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Showa 41	1966	74	68	1	5					1		9	14	16	13	10	3	2			-	-	Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Kyosei-Tokei)	1966, Table 61, p.153	-	-			
Showa 42	1967	97	95 *7		1					2	9	18	10	25	14	8	2	3	4		-	-			1967, Table 63, p.153	-	-		
Showa 43	1968	80	77		3					1	4	11	16	24	9	5	5	1		1	-	-			1968, Table 63, p.158	-	-		
Showa 44	1969	92	87		5					4	2	12	22	16	8	10	8	3	1	1	-	-			1969, Table 57, p.149	-	-		
Showa 45	1970	85	84	1				2				9	23	23	10	1	3	6	5	2	-	-			1970, Table 57, p.149	-	-		
Showa 46	1971	86	79	1	6						4	7	20	14	14	8	7	3		2	-	-			1971, Table 57, p.149	-	-		
Showa 47	1972	53	47		6						2	3	13	10	8	1	2	3	1	4	-	-			1972, Table 56, p.151	-	-		
Showa 48	1973	60	58	1	1								16	18	13	9			1	1	-	-			1973, Table 58 p.153	-	-		
Showa 49	1974	74	69	1	4					1		1	11	23	14	9	5	3	2		-	-			1974, Table 58, p.153	-	-		
Showa 50	1975	112	105		7							5	19	28	24	11	5	7	2	4	-	-			1975, Table 58 p.153	-	-		
Showa 51	1976	61	58		3						2	2	12	12	12	7	6		1	4	-	-			1976, Table 58, p.159	-	-		
Showa 52	1977	55	52		3						1	3	7	18	6	5	6	2		4	15years and 7months *2	-			Cabinet's answer to the House of Representatives(N o. 149 October 3, 2000)	1977, Table 58, p.167	-	-	
Showa 53	1978	39	38		1							1	2	12	4	3	7	4	3	2	16years and 8months *2	-					1978, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 54	1979	64	61		3							2	6	15	20	9	2	3	2	2	15years and 8months *2	-					1979, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 55	1980	55	42	3	10							2	7	9	7	7	6	3		1	15years and 8months *2	-					I, 1980, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 56	1981	67	58	2	7							2	5	19	12	6	8	2	2	2	15years and 7months *2	-					I, 1981, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 57	1982	58	52	1	5								10	13	9	11	4	2	1	2	15years and 10months *2	-					I, 1982, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 58	1983	52	45		7				2		1	1	7	8	8	5	4	3	2	4	16years *2	-					I, 1983, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 59	1984	60	53	1	6						2	2	9	6	13	5	9	3		4	15years and 11months *2	-					I, 1984, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 60	1985	33	27		6							2	9	3	5	2	1	2	2	1	15years and 5months *2	-					I, 1985, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 61	1986	32	27	1	4								2	6	7	3	4	2	1	2	16years and 7months *2	-					I, 1986, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 62	1987	34	26	3	5					1	1	2	1	5	6	4	3	2		1	15years and 8months *2	-					I, 1987, Table 57, p.157	-	-
Showa 63	1988	17	12	2	3								1	4	3	1	1	1		1	16years and 1month *2	-					I, 1988, Table 57, p.163	-	-
Showa 64/ Heisei 1	1989	22	12	6	4									4	1		1		2	4	18years and 10months *2	-					I, 1989 Table 57, p.163	-	-
Heisei 2	1990	18	14	1	3									1	2		2	2	1	6	20years and 3month *2	-					I, 1990, Table 57, p.163	-	-
Heisei 3	1991	39	34	3	2								1	1	10	4	4	5	3	6	18years and 1months *2	-					I, 1991, Table 57, p.163	-	-
Heisei 4	1992	25	20	2	3										6	1	1	1	4	7	20years *2	-					I, 1992, Table 57, p.171	-	-
Heisei 5	1993	22	17		5				1						5	1	2	4	1	3	18years and 1month *2	-					I, 1993, Table 57, p.171	-	-
Heisei 6	1994	26	19	2	5										2	2	8	3		4	18years and 3months *2	-					I, 1994, Table 57, p.171	-	-
Heisei 7	1995	23	16	3	4									1	1	3	2	2	2	5	20years *2	-					1995, Table 57, p.171	-	-
Heisei 8	1996	18	7	4	7													4	1	2	20years and 6months *2	-					1996, Table 57, p.173	-	-
Heisei 9	1997	20	12		8								2	1				2	1	6	21years and 6months *2	-					1997, Table 69, p.235	-	-
Heisei 10	1998	18	15	1	2													1	4	10	20years 10months *2	6	1998, Table 69, p.235	*3					
Heisei 11	1999	11	9	2															2	2	5	21years and 4months	9	1999, Table 69, p.235			*4		
Heisei 12	2000	12	7	4	1															7	21years and 2months	9	2000, Table 69, p.235						

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Heisei 13	2001	15	13		2								1				1			11	22years and 8months	12	Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Kyosei-Tokei)	2001, Table 69, p.241		Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2010.		
Heisei 14	2002	8	6	1	1												1			5	23years and 5months	18		2002, Table 69, p.241				
Heisei 15	2003	16	14	1	1															14	23years and 4months	11		2003, Table 69, p.241				
Heisei 16	2004	4	1	1	2															1	25years and 10months	15		2004, Table 69, p.241				
Heisei 17	2005	13	10	2	1															10	27years and 2months	12		2005, Table 69, p.241				
Heisei 18	2006	4	3	1																3	25years and 1month	15		2006, Table 69				
Heisei 19	2007	3	1	1	1															1	31years and 10months	13		2007, Table 69				
Heisei 20	2008	5	4		1															4	28years and 10months	7		2008, Table 69				
Heisei 21	2009	6	6																	6	30years and 2months	14		2009, Table 69				
Heisei 22	2010	9	7	2																7	35years and 3months	21		2010, Table 69				
Heisei 23	2011	8	3	4	1															3	35years and 2months	21		2011, Table 69				
Heisei 24	2012	8	6	1	1															6	31years and 9months	14		2012, Table 69				
Heisei 25	2013	10	8	2																8	31years and 2months	14		2013, Table 69				
Heisei 26	2014	7	5	1	1															5	31years and 4months	23		2014, Table 69				
Heisei 27	2015	11	9	2																9	31years and 6months	22		2015, Table 69				
Heisei 28	2016	9	7	2																7	31years and 9months	27		2016, Table 69				
Heisei 29	2017	11	8	1	2															8	33years and 2months	30		2017, Table 69				
Heisei 30	2018	10	7	2	1															7	31years and 6months	24		2018, Table 69				
Heisei 31/ Reiwa 1	2019	17	16	1																16	36years	21		2019, Table 69				
Reiwa 2	2020	14	8	4	2															8	36years and 6months	29		2020, Table 69		*5		
Reiwa 3	2021	9	7	1	1															7	32years and 10months	29		2021, Table 69		*6		
Reiwa 4	2022	6	5		1															5	45years and 1month	41		2022, Table 69		*8		
Reiwa 5	2023	8	4	1	3															4	37years and 4month	30		2023, Table 69		*9		
Reiwa 6	2024	1	1																	1	37years and 4month	—		2024, Table 69				

*1 "new parolees" means parolees with life sentences, excluding persons who were allowed to be paroled again after revocation.

*2 The average length of stay in prison of new life-sentenced parolees.

*3 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released September 2008

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*5 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2020

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*8 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released December 2023

*9 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released December 2024

Hyphens ("-") mean that no statistical data exists.

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