisonment, and [2] those involving crimes, subject to imprisonment for a minimum period of not less than one year, which caused a victim’s death by intentional criminal acts. When a district court determines, in consideration of a defendant’s behavior, etc. that [1] there is a possibility that lives, bodies or property of saiban-ins, their family members or similar persons could be harmed, and [2] the possibility makes saiban-ins, etc. feel so threatened that it is difficult for saiban-ins to perform their duties, then, the court must render a ruling that such a case is to be handled by a panel consisting of professional judges only. In 2024, the number of defendants whose cases were handled by a panel consisting of professional judges only was four (Source: the General Secretariat, Supreme Court).

Table 2-3-2-3 shows the number of persons received or disposed by courts of first instance (including case transfers, etc.) by means of *saiban-in trials* by type of offense.

Table 2-3-2-3 Saiban-in trials: persons received/disposed by courts of first instance (by type of offense)

(2020-2024)

Category	Total	Homicide	Robbery causing death	Robbery causing injury	Penetrative sexual assault at the scene of a robbery	Injury causing death	Penetrative sexual assault causing death or injury	Indecent assault causing death or injury	Dangerous driving causing death	Arson of inhabited buildings	Counterfeiting of currency	Firearms and Swords Control Act	Stimulants Control Act	Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics	Others
Persons received															
2020	1,004	217	33	304	28	57	47	90	22	97	6	9	77	-	17
2021	793	220	12	136	25	82	47	69	25	87	15	5	28	-	42
2022	839	228	18	133	15	85	50	74	23	80	32	9	60	1	31
2023	972	202	25	259	15	73	51	88	8	100	8	2	123	1	17
2024	889	233	21	217	20	64	57	53	19	94	4	1	82	1	23
Persons disposed															
2020	933	197	11	202	13	44	44	68	14	84	8	2	190	22	34
2021	928	237	27	226	21	69	42	64	25	77	4	5	80	27	24
2022	753	189	21	122	17	86	46	66	17	70	7	11	31	31	39
2023	828	198	16	153	14	80	44	68	22	83	8	5	75	29	33
2024	878	198	28	188	17	75	46	66	13	95	7	2	92	30	21

- Notes: 1. Numbers include cases remanded from high courts.
 2. “Persons received” refers to those charged with an offense designated for a *Saiban-in* trial at the time of receipt. When a person is charged with multiple offenses designated for a *Saiban-in* trial on one charging sheet, the person is counted under the offense with the severest statutory punishment.
 3. “Persons disposed” refers to defendants tried in *Saiban-in* trials (including figures of persons of transferred cases but excluding those of persons whose cases are determined by courts to be excluded from *Saiban-in* trials based on Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Act on Criminal Trials with the Participation of Saiban-in).
 A convicted person (a person received a ruling of partial acquittal may be included) is included in offenses for which he/she is found guilty. A person without a conviction (including a person whose case is transferred) is counted in a figure of a categorized offense on the table above by which he/she is charged. These categorized offenses are designated for *Saiban-in* trials. If a person committed two or more offenses, the person is counted under the offense with the severest statutory punishment.
 4. “Homicide” does not include offenses of participation in assisted suicide nor consensual homicide.
 5. “Dangerous driving causing death” of “Persons received” refers to offenses provided in Article 2 of the Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving and offenses provided in Article 208-2 of the Penal Code prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013.
 6. “Counterfeiting of currency” includes uttering counterfeit currencies.
 7. “Others” include abandonment by a person responsible for protection causing death, violations of the Criminal Regulations to Control Explosives, etc. However, “Others” of “Persons disposed” may include offenses not designated for *Saiban-in* trials.

Source: The General Secretariat, Supreme Court

Section 3 Appeals

Table 2-3-3-1 shows the number of persons whose cases were conclusively disposed by high courts (courts of second instance) by type of judgment, and also by type of offense in 2024.

Table 2-3-3-1 Persons disposed by courts of second instance (by type of offense and by type of judgment)

(2024)

Offenses	Total	Original judgment reversed						Dismissal of appeal	Withdrawal	Dismissal of prosecution
		New judgment rendered					Remanded/transferred			
		Subtotal	Guilty	Guilty in part	Not guilty	Dismissal for judicial bar				
Total	4,927	397	376	9	12	-	20	3,671	819	20
Penal Code offenses	3,117	334	317	7	10	-	17	2,277	475	14
Obstruction of performance of public duty	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	7	1
Arson	32	5	5	-	-	-	2	22	3	-
Counterfeiting	41	2	2	-	-	-	1	34	3	1
Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault	316	55	52	-	3	-	2	232	26	1
Homicide	90	4	4	-	-	-	2	77	7	-
Injury	315	32	29	1	2	-	3	233	46	1
Theft	1,362	114	111	3	-	-	1	979	260	8
Robbery	131	12	12	-	-	-	2	98	18	1
Fraud	464	74	72	2	-	-	-	326	64	-
Extortion	30	1	1	-	-	-	-	24	5	-
Embezzlement	77	14	14	-	-	-	1	54	8	-
Destruction/concealment	46	1	1	-	-	-	-	41	3	1
Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others	22	1	1	-	-	-	-	18	3	-
Others	163	19	13	1	5	-	3	119	22	-
Special Acts offenses	1,810	63	59	2	2	-	3	1,394	344	6
Public Offices Election Act	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-
Anti-Stalking Act	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-
Firearms and Swords Control Act	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-
Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others	20	2	2	-	-	-	-	13	5	-
Cannabis Control Act	123	3	3	-	-	-	1	89	30	-
Stimulants Control Act	828	17	17	-	-	-	1	583	226	1
Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act	59	4	3	-	1	-	-	45	10	-
Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics	15	3	3	-	-	-	-	10	2	-
Investment Act	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Road Traffic Act	337	8	7	1	-	-	-	296	30	3
Act on Fatal/Injurious Driving	149	8	8	-	-	-	1	124	15	1
Immigration Control Act	30	2	2	-	-	-	-	23	5	-
Others	201	16	14	1	1	-	-	164	20	1

Notes: 1. "Penetrative sexual assault/indecent assault" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXII of the Penal Code.

2. "Injury" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXVII of the Penal Code and includes the offense in Article 208-2 prior to its amendment by Act No. 86 of 2013.

3. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.

4. "Destruction/concealment" refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XXXX of the Penal Code.

5. "Cannabis Control Act" excludes violations of the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023.

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics

Chapter 4 Institutional Correction of Offenders aged 20 or older

Penal Institutions consist of prisons, juvenile prisons, and detention houses. **Prisons** and **juvenile prisons** are mainly for holding sentenced inmates while **detention houses** are mainly for inmates awaiting a court's sentence. As of April 1, 2025, there were 74 main penal institutions (59 prisons including four rehabilitation program centers, seven juvenile prisons, and eight detention houses) and 99 branch penal institutions (eight branch prisons and 91 branch detention houses).

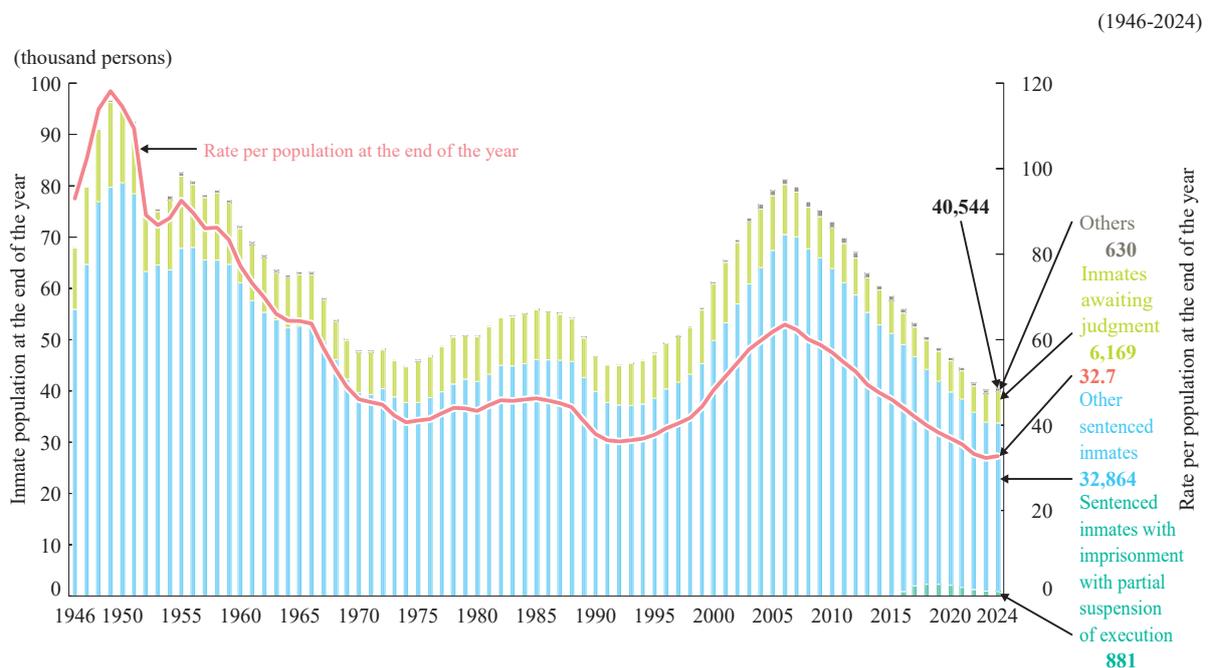
Workhouses for fine defaulters are attached to all penal institutions and court-ordered confinement houses are attached to most penal institutions.

Section 1 Inmates in Penal Institutions

1 Number of inmates in penal institutions

Fig. 2-4-1-1 shows the trend in the number and rate per population of inmates in penal institutions as of the end of the respective years since 1946.

Fig. 2-4-1-1 Inmate population of penal institutions and rate per population at the end of the year



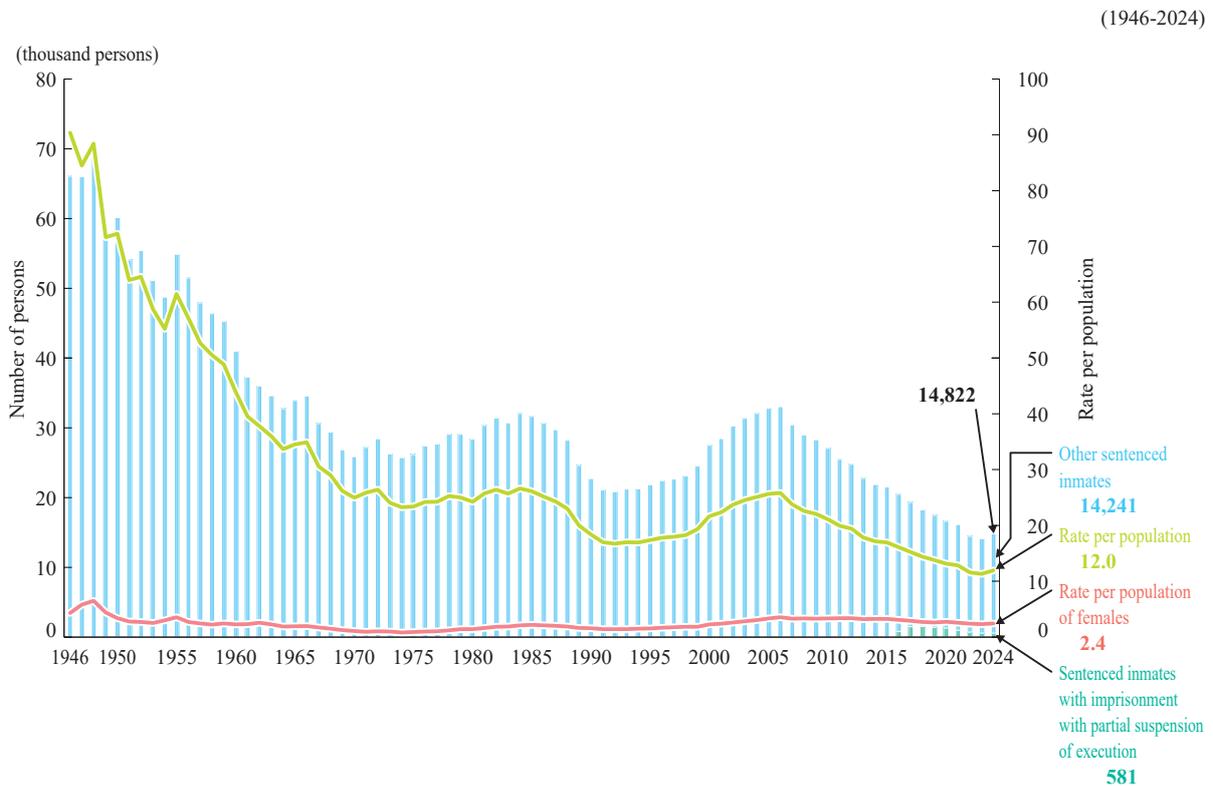
- Notes:
1. "Inmate population at the end of the year" refers to the number of inmates as of the end of the respective years.
 2. "Others" include inmates sentenced to death, fine defaulters in workhouses, detainees under warrants of arrest, detainees subject to court-ordered confinement, and juveniles temporarily committed for a protective measure.
 3. "Rate per population at the end of the year" refers to the inmate population per 100,000 general population at the end of the respective years.
 4. "Sentenced inmates with imprisonment with partial suspension of execution" has been counted since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction
The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

2 Number of newly sentenced inmates

Fig. 2-4-1-2 shows the trend in the number and rate per population of newly sentenced inmates admitted to penal institutions since 1946.

Fig. 2-4-1-2 Newly sentenced inmate population and rate per population



Note: "Rate per population" refers to the number of newly sentenced inmates per 100,000 general population. "Rate per population of females" refers to the number of newly sentenced female inmates per 100,000 general population of females.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

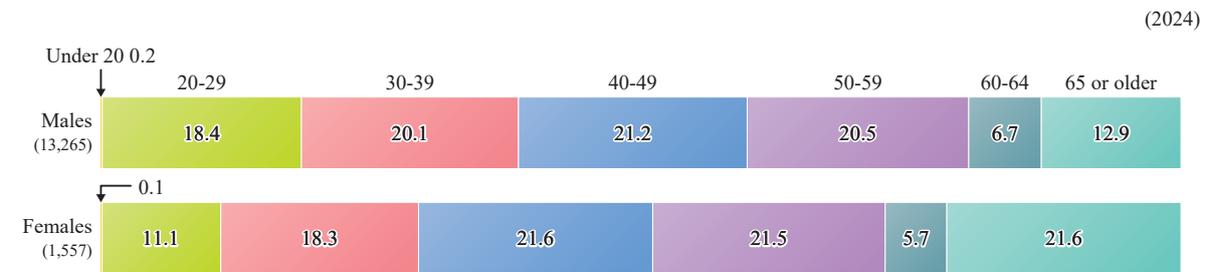
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3 Characteristics of newly sentenced inmates

(1) Age

Fig. 2-4-1-3 shows the composition by age group and by male/female of newly sentenced inmates in 2024.

Fig. 2-4-1-3 Newly sentenced inmates: composition by age group (male/female)



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of imprisonment. However, inmates sentenced at an age younger than 20 are categorized as “Under 20”, even if they were aged 20 or older at the time of imprisonment.

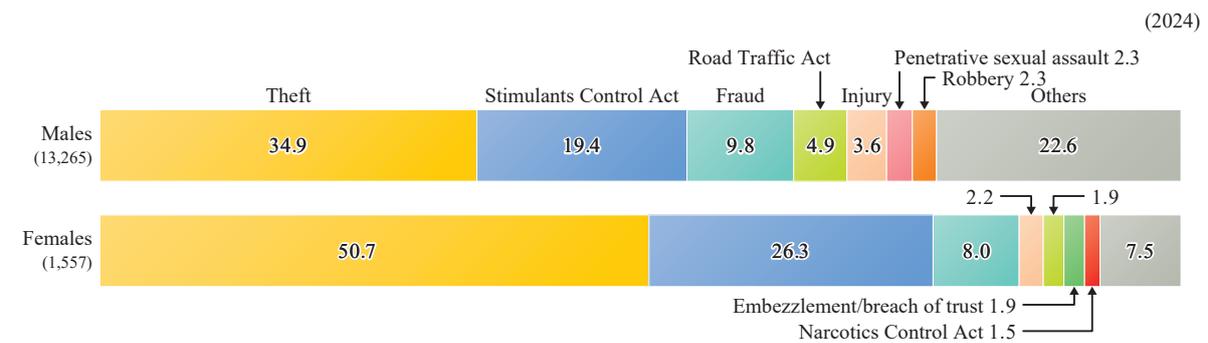
2. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

(2) Types of offenses

Fig. 2-4-1-4 shows the composition by type of offense committed and by male/female of newly sentenced inmates in 2024.

Fig. 2-4-1-4 Newly sentenced inmates: composition by type of offense (male/female)



Notes: 1. “Embezzlement” includes embezzlement of lost property.

2. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

Section 2 Treatment of Sentenced Inmates

The **Act on Penal Detention Facilities and the Treatment of Inmates and Detainees** (Act No. 50 of 2005) stipulates treatment of inmates, aiming to stimulate their motivation for reformation and rehabilitation and foster their ability to adapt to living in society, by addressing their sense of consciousness, in accordance with their ages, individual characteristics, and circumstances, while simultaneously respecting their human rights.

On June 1, 2025, pursuant to the Act Partially Amending the Penal Code, etc. (Act No. 67 of 2022), the penalties of imprisonment with work and imprisonment without work were abolished, and a new category of imprisonment was established for the purpose of facilitating the reformation and rehabilitation of inmates. This made it possible to implement treatment that flexibly combines work and guidance according to the characteristics of individual inmates, rather than uniformly mandating work for all inmates. Furthermore, penal detention was also stipulated to allow for the provision of necessary work or guidance, similar to that of imprisonment.

1 Treatment indexes and treatment guidelines

The core of correctional treatment for sentenced inmates consists of work, guidance for reform, and guidance in school courses. The contents and delivery of correctional treatment must be tailored to individual ages, characteristics, and circumstances of each sentenced inmate (**principle of individualized treatment**).

Each penal institution conducts an assessment of individual characteristics and circumstances of each sentenced inmate (**treatment assessment**), utilizing specialized knowledge and techniques, such as medicine, psychology, pedagogy, and sociology. A particularly detailed assessment is conducted at designated penal institutions (**assessment centers**) for newly sentenced inmates aged less than 26 and sentenced inmates who need a specific assessment to be enrolled in **special guidance for reform**.

Following the assessment (including an assessment at assessment centers) upon commencement of execution of a sentence, penal institutions designate one or more **treatment indexes** for each sentenced inmate. **Table 2-4-2-1** shows the treatment indexes designated following the introduction of imprisonment. Correctional treatment groups, newly introduced as part of treatment indexes, are groups structured to provide content for focused treatment for each category of inmates who share certain common characteristics, in consideration of factors such as the inmate's age, physical and mental condition, the term of imprisonment to be served, and circumstances that hinder their reformation and rehabilitation or smooth reintegration into society.

Table 2-4-2-1 Sentenced inmates by treatment index

[1] Correctional treatment groups (24 groups)

Type	Target inmates	Code
Group for persons sentenced to penal detention	Persons sentenced to penal detention	D
Group for persons eligible for juvenile training school	Among juvenile persons under 16 years of age, for whom correctional education in a juvenile training school is expected to be effective	Jt
Group for short term persons	Persons whose term of imprisonment to be served is less than 6 months	ST
Group for foreign persons	Foreign persons who have difficulties in being treated similarly to Japanese inmate	F
Group for foreign persons requiring special needs	Foreign persons who fall under F program criteria and requiring further special consideration	FX
Group for foreign persons under certain treaties	Foreign persons who fall under F program criteria and requiring certain treatment based on treaties or agreements	FZ
Group for persons serving imprisonment without work	Persons sentenced to imprisonment without work	I
Group for juvenile persons	Juvenile inmates who do not require commitment to a juvenile training school	J
Group for senior persons requiring daily care	Persons who are approximately 70 years of age and over, having difficulties in managing their daily lives independently due to dementia, physical disability and other reasons	DS
Group for handicapped persons requiring daily care	Persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or with equivalent needs	DH
Group for persons with mental disorder requiring daily care	Persons with mental illness or disability, who do not require being committed to a medical prison, etc., but having difficulties in managing their daily lives independently	DM
Group for long term persons (LV 1)	Persons whose term of imprisonment to be served is 10 years and more, who are assigned to LV 1 according to their treatment level	L1
Group for long term persons (LV 2)	Persons whose term of imprisonment to be served is 10 years and more, who are assigned to LV 2 according to their treatment level	L2
Group for long term persons (LV 3)	Persons whose term of imprisonment to be served is 10 years and more, who are assigned to LV 3 according to their treatment level	L3
Group for long term persons (LV 4)	Persons whose term of imprisonment to be served is 10 years and more, who are assigned to LV 4 according to their treatment level	L4
Addiction recovery group	Persons who have drug abuse history, and are deemed appropriate to go through an intensive addiction recovery program	A
Open house treatment group	Persons who are deemed suitable for a treatment in an open-house facility/traffic offenders	O
Group for youth persons (LV 1)	Persons whose age is between 20 and 26 years of age, who are assigned to LV 1 according to their treatment level	Y1
Group for youth persons (LV 2)	Persons whose age is between 20 and 26 years of age, who are assigned to LV 2 according to their treatment level	Y2
Group for youth persons (LV 3)	Persons whose age is between 20 and 26 years of age, who are assigned to LV 3 according to their treatment level	Y3
Group for general persons (LV 1)	Persons who do not fall under any other program criteria, who are assigned to LV 1 according to their treatment level	G1
Group for general persons (LV 2)	Persons who do not fall under any other program criteria, who are assigned to LV 2 according to their treatment level	G2
Group for general persons (LV 3)	Persons who do not fall under any other program criteria, who are assigned to LV 3 according to their treatment level	G3
Group for general persons (LV 4)	Persons who do not fall under any other program criteria, who are assigned to LV 4 according to their treatment level	G4

Notes: "Treatment level" is divided into levels 1 to 4 according to recidivism risk and readiness for treatment (degrees of attitude towards correctional treatment, and readiness for reformation and rehabilitation).

Source: The Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice

[2] Types of correctional treatment

A. Work

Type	Code
Basic work/functional work	V0
Vocational training	V1
Work not designated	V9

B. Guidance for reform

Type	Code	
General guidance for reform	R0	
Special guidance for reform	Guidance for overcoming drug addiction	R1
	Guidance for withdrawal from organized crime group	R2
	Guidance for prevention of repeat sexual offenses	R3
	Education from victims' points of view	R4
	Guidance for traffic safety guidance	R5
	Guidance for preventing violence	R7

C. Guidance in school courses

Type	Code
Supplementary guidance in school courses	E1
Special guidance in school courses	E2

[3] Special courses

Type	Program details (overview)	
Agricultural business course	Treatment for employment in agricultural-related industries	
Sustainable work course	Acquire knowledge and skills necessary to become a contributing worker of the society	
	Circular economy class	Contribute to solving regional issues such as resource conservation
	Manufacturing human resources training class	Regional work with a shortage of successors, such as traditional crafts
Unit-type treatment course for young inmates	Treatment with special consideration for characteristics such as high plasticity	
Intensive treatment course for guidance in school courses	Implement guidance in school courses intensively	
Treatment course for transition to life in society	Provide treatment in open-type environment for the purpose of transition to smooth re-integration into society	

Source: The Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice

A **treatment guideline**, which indicates the goals of correctional treatment, basic contents and methods of work and guidance, etc. is specified for each sentenced inmate in accordance with the result of the assessment upon the commencement of execution of a sentence. Correctional treatment is implemented on the basis of the treatment guidelines.

2 Work

After the introduction of imprisonment, necessary work shall be assigned to inmates sentenced to imprisonment and penal detention, as needed, for the purpose of reformation and rehabilitation or smooth reintegration into society.

The average daily number of inmates engaged in work in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, before the introduction of imprisonment, was 25,456. In addition, as of the end of March of 2025, 82.4% of inmates sentenced to imprisonment without work were engaged in work. (Source: the Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice).

In FY2024, a total of 60 types of vocational courses were offered in penal institutions, including courses in business skills, information processing technology, and career guidance. A total of 7,804 inmates completed these courses, while 6,536 inmates in total acquired qualifications or licenses as a hazardous materials engineer or boiler technician, or in certified care worker training, etc. (Source: the Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice).

3 Guidance for reform

Guidance for reform aims to enable sentenced inmates to become more aware of their responsibility for offenses they committed, foster a sound mind and body, and acquire knowledge and attitude needed in adapting to living in society. It consists of general and special guidance for reform.

General guidance for reform is provided through individual interviews, group work, viewing of audiovisual teaching materials, lectures, gymnastics, events along with other methods, with the aim of helping sentenced inmates [1] understand their victims' feelings and develop a sense of remorse, [2] lead a regular life with a sound way of thinking, thereby promoting their own mental and physical health, [3] prepare for returning to society by mapping out a new life while acquiring necessary skills to adapt to living in society, and [4] reflect on their past, the crimes they have committed, and their surrounding environment, as well as consider what they must do for social reintegration and their future prospects.

Special guidance for reform is provided to sentenced inmates who face difficulty in their reformation and rehabilitation or smooth reintegration into society due to special obstacles, such as drug dependency or membership in organized crime groups.

4 Guidance in school courses

Guidance in school courses is the equivalent of an academic education [1] for sentenced inmates who are considered likely to face difficulty in their reformation and rehabilitation or smooth reintegration into society due to lacking academic abilities necessary for living in society (supplementary guidance in school courses), and [2] for sentenced inmates for whom enhancing their academic abilities can make their reintegration into society especially smoother (special guidance in school courses).

The Certificate for Student Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduate has been available in penal institutions through cooperation between the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and guidance on taking an examination is actively provided at four designated penal institutions. In FY 2024, 276 inmates took the examination, of whom 122 fully passed and 151 partially passed (Source: the Education Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

5 Support for social reintegration

Penal institutions implement support necessary for inmates to lead a social life, such as securing housing, employment and welfare services, by anticipating post-release needs and identifying support requirements from an early stage following commencement of execution of a sentence, for the purpose of facilitating their smooth reintegration into society.

(1) Employment support

In order to secure employment for inmates upon their release, the Ministry of Justice assigns employment support staff to penal institutions and juvenile training schools and, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, implements comprehensive employment support measures for released inmates.

(2) Welfare support

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Ministry of Justice has been making **special adjustments** in correctional institutions and probation offices so that elderly inmates or inmates with disabilities who have no suitable place to return to can receive appropriate welfare services such as nursing care, medical care, and pension promptly after their release. This initiative requires effective cooperation with welfare-related organizations, etc., and is centered on **support centers for settlement** established by each prefecture under the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's Community Settlement Promotion Project. Under this initiative, the support to the inmates is provided in cooperation between criminal justice agencies and welfare authorities.

Section 3 Administration of Penal Institutions

1 Penal institution visiting committee

Penal institution visiting committees, each of which consists of at most 10 external members appointed by the Minister of Justice, have been established at all of the penal institutions. The committees visit penal institutions and provide wardens of penal institutions with their opinions on the administration of the institutions.

2 Food supply, medical care and hygiene

Inmates are provided with food and drink (hot water, tea, etc.). The meal budget per inmate aged 20 years old or older per day was 592.22 yen in FY 2025 (Source: the Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice).

Medical doctors and other medical specialists are allocated to penal institutions to engage in medical treatment and health-related work. Furthermore, four medical prisons have been established and nine prisons have been designated as institutions that give priority to medical treatment. Both medical equipment and medical specialists have been intensively assigned to the above 13 institutions.

3 Cooperation with private sector

Penal institutions request **volunteer visitors** to interview inmates and provide them with guidance and advice on the basis of their professional knowledge and experience.

On the basis of personal wishes of inmates, penal institutions make efforts to enable them to participate in religious ceremonies and receive instruction by requesting **chaplains** (private religious volunteers) to provide religious ceremonies and instruction (mental relief through sutra recitation, lectures, etc.).

4 Security and safety

Table 2-4-3-1 shows the number of security incidents that occurred at penal institutions, including escape, killing and injury in 2024.

Table 2-4-3-1 Security incidents at penal institutions

(2024)

Total	Escape		Suicide	Killing of/ injury to inmates	Death in the course of work	Accidental death	Fire accident	Others
	Number of cases	Number of persons						
17 (8)	-	-	8 (8)	6 (-)	-	-	-	3 (-)

Notes: 1. Security incidents excluding “Escape” refer to the number of cases. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of deaths due to the incidents at penal institutions.

2. “Killing of/injury to inmates” excludes the number of cases of injured persons diagnosed as completely cured within one month.

3. “Others” refers to minor fires that did not qualify as an official fire.

Source: The Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Chapter 5 Rehabilitation Services

Organizations providing rehabilitation services include the following: the **National Offenders Rehabilitation Commission** (a council consisting of a chairperson and four members) in the Ministry of Justice; **regional parole boards** (a council composed of not less than three but not more than 15 members) established within the jurisdiction of each high court; and **probation offices** established within the jurisdiction of each district court. The National Offenders Rehabilitation Commission has the authority to make a recommendation to the Minister of Justice to pardon a specific person, while regional parole boards have the authority to decide whether parole may be granted or not, on the basis of a recommendation made by a warden of a penal institution, etc. Probation offices engage in probation/parole supervision, adjustment of living conditions, urgent aftercare of discharged offenders, support for persons who have completed their sentences, reintegration support for the local community by probation offices, promotion of crime prevention activities, etc.

Section 1 Parole

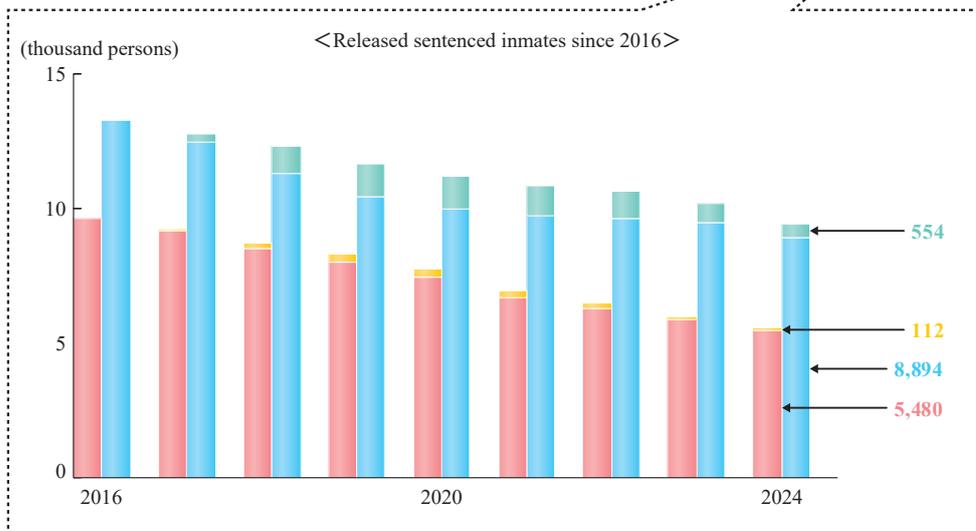
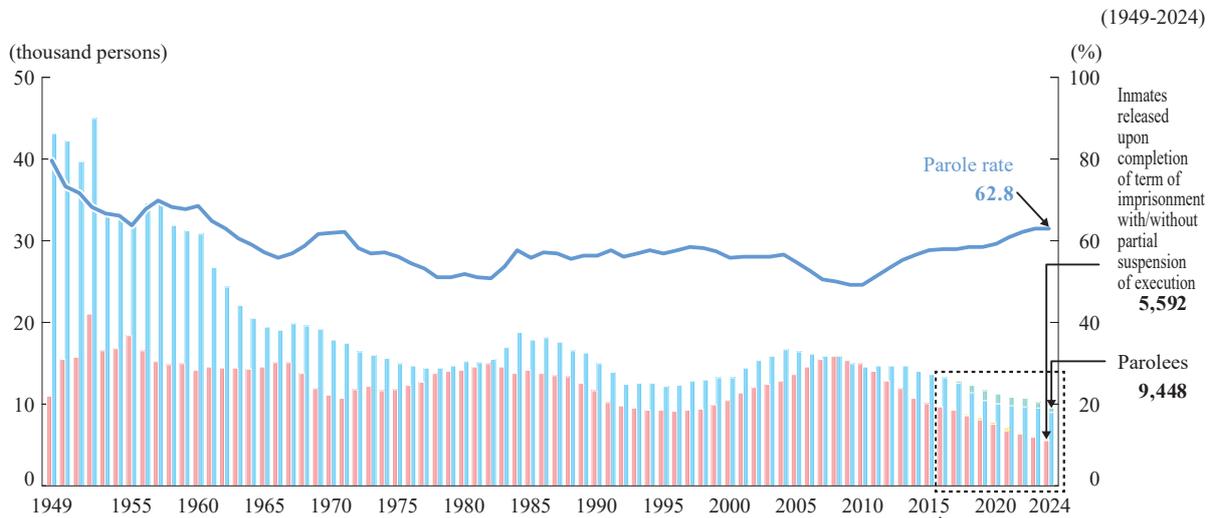
Parole may be granted to inmates sentenced to imprisonment when it is determined that they have a sense of remorse and willingness to improve and rehabilitate, that they pose no risk of reoffending, and that being placed on probation is appropriate for their rehabilitation. However, this may not apply if it is deemed that social sentiment does not approve.

