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Showa 27	1952	154	96	-	10	5	14	12	5	death or injury caused by negligence	0	7	86,199	1962, Table II-23	2021, figure 2-4-2-1 (CD-ROM 2-5)
Showa 28	1953	106	61	-	10	3	13	13	3		0	3	78,225		
Showa 29	1954	107	58	-	7	7	17	10	4		4	0	77,112		
Showa 30	1955	82	40	-	9	6	14	7	3		1	2	81,868		
Showa 31	1956	80	23	-	10	7	24	5	2		2	7	82,870		
Showa 32	1957	105	41	-	10	16	25	4	3		2	4	80,354		
Showa 33	1958	120	32	-	17	16	49	2	2*1		1	0*1	79,191	1963, Table II-85	
Showa 34	1959	106	40	-	14	12	24	3*2	2*2		2	8*2	79,534		
Showa 35	1960	110	34	-	13	16	34	3	0*3		3	5*3	75,821		
Showa 36	1961	103	40	-	15	10	24	3	0		0	10	71,475		
Showa 37	1962	67	22	-	21	6	7	2	0		3	5	67,759	1964, Table III-43	
Showa 38	1963	70	33	-	10	3	10	2	0		5	6	65,802	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 39	1964	62	30	36	11	2	7	3	0		2	7	63,190	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 40	1965	67	17	22	20	7	8	1	1		3	10	63,515	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 41	1966	67	18	19	26	1	10	1	0		3	8	64,199	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 42	1967	64	18	23	10	2	13	3	0		7	9	60,837	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 43	1968	59	14	14	9	5	16	1	0		1	13	56,257	1969, Table II-93	
Showa 44	1969	63	18	23	13	7	14	3	1		0	7	52,736	1970, Table II-66	
Showa 45	1970	46(12)	12	14	11(11)	6	14(1)	1	0		2	-	49,209	1975, Table II-55	
Showa 46	1971	34(8)	9	9	8(8)	4	10	1	0		2	-	48,131	1974, Table II-75	
Showa 47	1972	36(17)	12	14	16(16)	1(1)	7	0	0		0	-	48,894	1974, Table II-75	
Showa 48	1973	38(22)	7	7	17(17)	1(1)	11(2)	0	2(2)		0	-	47,651	1974, Table II-75	
Showa 49	1974	35(25)	6	6	21(21)	0	8(2)	0	0		0	-	45,731	1975, Table II-65	
Showa 50	1975	28(11)	10	10	10(10)	1	6	1(1)	0		0	-	45,690	1976, Table II-55	
Showa 51	1976	17(9)	5	7	9(9)	2	1	0	0		0	-	46,931	1977, Table II-51	
Showa 52	1977	28(15)	11	12	15(15)	2	0	0	0		0	-	47,903	1978, Table II-52	
Showa 53	1978	15(9)	6	7	8(8)	0	1(1)	0	0		0	-	49,885	1979, Table II-47	
Showa 54	1979	14(7)	3	3	5(5)	0	4	1(1)	1(1)		0	-	50,846	1980, Table II-48	
Showa 55	1980	17(7)	4	4	6(6)	1	4	0	1(1)		1	-	50,596	1981, Table III-54	
Showa 56	1981	17(4)	6	6	4(4)	1	6	0	0		0	-	51,395	1982, Table III-50	
Showa 57	1982	17(10)	0	0	9(9)	2	4	1(1)		0	1	-	53,449	1983, Table III-44	
Showa 58	1983	18(12)	2	2	12(12)	1	3	0		0	0	-	54,326	1984, Table III-38	
Showa 59	1984	19(10)	3	5	10(10)	1	4	0		0	1	-	54,508	1985, Table II-33	
Showa 60	1985	16(6)	3	4	6(6)	1	5	0		0	1	-	55,263	1986, Table II-38	
Showa 61	1986	15(8)	3	3	8(8)	1	3	0		0	0	-	55,348	1987, Table II-37	

