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Year		Cases of homicide			Sources:
		Prosecuted	Not prosecuted	Prosecution rate	
Showa 21	1946	1,219	561	68.5	Annual Report of Criminal Statistics, 1946, Table 3, p.58-9
Showa 22	1947	1,175	752	61.0	1951 Table 4 p.8-9, Table 10, p22-3
Showa 23	1948	1,783	1,159	60.6	
Showa 24	1949	1,523	1,092	58.2	
Showa 25	1950	1,614	1,425	53.1	
Showa 26	1951	1,663	1,158	59.0	
Showa 27	1952	1,578	1,056	59.9	
Showa 28	1953	1,639	1,127	59.3	
Showa 29	1954	1,898	1,131	62.7	
Showa 30	1955	1,939	983	66.4	
Showa 31	1956	1,826	907	66.8	
Showa 32	1957	1,623	819	66.5	
Showa 33	1958	1,739	822	67.9	
Showa 34	1959	1,787	792	69.3	
Showa 35	1960	1,598	793	66.9	
Showa 36	1961	1,811	813	69.0	
Showa 37	1962	1,545	4,878	24.1	
Showa 38	1963	1,492	715	67.6	
Showa 39	1964	1,629	768	68.0	
Showa 40	1965	1,513	770	66.3	Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution 1970 Table 5, p10-3
Showa 41	1966	1,467	679	68.4	
Showa 42	1967	1,381	639	68.4	
Showa 43	1968	1,447	712	67.0	
Showa 44	1969	1,456	630	69.8	
Showa 45	1970	1,287	788	62.0	
Showa 46	1971	1,337	748	64.1	
Showa 47	1972	1,396	840	62.4	
Showa 48	1973	1,271	852	59.9	
Showa 49	1974	1,084	831	56.6	
Showa 50	1975	1,261	954	56.9	
Showa 51	1976	1,346	850	61.3	
Showa 52	1977	1,292	870	59.8	
Showa 53	1978	1,147	833	57.9	
Showa 54	1979	1,149	1,044	52.4	1986 Table 5 p.10-3



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Showa 55	1980	975	1,784	35.3	1986 Table 5 p.10-3
Showa 56	1981	1,074	1,692	38.8	
Showa 57	1982	1,072	1,426	42.9	
Showa 58	1983	1,097	940	53.9	
Showa 59	1984	1,172	721	61.9	
Showa 60	1985	1,203	628	65.7	
Showa 61	1986	1,126	812	58.1	
Showa 62	1987	1,060	1,724	38.1	1998 Table 5, p.10-3
Showa 63	1988	869	3,050	22.2	
Showa 64 / Heisei 1	1989	763	735	50.9	
Heisei 2	1990	697	568	55.1	
Heisei 3	1991	655	601	52.1	
Heisei 4	1992	637	756	45.7	
Heisei 5	1993	699	1,275	35.4	
Heisei 6	1994	713	1,102	39.3	Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution
Heisei 7	1995	781	1,001	43.8	
Heisei 8	1996	752	467	61.7	
Heisei 9	1997	769	479	61.6	
Heisei 10	1998	788	529	59.8	
Heisei 11	1999	801	491	62.0	
Heisei 12	2000	855	541	61.2	
Heisei 13	2001	872	537	61.9	
Heisei 14	2002	932	483	65.9	
Heisei 15	2003	935	570	62.1	
Heisei 16	2004	869	700	55.4	2006 Table 5
Heisei 17	2005	802	637	55.7	
Heisei 18	2006	734	560	56.7	
Heisei 19	2007	636	567	52.9	
Heisei 20	2008	637	666	48.9	
Heisei 21	2009	533	564	48.6	
Heisei 22	2010	424	683	38.3	
Heisei 23	2011	420	712	37.1	2016 Table 5
Heisei 24	2012	367	787	31.8	

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Heisei 25	2013	341	769	30.7	Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution
Heisei 26	2014	352	664	34.6	
Heisei 27	2015	357	711	33.4	
Heisei 28	2016	297	667	30.8	
Heisei 29	2017	325	809	28.7	
Heisei 30	2018	307	734	29.5	
Heisei 31/ Reiwa 1	2019	321	635	33.6	
Reiwa 2	2020	278	817	25.4	
Reiwa 3	2021	264	858	23.5	
Reiwa 4	2022	281	640	30.5	
Reiwa 5	2023	255	676	27.4	

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Penal Code, Part II, Chapter 26: Crime of Homicide	199	Homicide	Homicide
	201	Preparation of Homicide	
	199	Infanticide	Infanticide
	201	Preparation of Infanticide	
	202	Participation in Assisted Suicide; Consensual Homicide	Participation in Suicide
	200(abolished)	Parricide	Parricide
	201(abolished)	Preparation of Parricide	