To be granted parole, it is necessary for inmates who were sentenced to imprisonment to have served one third of a definite term of imprisonment or 10 years for life imprisonment.

1 Number of parolees

Fig. 2-5-1-1 shows the trend in the number of released sentenced inmates and the **parole rate** since 1949.

Fig. 2-5-1-1 Released sentenced inmates and parole rate



- Inmates released upon completion of term of imprisonment with partial suspension of execution
- Inmates released upon completion of term of imprisonment without partial suspension of execution
- Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)
- Parolees (imprisonment without partial suspension of execution)

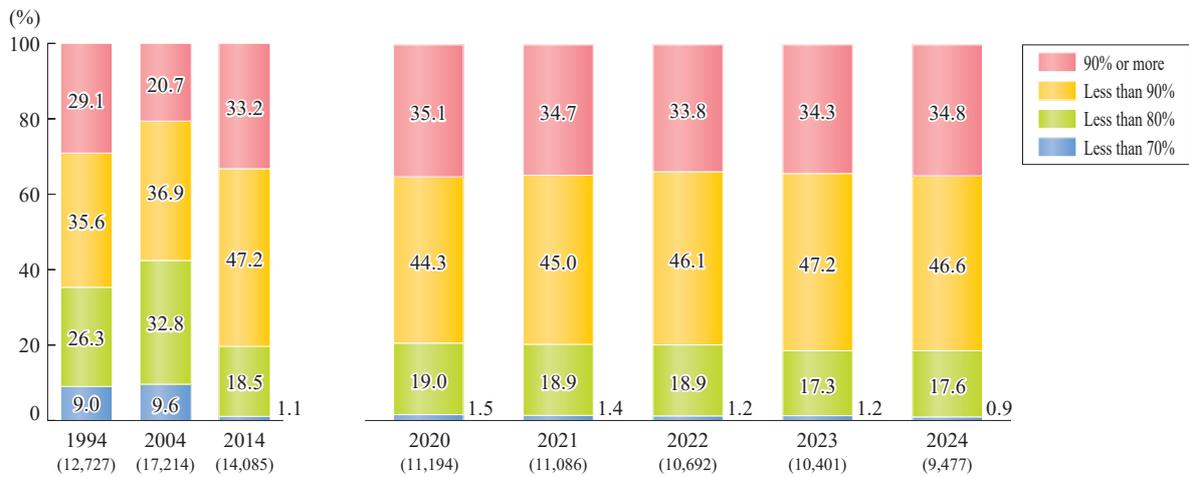
Note: “Inmates released upon completion of term of imprisonment with partial suspension of execution” and “parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)” have been counted since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.
 Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

2 Percentage of sentence served

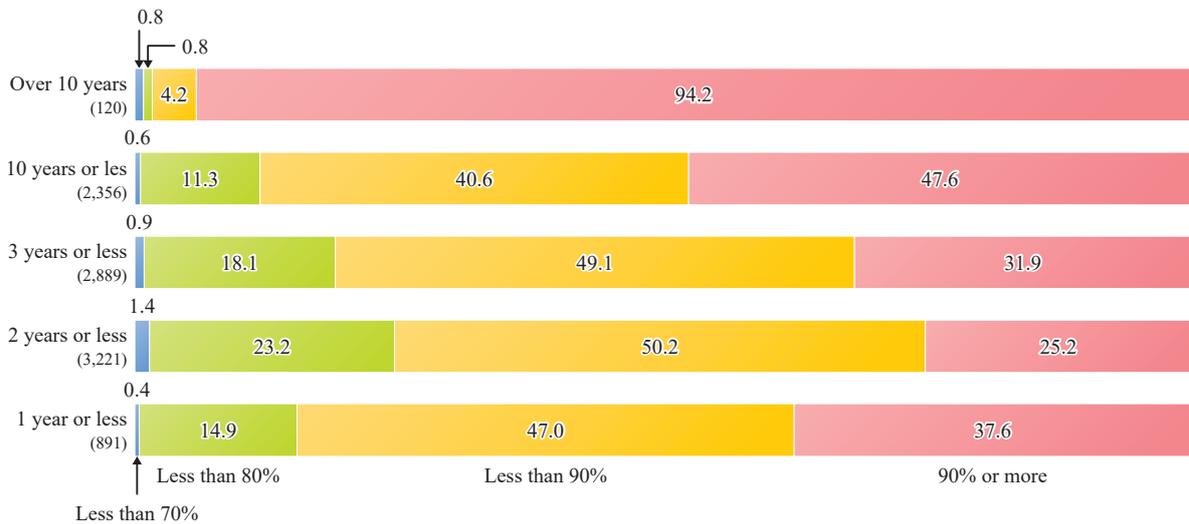
Fig. 2-5-1-2 shows, in relation to inmates sentenced to imprisonment for a determinate term and granted parole, the trend in the composition by percentage of served term per that imposed by a sentence before release on parole in 1994, 2004, 2014 and 2020-2024, and the composition by percentage of served term per that imposed by a sentence before release on parole in 2024, by term of sentence.

Fig. 2-5-1-2 Inmates sentenced to imprisonment for a determinate term and granted release on parole, by percentage of served term per that imposed by a sentence and by term of sentence

[1] Total (1994, 2004, 2014, 2020-2024)



[2] By term of sentence (2024)



Notes: 1. Since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system, the total number of “inmates sentenced to imprisonment for a determinate term and granted release on parole” has included the number of such parolees granted partial suspension of the execution of their sentence.

2. The percentage of served term of a parolee granted partial suspension of execution is based on his/her term of imprisonment for which partial suspension of execution was not granted.

3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons under the respective categories.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

Section 2 Probation/Parole Supervision

Probation/parole supervision aims to prevent persons under probation/parole supervision from repeating offenses or delinquency and to facilitate their improvement and rehabilitation. This supervision, which allows them to lead positive lives in a community, is implemented by accurately identifying the factors that contribute to their crimes or delinquencies, as well as the matters that can facilitate their rehabilitation, and through cooperation between probation officers and volunteer probation officers (VPOs or *Hogoshi* in Japanese). Probation officers and VPOs maintain contact with persons under probation/parole supervision through interviews in order to observe their lives in society, and provide them with any needed **instruction and supervision** to ensure that they can follow their conditions for probation/parole supervision. Probation officers and VPOs also provide persons under probation/parole supervision with **guidance and assistance** to secure residences and find jobs, etc. so they can become self-supporting.

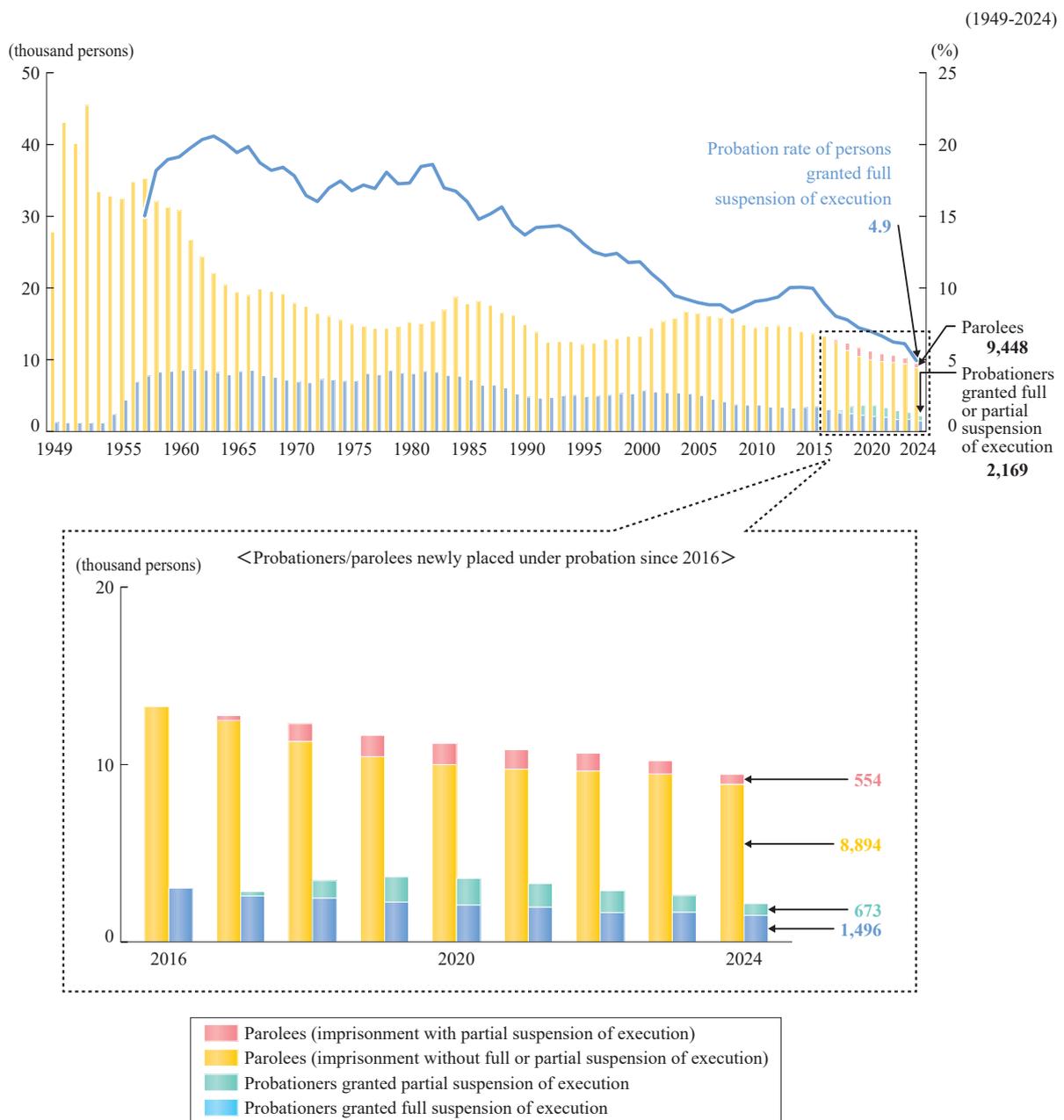
Persons under probation/parole supervision include [1] those placed under probation as a protective measure on the basis of a decision made by a family court (**juvenile probationers**), [2] those granted parole from juvenile training schools and placed under parole supervision (**juvenile training school parolees**), [3] those granted parole from penal institutions and placed under parole supervision (**parolees**), and [4] those granted full or partial suspension of execution of their sentence and placed under probation (**probationers**).

1 Probationers/parolees

(1) Number of persons newly placed under probation/parole supervision

Fig. 2-5-2-1 shows the trend in the number of probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision since 1949 and the trend in the **probation rate** among those granted full suspension of the execution of their sentence since 1957.

Fig. 2-5-2-1 Probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision and probation rate



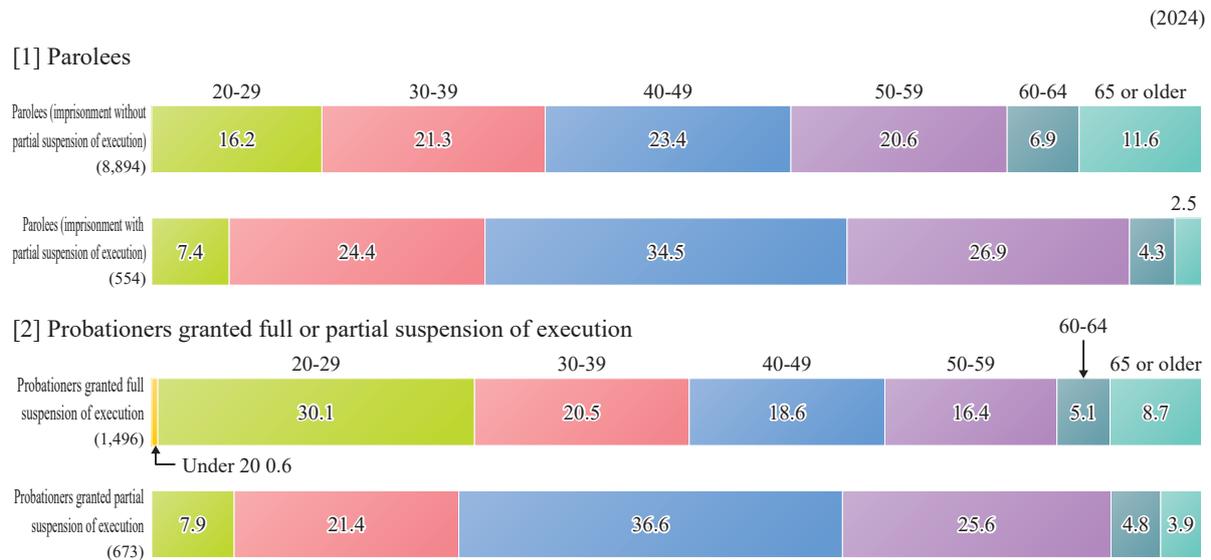
Notes: 1. Numbers for “Probation rate of persons granted full suspension of execution” are presented from 1957 onward since, prior to 1957, the Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution did not specify whether or not persons granted full suspension of execution were placed under probationary supervision.
 2. “Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)” and “Probationers granted partial suspension of execution” have been counted since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Legal Affairs
 Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation
 Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

(2) Age of probationers/parolees

Fig. 2-5-2-2 shows the composition by age group of probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision in 2024.

Fig. 2-5-2-2 Probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision: composition by age group



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of placement under probation/parole supervision.

2. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons under the respective categories.

Source: The Judicial System Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

(3) Offenses of probationers/parolees

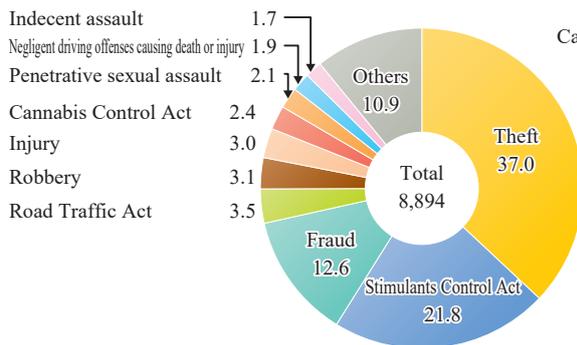
Fig. 2-5-2-3 shows the composition by offense of probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision in 2024.

Fig. 2-5-2-3 Probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision: composition by type of offense (2024)

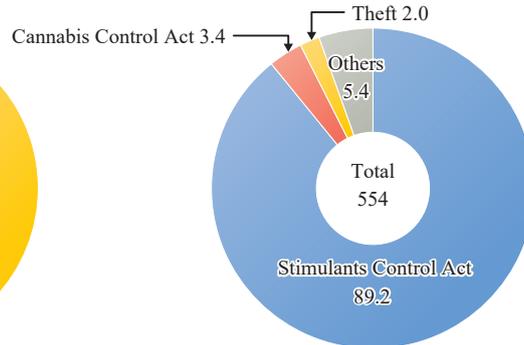
(2024)

[1] Parolees

A. Parolees
(imprisonment without partial suspension of execution)

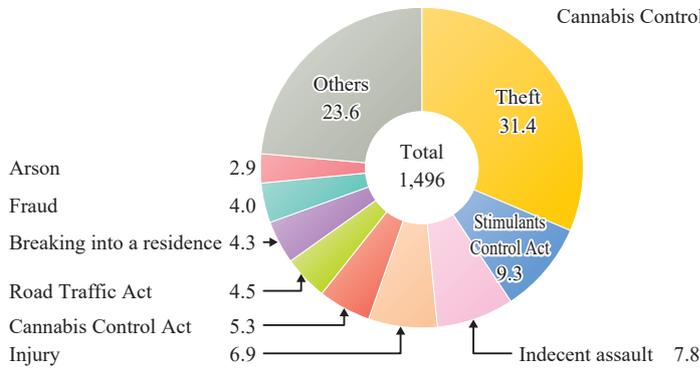


B. Parolees
(imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)

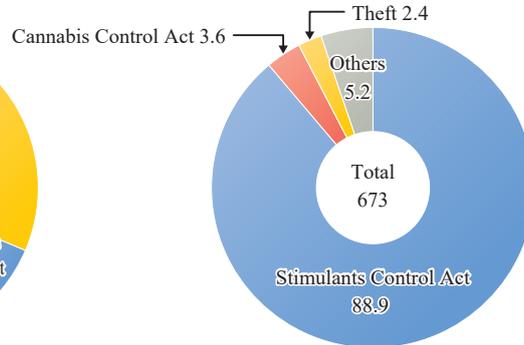


[2] Probationers granted full or partial suspension of execution

A. Probationers granted full suspension of execution



B. Probationers granted partial suspension of execution



Note: "Cannabis Control Act" includes violations of the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act pertaining to cannabis as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023 and does not include violations of the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

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2 Treatment during probation/parole

(1) Implementation of assessment-based probation/parole supervision

A probation/parole supervision based on assessment utilizing Case Formulation in Probation/Parole (CFP) started in January 2021 to provide more effective guidance and support for probationers/parolees.

CFP is an assessment tool that structures methods for collecting and analyzing information to aid in evaluating the degree of recidivism risk and determining treatment policies. According to the results of the analysis, the degree of involvement, frequency of contact, etc. of probation officers differ, and the officers create/recreate an individual treatment plan, which enhances the efficacy of guidance and support for probationers/parolees according to the status of their implementation.

(2) Treatment in accordance with problems

Categorized treatment means to categorize problems and other characteristics of persons under probation/parole supervision according to their offenses/delinquency. It also aims to efficiently treat them by focusing on those problems so as to provide effective probation/parole supervision.

Table 2-5-2-4 shows the number of probationers/parolees as of the end of 2024 by category.

Table 2-5-2-4 Number of probationers/parolees by treatment category

(as of the end of 2024)

Area	Category	Parolees (imprisonment without partial suspension of execution)		Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)		Probationers granted full suspension of execution		Probationers granted partial suspension of execution	
Relationship	Child abuse	13	(0.4)	-		98	(1.8)	2	(0.1)
	Spousal violence	12	(0.4)	-		69	(1.3)	2	(0.1)
	Family violence	9	(0.3)	1	(0.6)	82	(1.5)	3	(0.2)
	Stalking	10	(0.3)	1	(0.6)	130	(2.4)	-	
Delinquent peers	Gangsters, etc.	27	(0.8)	1	(0.6)	25	(0.5)	24	(1.6)
	Motorcycle gangs	4	(0.1)	-		4	(0.1)	-	
	Special fraud	439	(13.4)	-		212	(3.8)	1	(0.1)
Social adaptation	Difficulty in working	927	(28.2)	20	(12.3)	808	(14.7)	185	(12.3)
	School attendance	2	(0.1)	-		5	(0.1)	-	
	Mental disorder	476	(14.5)	35	(21.5)	1,202	(21.8)	343	(22.8)
	Developmental disorder	35	(1.1)	1	(0.6)	245	(4.4)	10	(0.7)
	Intellectual disability	69	(2.1)	1	(0.6)	241	(4.4)	11	(0.7)
	Elderly	427	(13.0)	1	(0.6)	457	(8.3)	53	(3.5)
Addiction	Drugs	914	(27.8)	156	(95.7)	972	(17.6)	1,349	(89.8)
	Alcohol	363	(11.0)	7	(4.3)	524	(9.5)	62	(4.1)
	Sexual offenses	226	(6.9)	2	(1.2)	1,023	(18.6)	33	(2.2)
	Gambling	390	(11.9)	5	(3.1)	319	(5.8)	34	(2.3)
	Kleptomania	71	(2.2)	1	(0.6)	308	(5.6)	11	(0.7)

Notes: 1. Persons categorized in multiple categories are counted in each category.

2. "Mental disorder" includes "Developmental disorder" and "Intellectual disability".

3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of probationers/parolees categorized in each category among the total number of parolees (imprisonment without partial suspension of execution), parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution), probationers granted full suspension of execution, and probationers granted partial suspension of execution (including those not categorized) as of the end of 2024.

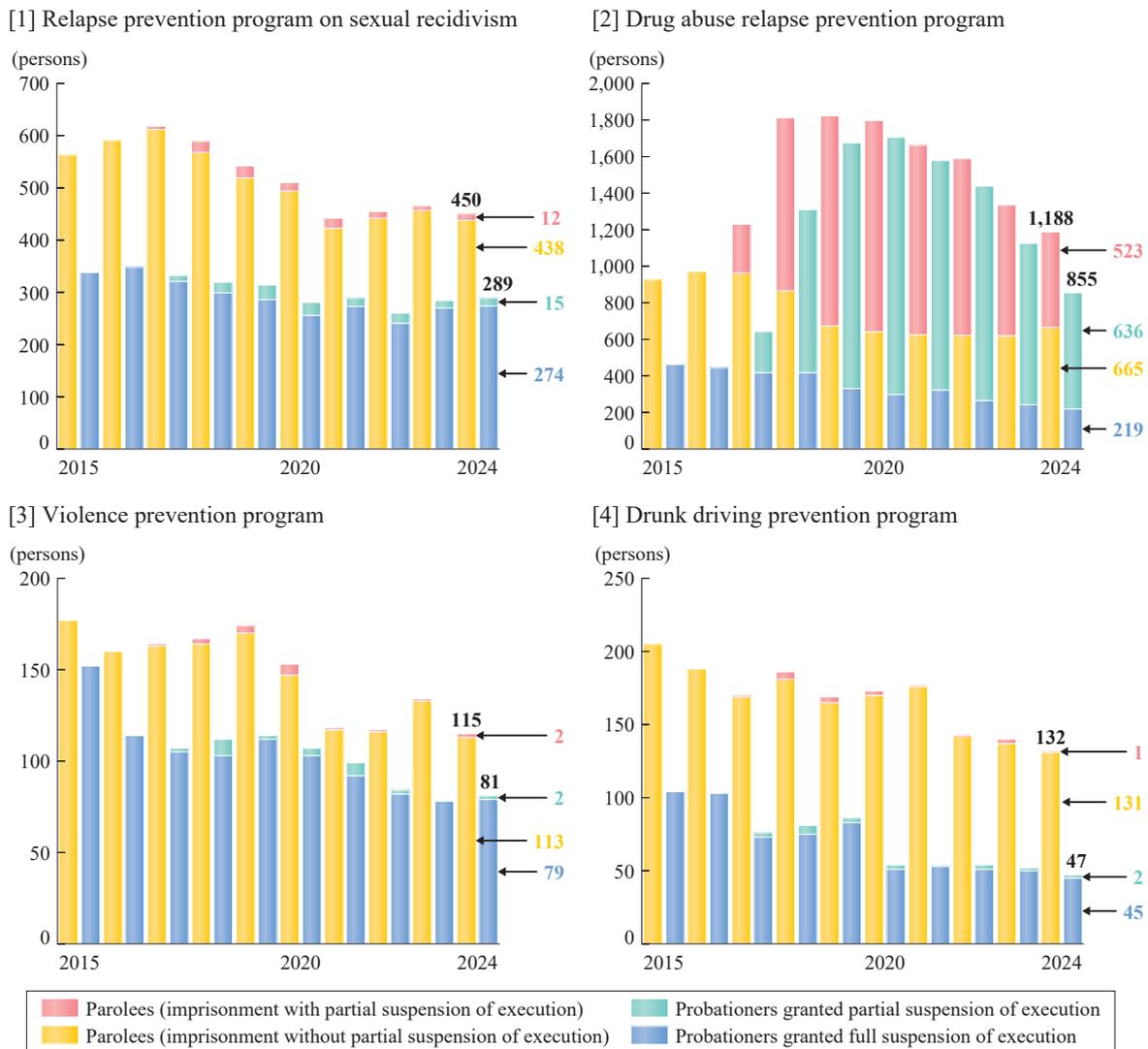
Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation
The Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

In the probation office, persons under probation/parole supervision who have specific criminal tendencies are provided in a systemized manner, as a part of instruction and supervision, with **specialized treatment programs**, which are built upon psychological and other expertise with cognitive behavioral therapy as a base theory and are designed to improve their tendencies.

Fig. 2-5-2-5 shows the trend in the number of probationers/parolees who participated in specialized treatment programs.

Fig. 2-5-2-5 Probationers/parolees in a specialized treatment program

(2015-2024)



- Notes: 1. "Relapse prevention program on sexual recidivism" from 2014 to March 2022 refers to "Sexual offender treatment program".
 2. "Drug abuse relapse prevention program" from 2014 to May 2016 refers to "Stimulant offender treatment program".
 3. "Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)" and "Probationers granted partial suspension of execution" have been counted since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.
 4. Persons who had been granted partial suspension of execution of their imprisonment sentence and were released on parole and then placed under probation for suspended imprisonment after completion of their parole period are included in both "Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)" and "Probationers granted partial suspension of execution".

Source: The Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Section 3 Volunteer Probation Officers and Offender Rehabilitation Facilities

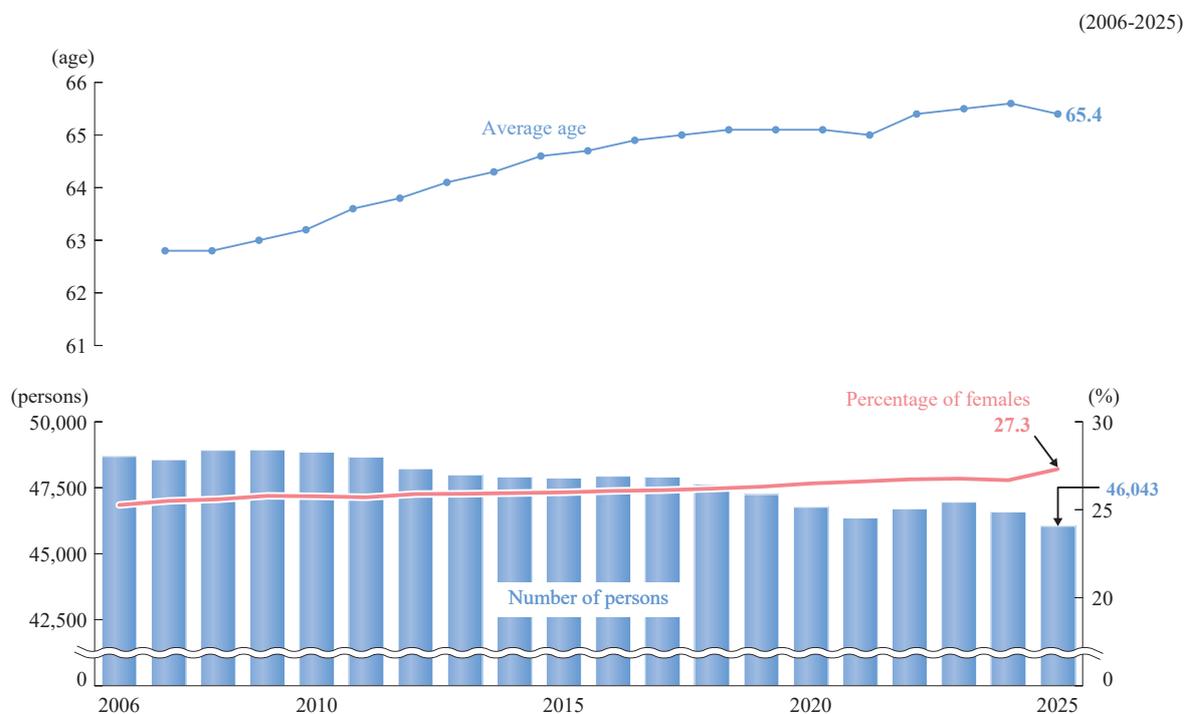
1 Volunteer probation officers

VPOs are volunteers who support rehabilitation of offenders and delinquents in local communities. Commissioned by the Minister of Justice pursuant to the Volunteer Probation Officers Act (Act No. 204 of 1950), they implement probation/parole supervision and adjustment of living conditions in cooperation with probation officers, and engage in crime prevention activities, etc. in partnership with local governments. VPOs are part-time national public officials.

VPOs are assigned to one of 882 probation districts (as of January 1, 2025) nationwide (Source: the Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice).

Fig. 2-5-3-1 shows the trend in the number of VPOs, their average age, and percentage of female VPOs.

Fig. 2-5-3-1 VPOs: number, percentage of females and average age



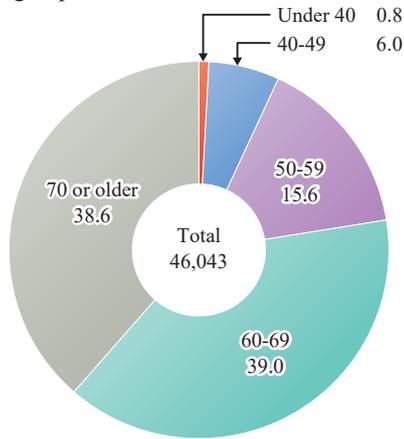
Note: Numbers are as of January 1 of the respective years.
Source: The Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Fig. 2-5-3-2 shows the composition by age group and occupation of VPOs as of January 1, 2025.

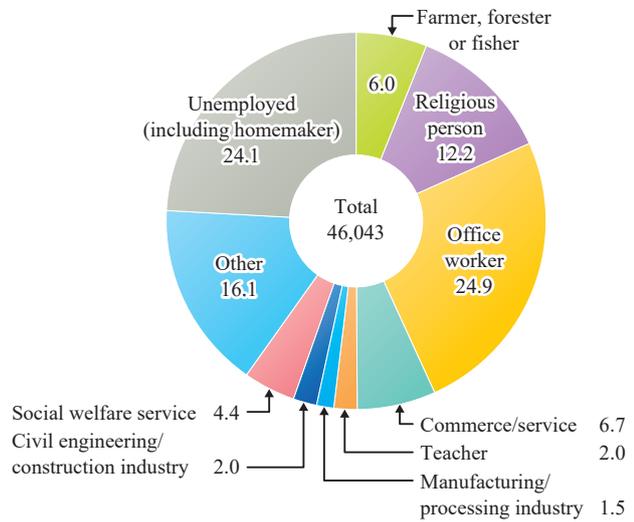
Fig. 2-5-3-2 VPOs: composition by age group and occupation

(as of January 1, 2025)

[1] Age groups



[2] Occupation



Note: "Other" refers to those engaged in the real estate rental business, physicians, etc.
 Source: The Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

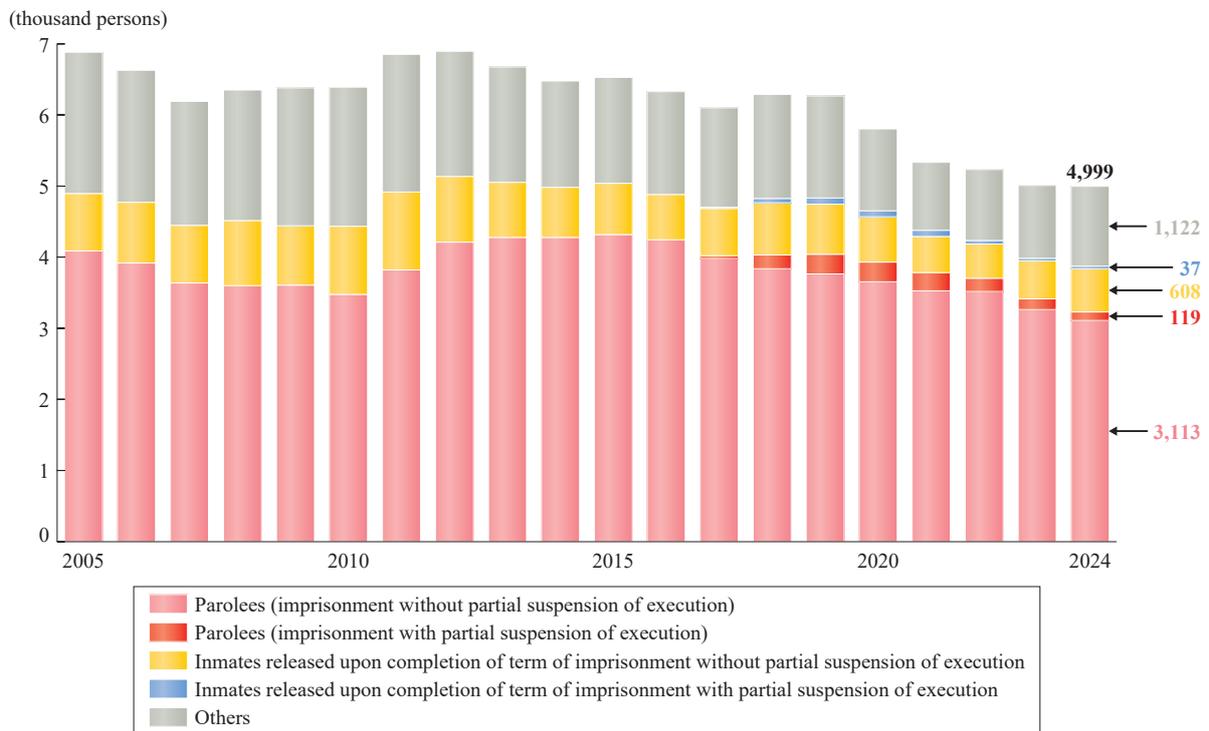
2 Offender rehabilitation facilities

Offender rehabilitation facilities are institutions that are commissioned, mainly by probation offices, to provide accommodation, meals, employment support, living guidance, etc. for persons under probation/parole supervision or those receiving urgent aftercare because of their difficulties in becoming independent due to lack of residence or person to rely on, and thus support their smooth reintegration into society. As of April 1, 2025, there are 102 offender rehabilitation facilities nationwide.

