

Chapter 2 Ensuring Community Safety and Criminal Investigation

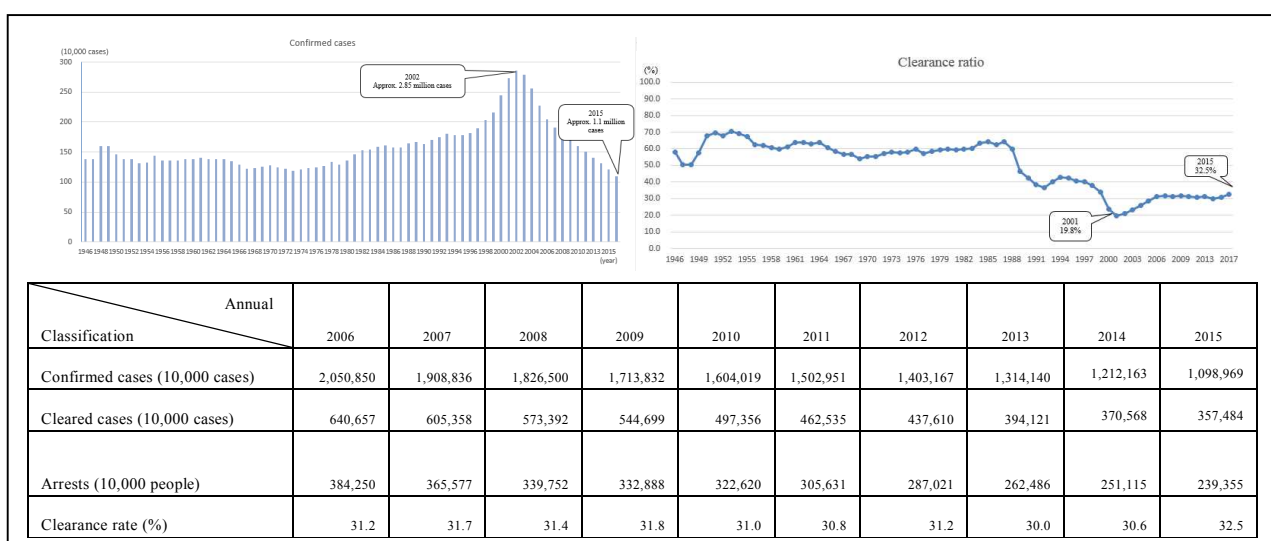
Section 1 Crime Situation and Countermeasures

1. Criminal Cases

The number of confirmed criminal cases in 2015 was 1,098,969, a decrease of 113,194 (9.3%) cases from the previous year. The number of cleared criminal cases in 2015 was 239,355, a decrease of 11,760 (4.7%) cases from the previous year.

though the amount of financial losses caused by larceny offenses was the largest until 2013, that caused by frauds was the largest in 2014. However, that caused by larceny offenses became the largest once again in 2015, reaching approximately 76,659 million yen (47.5%).

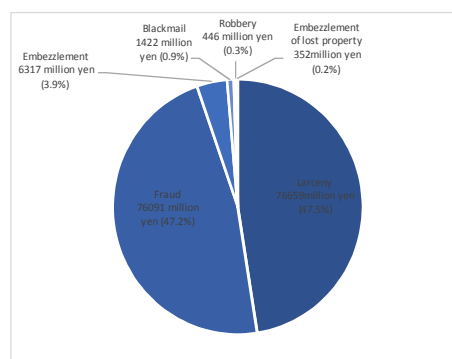
Change in confirmed and cleared criminal cases (1946-2015)



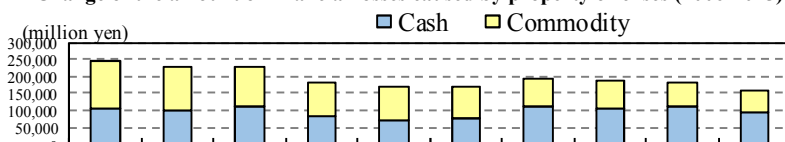
2. Countermeasures against Crimes Targeting People's Assets

The total amount of financial losses caused by property offenses shows a decreasing trend since 2002. Regarding the situation in the amount of financial losses caused by property offenses, in accordance with types of crimes,

