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Showa 20	1945	465	2	63	1	-	Annual Report of Statistics on Correction ('Gyokei-Tokei')	1945, Table 7, p.16-7	1946, Table 19, p.50-1	-
Showa 21	1946	374	1	78	-	-		1946, Table 7, p.16-7	-	-
Showa 22	1947	455	1	49	-	-		1947, Table 7, p.16-7	1947, Table 19, p.48-9	-
Showa 23	1948	548	1	136	-	-		1948, Table 7, p.16-7	1948, Table 19, p.50-1	-
Showa 24	1949	639	1	143	-	-		1949, Table 7, p.16-7	1949, Table 20, p.50-1	-
Showa 25	1950	744	-	132	-	-		1950, Table 7, p.16-7	1955, Table 18, P110-1	-
Showa 26	1951	870	-	130	-	-		1951, Table 7, p.16-7		-
Showa 27	1952	813	-	109	-	-		1952, Table 6, p.48-9		-
Showa 28	1953	854	-	86	-	-		1953, Table 6, P.50-1		-
Showa 29	1954	911	-	89	-	-		1954, Table 6, P.50-1		-
Showa 30	1955	966	-	84	-	-		1955, Table 7, p.66-7		-
Showa 31	1956	1051	-	119	-	-		1956, Table 7, p.56-7		1956, Table 7, p.98-9
Showa 32	1957	1109	-	119	-	87		1957, Table 7, p.56-7	1948, Table 18, p.98-9	-
Showa 33	1958	1168	-	123	-	76		1958, Table 12, p.34-5	1958, Table 29, p.86-7	-
Showa 34	1959	1223	-	105	-	99		1959, Table 12, p.34-5	1959, Table 29, p.86-7	-
Showa 35	1960	1269	-	89	-	93		1960, Table 12, p.34-5	1960, Table 29, p.86-7	-
Showa 36	1961	1279	-	71	-	65		1961, Table 12, p.34-5	1961, Table 29, p.86-7	-
Showa 37	1962	1265	-	55	-	60		1962, Table 12, p.34-5	1962, Table 30, p.100-1	-
Showa 38	1963	1244	-	77	-	75		1963, Table 12, p.34-5	1963, Table 30, p.100-1	-
Showa 39	1964	1211	-	60	-	59		1964, Table 12, p.34-5	1964, Table 30, p.100-1	-
Showa 40	1965	1169	-	52	-	49		1965, Table 11, p.28-9	1965, Table 20, p.64-5	-
Showa 41	1966	1173	-	68	-	70		1966, Table 11, p.28-9	1966, Table 20, p.64-5	-
Showa 42	1967	1138	-	61	-	63		1967, Table 11, p.28-9	1967, Table 20, p.64-5	-
Showa 43	1968	1107	-	41	-	42		1968, Table 11, p.28-9	1968, Table 20, p.64-5	-
Showa 44	1969	1071	-	50	-	47		1969, Table 5, p.24-5	1969 Table 14, p.60-1	-
Showa 45	1970	1024	-	37	-	36		1970, Table 5, p.24	1970 Table 14, p.60-1	-
Showa 46	1971	980	-	41	-	43		1971, Table 5, p.24	1971 Table 14, p.60-1	-
Showa 47	1972	994	-	51	-	49		1972, Table 5, p.24	1972, Table 15, p.64-5	-
Showa 48	1973	954	-	21	-	22		1973, Table 5, p.24	1973, Table 15, p.64-5	-
Showa 49	1974	915	-	23	-	33		1974, Table 5, p.24	1974, Table 15, p.64-5	-
Showa 50	1975	846	-	39	-	44		1975, Table 5, p.24	1975 Table 15, p.64-5	-
Showa 51	1976	824	-	28	-	30	1976, Table 5, p.24	1976, Table 15, p.64-5	-	
Showa 52	1977	824	-	50	-	51	1977, Table 5, p.24	1977, Table 15, p.64-5	-	
Showa 53	1978	818	-	30	-	36	1978, Table 5, p.24	1978 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 54	1979	800	-	31	-	32	1979, Table 5, p.24	1979 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 55	1980	784	-	37	-	40	1980 Table 5, p.24	1980 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 56	1981	760	-	33	-	33	1981 Table 5, p.24	1981 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 57	1982	748	-	32	-	36	1982 Table 5, p.24	1982 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 58	1983	740	-	34	-	36	1983 Table 5, p.24	1983 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 59	1984	731	-	43	-	43	1984 Table 5, p.24	1984 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 60	1985	758	-	39	-	38	1985 Table 5, p.24	1985 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 61	1986	777	-	42	-	41	1986 Table 5, p.24	1986 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 62	1987	804	-	57	-	56	1989 Table 5, p.24	1987 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 63	1988	834	-	39	-	40	1992 Table 5, p.24	1988 Table 14, p.60-1	-	
Showa 64 / Heisei 1	1989	864	-	47	-	49	1992 Table 5, p.24	1989 Table 14, p.60-1	See the "5. Number of death sentences and life imprisonment sentences by trial level" page.	
Heisei 2	1990	888	-	34	-	32	1992 Table 5, p.24	1990 Table 14, p.60-1		
Heisei 3	1991	870	-	24	-	24	1992 Table 5, p.24	1991 Table 14, p.60-1		
Heisei 4	1992	873	-	28	-	29	1996 Table 5, p.24	1992 Table 14, p.60-1		
Heisei 5	1993	883	-	27	-	27	1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 6	1994	894	-	33	-	35	1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 7	1995	909	-	34	-	35	1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 8	1996	923	-	35	-	34	1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 9	1997	938	-	32	-	32	2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 10	1998	968	-	46	-	45	2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 11	1999	1002	-	45	-	48	2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 12	2000	1047	-	60	-	59	2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 13	2001	1097	-	69	-	68	2001 Table 5, p.24	2002 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 14	2002	1152	-	75	-	82	2006 Table 5	2002 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 15	2003	1242	-	114	-	117		2003 Table 20 p.110-1		
Heisei 16	2004	1352	-	119	-	115		2004 Table 20 p.110-1		

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