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Showa 62	1987	15(8)	3	3	8(8)	0	4	0	"Injury/Death during Prison Work" include only death after 1984	0	0	-	55,210	1988, Table II-38	2021, figure 2-4-2-1 (CD-ROM 2-5)
Showa 63	1988	8(3)	0	0	3(3)	1	4	0		0	0	-	54,344	1990, Table II-38	
Showa 64 / Heisei 1	1989	10(5)	3	3	5(5)	0	2	0		0	0	-	51,829	1991, Table I-38	
Heisei 2	1990	15(13)	3	4	9(9)	0	1(1)	1(1)*		1(2)	0	-	48,243	1992, Table II-38	
Heisei 3	1991	5(3)	1	1	3(3)	0	1	0		0	0	-	45,749	1993, Table II-39	
Heisei 4	1992	11(8)	1	1	7(7)	0	3(1)	0		0	0	-	44,876	1994, Table II-21	
Heisei 5	1993	10(8)	2	2	8(8)	0	0	0		0	0	-	45,057	1995, Table II-22	
Heisei 6	1994	9(6)	1	1	5(5)	0	2	1(1)		0	0	-	45,573	1996, Table II-20	
Heisei 7	1995	6(3)	1	1	3(3)	0	2	0		0	0	-	46,535	1997, Table II-21	
Heisei 8	1996	13(7)	2	8	6(6)	0	5(1)	0		0	0	-	48,393	1999, Table II-24	
Heisei 9	1997	12(7)	0	0	7(7)	0	5	0		0	0	0	50,091	2001, Table II-21	
Heisei 10	1998	19(10)	0	0	10(10)	0	9	0		0	0	0	51,986	2001, Table II-21	
Heisei 11	1999	19(10)	0	0	10(10)	0	7	0		0	1	1	53,947	2001, Table II-21	
Heisei 12	2000	21(10)	0	0	10(10)	0	9	0		0	1	1	58,747	2002, Table II-17	
Heisei 13	2001	19(16)*4	2	2	15(15)	0	1	0		0	0	1(1)*4	63,415	1990, Table 3-1-4-18	
Heisei 14	2002	34(19)	3	3	18(18)	0	9	0		0	1	3(1)	67,354	2004, Table 2-4-3-5	
Heisei 15	2003	22(15)	0	0	15(15)	0	7	0		0	0	0	71,889	2005, Table 2-4-3-5	
Heisei 16	2004	38(20)	3	3	20(20)	1	10	0		0	0	4	75,289	2006, Table 2-4-3-5	
Heisei 17	2005	35(15)	1	1	15(15)	2	15	0		0	0	2	77,932	2007, Table 2-4-2-3	
Heisei 18	2006	52(19)	0	0	18(18)	-	25(1)	0		0	1	8	80,335	2019, Table 3-1-4-18	
Heisei 19	2007	39(21)	1	1	21(21)	-	12	0		0	0	5	80,684		
Heisei 20	2008	39(25)	0	0	25(25)	-	8	0		0	1	5	78,533		
Heisei 21	2009	33(15)	0	0	15(15)	-	7	0		0	0	11	76,019		
Heisei 22	2010	36(24)	0	0	23(23)	-	7	1(1)		0	0	5	74,232		

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Heisei 23	2011	24(18)	0	0	18(18)	-	4	0	0	0	2	71,378		
Heisei 24	2012	33(21)	2	2	21(21)	-	6	0	0	0	4	68,565		
Heisei 25	2013	35(20)	1	1	20(20)	-	7	0	0	0	7	64,890		
Heisei 26	2014	15(12)	0	0	11(11)	-	3(1)	0	0	0	1	61,768	2019, Table 3-1-4-18	2021, figure 2-4-2-1 (CD-ROM 2-5)
Heisei 27	2015	25(18)	0	0	18(18)	-	7	0	0	0	0	59,670		
Heisei 28	2016	18(11)	1	1	11(11)	-	6	0	0	0	0	57,369		
Heisei 29	2017	21(14)	0	0	14(14)	-	7	0	0	0	0	54,876		
Heisei 30	2018	12(3)	1	1	3(3)	-	8	0	0	0	0	51,947		
Heisei 31/ Reiwa 1	2019	12(7)	0	0	7(7)	-	5	0	0	0	0	49,562	2020, Table 2-4-4-1	2022, p51
Reiwa 2	2020	15(12)	0	0	12(12)	-	3	0	0	0	0	47,332	2021, Table 2-4-4-1	
Reiwa 3	2021	15(13)	0	0	13(13)	-	2	0	0	0	0	45,680	2022, Table 2-4-4-1	
Reiwa 4	2022	18(13)	0	0	13(13)	-	4	0	0	0	1(-)*5	43,166	2023, Table 2-4-4-1	*6
Reiwa 5	2023	4(3)	0	0	3(3)	-	1(-)	0	0	0	0	40,853	2024, Table 2-4-4-1	*7
Reiwa 6	2024	17(8)	0	0	8(8)	-	6(-)	0	0	0	3(-)*8	40,451	2025, Table 2-4-4-1	97

*Figures with parenthesis"()" means the number of death

*From 1958 to 1963, there was a section on "Death caused by stealing and drinking methyl alcohol"

Year		Death caused by stealing and drinking methyl alcohol
Showa 33	1958	1
Showa 34	1959	1
Showa 35	1960	2
Showa 36	1961	1
Showa 37	1962	1

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Showa 38	1963		1										

*Figures in parentheses below indicate the number of deaths.

1 In Table II-23 of the 1962 edition, "Death or injury due to negligence 1" and "Other accidents 2" are listed. https://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/jp/3/nfm/n_3_2_2_1_2_9.html

2 In Table II-23 of the 1962 edition, "Occupational death or injury 2," "Death or injury due to negligence -" and "Other accidents 11" are listed.

3 In Table II-23 of the 1962 edition, "death or injury due to negligence 3" and "other accidents 4" are listed.

4 In table 2-4-3-4, 2002, "Total number" is "18(15)" and "Other" is "1(1)". https://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/jp/43/nfm/n_43_2_2_4_3_5.html

5 Casualties of Prison Officer

6 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Gyokei-Tokei) 2022, Table 2

7 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Gyokei-Tokei) 2023, Table 2

8 Smaller fires not considered actual fires

9 Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (Gyokei-Tokei) 2024, Table 2

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The figures for "Escape" are the number of accidents and persons, while the figures for other than "Escape" are the number of casualties. Figcasualtiesarentheses indicate the number of fatalities.

Other" includes improper treatment, illegal incarceration, etc. (Table 3-1-4-18, 2028 edition)https://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/jp/66/nfm/n66_2_3_1_4_4.html

The degree of staff and inmate homicide is more than one month of total recovery. (Table II-75, 1974 edition) https://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/jp/15/nfm/n_15_2_2_3_1_2.html#H002075H

Work-related deaths and injuries are recorded as those that cannot be covered for life in the separate table for death and injury benefit provisions. (Table II-75, 1974 edition)https://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/jp/15/nfm/n_15_2_2_3_1_2.html#H002075H

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