Fig. 2-5-3-3 shows the trend in the number of persons newly entrusted to offender rehabilitation facilities.

Fig. 2-5-3-3 Persons newly entrusted to offender rehabilitation facilities

(2005-2024)



Notes: 1. Numbers exclude persons whose category changed (e.g., a person entrusted to a facility as a parolee but who remained at the facility after the completion of the term of his/her sentence).

2. “Others” include juvenile probationers, juvenile training school parolees, probationers granted full suspension of execution of their sentence, women’s guidance home parolees, those who have received a fully suspended sentence with probation but the judgment has not yet been finalized, those who have received a fully suspended sentence without probation, those whose prosecution has been suspended, etc.

3. “Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)” and “Inmates released upon completion of term of imprisonment with partial suspension of execution” have been counted since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

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PART 3

Trends in Juvenile Delinquency and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquents



Mock Drug Prevention Guidance in a Juvenile Training School

Source: Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice

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In this Part, “juvenile delinquent” refers to juveniles subject to a family court hearing, which means [1] juvenile offenders (juveniles who have committed a crime (aged 14 to 19 at the time of the crime)), [2] juvenile offenders under 14 (juveniles under 14 years of age who have violated laws and regulations of a criminal nature), and [3] pre-delinquents (juveniles who are, in light of their personality or environment, likely to commit crimes or violate laws and regulations of a criminal nature in the future due to their propensity not to submit to legitimate supervision by a custodian or other reasons) (Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Juvenile Act (Act No. 168 of 1948)).

Chapter 1 Trends in Juvenile Delinquency

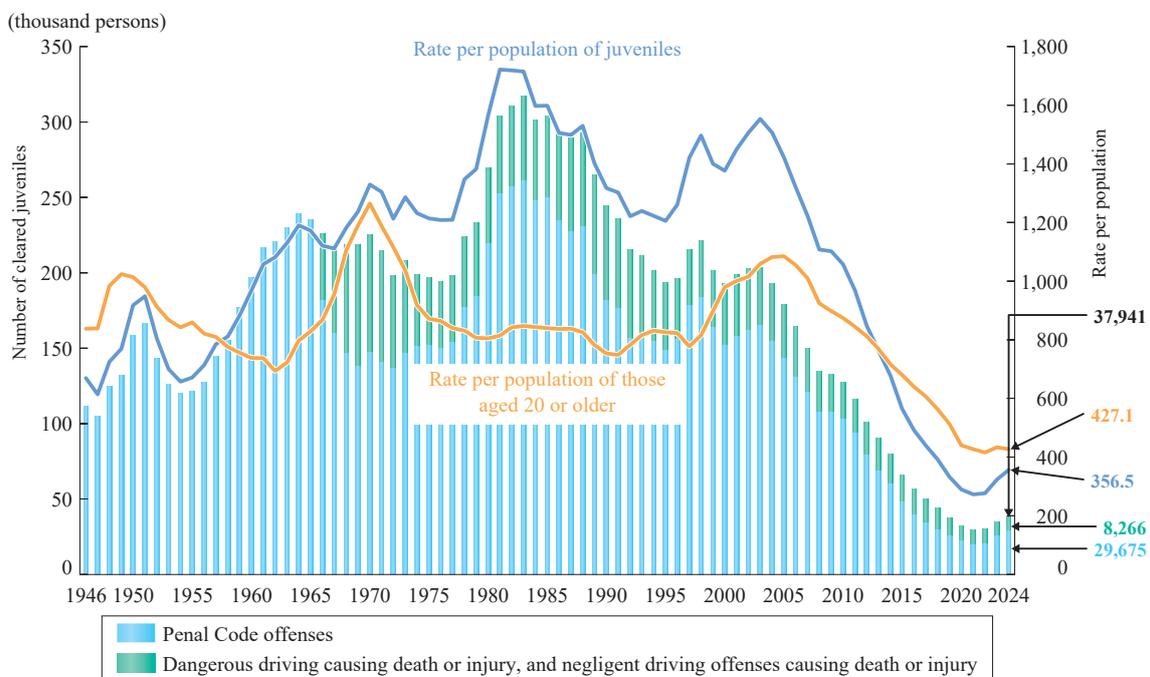
Section 1 Penal Code Offenses Committed by Juveniles

Fig. 3-1-1-1 [1] shows the trend in the number and rate per population of juveniles cleared (including juvenile offenders under 14 who received guidance from the police; the same applies hereinafter in this Section) for Penal Code offenses, dangerous driving causing death or injury, or negligent driving offenses causing death or injury since 1946.

Fig. 3-1-1-1 [2] shows a comparison between the trend in the number and rate per population of juveniles cleared for Penal Code offenses and those aged 20 or older cleared for Penal Code offenses since 1966.

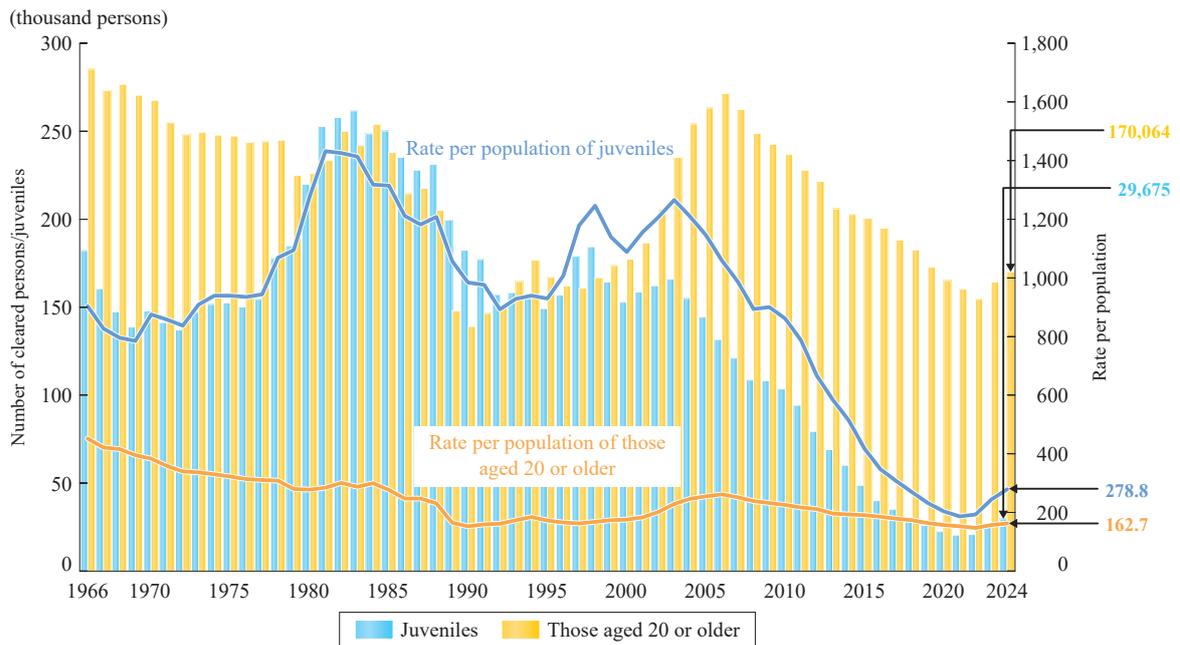
Fig. 3-1-1-1 Penal Code offenses, dangerous driving causing death or injury, and negligent driving offenses causing death or injury: cleared juveniles and rate per population

[1] Penal Code offenses, dangerous driving causing death or injury, and negligent driving offenses causing death or injury (1946-2024)



[2] Penal Code offenses

(1966-2024)



- Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense. Those who were aged 20 or older at the time of clearance are counted as those aged 20 or older.
 2. Numbers include juvenile offenders under 14 who received guidance from the police.
 3. "Rate per population of juveniles" refers to the number of juveniles cleared per 100,000 population of juveniles aged 10 or older.
 4. "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.
 5. In [1], before 1966, "Penal Code Offenses" includes (gross) negligence in pursuit of social activities causing death or injury not related to vehicle driving.
 6. The numbers for the years following 1970 in [1] do not include juvenile offenders under 14 for negligent driving offenses causing death or injury.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
 The Traffic Bureau, National Police Agency
 The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

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Table 3-1-1-2 shows the composition by type of offense committed by juveniles cleared for Penal Code offenses in 2024.

Table 3-1-1-2 Penal Code offenses committed by juveniles: cleared juveniles and percentage of juveniles (by type of offense and male/female)

(2024)

Offenses	Total	Males	Females	Percentage of females	Percentage of juveniles
Total	30,187 (100.0)	25,412	4,775	15.8	15.1
Homicide	59 (0.2)	46	13	22.0	6.4
Robbery	486 (1.6)	439	47	9.7	27.2
Arson	59 (0.2)	46	13	22.0	10.9
Penetrative sexual assault	357 (1.2)	354	3	0.8	11.4
Assault	1,914 (6.3)	1,719	195	10.2	7.5
Injury	2,915 (9.7)	2,648	267	9.2	14.0
Extortion	479 (1.6)	433	46	9.6	33.7
Theft	15,648 (51.8)	12,329	3,319	21.2	16.9
Fraud	902 (3.0)	706	196	21.7	10.0
Embezzlement	2,012 (6.7)	1,811	201	10.0	18.5
Embezzlement of lost property	1,989 (6.6)	1,794	195	9.8	20.8
Indecent assault	648 (2.1)	640	8	1.2	13.9
Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others	710 (2.4)	696	14	2.0	15.8
Breaking into a residence	1,113 (3.7)	1,026	87	7.8	30.3
Damage to property	1,207 (4.0)	1,074	133	11.0	22.3
Others	1,678 (5.6)	1,445	233	13.9	11.3

- Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.
 2. Numbers include juvenile offenders under 14 who received guidance from the police.
 3. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
 4. Numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of juveniles cleared for each offense among the total number of cleared juveniles.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency



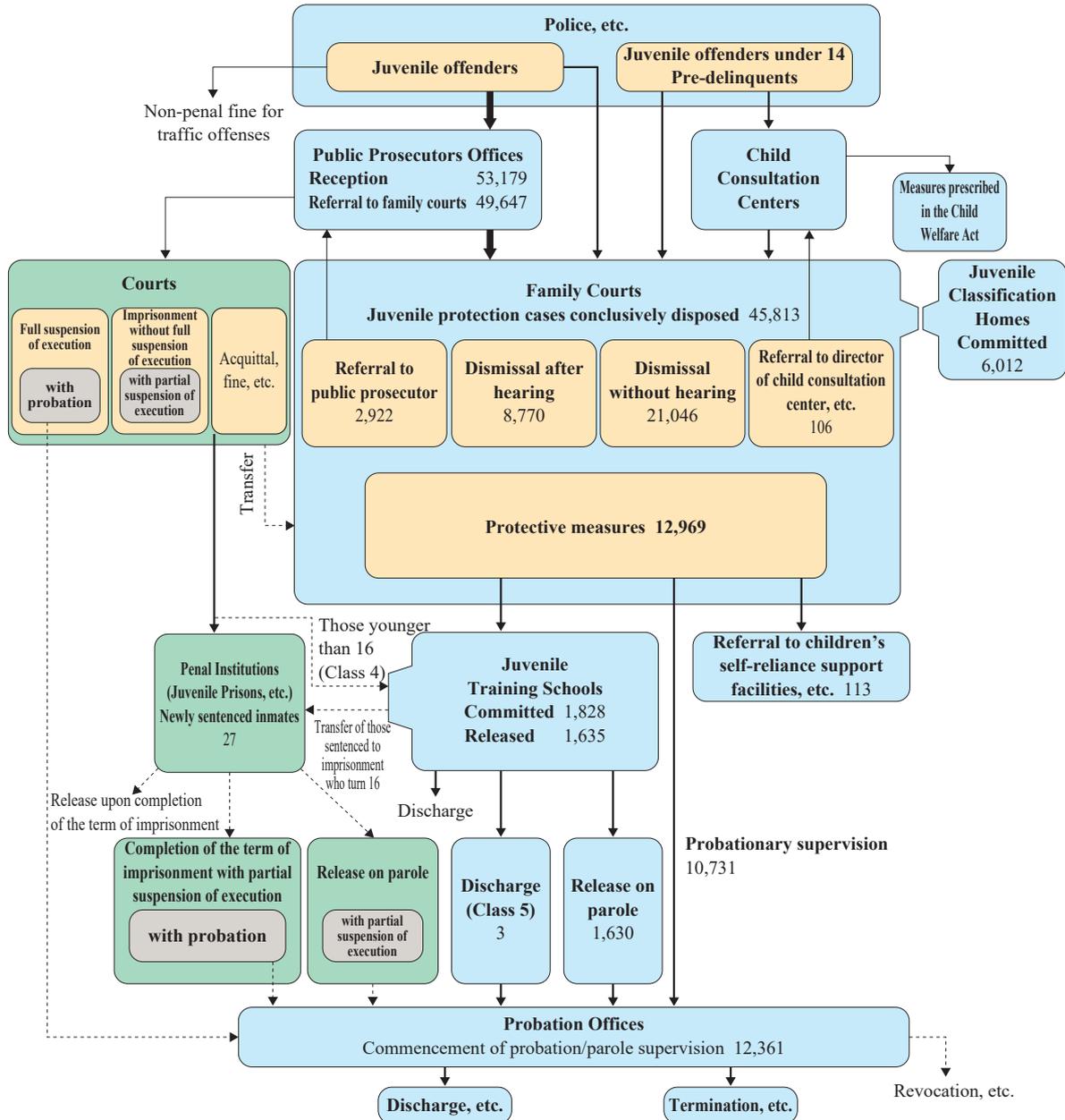
Chapter 2 Treatment of Juvenile Delinquents

Section 1 Overview

Fig. 3-2-1-1 shows the procedure for juvenile delinquents.

Fig. 3-2-1-1 Outline of treatment of juvenile delinquents

(2024)
(persons)



- Notes: 1. Numbers in "Public Prosecutors Offices" count the total number of juveniles in cases received by or referred from public prosecutors offices, thus a person received/referred twice for different cases is counted as two juveniles.
 2. "Referral to director of child consultation center, etc." refers to referral to prefectural governors or directors of child consultation centers.
 3. "Referral to children's self-reliance support facilities, etc." refers to referral to children's self-reliance support facilities or foster homes.
 4. The number of "Released" from juvenile training schools is limited to discharge or release on parole.
 5. "Commencement of probation/parole supervision" is limited to juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution
 Annual Report of Judicial Statistics
 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction
 Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction
 Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

1 The amended Juvenile Act

In May 2021, the Act Partially Amending the Juvenile Act and Related Acts (Act No. 47 of 2021) was enacted in order to take necessary measures in light of changes in the social situation, such as lowering the legal age of adulthood under the Civil Code from 20 to 18 years, and the crimes committed by juveniles. The new Act came into effect on April 1, 2022. The Juvenile Act was amended to designate a juvenile aged 18 to 19 as a **specified juvenile**, and special provisions were established for juvenile protection cases for specified juveniles, including [1] a family court, in principle, shall refer a case to a public prosecutor, where a juvenile aged 18 or older at the time of the offense committed a crime punishable with the death penalty, life imprisonment, or imprisonment for a minimum term of one year or more; [2] a family court, when it does not refer a case to a public prosecutor, shall subject a specified juvenile to rehabilitation measures of 6 or 24 months of probation or commitment to a juvenile training school, when it is found necessary, and [3] a family court shall not subject a specified juvenile to rehabilitation measures against pre-delinquency.

2 Procedure before referral to family courts

(1) Juvenile offenders

When a judicial police officer investigates a juvenile's case (excluding a specified juvenile's case) and considers that the juvenile has committed an offense, the officer shall refer the case to a family court if it involves an offense that is only punishable with a fine or less severe penalty, or to a public prosecutor if it involves an offense that is punishable with a more severe penalty, unless the case concerns a violation of the Road Traffic Act and *Hansokukin* (administrative fine) was paid in accordance with the traffic infraction notification system. When a case is referred, a public prosecutor investigates the case and then refers it to a family court if the prosecutor considers that an offense has been committed or there are any other reasons to subject the case to a family court hearing.

Regarding a specified juvenile's case, when a judicial police officer investigates the case and considers that the juvenile has committed an offense, the officer shall refer the case to a public prosecutor even if it involves an offense that is only punishable with a fine or less severe penalty, excluding the case concerns a violation of the Road Traffic Act and *Hansokukin* was paid in the above mentioned system.

(2) Juvenile offenders under 14 and pre-delinquents

A family court may subject juvenile offenders under 14 and pre-delinquents of the same age to a hearing only when a prefectural governor or a child consultation center's director refers them to a family court.

Police officers may investigate a case when there is probable cause to suspect that a juvenile under 14 has committed an offense. The police shall refer the case to a director of a child consultation center if, as a result of the investigation, they consider that an act of the juvenile involved a specific serious offense.

When juvenile offenders under 14 violate laws or regulations of a criminal nature involving specific serious offenses, a prefectural governor or a director of a child consultation center is required, in principle, to refer a case to a family court. A governor or a director shall also refer a juvenile to a family court if it is considered appropriate to refer the juvenile to a family court hearing.

3 Procedure in family courts

(1) Investigation by family courts

A family court is required to investigate any case referred to it. It can order a family court investigating officer to investigate a case.

(2) Assessment by juvenile classification homes

By a ruling, a family court may refer a juvenile to a juvenile classification home and request an assessment if it is necessary for a hearing. In such case, the juvenile is committed to a juvenile classification home, and the home assesses the juvenile on the basis of knowledge and techniques it has in medicine, psychology, pedagogy, sociology and other expertise and conducts necessary observation and protection of the juvenile.

(3) Hearings in family courts

On the basis of the result of an investigation, a family court shall issue a ruling for commencement or non-commencement of a hearing or other proceeding.

A juvenile or his/her custodians can appoint an attendant, but they need permission of a family court to appoint someone other than an attorney at law as an attendant.

Hearings are closed to the public, but a family court may allow victims of certain serious cases to observe a hearing upon their request if the court finds it appropriate and unlikely to hinder sound development of a juvenile.

A family court may, by a ruling, have a public prosecutor participate in a hearing for a case concerning a juvenile offender involved in designated serious crimes when the court finds that participation of a public prosecutor in the hearing is necessary for fact-finding regarding delinquency. In such case, if the juvenile has no attendant who is an attorney at law, the court shall appoint one.

When it is found impossible or unnecessary to place a juvenile under protective measures as a result of a hearing, a family court shall issue a ruling not to subject the juvenile to protective measures. When it is found appropriate to take the measures prescribed in the Child Welfare Act (Act No. 164 of 1947), a family court shall refer a case to a prefectural governor or a child consultation center's director. When a person is found to be 20 years of age or older, a family court shall refer a case to a public prosecutor.

A family court shall, by a ruling, refer a case punishable by imprisonment or a heavier penalty to a public prosecutor if disposition of the case in criminal procedure is found appropriate as a result of an investigation or a hearing. If a juvenile was, for example, 16 years of age or older at the time of the offense and committed a crime which caused a victim's death by an intentional criminal act, or 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense and committed a crime punishable by the death penalty or imprisonment for a minimum period of not less than one year, then a family court, in principle, needs to render a ruling to refer a case to a public prosecutor.

Except in the cases mentioned above, a family court shall, by a ruling, subject a juvenile to **protective measures**. Protective measures include placing the juvenile under probation by a probation office, and referring the juvenile to a children's self-reliance support facility, to a foster home (limited to juveniles younger than 18 years of age), or to a juvenile training school (generally limited to juveniles aged 12 or older).

A juvenile or his/her legal representative or attendant may lodge an appeal against a ruling imposing protective

measures only on the grounds of a violation of laws and regulations that affected the ruling, a serious error in fact-finding or substantial inappropriateness of the measures. In the case where a public prosecutor participated in a hearing by a ruling of a family court, the public prosecutor may file a request to a high court for acceptance of the case as the court of second instance only on the grounds of a violation of laws and regulations that affected the ruling or a serious error in fact-finding.

4 Procedure for protective measures

(1) Probation based on a decision of a family court

A juvenile placed under probation based on a decision of a family court receives instruction and supervision, guidance and assistance necessary for improvement and rehabilitation from a probation officer or a volunteer probation officer.

The probation period, in principle, continues until a juvenile turns 20 years of age, or for two years if he/she turns 20 within two years, or until he/she is discharged from the probation. On the other hand, a family court shall subject specified juveniles to protective measures including 6-month probation or 2-year probation under the amended Juvenile Act.

(2) Referral to children's self-reliance support facilities or foster homes

Juveniles committed to children's self-reliance support facilities/foster homes are accommodated in these facilities/homes established in accordance with the Child Welfare Act, which are open to children in need of aid.

(3) Referral to juvenile training schools and parole supervision after release on parole

A juvenile training school mainly holds juveniles referred by family courts and provides them with correctional education, support for reintegration into society and other treatment, for the purpose of fostering sound cultivation of juveniles.

A period of commitment to a juvenile training school can, in principle, last until a juvenile turns 20 years of age, but in certain cases, his/her commitment may be extended on the basis of a decision of a family court until he/she turns 23 or 26 years of age. A period of commitment to a juvenile training school for specified juveniles is three years or less.

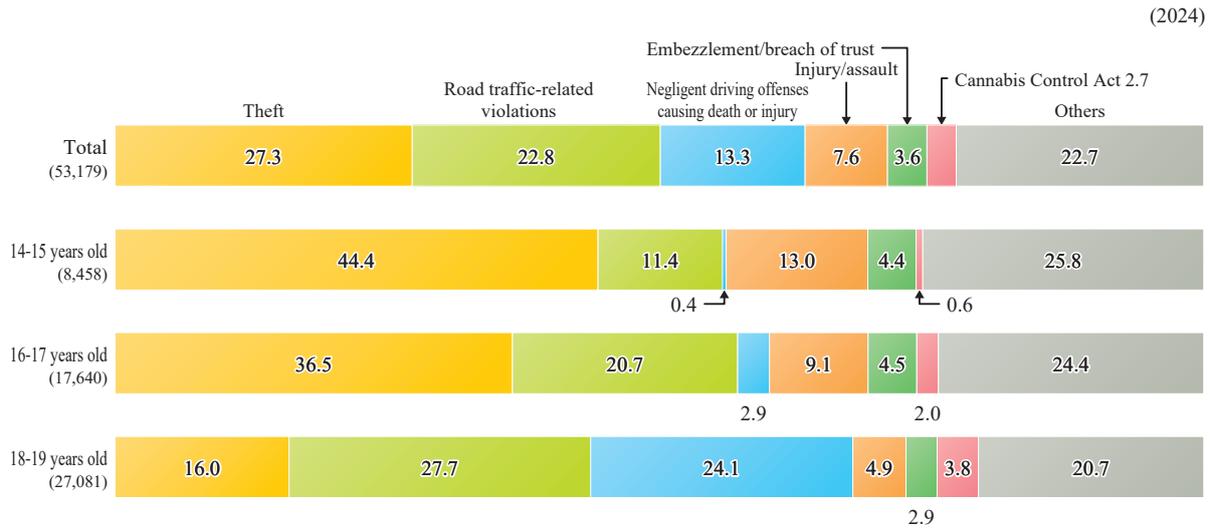
On the other hand, a juvenile in a juvenile training school may be released on parole before completion of his/her period of commitment on the basis of a decision of a regional parole board. When released on parole, a juvenile is placed under parole supervision.

Section 2 Prosecution/Courts

1 Investigation by public prosecutors (before referral to family courts)

Fig. 3-2-2-1 shows the composition by age group of the types of offenses committed by juvenile offenders newly received by public prosecutors in 2024.

Fig. 3-2-2-1 Juvenile offenders received by public prosecutors: composition by type of offense (by age group)



- Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of reception.
 2. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
 3. "Cannabis Control Act" includes the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No.84 of 2023.
 4. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

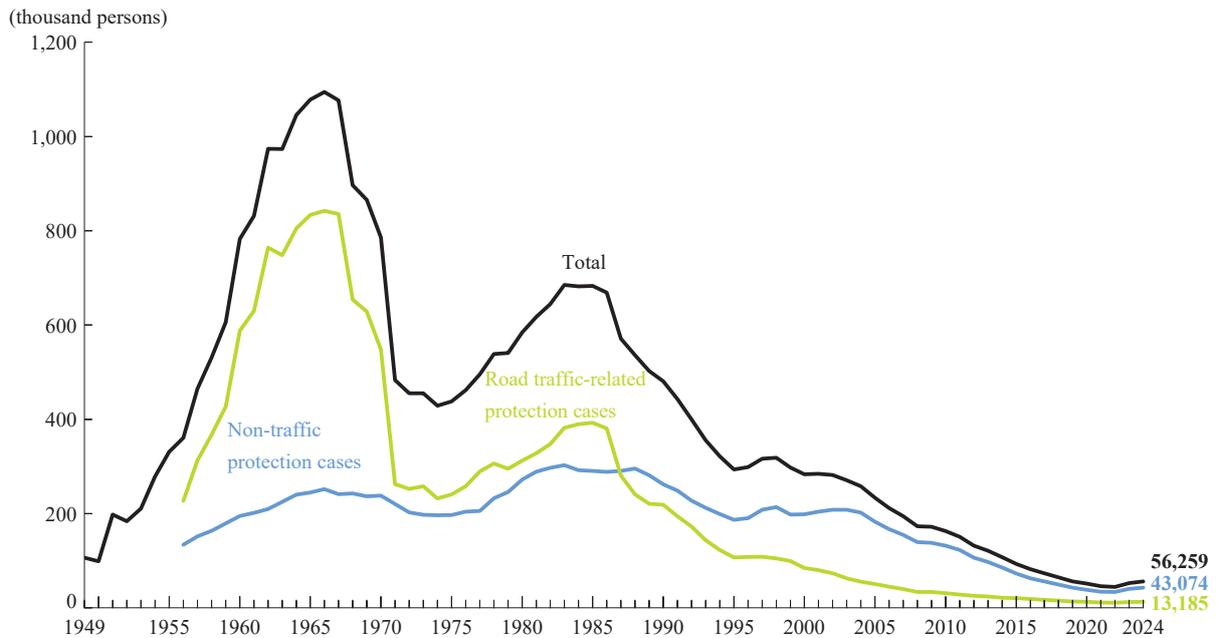


2 Family courts

Fig. 3-2-2-2 shows the trend in the number of juveniles received by family courts for juvenile protection cases since 1949.

Fig. 3-2-2-2 Juvenile protection cases: juveniles received by family courts

(1949-2024)



Note: 1. Numbers of "Road traffic-related protection cases" and "Non-traffic protection cases", which are included in "Total", have been presented since 1956, when statistical materials are available.

2. "Road traffic-related protection cases" refers to juvenile protection cases of road traffic-related violations.

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics

Section 3 Juvenile Classification Homes

1 Overview of juvenile classification homes

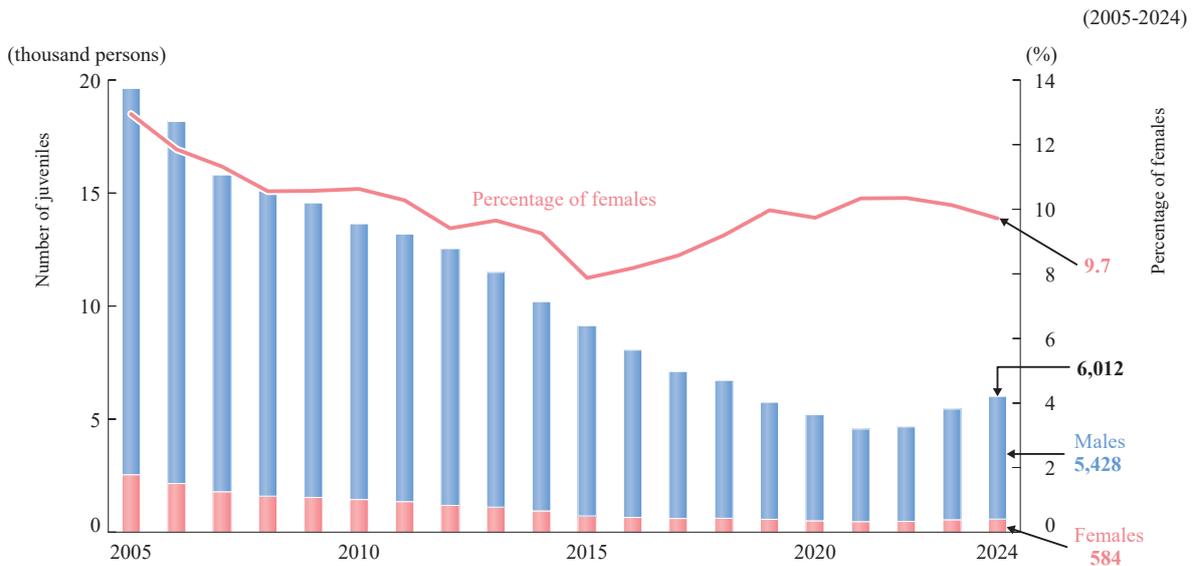
Juvenile classification homes have the following duties: [1] to conduct an assessment of juveniles, [2] to commit juveniles who are to be committed to juvenile classification homes pursuant to the provisions of laws and regulations, and to conduct observation and protection of juveniles committed to the homes on the basis of their characteristics and in consideration of their sound development, and [3] to provide advice and support in a local community in order to prevent crime and delinquency.

As of April 1, 2025, there were 52 juvenile classification homes nationwide (including eight branch homes).

2 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile classification homes

Fig. 3-2-3-1 shows the trend in the number of juveniles newly committed to juvenile classification homes (the commitment may be as a measure for observation and protection of juveniles, a measure in place of detention, or for other reasons) by male/female and the percentage of females.

Fig. 3-2-3-1 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile classification homes (male/female) and percentage of females



Note: "Juveniles newly committed to juvenile classification homes" exclude juveniles who were returned after escaping, transferred from another institution, and provisionally committed.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction
Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction



Section 4 Juvenile Training Schools

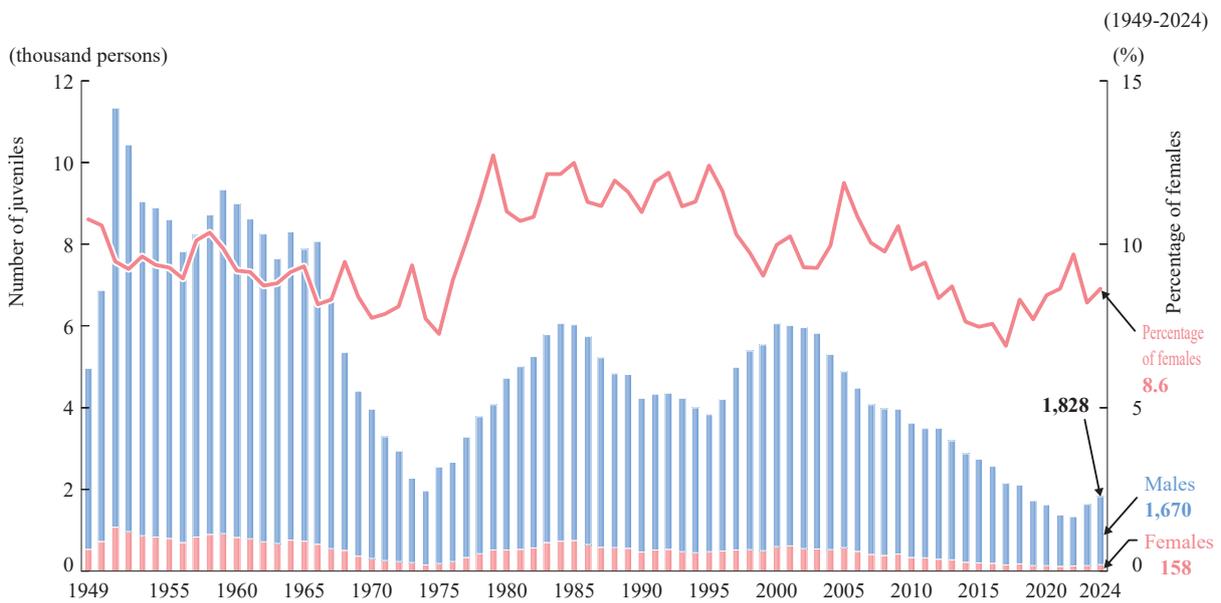
As of April 1, 2025, there were 42 juvenile training schools nationwide (including six branch schools).

