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Showa 20	1945		465	2		63	1	-	Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (’Gyokei-Tokei’)	1945, Table 7, p.16-7	1946, Table 19, p.50-1	-
Showa 21	1946		374	1		78		-		1946, Table 7, p.16-7		-
Showa 22	1947		455	1		49		-		1947, Table 7, p.16-7	1947, Table 19, p.48-9	-
Showa 23	1948		548	1		136		-		1948, Table 7, p.16-7	1948, Table 19, p.50-1	-
Showa 24	1949		639	1		143		-		1949, Table 7, p.16-7	1949, Table 20, p.50-1	-
Showa 25	1950		744			132		-		1950, Table 7, p.16-7	1955, Table 18, P110-1	-
Showa 26	1951		870			130		-		1951, Table 7, p.16-7		-
Showa 27	1952		813			109		-		1952, Table 6, p.48-9		-
Showa 28	1953		854			86		-		1953, Table 6, P.50-1		-
Showa 29	1954		911			89		-		1954, Table 6, P.50-1		-
Showa 30	1955		966			84		-		1955, Table 7, p.66-7		-
Showa 31	1956		1051			119		-		1956, Table 7, p.56-7	1956, Table 7, p.98-9	-
Showa 32	1957		1109			119		87		1957, Table 7, p.56-7	1948, Table 18, p.98-9	
Showa 33	1958		1168			123		76		1958, Table 12, p.34-5	1958, Table 29, p.86-7	
Showa 34	1959		1223			105		99		1959, Table 12, p.34-5	1959, Table 29, p.86-7	
Showa 35	1960		1269			89		93		1960, Table 12, p.34-5	1960, Table 29, p.86-7	
Showa 36	1961		1279			71		65		1961, Table 12, p.34-5	1961, Table 29, p.86-7	
Showa 37	1962		1265			55		60		1962, Table 12, p.34-5	1962, Table 30, p.100-1	
Showa 38	1963		1244			77		75		1963, Table 12, p.34-5	1963, Table 30, p.100-1	
Showa 39	1964		1211			60		59		1964, Table 12, p.34-5	1964, Table 30, p.100-1	
Showa 40	1965		1169			52		49		1965, Table 11, p.28-9	1965, Table 20, p.64-5	
Showa 41	1966		1173			68		70		1966, Table 11, p.28-9	1966, Table 20, p.64-5	
Showa 42	1967		1138			61		63		1967, Table 11, p.28-9	1967, Table 20, p.64-5	
Showa 43	1968		1107			41		42		1968, Table 11, p.28-9	1968, Table 20, p.64-5	
Showa 44	1969		1071			50		47		1969, Table 5, p.24-5	1969 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 45	1970		1024			37		36		1970, Table 5, p.24	1970 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 46	1971		980			41		43		1971, Table 5, p.24	1971 Table 14, p.60-1	

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Showa 47	1972		994			51		49	Annual Report of Statistics on Correction (‘Kyosei-Tokei’)	1972, Table 5, p.24	1972, Table 15, p.64-5	See the ”5. Number of death sentences and life imprisonment sentences by trial level” page.
Showa 48	1973		954			21		22		1973, Table 5, p.24	1973, Table 15, p.64-5	
Showa 49	1974		915			23		33		1974, Table 5, p.24	1974, Table 15, p.64-5	
Showa 50	1975		846			39		44		1975, Table 5, p.24	1975 Table 15, p.64-5	
Showa 51	1976		824			28		30		1976, Table 5, p.24	1976, Table 15, p.64-5	
Showa 52	1977		824			50		51		1977, Table 5, p.24	1977, Table 15, p.64-5	
Showa 53	1978		818			30		36		1978, Table 5, p.24	1978 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 54	1979		800			31		32		1979, Table 5, p.24	1979 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 55	1980		784			37		40		1980 Table 5, p.24	1980 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 56	1981		760			33		33		1981 Table 5, p.24	1981 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 57	1982		748			32		36		1982 Table 5, p.24	1982 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 58	1983		740			34		36		1983 Table 5, p.24	1983 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 59	1984		731			43		43		1984 Table 5, p.24	1984 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 60	1985		758			39		38		1985 Table 5, p.24	1985 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 61	1986		777			42		41		1986 Table 5, p.24	1986 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 62	1987		804			57		56		1989 Table 5, p.24	1987 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 63	1988		834			39		40		1992 Table 5, p.24	1988 Table 14, p.60-1	
Showa 64 / Heisei 1	1989		864			47		49		1992 Table 5, p.24	1989 Table 14, p.60-1	
Heisei 2	1990		888			34		32		1992 Table 5, p.24	1990 Table 14, p.60-1	
Heisei 3	1991		870			24		24		1992 Table 5, p.24	1991 Table 14, p.60-1	
Heisei 4	1992		873			28		29		1996 Table 5, p.24	1992 Table 14, p.60-1	
Heisei 5	1993		883			27		27		1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 6	1994		894			33		35		1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 7	1995		909			34		35		1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 8	1996		923			35		34		1996 Table 5, p.24	1998 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 9	1997		938			32		32		2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1	

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Heisei 10	1998		968			46		45		2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 11	1999		1002			45		48		2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 12	2000		1047			60		59		2001 Table 5, p.24	2001 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 13	2001		1097			69		68		2001 Table 5, p.24	2002 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 14	2002		1152			75		82			2002 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 15	2003		1242			114		117			2003 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 16	2004		1352			119		115			2004 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 17	2005		1467			134		134		2006 Table 5	2005 Table 20 p.110-1	
Heisei 18	2006		1596			136		135			2006 Table 19	
Heisei 19	2007		1670			89		91		2007 Table 5	2007 Table 19	
Heisei 20	2008		1711			53		57		2008 Table 5	2008 Table 19	
Heisei 21	2009		1772			81		88		2009 Table 5	2009 Table 19	
Heisei 22	2010		1796			50		49		2010 Table 5	2010 Table 19	
Heisei 23	2011		1812			43		46		2011 Table 5	2011 Table 19	
Heisei 24	2012		1826			34		38		2012 Table 5	2012 Table 19	
Heisei 25	2013		1843			39		38		2013 Table 5	2013 Table 19	
Heisei 26	2014		1842			26		28		2014 Table 5	2014 Table 19	
Heisei 27	2015		1835			25		27		2015 Table 5	2015 Table 19	
Heisei 28	2016		1815			14		15		2016 Table 5	2016 Table 19	
Heisei 29	2017		1795			18		18		2017 Table 5	2017 Table 19	
Heisei 30	2018		1789			25		25		2018 Table 5	2018 Table 19	
Heisei 31/	2019		1765			16		16		2019 Table 5	2019 Table 19	

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Reiwa 1	2019		1765			16		16	2019 Table 5	2019 Table 19	
Reiwa 2	2020		1744			18		19	2020 Table 5	2020 Table 19	
Reiwa 3	2021		1725			17		18	2021 Table 5	2021 Table 19	
Reiwa 4	2022		1688			10		10	2022 Table 5	2022 Table 19	
Reiwa 5	2023		1669			14		14	2023 Table 5	2023 Table 19	
Reiwa 6	2024		1650			11		10	2024 Table 5	2024 Table 19	
Reiwa 7	2025		1639			15		15	2025 Table 5	2025 Table 19	

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