

8. Length of stay in prison for parolees serving life sentences (Since 1966)

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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			-	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	Cabinet's answer to the House of Representatives(N o. 149 October 3, 2000)	-	
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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*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

*4 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released September 2009

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

*6 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released November 2021

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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

*10 Ministry of Justice, "Status of Execution of Life Sentences and Operation of Parole" released January 2026

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

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