1 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools

(1) Number of juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools

Fig. 3-2-4-1 shows the trend in the number of juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools by male/female and the percentage of females since 1949.

Fig. 3-2-4-1 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools (male/female) and percentage of females



Source: Statistics on Juvenile Correction and Rehabilitation
 Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction
 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

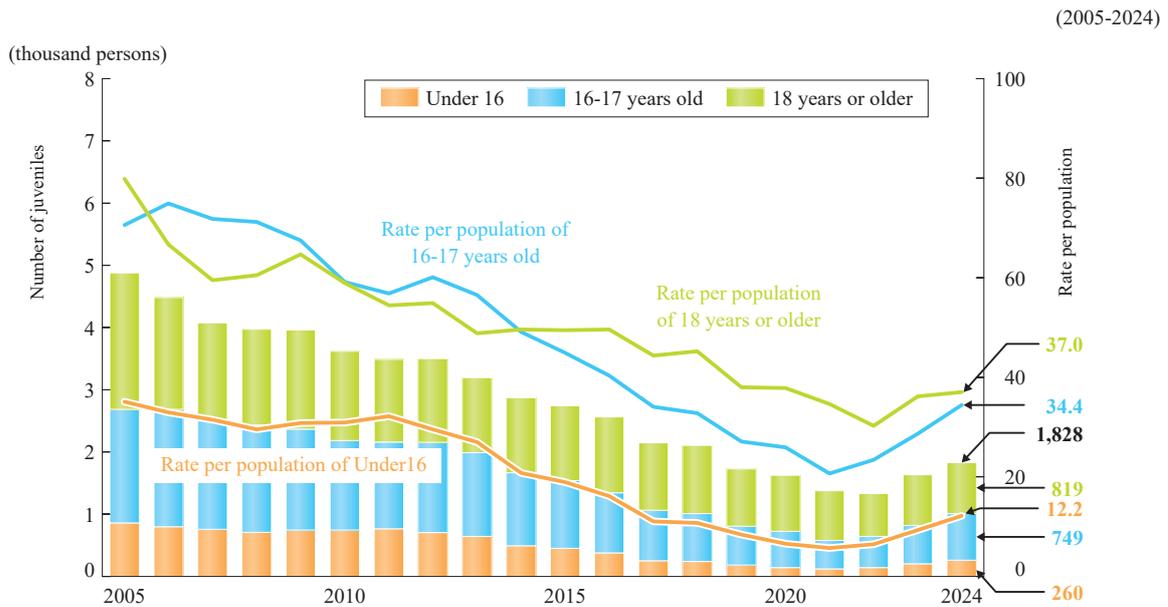
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(2) Characteristics of juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools

A. Age

Fig. 3-2-4-2 shows the number and rate per population of juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools by age group.

Fig. 3-2-4-2 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools: number and rate per population (by age group)



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of commitment. However, numbers for persons ruled for referral to juvenile training schools for such cases without physical custody are based on the age at the time of said ruling.
 2. "Rate per population" indicates the number of juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools per 100,000 juveniles in the respective age groups.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction
 Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction
 The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

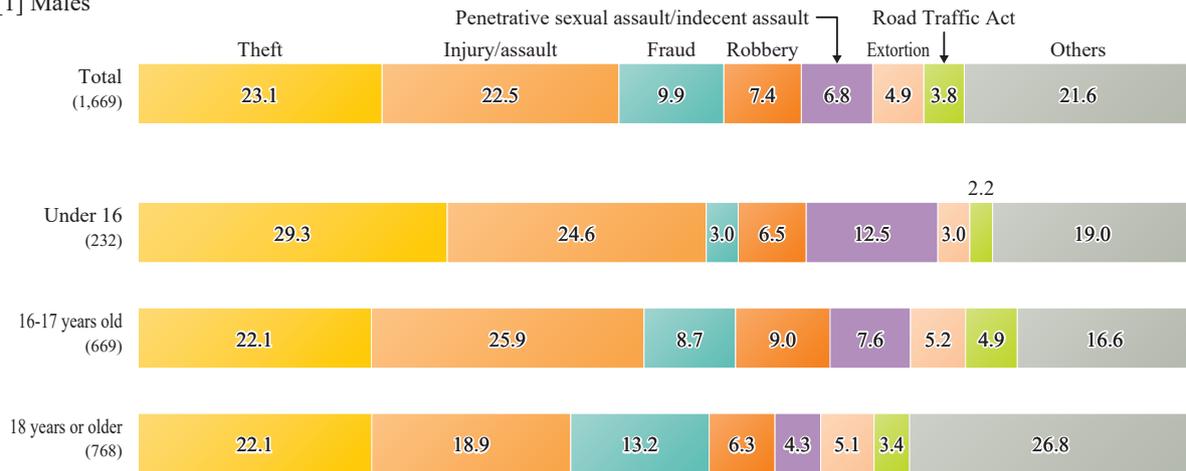
B. Types of delinquency

Fig. 3-2-4-3 shows the composition by type of delinquency committed by juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools in 2024, by male/female and age group.

Fig. 3-2-4-3 Juveniles newly committed to juvenile training schools: composition by type of delinquency (by age group, by male/female)

(2024)

[1] Males



[2] Females



Notes: 1. Numbers exclude those in class 5 juvenile training schools.

2. Numbers are based on the age at the time of commitment. However, numbers for persons ruled for referral to juvenile training schools for such cases without physical custody are based on the age at the time of said ruling.

3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of juveniles.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Juvenile Correction

2 Treatment provided in juvenile training schools

The Act Partially Amending the Juvenile Act and Related Acts (Act No. 47 of 2021) amended the Juvenile Training School Act, which added a new class (class 5) of juvenile training schools in April, 2022.

(1) Classes of juvenile training schools and correctional education curriculum

Juvenile training schools fall under the following five classes and each juvenile training school accommodates, according to the designated class, the following persons categorized on the basis of age, level of criminal tendency, mental and/or physical condition, etc.:

- (i) Class 1 Persons who are subject to execution of protective measures (excluding those categorized as (v); the same applies to (ii) and (iii)) and do not have serious physical or mental disorders and are about 12 years of age or older but younger than 23 years of age (excluding those categorized as (ii));
- (ii) Class 2 Persons who are subject to execution of protective measures and whose criminal tendency is more serious, who do not have serious physical or mental disorders and who are about 16 years of age or older but younger than 23 years of age;
- (iii) Class 3 Persons who are subject to execution of protective measures and have a serious physical or mental disorder and are about 12 years of age or older but younger than 26 years of age;
- (iv) Class 4 Persons who are subject to execution of their imprisonment at juvenile training schools; and
- (v) Class 5 Specified juveniles under 2-year probation who failed to comply with the probation rules to be observed, and who are committed to a juvenile training school by a family court because the failure was so serious that the educational and supervisory measures of the probation were not sufficient for their improvement and rehabilitation.

Correctional education curriculums are designated for each juvenile training school to conduct correctional education in a systematic and organized manner. A correctional education curriculum is determined according to [1] types of inmates who fall under certain common characteristics in light of their age, their condition of mental and physical disorder, and their degree of criminal tendencies, [2] necessary ability for adapting themselves to living in society, and [3] other circumstances. Correctional education curriculums refer to focused contents and standard periods of correctional education provided for inmates.

(2) Correctional education

The centerpiece of treatment in juvenile training schools is **correctional education**. Inmates are provided with five fields of guidance: life guidance, vocational guidance, guidance in school courses, physical guidance, and special activities guidance. A superintendent of a juvenile training school shall decide an **individual plan for correctional education**, which indicates the objectives, basic contents, implementation methods, and period of correctional education, in accordance with the characteristics of the juveniles.

Section 5 Probation/Parole Supervision for Juveniles

1 Juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees

Fig. 3-2-5-1 [1] shows the trend in the number of **juvenile probationers** and **juvenile training school parolees** newly placed under probation/parole supervision.

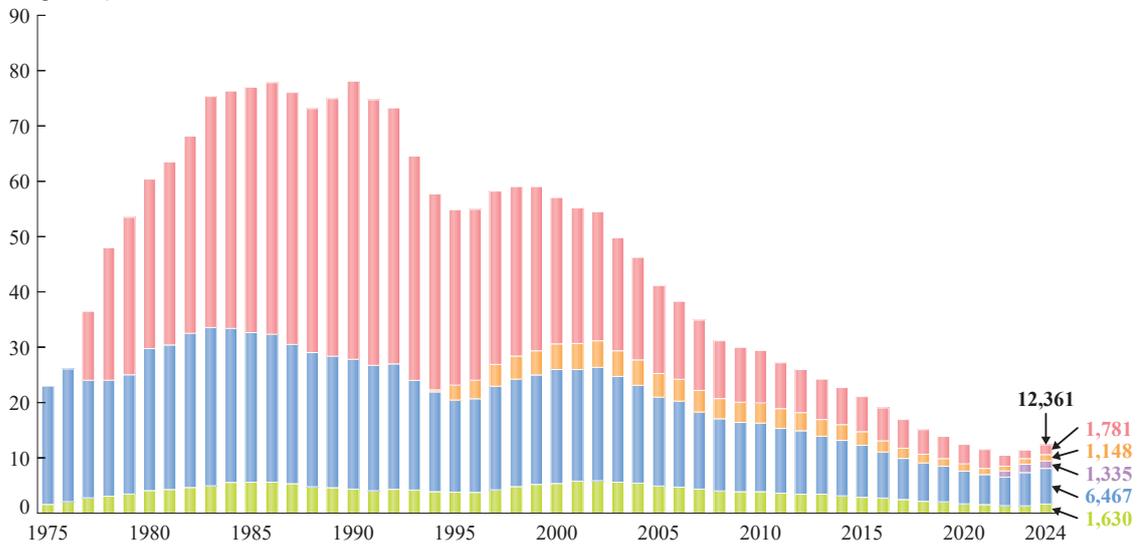
Fig. 3-2-5-1 [2] shows the composition by type of probation/parole supervision of whom family courts subjected, as specified juveniles, to protective measures in 2024.

Fig. 3-2-5-1 Juveniles newly placed under probation/parole supervision

(1975-2024)

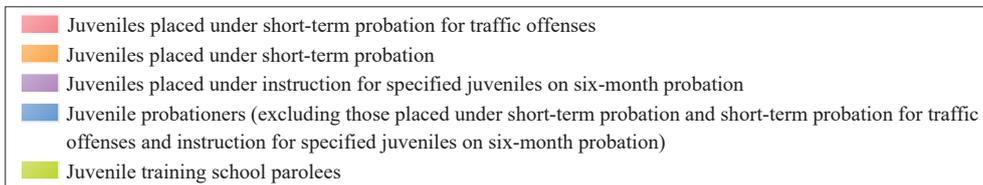
[1] Juveniles newly placed under probation/parole supervision

(thousand persons)



(2024)

[2] Specified juveniles newly placed under probation/parole supervision



Note: 1. Numbers for “short-term probation for traffic offenses”, “short-term probation”, and “instruction for specified juveniles on six-month probation” have been counted since 1977, 1994, and 2022, respectively, with the commencement of each measure.

2. [2] is included in [1].

3. [2] indicates composition by type of probation/parole supervision of whom family courts subjected to protective measures as specified juveniles.

4. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

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2 Treatment for juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees

(1) Categorized treatment

Categorized treatment is also conducted for juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees.

Table 3-2-5-2 shows the number of juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees by major treatment category as of the end of 2024.

Table 3-2-5-2 Juvenile probationers/juvenile training school parolees by treatment category

(as of the end of 2024)

Area	Category	Juvenile probationers		Juvenile training school parolees	
Relationship	Child abuse	2	(0.0)	-	
	Spousal violence offenders	14	(0.2)	1	(0.0)
	Family violence	119	(1.4)	40	(1.8)
	Stalking	55	(0.6)	10	(0.5)
Delinquent peers	Gangsters, etc.	43	(0.5)	23	(1.0)
	Motorcycle gangs	275	(3.2)	85	(3.8)
	Special fraud	228	(2.6)	259	(11.7)
Social adaptation	Difficulty in working	941	(10.9)	572	(25.9)
	School attendance	2,114	(24.4)	269	(12.2)
	Junior high school students	428	(4.9)	24	(1.1)
	Mental disorder	1,451	(16.8)	689	(31.1)
	Developmental disorder	955	(11.0)	456	(20.6)
Intellectual disability	474	(5.5)	225	(10.2)	
Addiction	Drugs	931	(10.8)	655	(29.6)
	Alcohol	169	(2.0)	111	(5.0)
	Sexual offenses	932	(10.8)	241	(10.9)
	Gambling	37	(0.4)	29	(1.3)
	Kleptomania	36	(0.4)	6	(0.3)

- Notes: 1. Persons categorized in multiple categories are counted in each category.
 2. "Junior high school students" is included in "School attendance".
 3. "Mental disorder" includes "Developmental disorder" and "Intellectual disability".
 4. Numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of juveniles categorized in each treatment category among the total number of juvenile probationers (excluding those placed on short-term probation for traffic offenses, short-term probation, and instruction for specified juveniles on six-month probation) and juvenile training school parolees (including those not categorized) as of the end of 2024.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation
 The Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice

(2) Specialized treatment programs

If the director of a probation office deems it necessary to appropriately provide instructions and supervision on the basis of the delinquency which juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees committed and other factors, the director may administer **specialized treatment programs** to those juveniles who are under 18 years of age with the consent of the juveniles and their guardians.

Regarding juvenile probationers and juvenile training school parolees aged 18 or older, the director of a probation office or the regional parole board, in principle, shall mandate specialized treatment programs as their special conditions for probation/parole supervision, if the director or the board deems it necessary.



Chapter 3 Criminal Procedure for Juveniles

A public prosecutor must, in principle, institute prosecution of a case referred to him/her by a family court if the prosecutor considers that there is sufficient suspicion to institute prosecution.

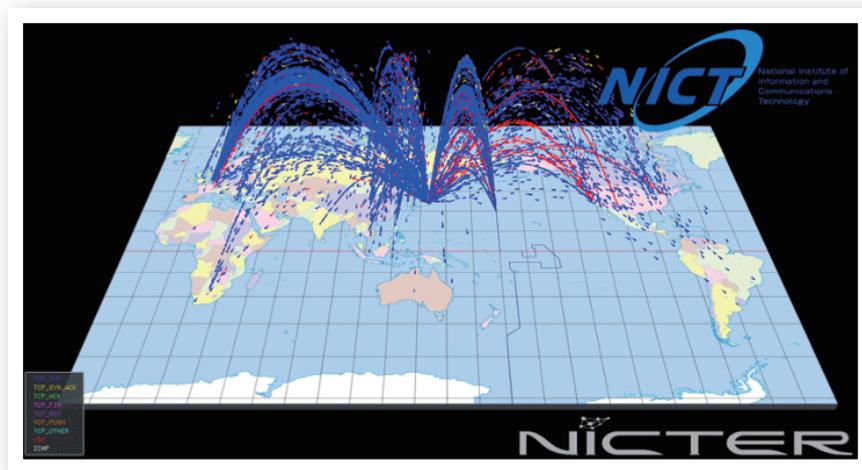
Criminal procedure for prosecuted juveniles is basically the same as that for those aged 20 or older. A court, however, shall, by a ruling, transfer a case to a family court if it is found appropriate to subject a juvenile defendant to protective measures as a result of examination of facts.

If a juvenile who is under 18 at the time of the sentence is to be punished with imprisonment for a definite term, and the sentence is not suspended, the juvenile must be given a **sentence of imprisonment for indefinite terms**. At the same time the court has to determine the minimum and the maximum imprisonment terms within the limit stipulated by statute (indeterminate sentence; the minimum and the maximum terms cannot exceed 10 and 15 years, respectively).

If a person who is under 18 at the time of committing an offense is to be punished with the death penalty, life imprisonment shall be imposed. If a person who is under 18 at the time of committing an offense is to be punished with life imprisonment, imprisonment for a definite term may be imposed. In this case, the term of imprisonment imposed shall be neither less than 10 years nor more than 20 years.

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Specific Types of Offenses/Offenders



Observation Status of Cyberattack-related Communications

Source: National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)

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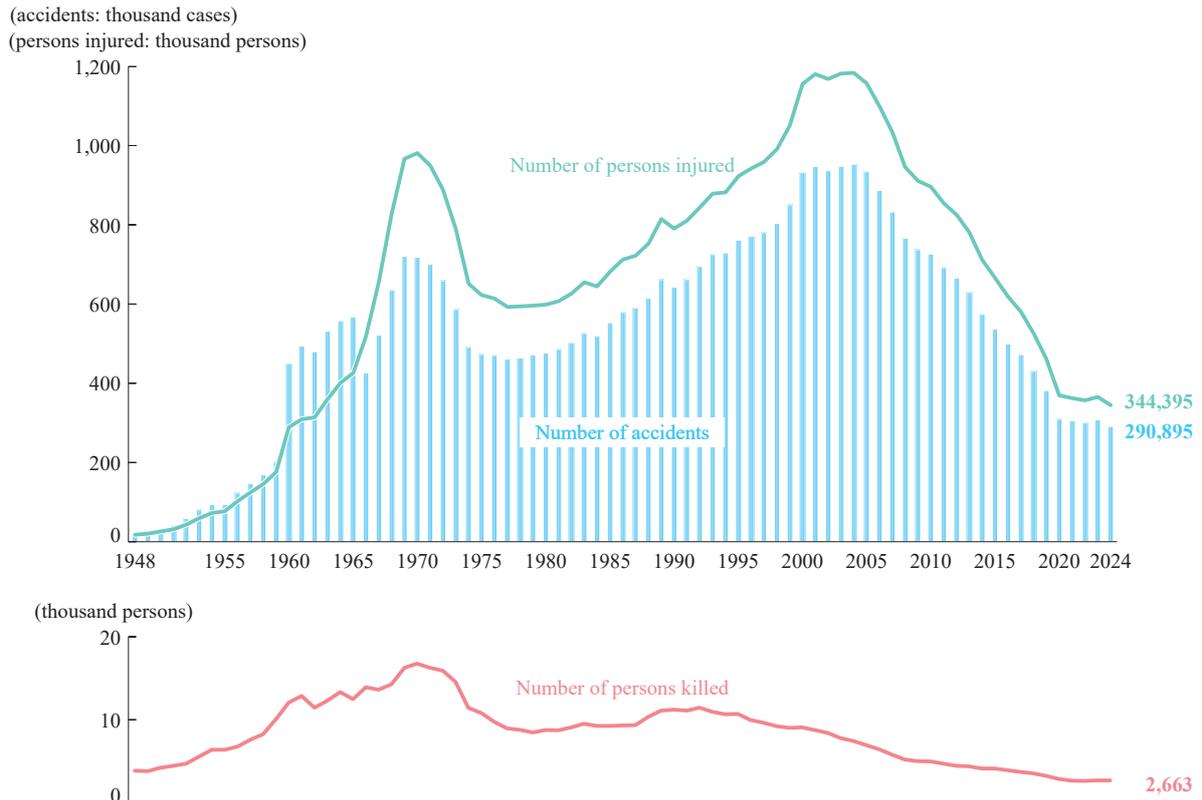
Chapter 1 Traffic Offenses

Section 1 Occurrence of Traffic Accidents

Fig. 4-1-1-1 shows the trend in traffic accidents and persons killed or injured in those accidents since 1948.

Fig. 4-1-1-1 Traffic accidents: accidents occurred and persons killed/injured

(1948-2024)



- Notes: 1. "Number of accidents" refer to the traffic accidents that occurred on the "road" as defined in Article 2, paragraph (1), item (i) of the Road Traffic Act, and the numbers since 1966 are limited to fatal/injurious accidents.
 2. Numbers for "Number of accidents" and "Number of persons injured" before 1959 do not include accidents that resulted either in an injury requiring a week or less for recovery, or property damage of 20,000 yen or less.
 3. "Number of persons killed" accounts for those who died within 24 hours after the accident.

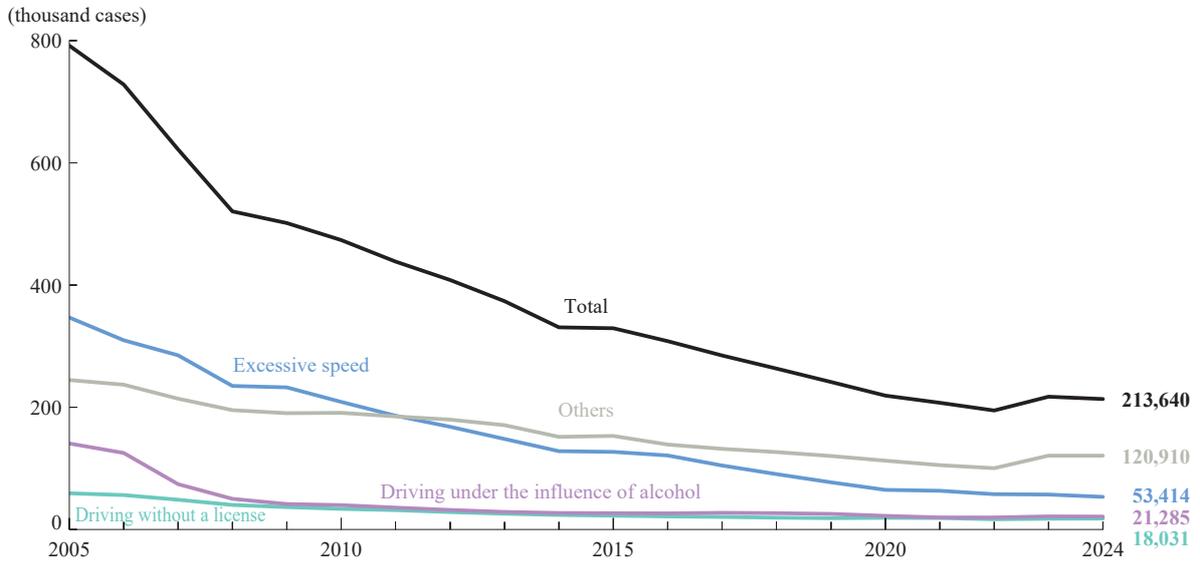
Source: The Traffic Bureau, National Police Agency

Section 2 Road Traffic-related Violations

Fig. 4-1-2-1 shows the trend in cases referred to public prosecutors for road traffic-related violations.

Fig. 4-1-2-1 Road traffic-related violations: referred cases

(2005-2024)



Note: "Others" include violations by light vehicles.
Source: The Traffic Bureau, National Police Agency

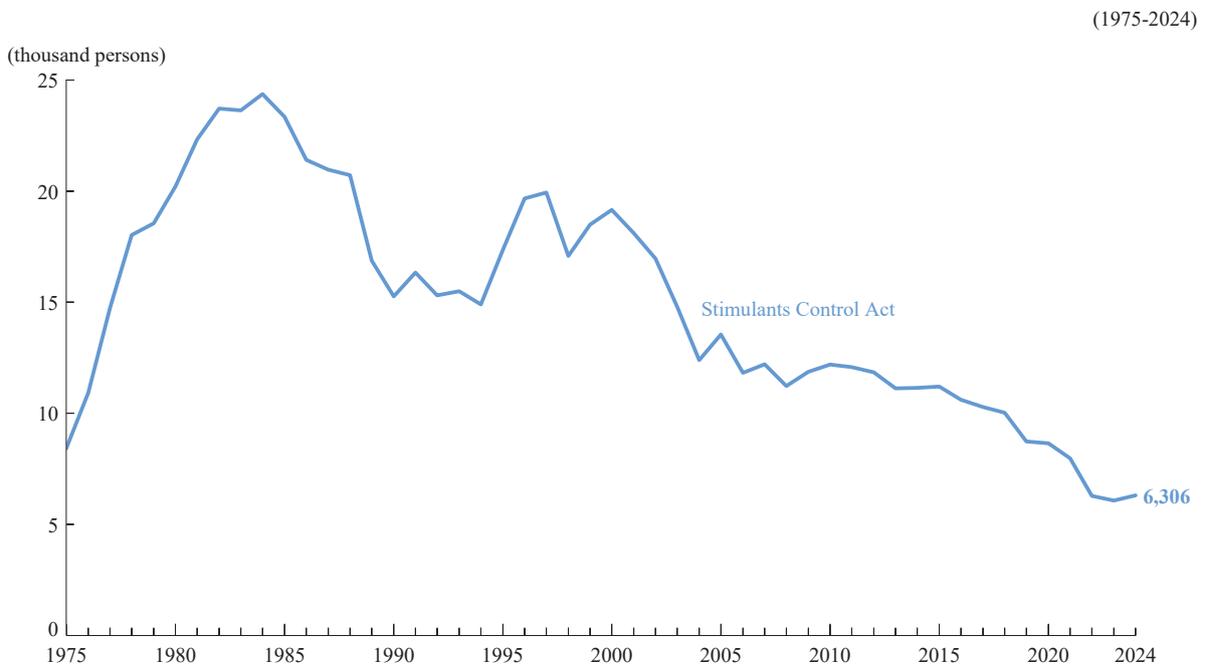
Chapter 2 Drug Offenses

Section 1 Trends in Offenses

1 Stimulants Control Act violations

Fig. 4-2-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons cleared for violations of the **Stimulants Control Act** (Act No. 252 of 1951) (including violations of the **Act Concerning Special Provisions for the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act, etc. and Other Matters for the Prevention of Activities Encouraging Illicit Conducts and Other Activities Involving Controlled Substances through International Cooperation** (Act No. 94 of 1991; hereinafter referred to as “**Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics**” concerning stimulants) (including those cleared by special judicial police officers) since 1975.

Fig. 4-2-1-1 Violations of Stimulants Control Act: cleared persons



Notes: 1. Numbers include persons cleared for violations of the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics concerning stimulants.

2. Numbers include persons cleared by the police or special judicial police officers.

Source: The Pharmaceutical Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (for data from 2016)

The Cabinet Office (for data from 2008 up to 2015)

The Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (for data up to 2007)

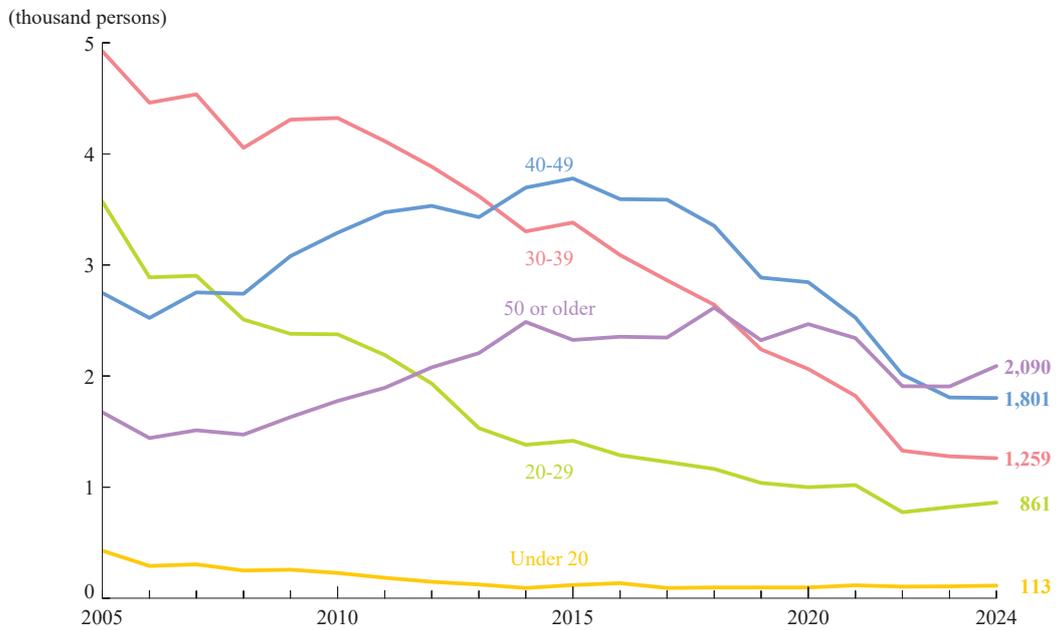
The Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency (for data up to 2007)

The Guard and Rescue Department, Japan Coast Guard (for data up to 2007)

Fig. 4-2-1-2 shows the number of persons cleared (limited to those cleared by the police) for violations of the Stimulants Control Act by age group.

Fig. 4-2-1-2 Violations of Stimulants Control Act: cleared persons by age group

(2005-2024)



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.

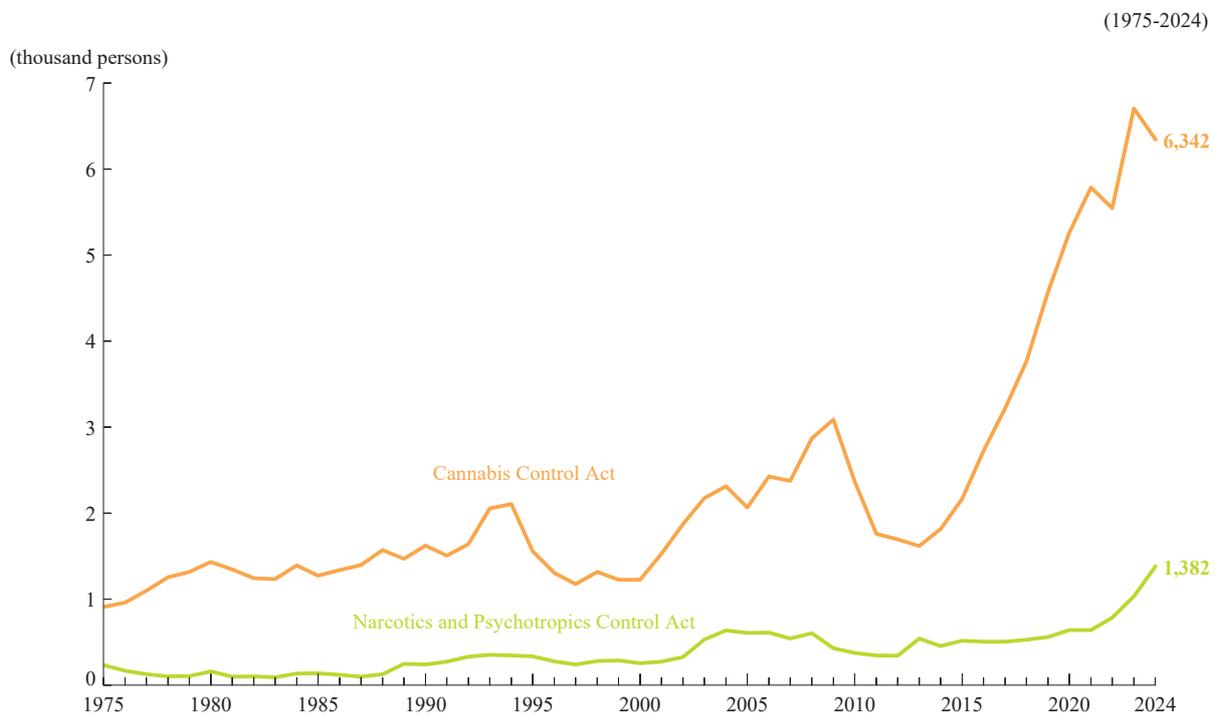
2. Numbers include persons cleared for violations of the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics concerning stimulants and are limited to persons cleared by the police.

Source: The Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency

2 Cannabis and other drug-related offenses

Fig. 4-2-1-3 shows the trend in the number of persons cleared for violations of the **Cannabis Control Act** (Act No. 124 of 1948) and **Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act** (Act No. 14 of 1953) (including violations of the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics pertaining to cannabis, and narcotic and psychotropic drugs, respectively; while the Cannabis Control Act includes violations of the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act pertaining to cannabis, the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act excludes violations of the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act pertaining to cannabis) (including those cleared by special judicial police officers) since 1975.

Fig. 4-2-1-3 Violations of Cannabis Control Act and Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act: cleared persons by type of offense



Notes: 1. Numbers include persons cleared by the police or special judicial police officers.

2. "Cannabis Control Act" includes violations of the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No. 84 of 2023, Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act pertaining to cannabis, and the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics pertaining to cannabis.

3. "Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act" includes violations of the Act on Special Provisions for Narcotics pertaining to narcotic and psychotropic drugs and excludes violations of the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act pertaining to cannabis.

Source: The Pharmaceutical Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (for data from 2016)

The Cabinet Office (for data from 2008 up to 2015)

The Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (for data up to 2007)

The Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency (for data up to 2007)

The Guard and Rescue Department, Japan Coast Guard (for data up to 2007)

3 Offenses related to new psychoactive substance

Table 4-2-1-4 shows the trend in the number of persons cleared (limited to those cleared by the police) for offenses related to **new psychoactive substances** (substances produced to have chemical structure and pharmacological effects similar to controlled substances (stimulants, cannabis, narcotics and psychotropic, opium and opium poppies) or designated substances (designation under Article 2, Paragraph (15) of the **Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices** (Act No. 145 of 1960; hereinafter referred to as “**Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act**”)); they include substances falsely presented as not containing controlled/designated substances), by type of law and regulation.

