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|          |      | 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             | 1956 Table 6 P.14-5, Table 10, p22-3                        |
| 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             | 1970 Table 5, p10-3                                         |
| 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             | 1972, Table 5, p.12-3                                       |
| Showa 32 | 1957 | 1,623             | 819            | 66.5             |                                                             |
| Showa 33 | 1958 | 1,739             | 822            | 67.9             |                                                             |
| Showa 34 | 1959 | 1,787             | 792            | 69.3             | 1986 Table 5 p.10-3                                         |
| 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             | Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution                  |
| Showa 38 | 1963 | 1,492             | 715            | 67.6             |                                                             |
| Showa 39 | 1964 | 1,629             | 768            | 68.0             |                                                             |
| Showa 40 | 1965 | 1,513             | 770            | 66.3             |                                                             |
| 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             |                                                             |

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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             | Annual Report of Statistics on Prosecution<br><br><a href="#">2006 Table 5</a> |
| Heisei 6            | 1994 | 713               | 1,102          | 39.3             |                                                                                |
| 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             | <a href="#">2016 Table 5</a>                                                   |
| Heisei 16           | 2004 | 869               | 700            | 55.4             |                                                                                |
| 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             |                                                                                |
| 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/<br>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             |                                            |
| Reiwa 6               | 2024 | 291               | 588            | 33.1             |                                            |

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| Classification in Prosecution Statistics           | Article        | Subcategory                                            | Broad category           |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Penal Code, Part II, Chapter 26: Crime of Homicide | 199            | Homicide                                               | Homicide                 |
|                                                    | 201            | Preparation of Homicide                                | Homicide                 |
|                                                    | 199            | Infanticide                                            | Infanticide              |
|                                                    | 201            | Preparation of Infanticide                             | Infanticide              |
|                                                    | 202            | Participation in Assisted Suicide; Consensual Homicide | Participation in Suicide |
|                                                    | 200(abolished) | Parricide                                              | Parricide                |
|                                                    | 201(abolished) | Preparation of Parricide                               | Parricide                |