Table 4-2-1-4 New psychoactive substances: cleared persons by type of regulation

(2020-2024)

Applied regulations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	150	145	279	424	657
Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act (Pharmaceutical Affairs Act)	131	111	242	320	398
Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act	19	34	37	104	259
Traffic offenses	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: 1. Numbers are limited to persons cleared by the police.

2. Persons cleared for more than one offense are counted only for the most severe offense.

3. “New psychoactive substances (NPS)” refers to substances produced to have chemical structure and pharmacological effects similar to controlled substances (stimulants, cannabis, narcotics/psychotropics, opium and opium poppies) or designated substances (designation under Article 2, paragraph (15) of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act). They include substances falsely presented as not containing controlled/designated substances.

4. “Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act (Pharmaceutical Affairs Act)” accounts for the offenses only if designated substances are detected from the NPSs relevant to the offense.

5. “Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act” accounts for the offenses only if narcotics are detected from the NPSs relevant to the offense.

6. “Traffic offenses” refers to offenses of dangerous driving causing death or injury, negligent driving offenses causing death or injury and violations of the Road Traffic Act.

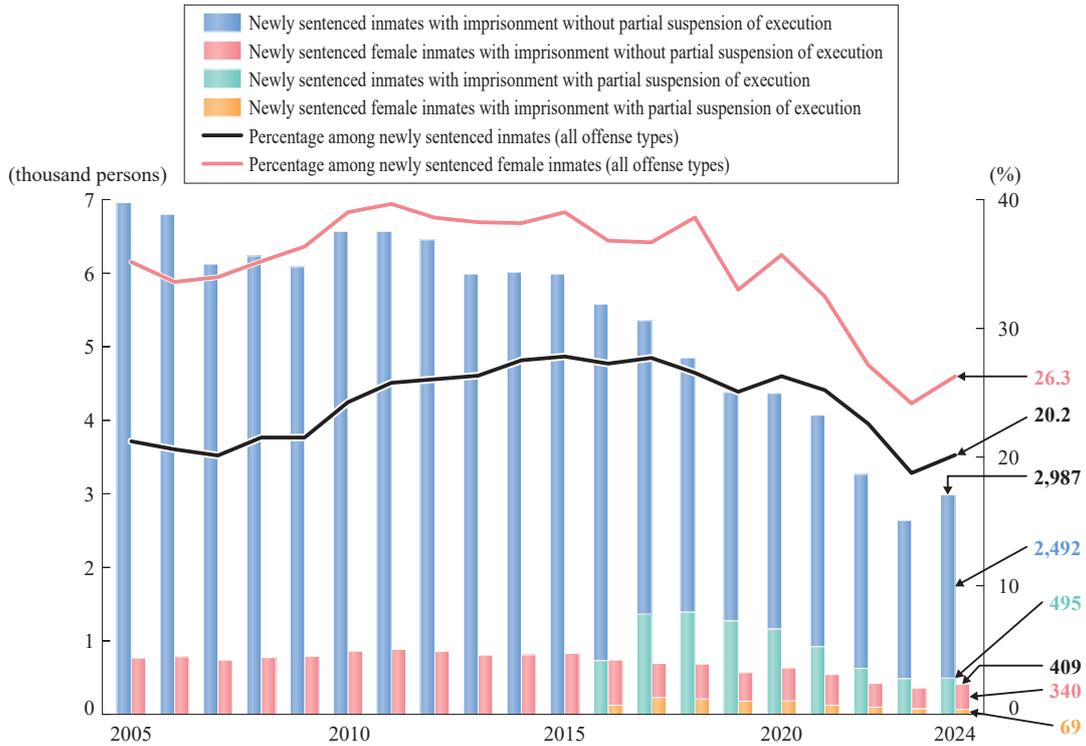
Source: The Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency

Section 2 Treatment of Drug Offenders

Fig. 4-2-2-1 shows the trend in the number of newly sentenced inmates for violations of the Stimulants Control Act.

Fig. 4-2-2-1 Violations of Stimulants Control Act: newly sentenced inmates

(2005-2024)



Note: "Newly sentenced (female) inmates with imprisonment with partial suspension of execution" have been recorded since 2016, with the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction



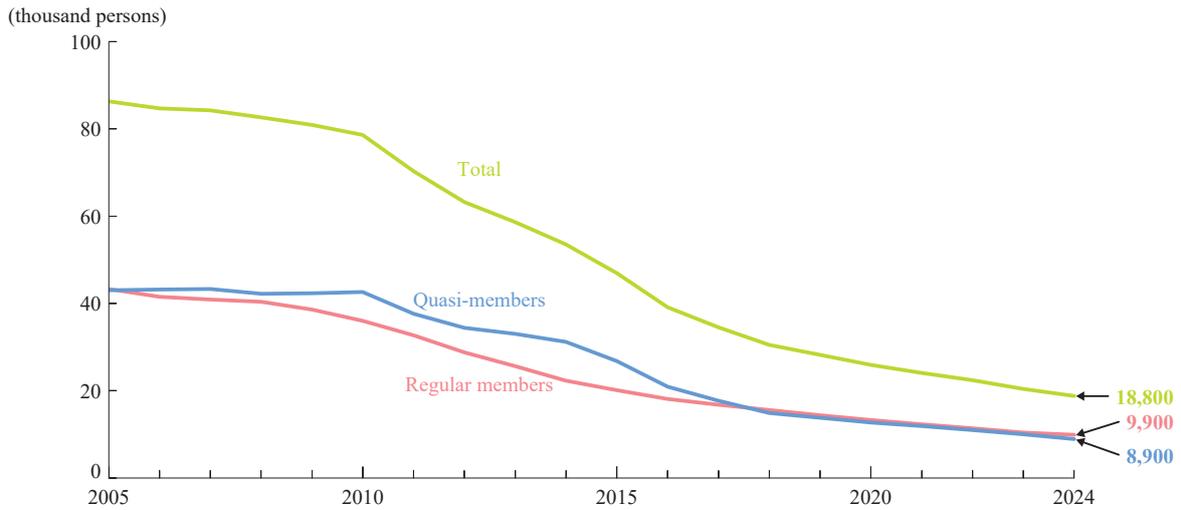
Chapter 3 Organized Crime

Section 1 Trends in Organized Crime Groups

Fig. 4-3-1-1 shows the trend in the number of members and quasi-members of organized crime groups identified as *Boryokudan*.

Fig. 4-3-1-1 Members/quasi-members of *Boryokudan*

(2005-2024)



Notes: 1. "Total" may not be the exact sum of "Regular members" and "Quasi-members" because numbers are rough estimates of year-end members.

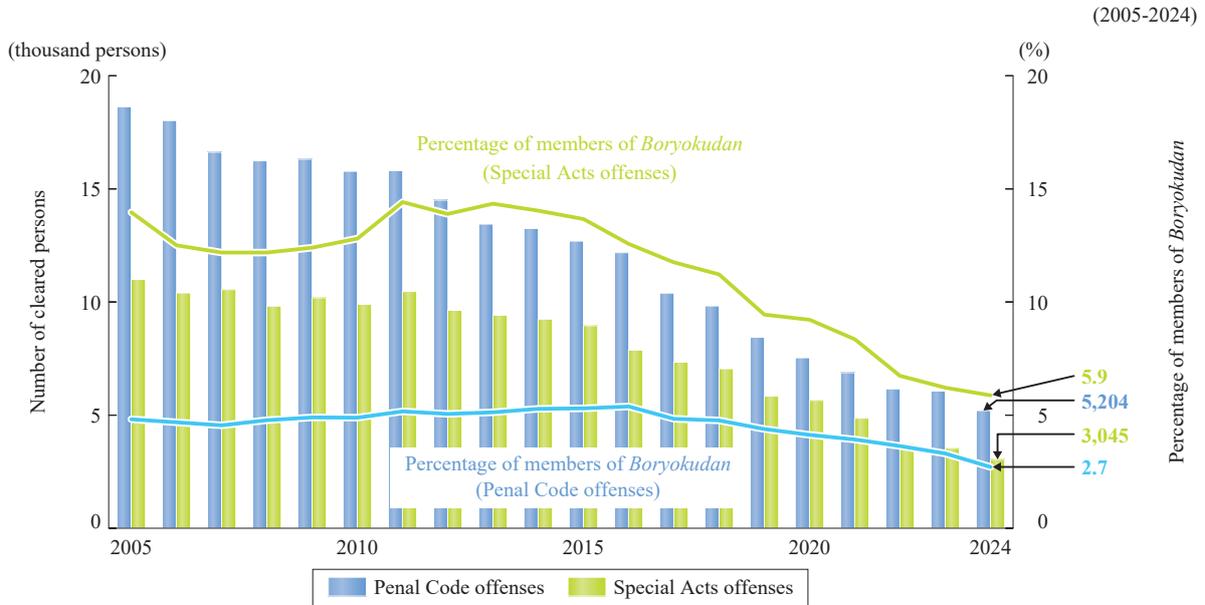
2. "Quasi-members" refer to persons who are associated with *Boryokudan* and may commit illegal and/or violent acts backed by power of a group, or those who cooperate with or are involved in maintenance/management of the group by providing funding.

Source: The Criminal Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency

Section 2 Trends in Offenses

Fig. 4-3-2-1 shows the trend in the number of *Boryokudan* members, etc. cleared for Penal Code offenses and Special Acts offenses (excluding violations of traffic-related Acts).

Fig. 4-3-2-1 Members of *Boryokudan* cleared (Penal Code offenses/Special Acts offenses)



Notes: 1. “Members of *Boryokudan*” refer to members or quasi-members of *Boryokudan* and others around them.
 2. The number of *Boryokudan* members cleared for Special Acts offenses excludes violations of traffic-related Acts.
 3. “Percentage of members of *Boryokudan*” refers to the percentage of members of *Boryokudan* among the total number of cleared persons.
 Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

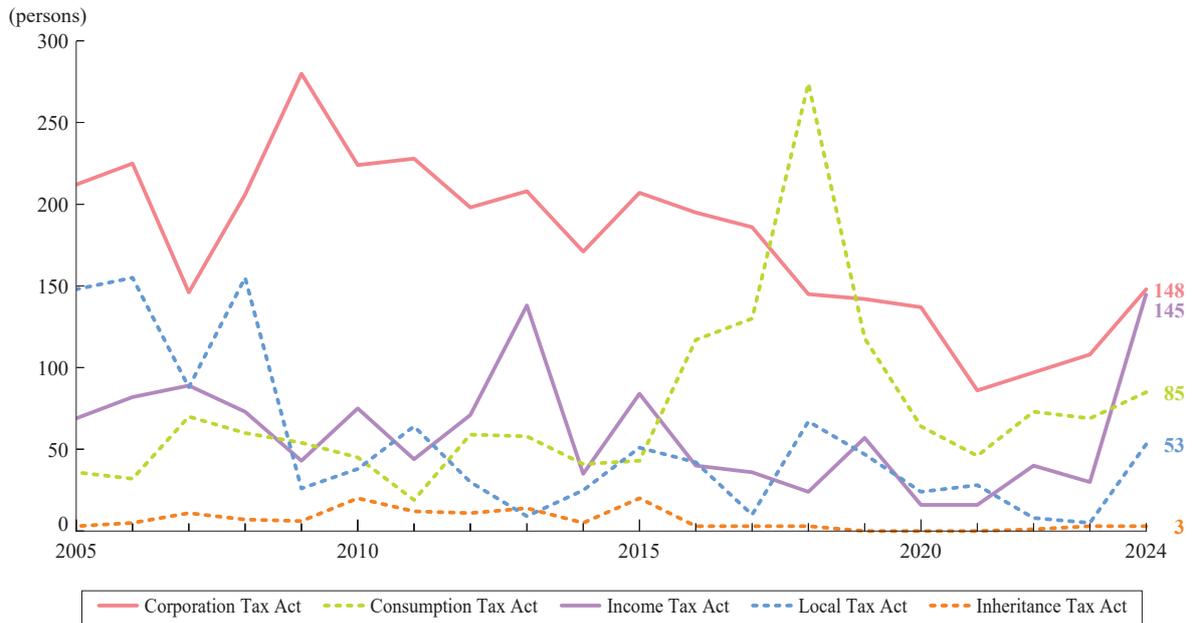
Chapter 4 Financial and Economic Offenses

Section 1 Tax-related Offenses

Fig. 4-4-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons received by public prosecutors for violations of the **Inheritance Tax Act** (Act No. 73 of 1950), the **Local Tax Act** (Act No. 226 of 1950), the **Income Tax Act** (Act No. 33 of 1965), the **Corporation Tax Act** (Act No. 34 of 1965), and the **Consumption Tax Act** (Act No. 108 of 1988).

Fig. 4-4-1-1 Tax violations: persons received by public prosecutors

(2005-2024)



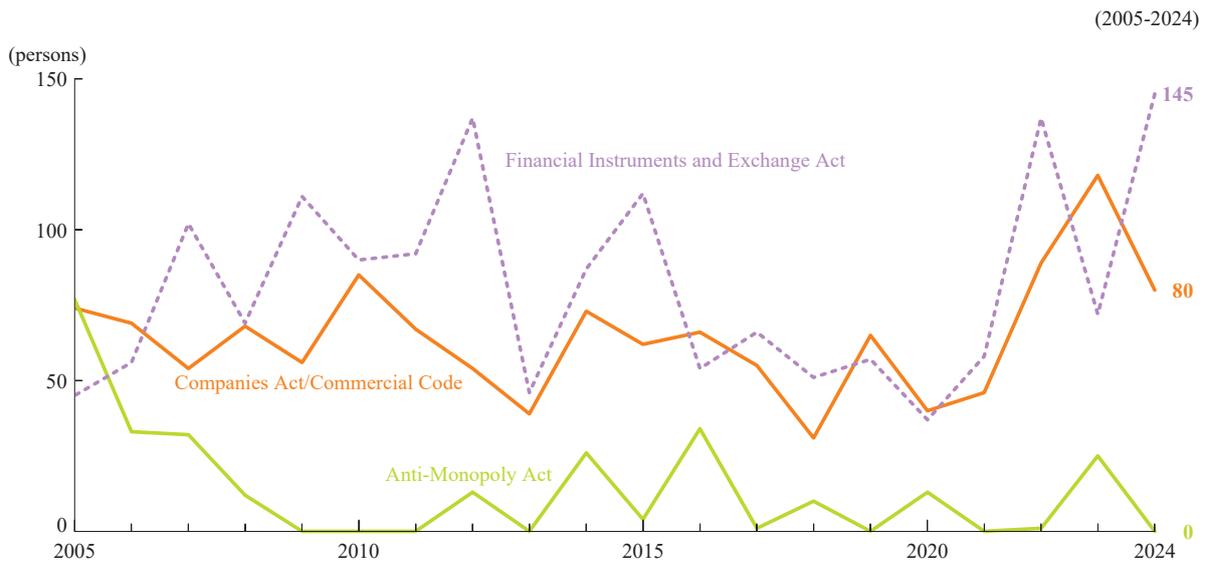
Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

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Section 2 Economic Offenses

Fig. 4-4-2-1 shows the trend in the number of persons received by public prosecutors for violations of the **Companies Act** (Act No. 86 of 2005)/the **Commercial Code** (Act No. 48 of 1899, prior to its amendment by Act No. 87 of 2005), the **Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade** (Act No. 54 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as “**Anti-Monopoly Act**”), and the **Financial Instruments and Exchange Act** (Act No. 25 of 1948; the Act was titled “**Securities and Exchange Act**” prior to its amendment on September 30, 2007).

Fig. 4-4-2-1 Violations of Companies Act/Commercial Code, etc.: persons received by public prosecutors



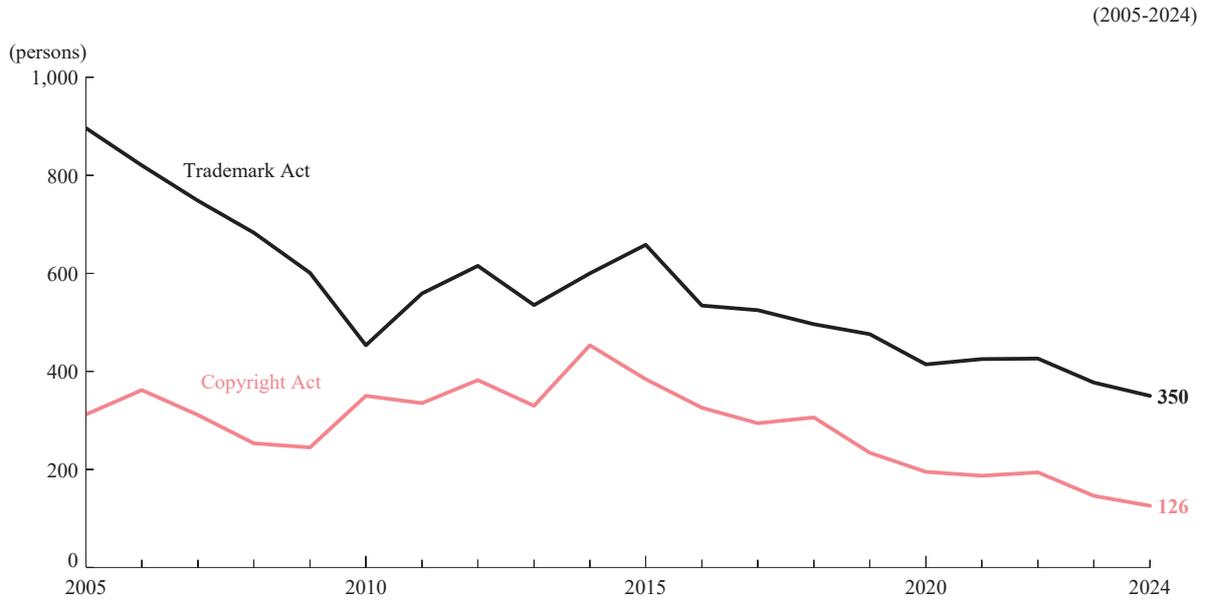
Note: “Companies Act/Commercial Code” refers to violations of the Companies Act (Act No. 86 of 2005) and the Commercial Code (Act No. 48 of 1899) prior to its amendment by Act No. 87 of 2005.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Section 3 Intellectual Property-related Offenses

Fig. 4-4-3-1 shows the trend in the number of persons received by public prosecutors for violations of the Trademark Act (Act No. 127 of 1959) and the Copyright Act (Act No. 48 of 1970).

Fig. 4-4-3-1 Violations of Trademark Act and Copyright Act: persons received by public prosecutors

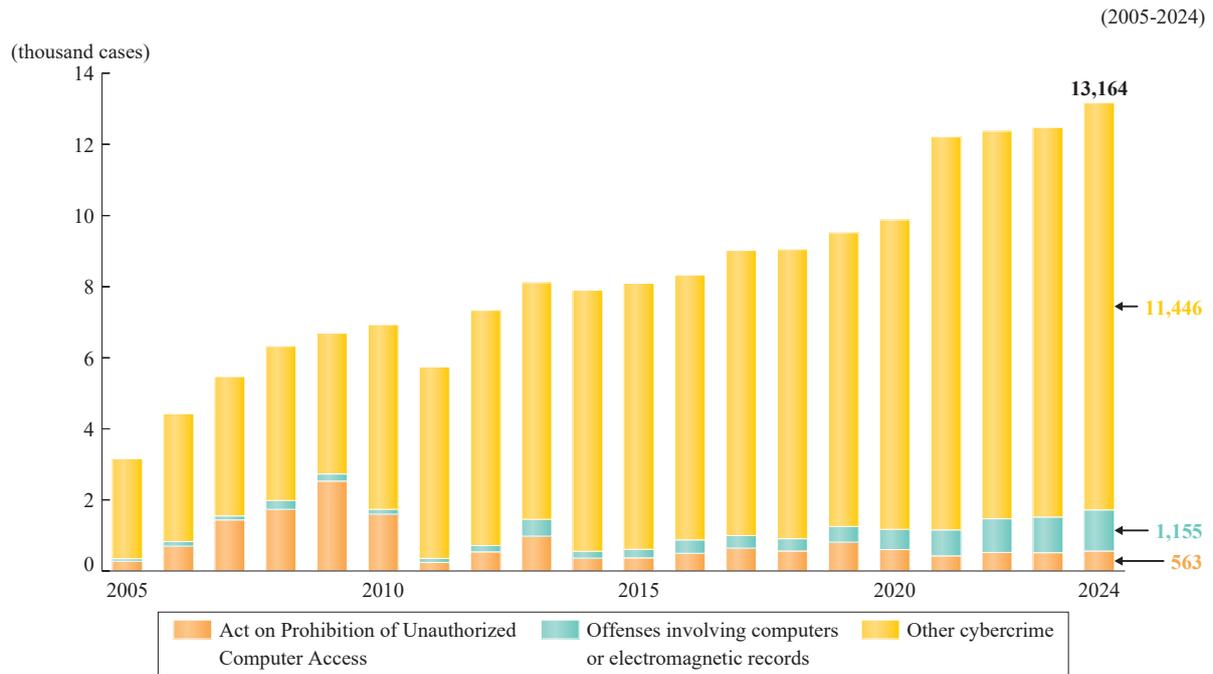


Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

Chapter 5 Cybercrime

Fig. 4-5-1 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases of cybercrimes (violations of the **Act on Prohibition of Unauthorized Computer Access** (Act No. 128 of 1999), offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records, and other offenses using computer networks as vital tools of the crime).

Fig. 4-5-1 Cybercrime: cleared cases



- Notes: 1. "Offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records" refers to unauthorized creation or damaging of electromagnetic records (including unauthorized creation of electromagnetic records of payment cards), obstruction of business by damaging a computer, computer fraud and offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XIX-2 of the Penal Code.
2. "Other cybercrime" includes cybercrime among offenses such as fraud, violations of the Act on Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds (Act No. 22 of 2007), etc.

Source: Cyber Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency



Table 4-5-2 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases for offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records, violation of the Act on Prohibition of Unauthorized Computer Access, etc.

Table 4-5-2 Offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records, etc.: cleared cases

(2020-2024)

Year	Offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records	Unauthorized creation or damaging of electromagnetic records	Obstruction of business by damaging a computer	Computer fraud	Making of electromagnetic records containing unauthorized commands	Crimes related to electromagnetic records of payment cards	Act on Prohibition of Unauthorized Computer Access
2020	563	15	17	511	20	91	609
2021	729	14	13	692	10	61	429
2022	948	12	11	918	7	-	522
2023	1,000	20	16	950	14	4	521
2024	1,155	13	28	1,096	18	16	563

Notes: 1. “Unauthorized creation or damaging of electromagnetic records” includes cleared cases of the unauthorized creation of electromagnetic records of payment cards which are also part of numbers for “Crimes related to electromagnetic records of payment cards”.

2. “Making of electromagnetic records containing unauthorized commands” refers to offenses provided in Part II, Chapter XIX-2 of the Penal Code.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
Cyber Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency

Table 4-5-3 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases for cybercrimes other than violations of the Act on Prohibition of Unauthorized Computer Access Act and offenses involving computers or electromagnetic records such as fraud, violations of the **Act on Regulation and Punishment of Acts Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children** (Act No. 52 of 1999; hereinafter referred to as “**Act against Child Prostitution and Pornography**”), and other offenses using computer networks as vital tools of the crime.

Table 4-5-3 Other cybercrime: cleared cases (by type of offense)

(2020-2024)

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	8,703	11,051	10,899	10,958	11,446
Fraud	1,297	3,457	3,304	2,854	2,682
Intimidation	408	387	410	460	465
Defamation	291	315	286	361	387
Distribution of obscene objects	803	859	782	569	326
Act against Child Prostitution and Pornography	2,015	2,009	2,113	1,915	1,572
Child prostitution	577	544	553	498	338
Possession and Provision of Child Pornography, etc.	1,438	1,465	1,560	1,417	1,234
Youth Protection Ordinances	1,013	952	781	666	375
Trademark Act	306	344	297	...	...
Copyright Act	363	...	...	...	...
Anti-Stalking Act	347	325	364	465	521
Act on Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds	...	350	584	1,089	2,285
Use of an electronic or magnetic record created without due authorization	...	...	...	313	339
Others	1,860	2,053	1,978	2,266	2,494

Note: “Others” include violations of Trademark Act (since 2023), the Copyright Act (since 2021), the Act on Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds (in 2020), and the Anti-Prostitution Act.

Source: Cyber Affairs Bureau, National Police Agency



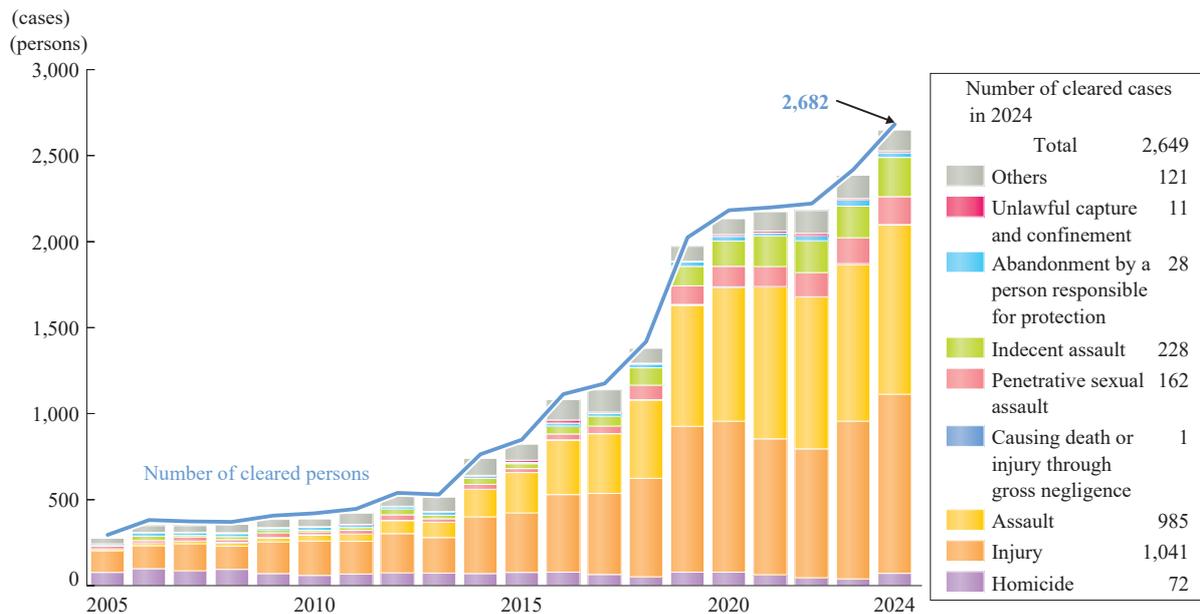
Chapter 6 Child Abuse, Spousal Violence, and Stalking-related Crimes

Section 1 Child Abuse

Fig. 4-6-1-1 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases and cleared persons for child abuse cases (cases cleared for “child abuse” defined in Article 2 of the **Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act** (Act No. 82 of 2000)), by type of offense.

Fig. 4-6-1-1 Child abuse: cases/persons cleared by type of offense

(2005-2024)



- Notes:
1. “Homicide” includes murder suicide and offenses committed by a person immediately after giving birth.
 2. “Abandonment by a person responsible for protection” and “Causing death or injury through gross negligence” include offenses committed by a person immediately after giving birth.
 3. “Injury” and “Assault” do not include offenses that aggravate the punishment as prescribed in the Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others.
 4. “Others” include violations of the Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others, violations of the Act against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, violations of the Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others, kidnapping of minors, etc.

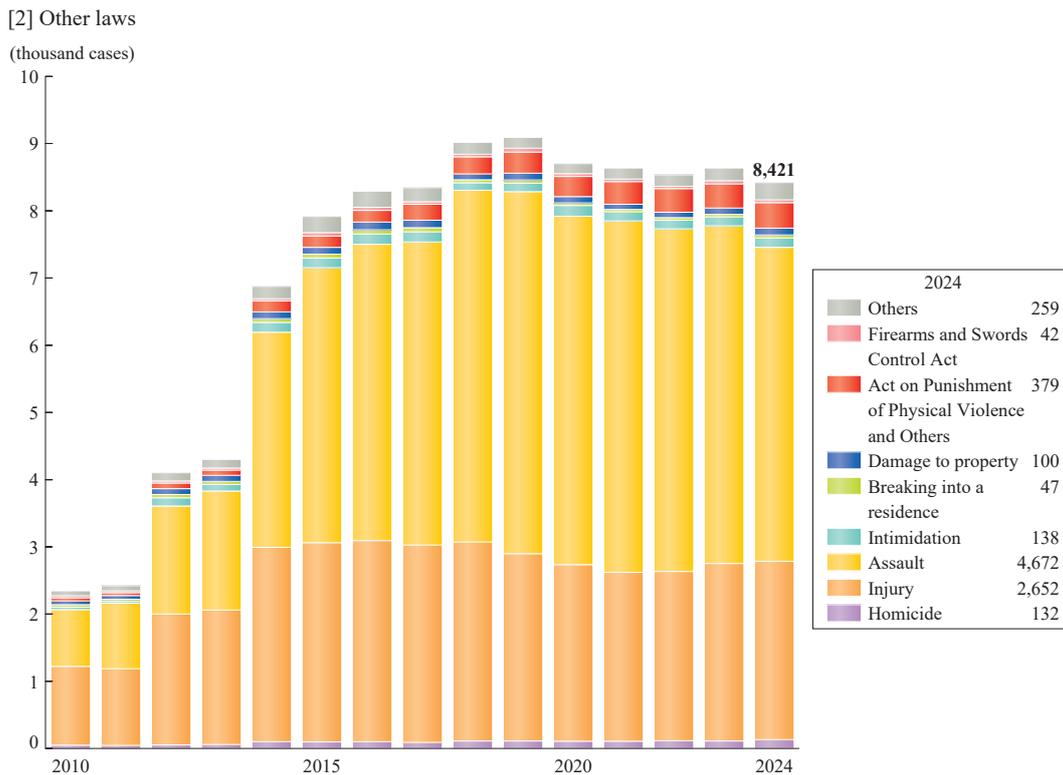
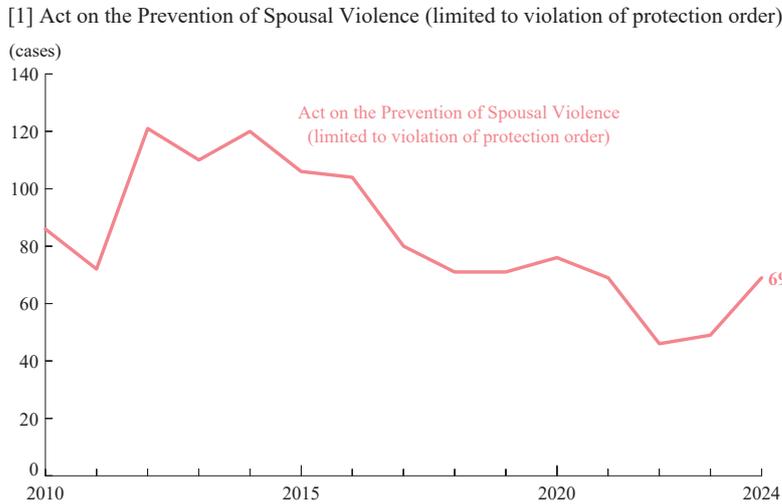
Source: The Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency

Section 2 Spousal Violence

Fig. 4-6-2-1 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases for spousal violence since 2010.

Fig. 4-6-2-1 Spousal violence: cleared cases by type of offense

(2010-2024)



- Notes: 1. Numbers include cases cleared within the same year among the consultations accepted during that year until 2023, and include every case cleared within the same year, regardless of whether or not consultations were accepted, in 2024.
2. “[1]Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence (limited to violation of protection order)” accounts for every case cleared for violations of protection orders under the provision of the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence.
3. “[2]Other laws” account for cases cleared for Penal Code offenses and Special Acts offenses excluding violations of the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence. When a person was cleared for multiple offenses, the person is only counted in the offense with the heaviest statutory penalty.
4. “[2]Other laws” include attempts if attempts are provided by law.
5. “Injury”, “Assault”, “Intimidation” and “Damage to property” do not include offenses that aggravate the punishment as prescribed in the Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others.
6. “Others” include obstruction of performance of public duty, penetrative sexual assault, arson of inhabited buildings, etc.

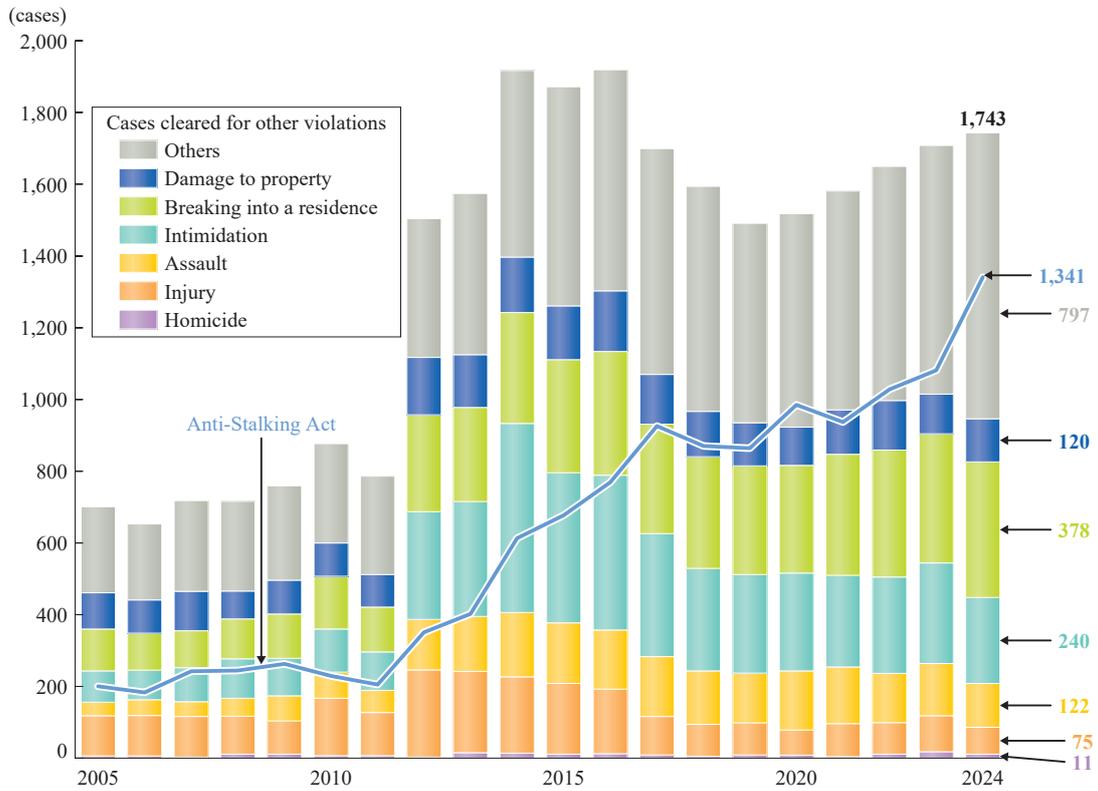
Source: The Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency

Section 3 Stalking-related Crimes

Fig. 4-6-3-1 shows the trend in the number of cleared cases for stalking-related offenses by type of offense.

Fig. 4-6-3-1 Stalking: cleared cases by type of offense

(2005-2024)



- Notes:
1. Numbers include cases cleared within the same year among the consultations accepted during that year until 2023, and include every case cleared within the same year, regardless of whether or not consultations were accepted, in 2024.
 2. "Anti-Stalking Act" accounts for every case cleared for violations of the Anti-Stalking Act, even when a person was cleared for other offenses as well and it is not the offense with the heaviest statutory penalty.
 3. "Cases cleared for other violations" account for cases cleared for Penal Code offenses and Special Acts offenses excluding Anti-Stalking Act violations. When a person was cleared for multiple offenses, the person is only counted in the offense with the heaviest statutory penalty.
 4. Numbers include attempts if attempts are provided by law.
 5. "Injury", "Assault", "Intimidation" and "Damage to property" do not include offenses that aggravate the punishment as prescribed in the Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others.
 6. "Others" include violations of anti-nuisance ordinance, theft, penetrative sexual assault, indecent assault, etc.

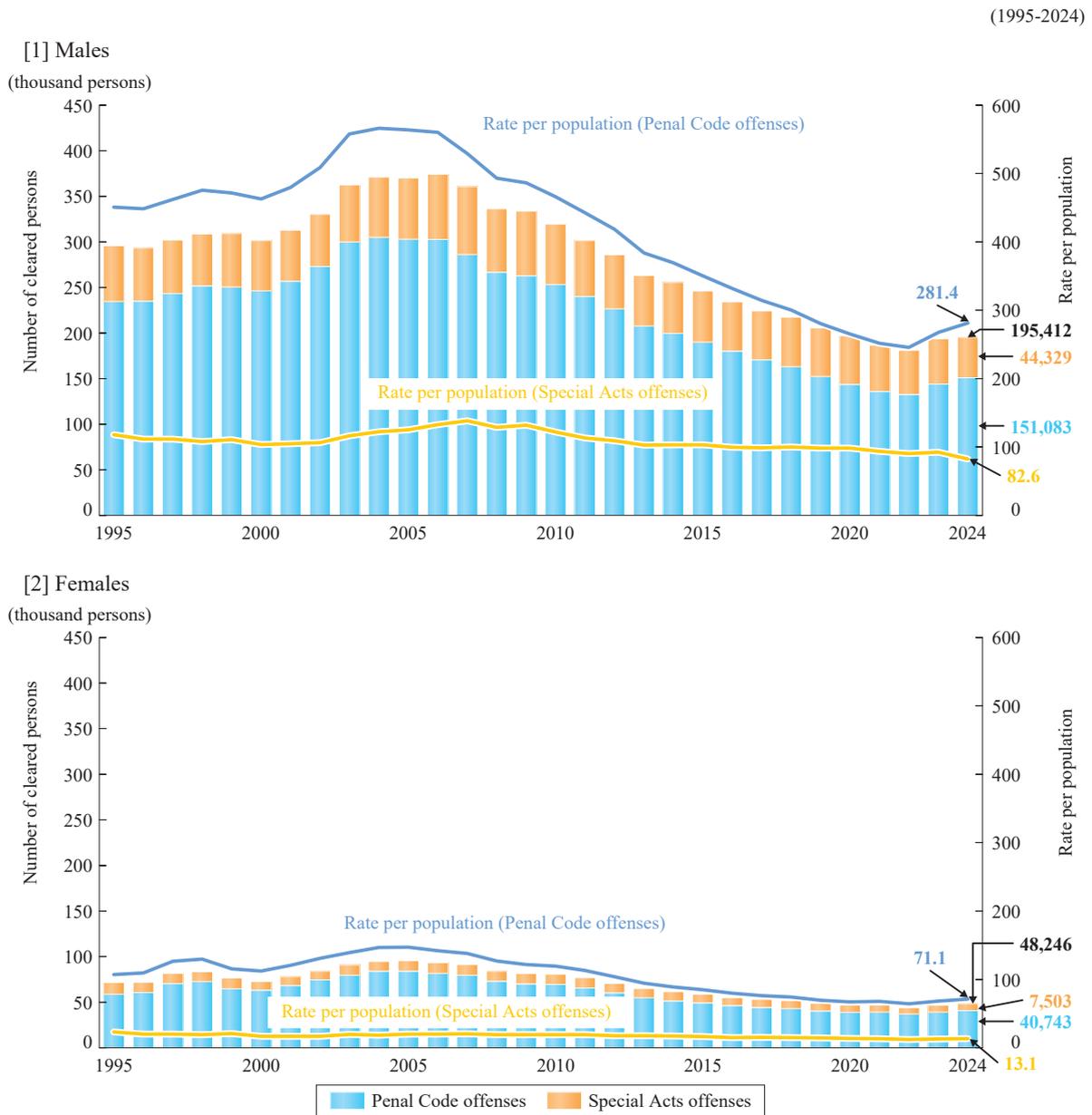
Source: The Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency

Chapter 7 Offenses Analyzed by Male/Female

Section 1 Trends in Offenses

Fig. 4-7-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses and Special Acts offenses, and rate per population (by male/female).

Fig. 4-7-1-1 Penal Code offenses and Special Acts offenses: cleared persons and rate per population (male/female)

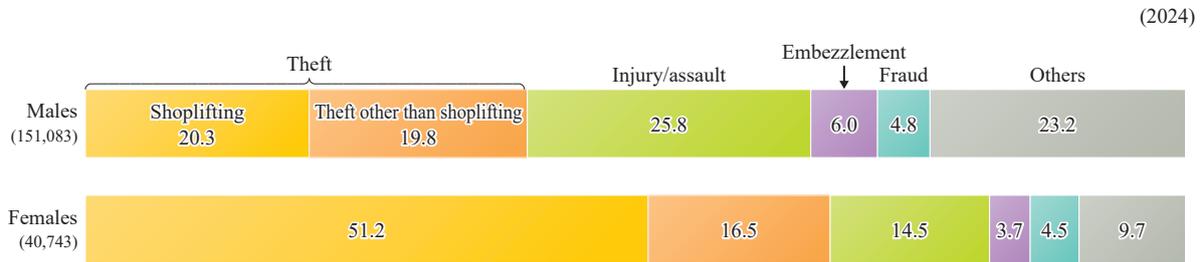


Notes: 1. "Rate per population" refers to the number of persons cleared per 100,000 population aged 14 or older by male/female.
 2. Numbers in "Special Acts offenses" exclude violations of the four traffic-related Acts until 2003 and traffic-related Acts since 2004.
 Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
 The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)



Fig. 4-7-1-2 shows the composition by type of offense committed by persons cleared for Penal Code offenses in 2024, by male/female.

Fig. 4-7-1-2 Penal Code offenses: composition by type of offense committed by cleared persons (male/female)

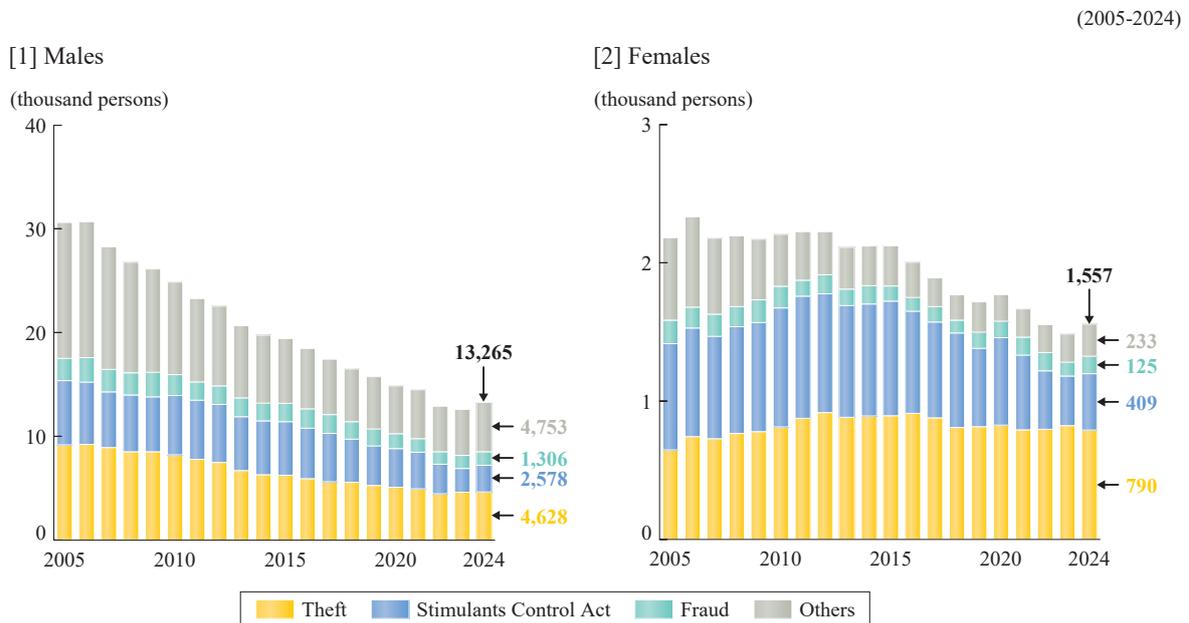


Notes: 1. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
 2. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.
 Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

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Fig. 4-7-2-1 shows the number of newly sentenced inmates by type of offense and by male/female.

Fig. 4-7-2-1 Newly sentenced inmates by type of offense (male/female)



Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

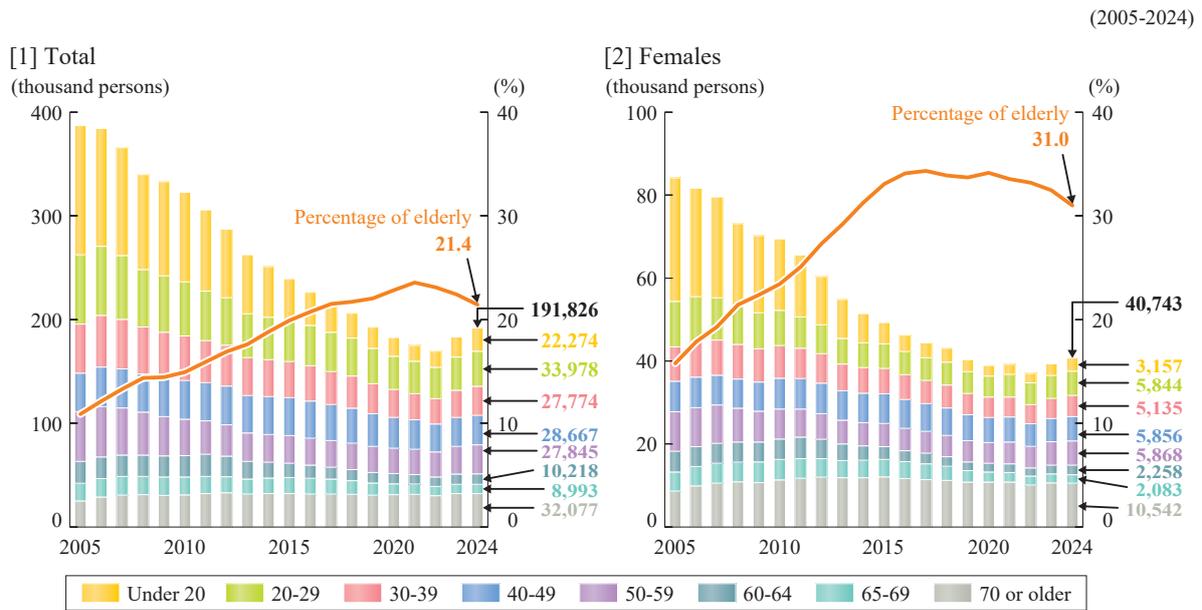
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Chapter 8 Offenses Analyzed by Age Group

Section 1 Trends in Offenses

Fig. 4-8-1-1 shows the trend in the number of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses by age group and the percentage of elderly persons among the total number of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses.

Fig. 4-8-1-1 Penal Code offenses: cleared persons by age group and percentage of elderly (total/female)



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.

2. "Percentage of elderly" refers to the percentage of elderly (female) persons among the total number of (female) persons of all age groups cleared for Penal Code offenses.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

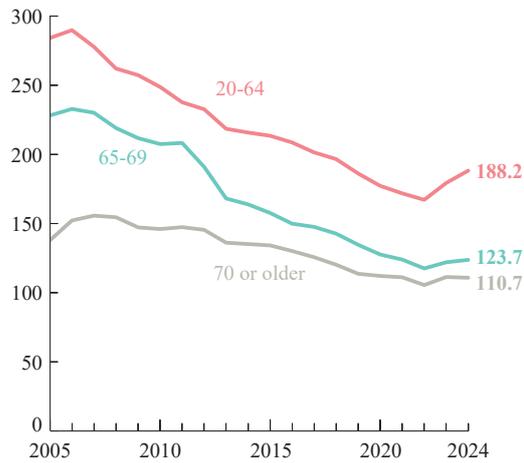


Fig. 4-8-1-2 shows the trend in the rate per population of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses by age group.

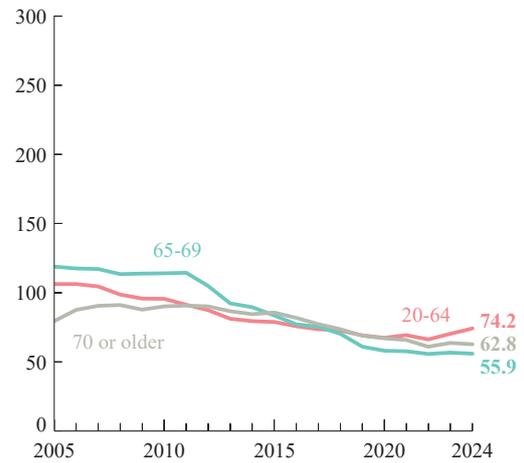
Fig. 4-8-1-2 Penal Code offenses: rate per population of cleared persons by age group (total/female)

(2005-2024)

[1] Total



[2] Females

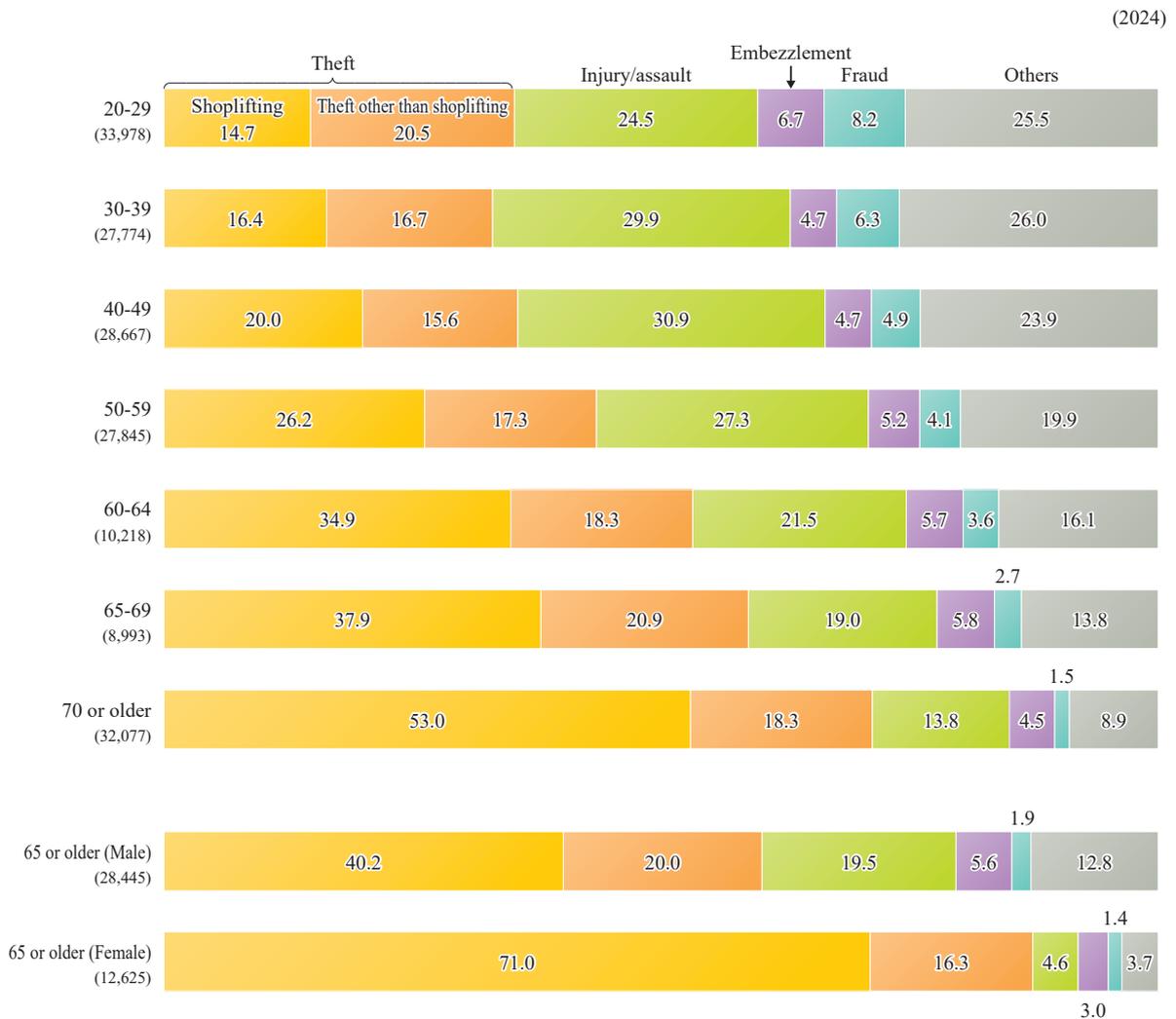


Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.
 2. "Rate per population" refers to the number of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses per 100,000 general population of the respective age groups.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
 The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

Fig. 4-8-1-3 shows the composition by type of Penal Code offense and by age group in 2024, and further shows the breakdown by male/female for the elderly.

Fig. 4-8-1-3 Penal Code offenses: composition by type of offense committed by cleared persons (by age group, etc.)



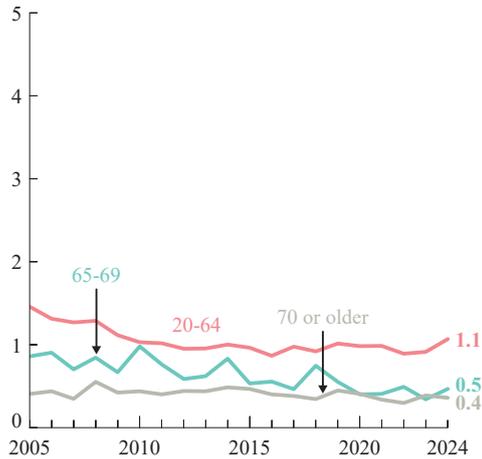
Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.
 2. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
 3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.
 Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Fig. 4-8-1-4 shows the trend in the rate per population of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses by type of offense and by age group.

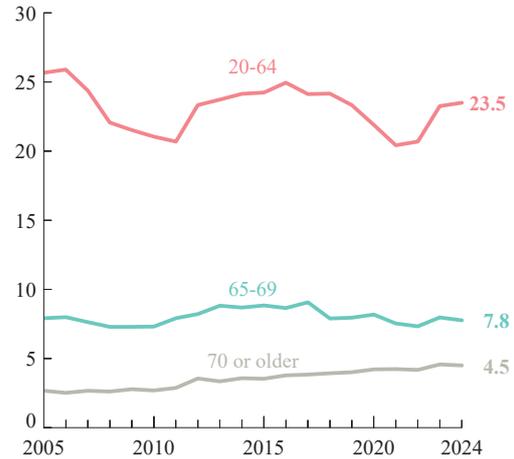
Fig. 4-8-1-4 Penal Code offenses: rate per population of cleared persons by age group (by type of offense)

(2005-2024)

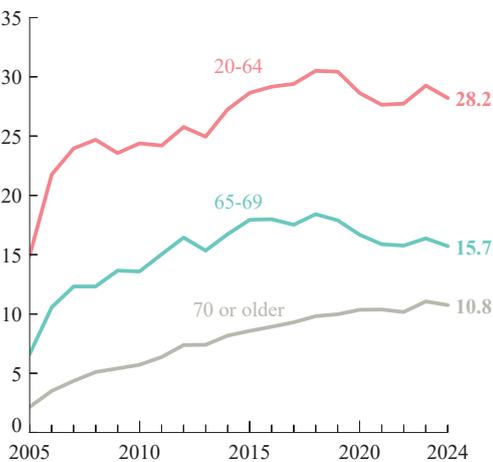
[1] Homicide



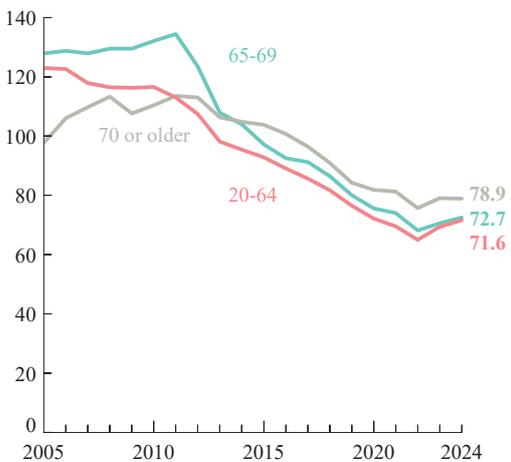
[2] Injury



[3] Assault



[4] Theft



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of the offense.

2. "Rate per population" refers to the number of cleared persons of each type of offense per 100,000 general population of the respective age groups.

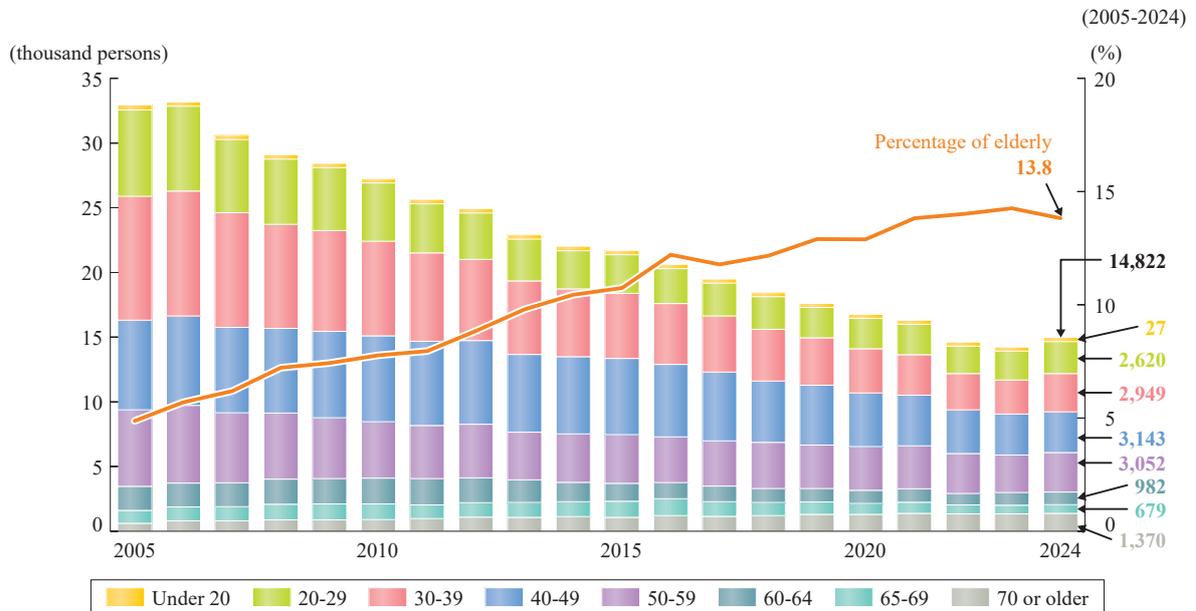
Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

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Fig. 4-8-2-1 shows the trend in newly sentenced inmates by age group and the percentage of newly sentenced elderly inmates among the total number of newly sentenced inmates.

Fig. 4-8-2-1 Newly sentenced inmates (by age group) and percentage of elderly



Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of imprisonment. However, inmates sentenced at an age younger than 20 are categorized as the age at the time of judgement, even if they are aged 20 or older at the time of imprisonment.
 2. "Percentage of elderly" refers to the percentage of newly sentenced elderly inmates among the total number of newly sentenced inmates.
 Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

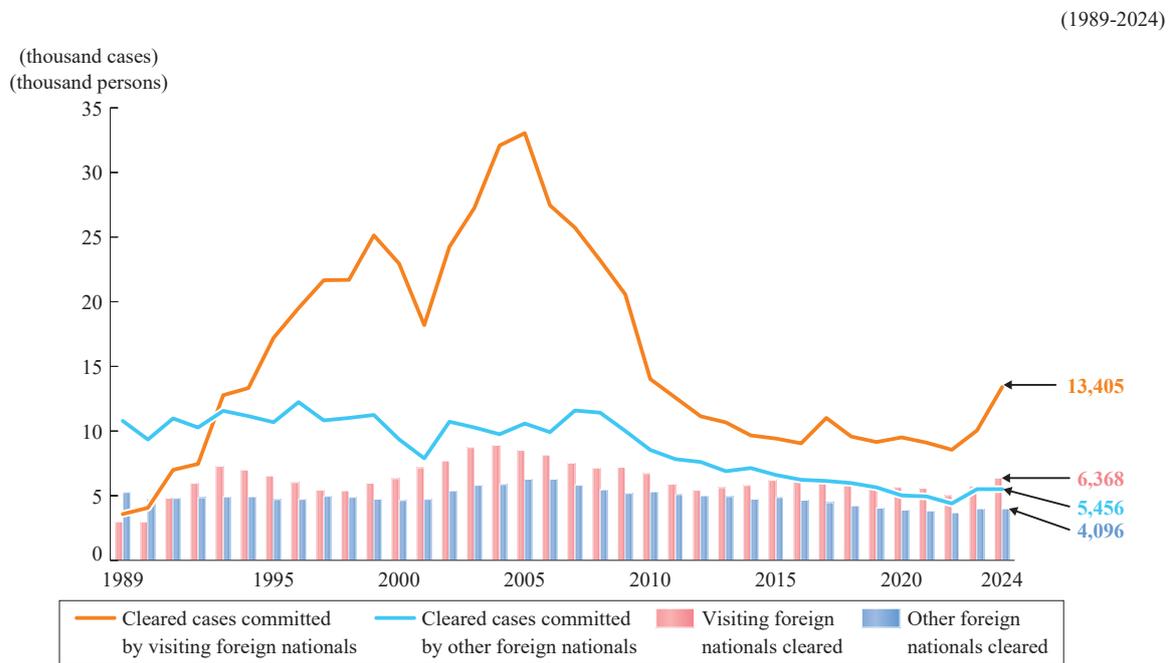
Chapter 9 Offenses Committed by Foreign Nationals

Section 1 Trends in Offenses

1 Penal Code offenses

Fig. 4-9-1-1 shows the trend in the number of cases and persons cleared for Penal Code offenses committed by visiting and other foreign nationals.

Fig. 4-9-1-1 Penal Code offenses committed by foreign nationals: cases/persons cleared



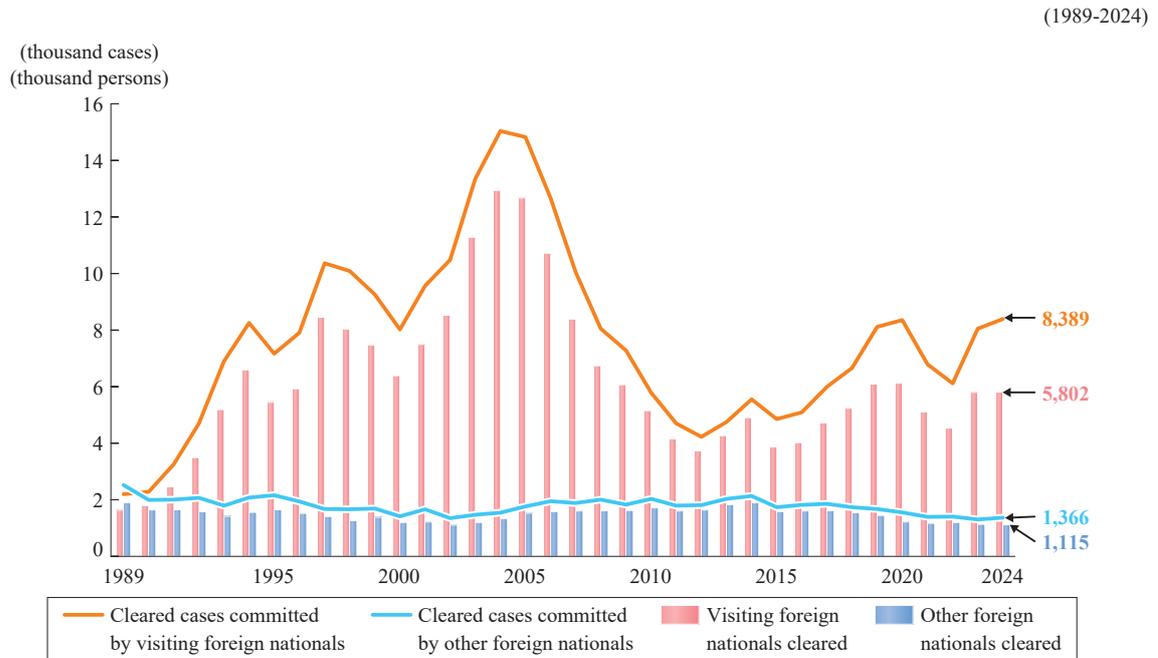
Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

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2 Special Acts offenses

Fig. 4-9-1-2 shows the trend in the number of cases and persons cleared for Special Acts offenses (excluding violations of traffic-related Acts) committed by visiting and other foreign nationals.

Fig. 4-9-1-2 Special Acts offenses committed by foreign nationals: cases/persons cleared



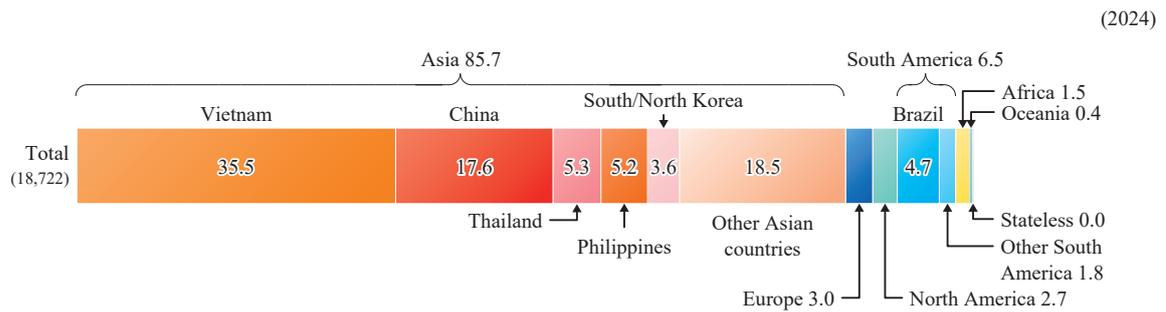
Note: Numbers exclude those cleared for violations of traffic-related Acts.
Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Section 2 Treatment

1 Prosecution

Fig. 4-9-2-1 shows the composition by nationality of visiting foreign nationals received by public prosecutors (excluding those who committed negligent driving causing death or injury and road traffic-related violations) in 2024.

Fig. 4-9-2-1 Visiting foreign nationals received by public prosecutors: composition by nationality



Notes: 1. Numbers do not include negligent driving offenses causing death or injury and road traffic-related violations.

2. Numbers exclude persons with unknown nationality.

3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

2 Corrections

The number of newly sentenced foreign national inmates was 851 in 2024 (Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction).

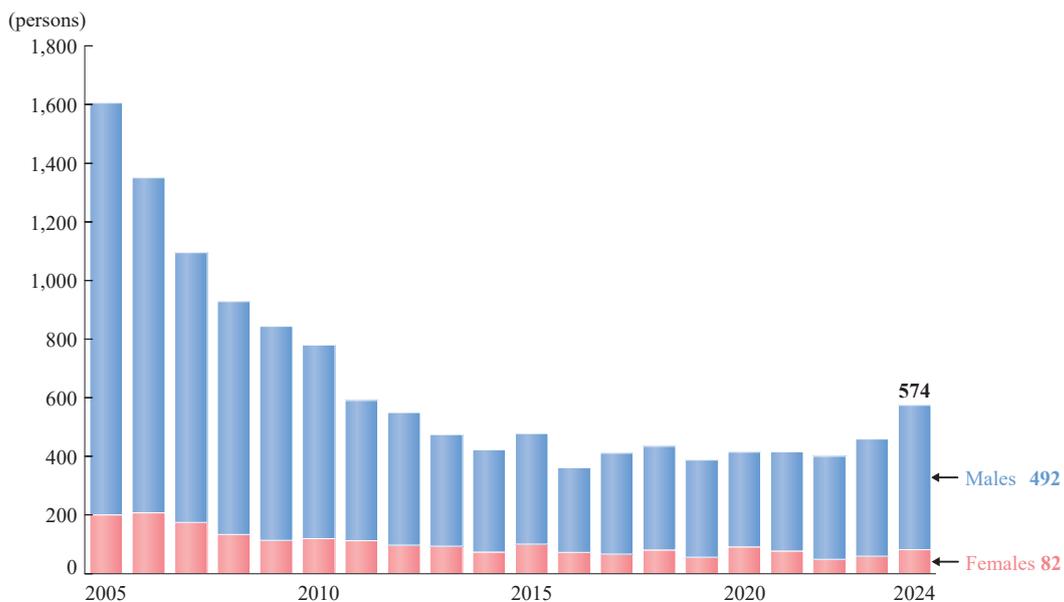
Until the enforcement in June 2025 of the Act Partially Amending the Penal Code, etc. (Act No. 67 of 2022) establishing a new category of imprisonment, sentenced inmates who require different treatment from that of Japanese sentenced inmates were categorized as F-class and provided with treatment in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

Fig. 4-9-2-2 shows the trend in the number of newly sentenced, F-class categorized inmates.

With the introduction of the imprisonment, a new treatment process for foreign nationals has been established. This process implements correctional treatment aimed at fostering the individuals' motivation and habit of working, as well as helping them organize various issues related to their post-release living environment to facilitate a smooth reintegration into society.

Fig. 4-9-2-2 Newly sentenced, F-class categorized inmates (male/female)

(2005-2024)



Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

Chapter 10 Offenses Committed by Those with Mental Disorders

Section 1 Trends in Offenses

Table 4-10-1-1 shows the number of persons with mental disorders or disabilities, or suspected mental disorders or disabilities cleared for Penal Code offenses in 2024 and the percentage thereof among the total number of persons cleared for Penal Code offenses by type of offense.

Table 4-10-1-1 Penal Code offenses committed by persons with mental disorders, etc.: cleared persons by type of offense

(2024)

Category	Total	Homicide	Robbery	Arson	Penetrative sexual assault/ indecent assault	Injury/ assault	Intimidation	Theft	Fraud	Others
Total cleared persons (A)	191,826	923	1,780	511	7,536	44,832	3,253	88,302	9,025	35,664
Persons with mental disorders, etc. (B)	1,418	66	15	63	40	461	80	264	50	379
Persons with mental disorders or disabilities	1,086	56	11	53	29	349	58	189	33	308
Persons suspected to have mental disorders or disabilities	332	10	4	10	11	112	22	75	17	71
B/A (%)	0.7	7.2	0.8	12.3	0.5	1.0	2.5	0.3	0.6	1.1

Note: "Persons with mental disorders, etc." refer to "Persons with mental disorders or disabilities" (persons with schizophrenia, acute addiction to, or dependency on, a psychoactive substance, intellectual disability, psychopathy or any other form of psychiatric disorder, who are diagnosed by a designated psychiatrist as a person to be subject to medical treatment or protection) or "Persons suspected to have mental disorders or disabilities" (persons to be notified to a prefectural governor under Article 23 of the Act on Mental Health and Welfare for Persons with Mental Disorders or Disabilities (Act No. 123 of 1950) other than persons with mental disorders or disabilities).

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Section 2 Medical Treatment and Supervision

Medical treatment and supervision covers, [1] a person who has committed a designated act (arson, penetrative sexual assault, indecent assault, homicide and robbery, including attempting to commit these offenses, and injury) but a public prosecutor has decided not to prosecute the person for reason of insanity or diminished capacity at the time of the act, and [2] a person who was either sentenced not guilty on the grounds of insanity or received a mitigated sentence on the grounds of diminished capacity at the time of the designated act (excluding a person who was sentenced to imprisonment without full suspension of execution), and whose judgment has been finalized.

A hearing for both [1] and [2] is held by a panel, consisting of a judge and a mental health expert (psychiatrist), in a district court, basically in response to an application by a prosecutor, which determines necessity and contents of medical treatment in accordance with the **Act on Medical Care and Treatment for Persons Who Have Caused Serious Cases Under the Condition of Insanity** (Act No. 110 of 2003). At the hearing, the panel may request a director of a probation office to research living conditions of those persons.

Table 4-10-2-1 shows the trend in the number of persons for whom public prosecutors applied for a hearing and the number of persons whose cases were conclusively disposed at the hearing, and those numbers by type of designated act in 2024.

Table 4-10-2-1 Persons for whom public prosecutors applied for a hearing and whose cases were disposed at district court hearings (by type of designated act)

(2024)

Type of designated act	Persons for whom public prosecutors applied for a hearing				Dispositions at district court hearings							
	Total	Non-prosecution	Finalized judgments		Total	Decision to hospitalize	Decision for outpatient care	Decision not to provide medical treatment	Rejection		Withdrawal	Rejection due to illegal application
			Not guilty	Full suspension of execution of sentence					Not found to have committed any type of designated act	Not recognized as an insane person, etc.		
Total	262	245	-	17	274	235	6	27	1	5	-	-
Arson	66	59	-	7	64	56	4	4	-	-	-	-
Penetrative sexual assault	4	2	-	2	9	5	-	4	-	-	-	-
Homicide	67	63	-	4	71	59	2	9	-	1	-	-
Injury	117	113	-	4	124	110	-	10	-	4	-	-
Robbery	8	8	-	-	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-

Notes: 1. "Type of designated act" are to come under the respective articles of the Penal Code (Cf. Article 2, paragraph (1) of the Act on Medical Care and Treatment for Persons Who Have Caused Serious Cases Under the Condition of Insanity).

2. "Arson" refers to arson of inhabited buildings, arson of uninhabited buildings, and setting fire to objects other than structures (excluding preparation for such acts), but does not include obstruction of firefighting.

3. "Penetrative sexual assault" includes indecent assault.

4. "Homicide" does not include preparation for homicide.

5. "Injury" does not include incitement of injury.

6. "Robbery" refers to robbery and constructive robbery (excluding preparation for these acts), but does not include drug-facilitated robbery.

7. "Full suspension of execution of sentence" includes those who are sentenced to imprisonment without full suspension of execution but, in effect, have no term to serve.

8. Persons who committed multiple designated acts are accounted for based on the act with the heaviest statutory penalty. If those acts have equivalent penalties, then the person is accounted for based on the act listed first in the column of type of designated act.

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics

The Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

The General Secretariat, Supreme Court

Those for whom it is decided at the hearing that there is a need for hospitalization are hospitalized in designated inpatient care hospitals (designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare; as of April 1, 2025, there were 35 designated inpatient care hospitals nationwide (Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)) where they receive specialized medical care in accordance with the system.

The managers of designated inpatient care hospitals are required to apply for a confirmation every six months of the need for subject persons to be hospitalized. They are also required to apply for discharge of subject persons from the hospitals immediately after it is deemed no longer necessary for them to be hospitalized to receive medical care.

Those who receive a decision by a panel on their need for outpatient treatment or permission to be discharged from a hospital must then receive outpatient medical care at a designated outpatient care hospital (designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare; as of April 1, 2025, there were 4,300 designated outpatient care hospitals nationwide (Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)) for three years, in principle, and are placed under mental health supervision by probation offices during the period, which aims to secure continuous medical care.

Chapter 11 Offenses Committed by Public Officials

Table 4-11-1 shows the number of persons received and conclusively disposed by public prosecutors for bribes in 2024.

Table 4-11-1 Acceptance of bribes: persons received/disposed by public prosecutors

(2024)

Category	Newly received			Conclusive dispositions							
	Total	Referred from judicial police officers	Others (initiative of public prosecutors, in response to a complaint, etc.)	Total	Prosecuted	Prosecuted for public trial	Request for summary order	Not prosecuted	Suspension of prosecution	Others	Referral to family court
Total	85	82	3	83	23	23	-	60	1	59	-
Members of the Diet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Members of the assembly of local public entities	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
National public employee	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Local public employee	77	74	3	76	17	17	-	59	-	59	-
Persons deemed as public service personnel	5	5	-	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: 1. Numbers include any offense of “acceptance of bribes”.

2. “Local public employee” includes the governor of local public entities.

3. Every police official, including those employed by the national government, is included in “Local public employee”.

4. “Persons deemed as public service personnel” are persons deemed to be personnel engaged in public service pursuant to laws and regulations.

Source: The Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

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PART 5

Repeat Offenders

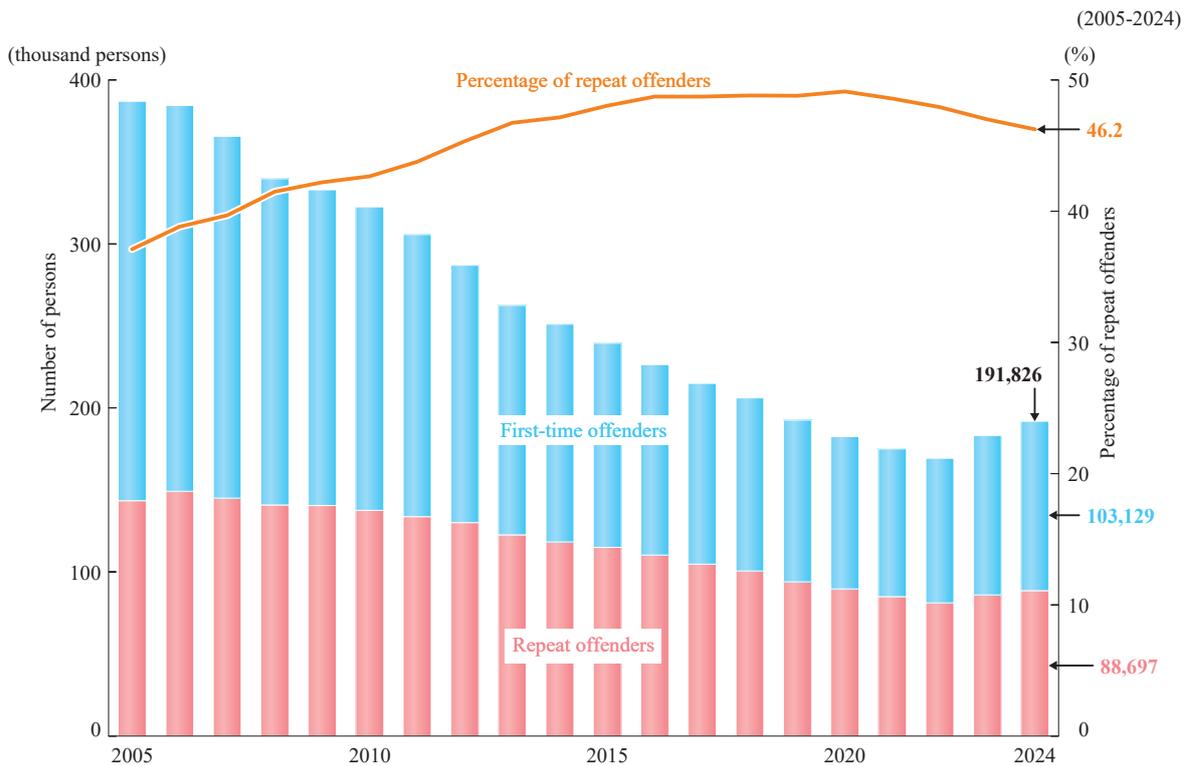


White Paper on Recidivism Prevention
Source: Secretarial Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

Chapter 1 Cleared Offenders

Fig. 5-1-1 shows the trend in the number of repeat offenders (those who had previously been cleared for an offense excluding violations of the Road Traffic Act and were cleared again) cleared for Penal Code offenses and the **percentage of repeat offenders** (the percentage of repeat offenders among the total number of cleared persons for Penal Code offenses).

Fig. 5-1-1 Penal Code offenses: repeat offenders among cleared persons, and percentage of repeat offenders



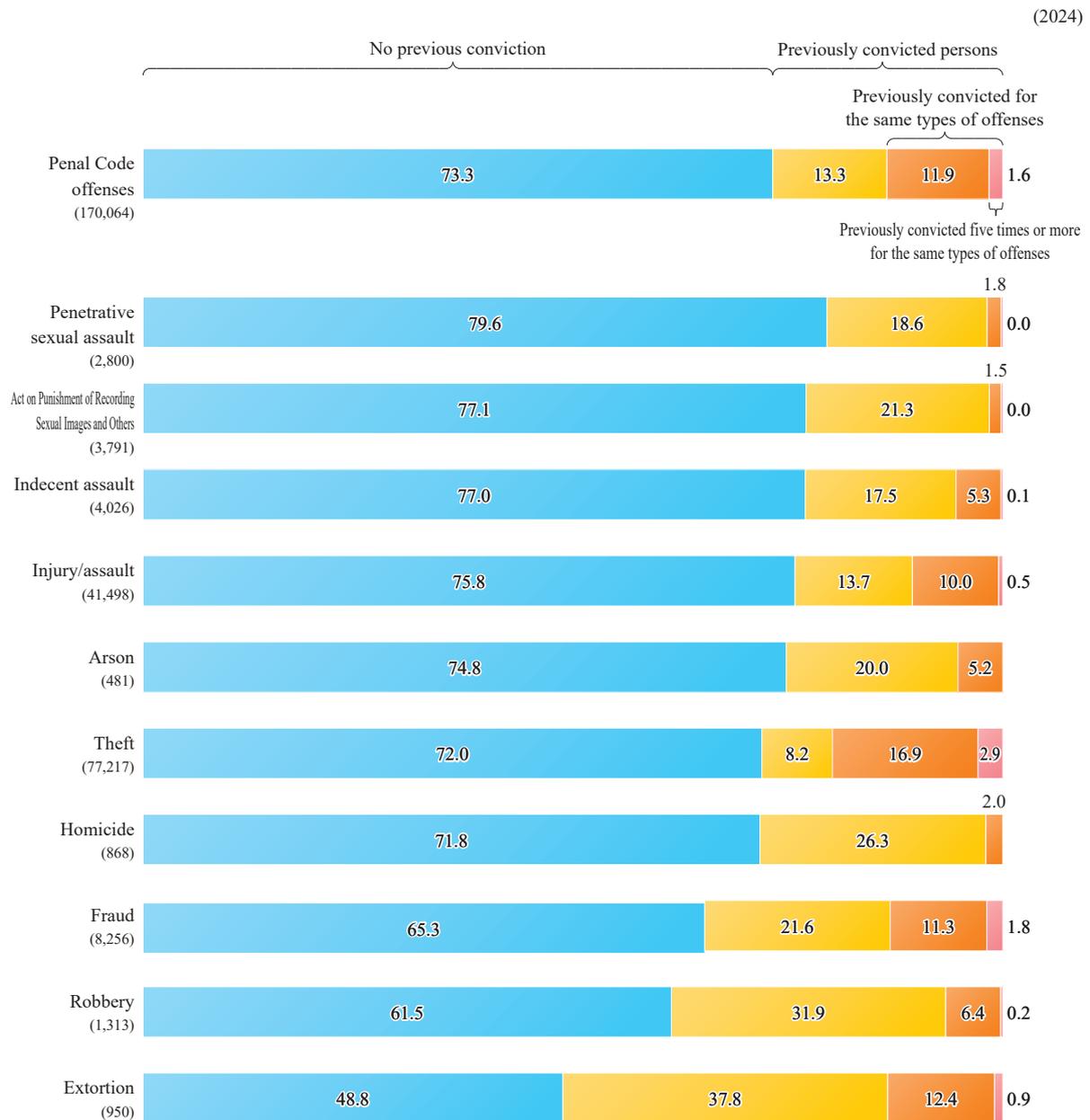
Notes: 1. "Repeat offenders" refer to those who had previously been cleared for an offense other than violations of the Road Traffic Act and were cleared again for a Penal Code offense.

2. "Percentage of repeat offenders" refers to the percentage of repeat offenders among persons cleared for Penal Code offenses.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Fig. 5-1-2 shows the composition by person with or without a previous conviction among cleared persons aged 20 or older for Penal Code offenses, by type of offense in 2024.

Fig. 5-1-2 Penal Code offenses: composition of cleared persons aged 20 or older by with/without previous convictions (by type of offense)



- Notes: 1. Numbers are based on the age at the time of clearance.
 2. "Previously convicted persons" refer to persons who have previously been convicted for an offense other than violations of the Road Traffic Act.
 3. "Previously convicted for the same types of offenses" refer to persons who have previously been convicted for the same types of offenses. "Previously convicted five times or more for the same types of offenses" refer to those who have previously been convicted five times or more for the same types of offenses.
 4. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of persons cleared for the types of offenses.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Chapter 2 Prosecution

Table 5-2-1 shows the number of persons prosecuted in 2024 (excluding those prosecuted for negligent driving causing death or injury or road traffic-related violations, and corporations) who had a previous conviction (the penalty for the previous conviction was a fine or heavier) and the percentage thereof among the total number of prosecuted persons, by type of offense for which they were prosecuted.

Table 5-2-1 The number and percentage of previously convicted persons among persons prosecuted (by type of offense)

(2024)

Offenses	Prosecuted persons	Previously convicted persons	Previous conviction				Percentage of previously convicted persons
			Imprisonment with/without work			Fines	
			Imprisonment without suspension of execution	Imprisonment with partial suspension of execution	Imprisonment with full suspension of execution		
Total	104,908	43,682	17,667	117	12,858	13,040	41.6
Penal Code offenses	69,013	30,122	11,879	38	9,187	9,018	43.6
Arson	218	77	30	-	20	27	35.3
Breaking into a residence	2,015	859	367	3	254	235	42.6
Indecent assault	1,544	455	146	1	127	181	29.5
Penetrative sexual assault	1,165	310	81	-	97	132	26.6
Giving/accepting of bribe	57	7	2	-	1	4	12.3
Homicide	291	76	29	-	20	27	26.1
Injury	5,701	2,191	710	8	641	832	38.4
Assault	4,614	1,764	499	3	478	784	38.2
Intimidation	837	381	135	-	108	138	45.5
Theft	31,013	16,413	7,169	14	5,045	4,185	52.9
Robbery	501	163	81	-	60	22	32.5
Fraud	7,826	2,837	1,166	3	1,070	598	36.3
Extortion	397	179	77	-	62	40	45.1
Embezzlement	1,417	532	202	-	164	166	37.5
Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others	568	288	144	-	61	83	50.7
Act on Punishment of Recording Sexual Images and Others	2,982	855	169	1	214	471	28.7
Others	7,867	2,735	872	5	765	1,093	34.8
Special Acts offenses excluding road traffic-related violations	35,895	13,560	5,788	79	3,671	4,022	37.8
Public Offices Election Act	82	18	5	-	2	11	22.0
Minor Offenses Act	914	289	52	-	75	162	31.6
Amusement Business Act	637	220	24	-	72	124	34.5
Firearms and Swords Control Act	808	347	150	1	82	114	42.9
Anti-Prostitution Act	186	60	8	-	32	20	32.3
Child Welfare Act	48	14	4	-	6	4	29.2
Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act	123	29	4	-	12	13	23.6
Cannabis Control Act	3,628	1,105	342	4	544	215	30.5
Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act	1,365	441	157	2	213	69	32.3
Stimulants Control Act	7,448	5,601	4,018	66	1,260	257	75.2
Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Act	78	64	29	-	17	18	82.1
Others	20,578	5,372	995	6	1,356	3,015	26.1

- Notes: 1. Numbers exclude persons prosecuted for negligent driving offenses causing death or injury and road traffic-related violations, corporations, and offenders whose records are not clear about their previous convictions.
2. "Previously convicted persons" refer to persons with previous convictions for which a fine or heavier penalty was imposed.
3. "Percentage of previously convicted persons" refers to the percentage of previously convicted persons among persons prosecuted.
4. Offenders with multiple previous convictions are counted under the first offense to be selected according to the following order: "Imprisonment without suspension of execution", "Imprisonment with partial suspension of execution", "Imprisonment with full suspension of execution", and "Fines".
5. "Embezzlement" includes embezzlement of lost property.
6. "Cannabis Control Act" includes the Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants as amended by Act No.84 of 2023.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution

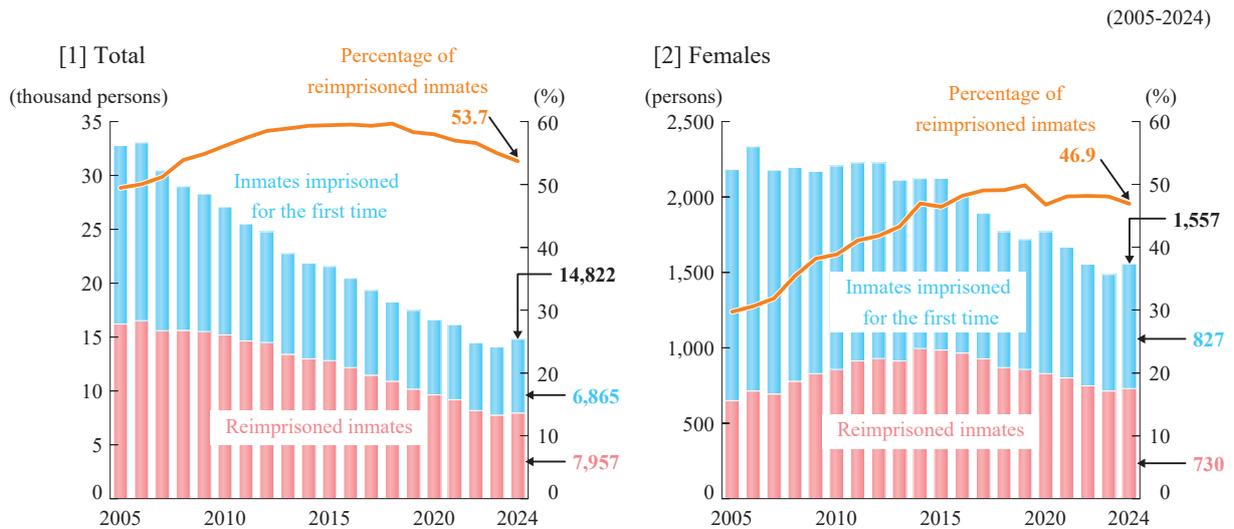


Chapter 3 Correction

Section 1 Reimprisoned Inmates

Fig. 5-3-1-1 shows the trend in the number and percentage of reimprisoned inmates (the percentage of reimprisoned inmates among the total number of newly sentenced inmates) by total/female inmates.

Fig. 5-3-1-1 Reimprisoned inmates among newly sentenced inmates, and percentage of reimprisoned inmates (total/female)



Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Correction

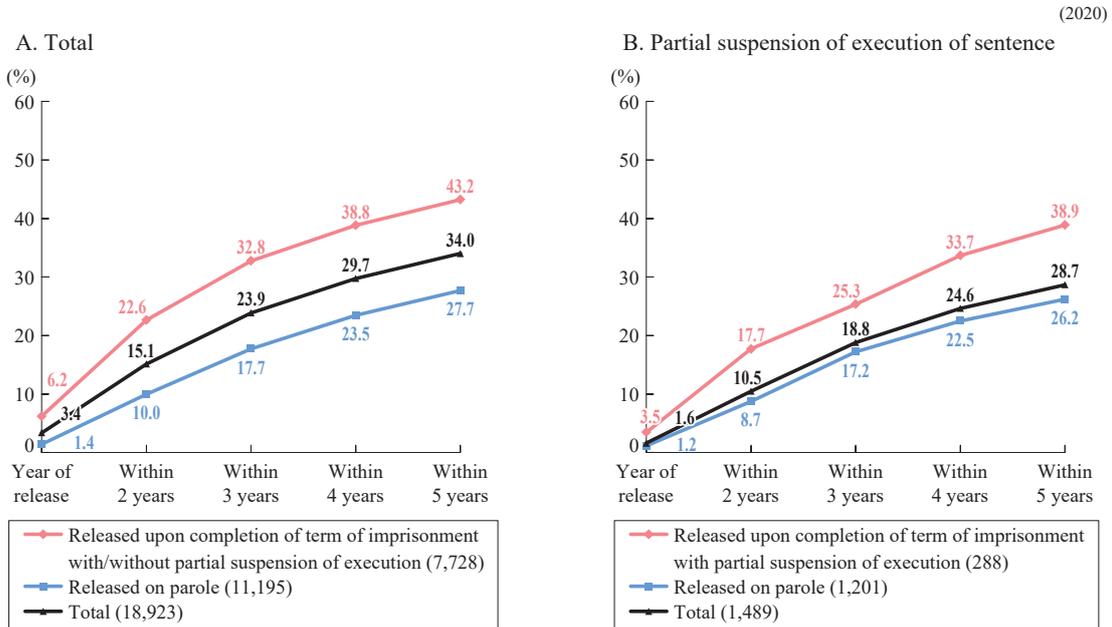
Section 2 Reimprisonment of Released Sentenced Inmates

In this Section, the **rate of reimprisonment** means the percentage of inmates reimprisoned to serve sentences for offenses committed after release among the released sentenced inmates of a given year.

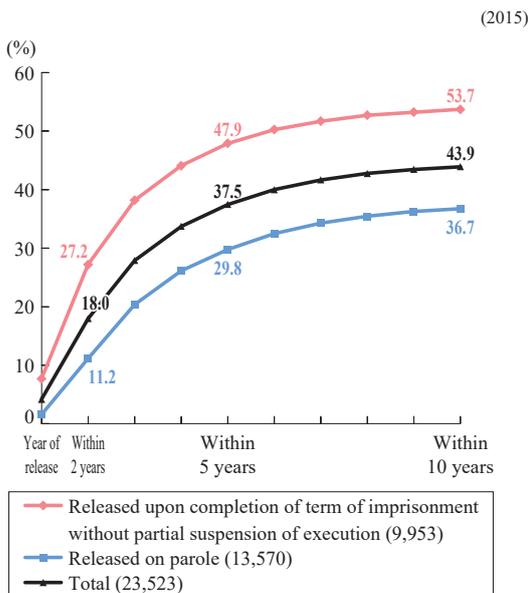
Fig. 5-3-2-1 shows the rate of reimprisonment within the period of five and 10 years after the release of sentenced inmates released in [1] 2020 and [2] 2015 by reason for the previous release (either released upon completion of the term or released on parole; hereinafter the same applies in this Section).

Fig. 5-3-2-1 Rate of reimprisonment of released sentenced inmates by reason for previous release

[1] Within 5 years



[2] Within 10 years



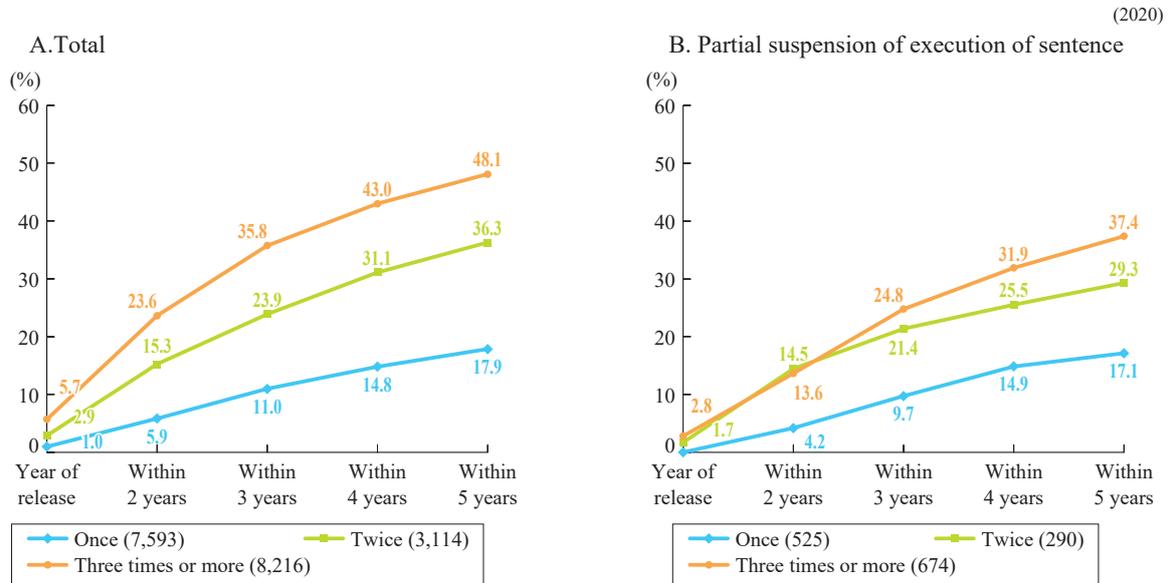
- Notes: 1. Numbers count inmates released upon completion of their term with/without partial suspension of execution or on parole and then reimprisoned for an offense committed after release.
 2. "Rate of reimprisonment" is the percentage of persons released from a prison in 2020 for [1] or 2015 for [2] and reimprisoned by the year-end of 2024 for an offense committed after release among the total number of sentenced inmates released in 2019 or 2014.

Source: The Judicial System Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

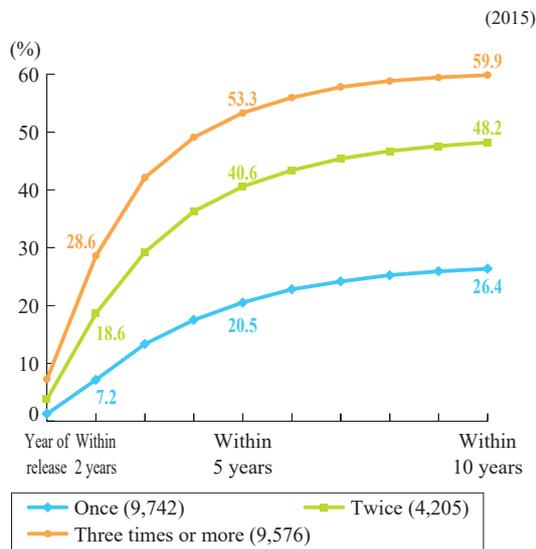
Fig. 5-3-2-2 shows the rate of reimprisonment within the period of five and 10 years after the release of sentenced inmates released in [1] 2020 and [2] 2015, by the number of times the sentenced inmate had been imprisoned at the point of previous imprisonment.

Fig. 5-3-2-2 Rate of reimprisonment of released sentenced inmates by number of times imprisoned

[1] Within 5 years



[2] Within 10 years



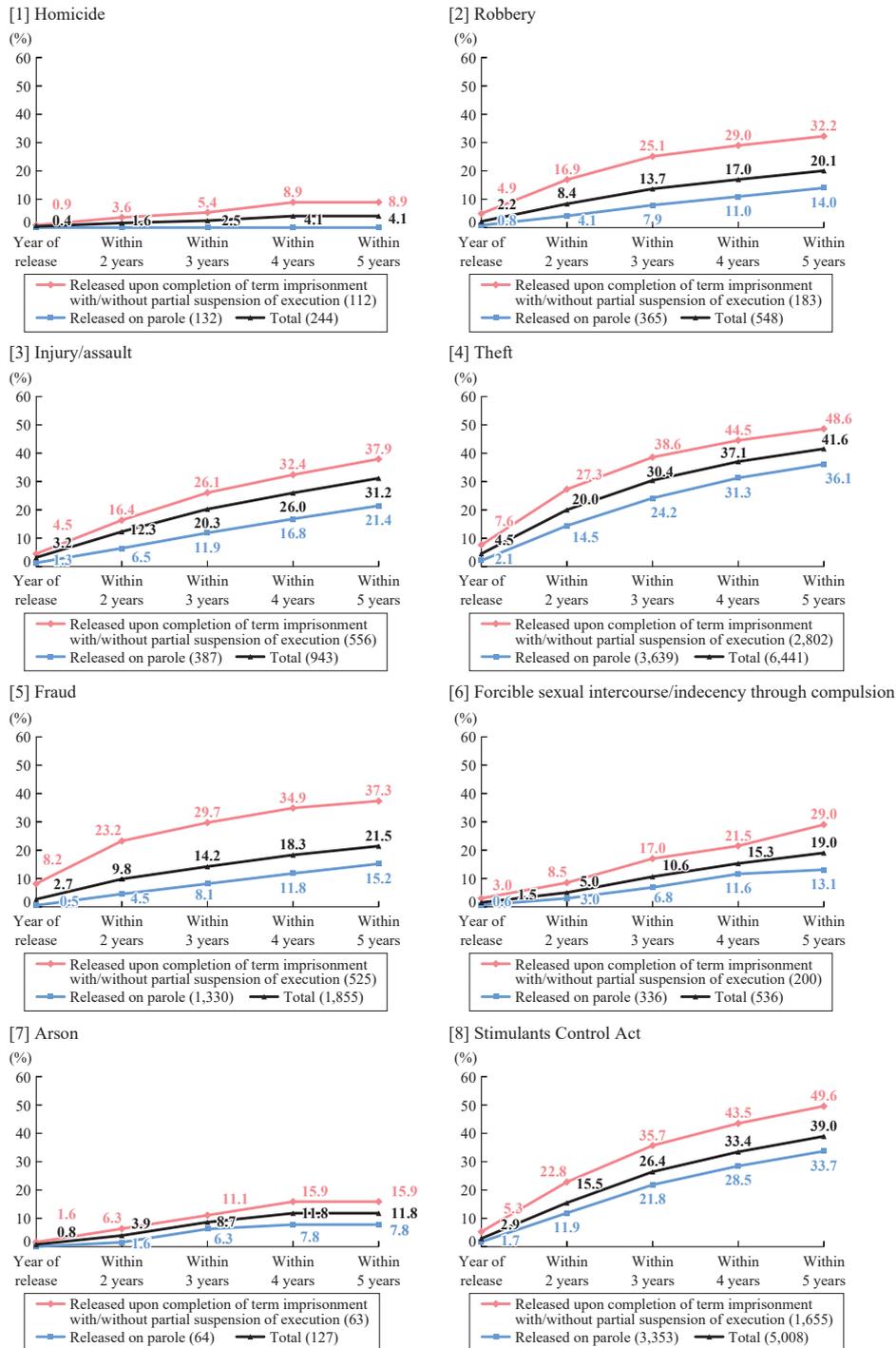
Notes: 1. See Notes and Source of Fig. 5-3-2-1.

2. No one who was released in 2020 was reimprisoned by the end of the year among those with partial suspension of execution of their sentence with once of previous imprisonment.

Fig. 5-3-2-3 shows the rate of reimprisonment within the period of five years after the release of sentenced inmates released in 2020, by reason for the previous release and type of offense.

Fig. 5-3-2-3 Rate of reimprisonment of released sentenced inmates within five years after release by reason for the previous release (by type of offense)

(2020)



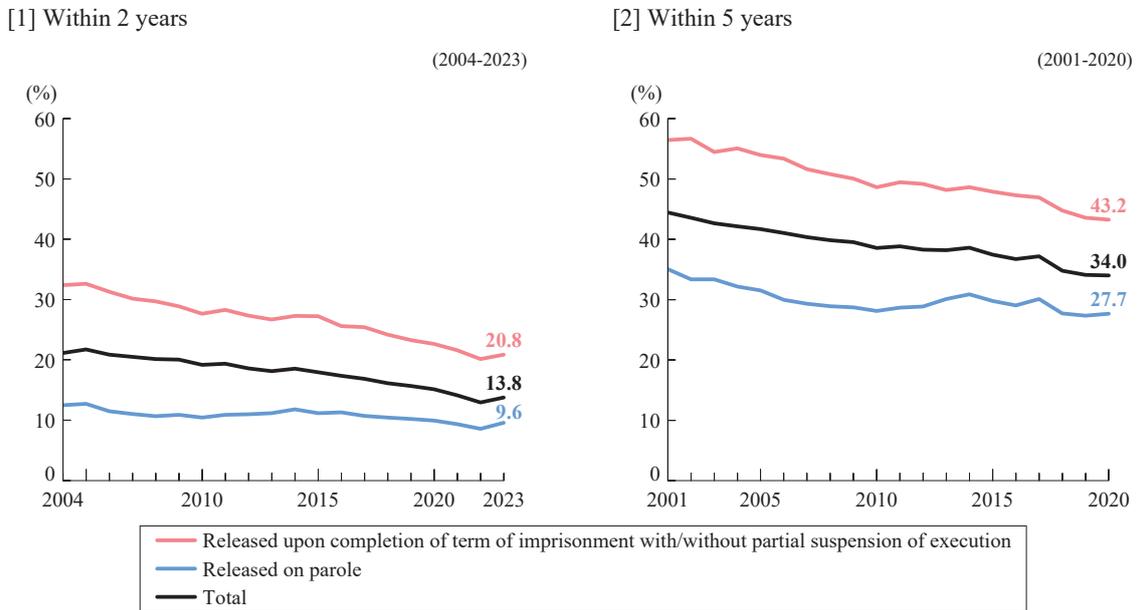
Notes: 1. See Notes 1 and Source of Fig. 5-3-2-1.

2. "Rate of reimprisonment within five years after release" is the percentage of persons released from a prison in 2020 and reimprisoned by the year-end of 2024 for an offense committed after release among the total number of released sentenced inmates in 2020.

3. Among homicide offenders who were released on parole in 2020, no one was reimprisoned by the end of 2024. Among arson offenders who were released on parole in 2020, no one was reimprisoned by the end of the year.

Fig. 5-3-2-4 shows the trend in the rate of reimprisonment within the period of [1] two years and [2] five years after release during the years of [1] 2004-2023 and [2] 2001-2020, by reason for the previous release.

Fig. 5-3-2-4 Rate of reimprisonment of released sentenced inmates by reason for previous release



Notes: 1. Numbers count inmates released upon completion of their term of imprisonment with/without partial suspension of execution or released on parole and then reimprisoned for offenses after release.
 2. "Rate of reimprisonment" is the percentage of persons who were reimprisoned by the year-end of the second (following) year for [1] and the fifth year for [2] after their release, among the total number of released sentenced inmates of respective years.

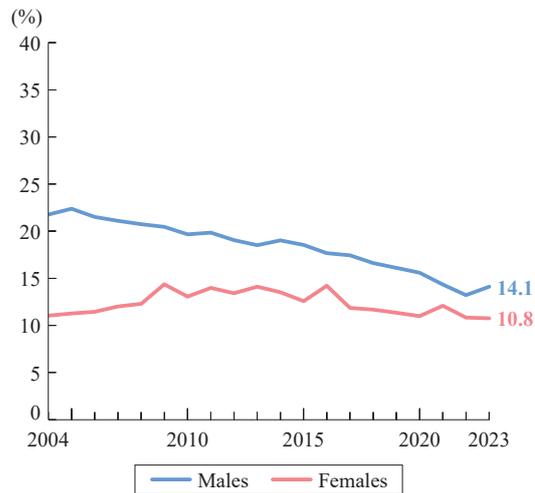
Source: The Judicial System Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

Fig. 5-3-2-5 shows the trend in the rate of reimprisonment within the period of two years after release during the years of 2004-2023, [1] by male/female, [2] by age group, and [3] by type of offense.

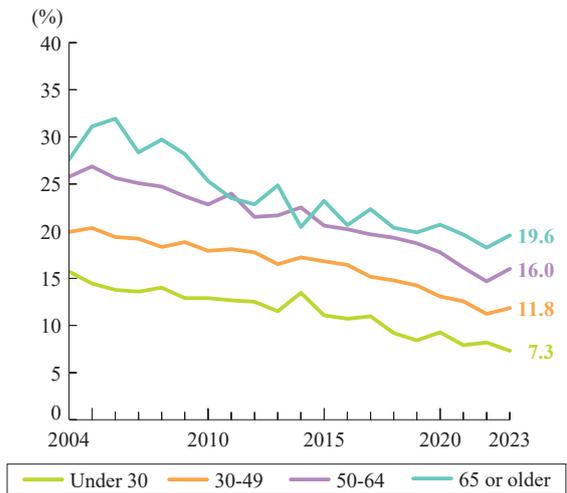
Fig. 5-3-2-5 Rate of reimprisonment of released sentenced inmates within two years after release, by male/female, age group, and type of offense

(2004-2023)

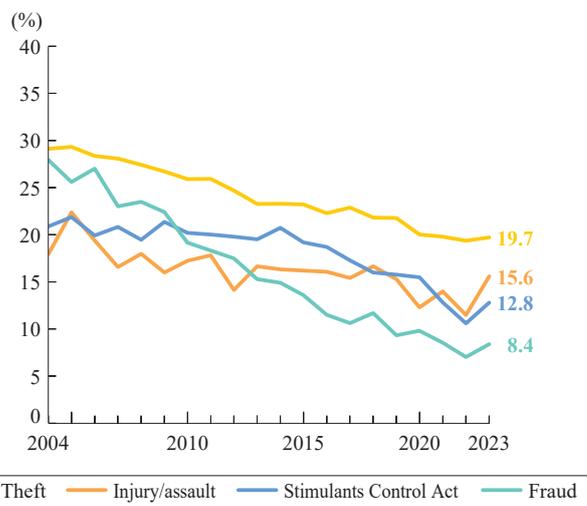
[1] By male/female



[2] By age group



[3] By type of offense



Notes: 1. See Notes 1 and Source of Fig. 5-3-2-4.

2. "Rate of reimprisonment within two years after release" is the percentage of persons reimprisoned by the year-end of the second year from the year of release for an offense committed after release among the total number of released sentenced inmates of respective years of release.

3. [2] is based on the age at the time of previous release, which is estimated from the age at the time of reimprisonment and the interval from the previous release as recorded.

Chapter 4 Probation/Parole Supervision

Section 1 Probationers and Parolees with Previous Convictions

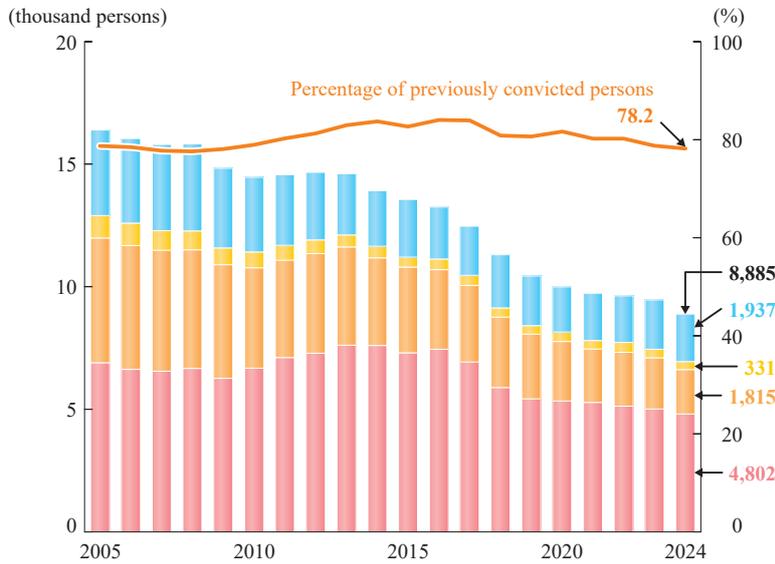
Fig. 5-4-1-1 shows the trend in the number and percentage of previously convicted persons (refers to those with previous convictions for which a fine or heavier punishment was imposed) among the number of probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision.

Fig. 5-4-1-1 Probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision by with/without previous convictions and percentage of previously convicted persons

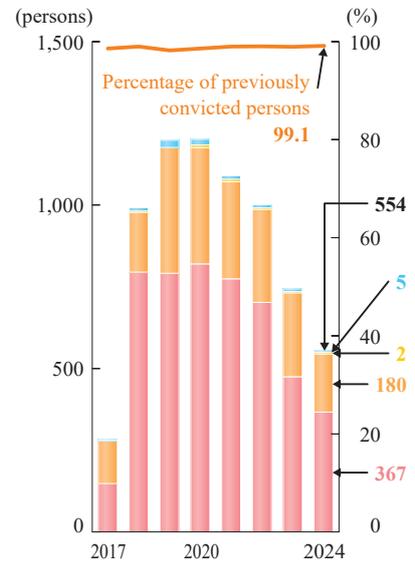
(2005-2024)

[1] Parolees

A. Parolees (imprisonment without suspension of execution)

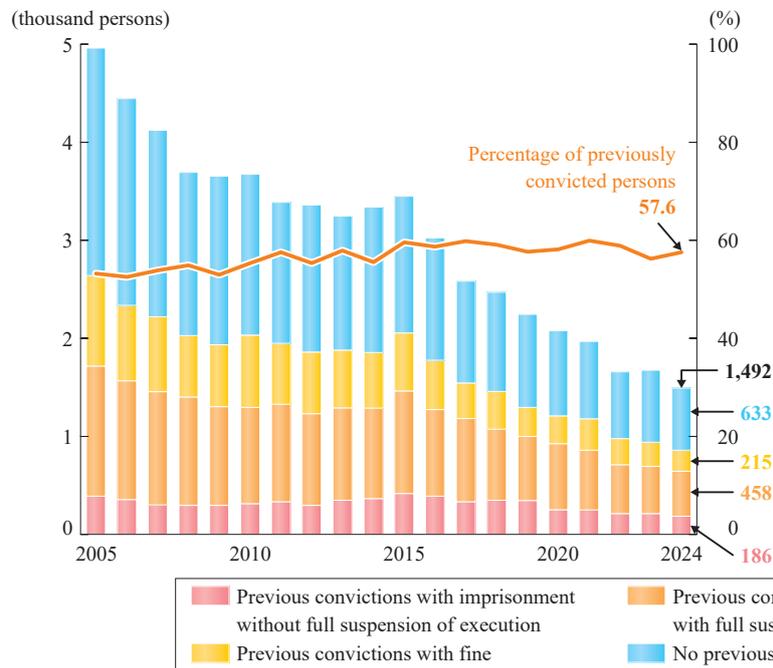


B. Parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution)

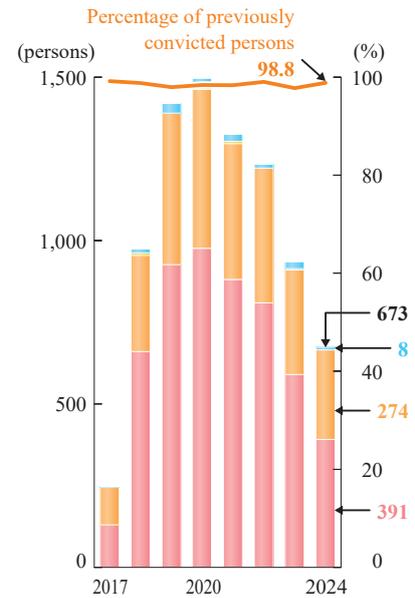


[2] Probationers granted full/partial suspension of execution

A. Probationers granted full suspension of execution



B. Probationers granted partial suspension of execution



- Notes: 1. “Previously convicted persons” refer to persons with previous convictions for which a fine or heavier punishment was imposed.
 2. “Percentage of previously convicted persons” refers to the percentage of previously convicted persons among the total number of probationers/parolees newly placed under probation/parole supervision.
 3. Numbers exclude parolees/probationers whose records are not clear about their previous convictions.
 4. Offenders with multiple previous convictions and whose every previous conviction had been penalized with fines are counted under “Previous convictions with fine”. If any of the previous convictions had been penalized with imprisonment without full suspension of the execution of their sentence, they are counted as “Previous convictions with imprisonment without full suspension of execution”. Others with multiple previous convictions are counted under “Previous convictions with imprisonment with full suspension of execution”.
 5. There were no parolees (imprisonment with partial suspension of execution) and probationers granted partial suspension of execution in 2016 following the commencement of the partial suspension of execution of sentence system.

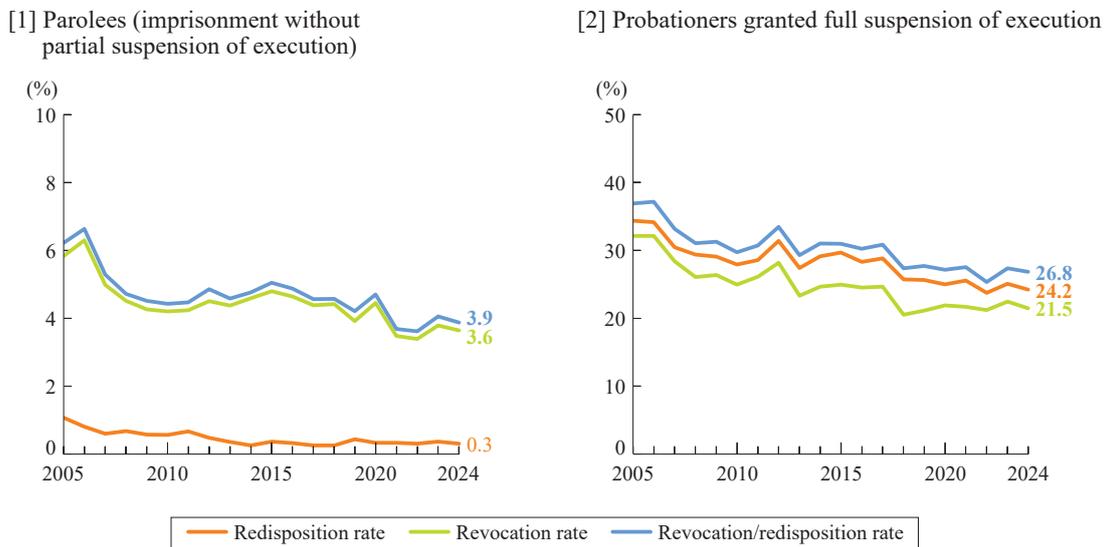
Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation
 The Judicial System Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

Section 2 Redisposition or Revocation during Probation/Parole Supervision

Fig. 5-4-2-1 shows the trend in three types concerning rates of probationers and parolees whose supervision period terminated during the years of 2005-2024: [1] **redisposition rate** (the percentage of those who committed an offense during their probation/parole supervision period and were subjected to criminal dispositions for the offense (including suspension of prosecution; for those who received a sentence, the number is limited to those whose sentence was finalized during their probation/parole supervision period) among the total number of probationers/parolees whose probation/parole supervision terminated in the respective years), [2] **revocation rate** (the percentage of those whose full-suspension of execution of their sentence or parole was revoked due to either a violation of their conditions for probation/parole supervision or re-offending), and [3] **revocation/redisposition rate** (the percentage of those who fall under either redisposition or revocation; a person falling under both categories is counted as one person).

Fig. 5-4-2-1 Redisposition/revocation rate of probationers/parolees

(2005-2024)



- Notes: 1. "Redisposition rate" refers to the percentage of those who committed an offense during their probation/parole supervision period and were subjected to criminal dispositions for the offense (including suspension of prosecution; for those who received a sentence, the number is limited to those whose sentence was finalized during their probation/parole supervision period) among the total number of probationers/parolees whose probation/parole supervision terminated in the respective years.
2. "Revocation rate" refers to the percentage of probationers/parolees whose full suspension of the execution of their sentence or parole was revoked due to either a violation of their conditions for probation/parole supervision or re-offending, among the total number of probationers/parolees whose probation/parole supervision terminated in the respective years.
3. "Revocation/redisposition rate" refers to the percentage of probationers/parolees whose full suspension of the execution of their sentence or parole was revoked due to either a violation of their conditions for probation/parole supervision or re-offending, or those who committed an offense during their probation/parole supervision period and were subjected to criminal dispositions for the offense (including suspension of prosecution; for those who received a sentence, the number is limited to those whose sentence was finalized during their probation/parole supervision period) (persons falling under both categories are counted as one person) among the total number of probationers/parolees whose probation/parole supervision terminated in the respective years.

Source: Annual Report of Statistics on Rehabilitation

The Judicial System Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

PART 6 Crime Victims

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Mock Consultation Scene at a Japan Legal Support Center

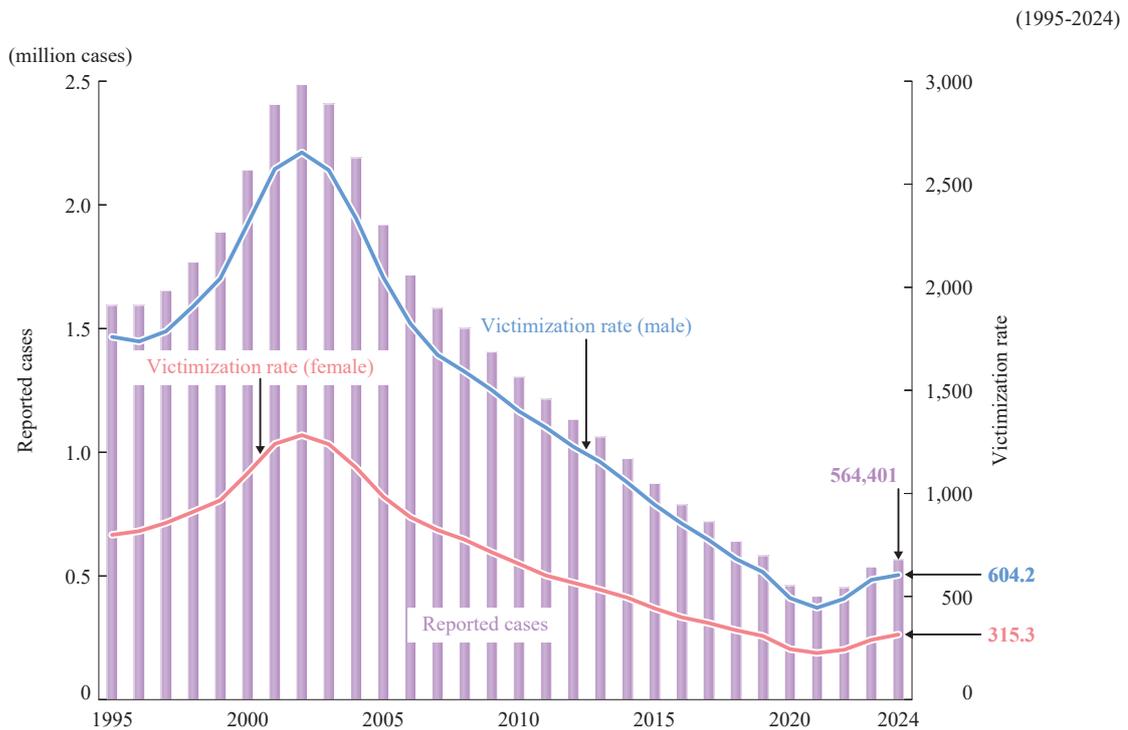
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Chapter 1 Crime Victimization

Section 1 Number of Cases Involving Human Victims

Fig. 6-1-1-1 shows the trend in the number of reported cases of Penal Code offenses involving human victims and the victimization rate (number of reported cases involving human victims per 100,000 population) by male/female.

Fig. 6-1-1-1 Penal Code offenses involving human victims: reported cases and victimization rate (male/female)



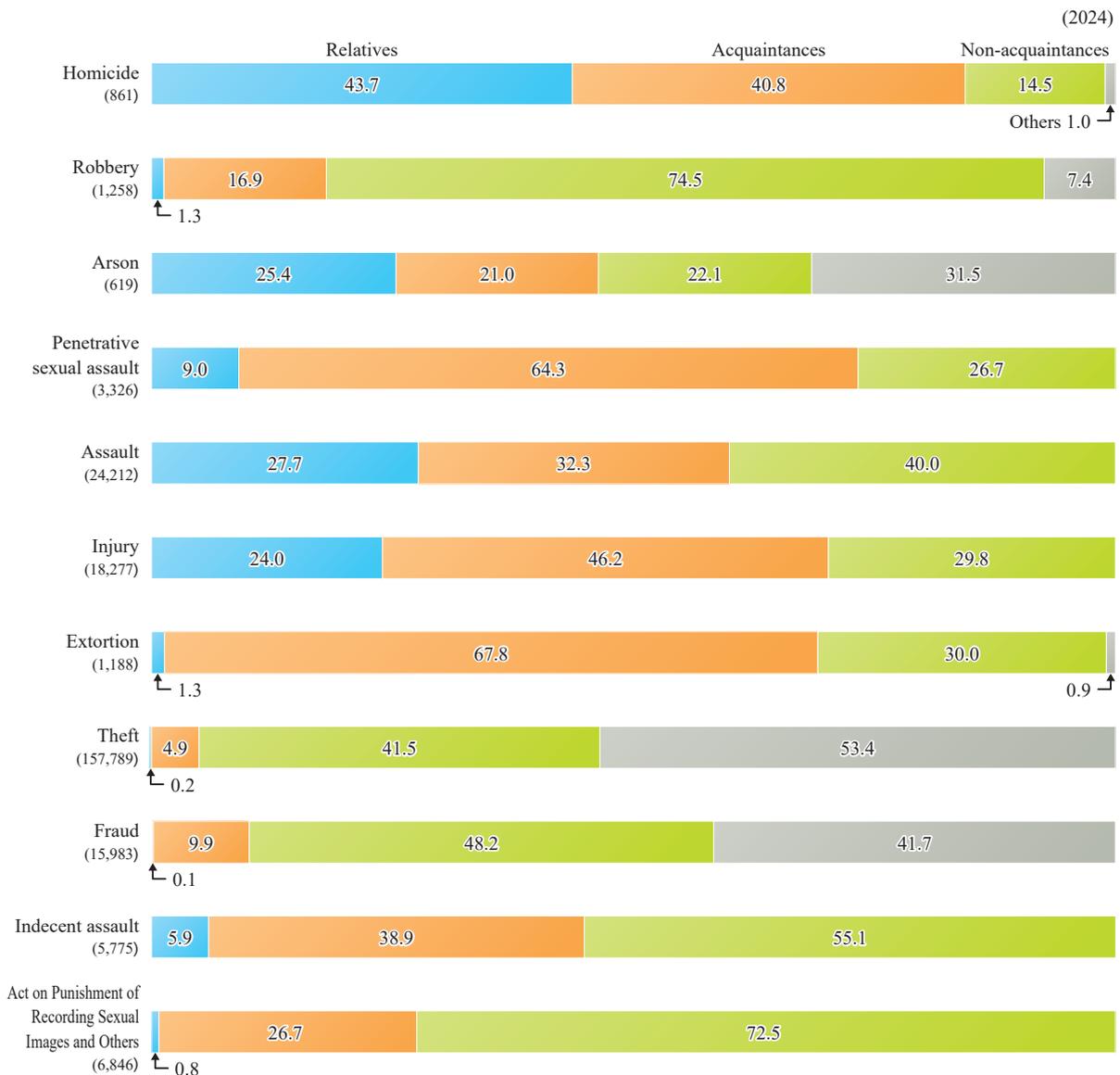
- Notes: 1. Numbers exclude cases where the victim was a corporation or any other form of organization.
 2. "Victimization rate" refers to the number of reported cases per 100,000 population (male/female).
 3. The count is based on the main victim if multiple victims were involved in a case.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency
 The Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (population data)

Section 2 Relationship between Victims and Suspects

Fig. 6-1-2-1 shows the composition by relationship between victims and suspects in cases cleared in 2024 (excluding cases where an investigation confirmed that an act in question did not constitute a crime or that legal conditions for prosecution or punishment were not satisfied), by type of offense.

Fig. 6-1-2-1 Penal Code offenses: composition by relationship between victims and suspects in cleared cases (by type of offense)



- Notes: 1. Numbers exclude cases where the investigation confirmed that the act in question did not constitute a crime or that the legal conditions for prosecution or punishment were not satisfied.
 2. "Others" consist of cases where victims were corporations or other types of organizations, or there was no victim. "Others" in "Homicide" consist of cases of preparation for homicide.
 3. Numbers in parentheses indicate the actual number of cleared cases.

Source: Criminal Statistics of the National Police Agency

Chapter 2 Victims in the Criminal Justice Process

Under the **victim participation system**, a court may allow a victim or others, by its ruling, to participate in proceedings of a case, to appear on trial dates, to state an opinion relating to procedural action by a prosecutor, to examine a witness on matters necessary for challenging the credibility of a witness’s statements concerning sentencing factors, to ask an accused questions for the purpose of stating an opinion, and to state an opinion on fact-finding or application of law.

Table 6-2-1 shows the trend in victim participation in trials in courts of first instance.

Table 6-2-1 Victim participation at the courts of first instance

(2020-2024)

Year	Victim participation		Witness examination	Questioning the accused	Closing statements/ recommendation of punishment	Shielding	Accompanying person	Entrustment to attorneys	Court-appointed attorneys
2020	1,378	(301)	205	569	688	337	135	1,116	614
2021	1,523	(356)	241	681	783	407	149	1,246	697
2022	1,476	(324)	246	610	651	432	151	1,175	655
2023	1,517	(302)	205	612	678	380	109	1,212	650
2024	1,768	(420)	228	694	808	508	136	1,357	704

Notes: 1. “Victim participation” refers to the total number of victims and others permitted to participate in each victim participation system for cases where a request for victim participation was made in courts of the first instance. Those figures are calculated based on the conclusive disposition date of the case. The figures in parentheses indicate the number of cases tried and judged in *Saiban-in* trials and are included within the total.

2. “Closing statements/recommendation of punishment” refers to the total number of participating victims who stated opinions on fact-finding or application of law pursuant to the provisions of Article 316-38 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics
The General Secretariat, Supreme Court

Victims or others may express their feelings and opinions on the case in a public trial or submit written opinions in lieu of oral statements.

A court may take measures for witness protection in a trial, such as placing a shield in front of a witness, allowing a witness to stay in a separate room and communicate by video-link with a courtroom during his/her testimony, and/or allowing a witness to be accompanied by an appropriate person.

As another protective measure, a court, upon request, may render a ruling where names, addresses or other matters of victims, witnesses and others shall not be disclosed in an open court.

When a victim and an accused reach a civil settlement, it could become an enforceable title of obligation if terms of the settlement are included in a trial record of a criminal case.

Additionally, a court hearing a criminal case concerning a specific serious offense may, upon request by a victim of a crime, continue with a civil case by referring to the record of the criminal case after the conviction and render a **compensation order**.

In addition, in general, courts allow victims to inspect and copy case records.

Table 6-2-2 shows the trend in systems designed to support victims and witnesses.

Table 6-2-2 Applied measures for victims/witnesses

(2020-2024)

Year	Statement of opinions	Submission of documents instead of oral statement	Witness protection			Decision to conceal the identities of victims	Decision to conceal the identities of witnesses	Civil settlement in criminal proceedings	Compensation order	Inspection/copying of trial records
			Shielding	Video-link	Accompanying person					
2020	920	536	1,237	302 (38)	107	3,923	156	25	289	1,140
2021	995	638	1,335	412 (92)	133	4,266	182	19	344	1,333
2022	947	679	1,374	417 (85)	139	4,081	192	19	281	1,178
2023	972	738	1,425	483 (90)	102	4,382	221	17	282	1,201
2024	1,050	818	1,374	444 (71)	147	5,658	313	19	368	1,231

Notes: 1. "Statement of opinions", "Submission of documents instead of oral statement", "Witness protection", "Decision to conceal the identities of victims", "Decision to conceal the identities of witnesses", "Civil settlement in criminal proceedings", and "Inspection/copying of trial records" are counted on the basis of the day of final judgment. However, "Inspection/copying of trial records", if the determination was made after final judgment, are counted on the date of the determination.

2. Numbers for "Statement of opinions", "Submission of documents instead of oral statement", "Witness protection", "Decision to conceal the identities of victims" and "Decision to conceal the identities of witnesses" indicate the total number of victims or witnesses at high courts, district courts and summary courts.

3. Numbers for "Civil settlement in criminal proceedings" indicate the number of cases at high courts, district courts and summary courts in which civil disputes between victims and the accused reached settlements whose terms were included in criminal trial records.

4. Numbers for "Compensation order" indicate the number of (criminal) cases at district courts in which victims requested compensation orders for their damage.

5. Numbers for "Inspection/copying of trial records" indicate the number of cases where victims or other applicable persons inspected or copied trial records at a high court, district court, or summary court.

6. Numbers in parentheses in "Video-link" indicate the number of witnesses who were summoned to places outside of courts and examined thereat (included in the number of "Video-link").

Source: Annual Report of Judicial Statistics
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