The situation in the amount of financial losses caused by property offenses, in accordance with types of crimes (2015)



Change of the amount of financial losses caused by property offenses (2006-2015)



Annual	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total amount (million yen)	245,840	228,594	227,083	183,233	170,341	172,372	196,520	187,333	182,044	161,287
Cash	108,010	102,245	110,119	79,756	73,081	77,985	111,073	106,414	113,185	93,967
Commodity	137,830	126,349	116,964	103,477	97,260	94,387	85,447	80,919	68,860	67,320

Section 2 Developing Infrastructure for Police Investigations

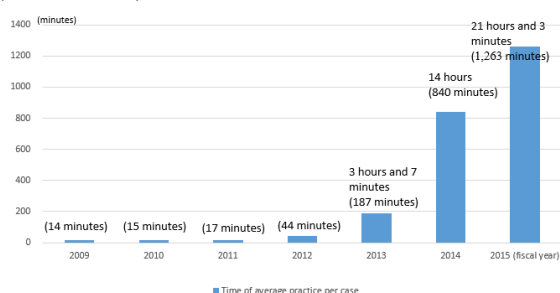
1 Enhancing Investigative Capability

In order to make up-to-date improvements regarding proper and effective ways of obtaining statements that represent the truth during interrogations and regarding ways of passing on these techniques, the NPA promotes advanced and appropriate interrogations. It has created the instruction manual, “Interrogation: Basic Edition” in December 2012 and so on.

Also, the NPA promotes examinations of measures for the effective use of DNA profile analysis and the DNA database and the advancement of investigative techniques including the introduction of undercover investigation in order to break away from an excessive dependence on interrogation and written statement, as well as to respond accurately to crimes that are ever more advanced and complex due to developments in scientific techniques and other factors, and to enable accurate verification through objective evidence.

Since April 2009, the prefectural police nationwide have introduced the pilot program for audio and video recordings of suspect’s interrogations in cases for trial by lay judges. Besides, the same kind of program is now implemented in cases concerning suspects with intellectual or other mental disabilities. The average recording time per case of audio and video recordings of suspect’s interrogations in cases for trial by lay judges shows an increasing trend since the pilot program started (as of April 4, 2016). At the

The average recording time per case of audio and video recordings of suspect’s interrogations in cases for trial by lay judges (FY2009-FY2017)



same time, the police are working on downsizing of audio and video recording equipment and streamlining of their operations.

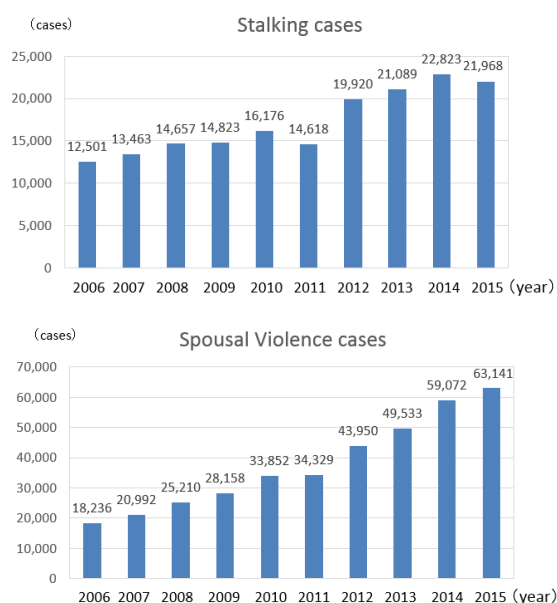
Section 3 Initiatives for Protecting Women and Children from Crimes

1 Handling Violent Cases Arising from the Entanglement of Emotions Related to Romantic Attachment

(1) Current Circumstances

The number of consultations on stalking cases in 2015 decreased for the first time in four years. However, it has remained at a high level since 2012 compared to the period from when the Anti-Stalking Act was enforced until 2011. In addition, the number of consultations on spousal violence cases^{Note1} during 2015 was the largest since the enforcement of the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims.

Trends in the number of consultations on stalking and spousal violence cases (2006-2015)



Note: Stalking cases include the number of cases of continual shadowing, silent phone calls that do not infringe on the Anti-Stalking Act and other Penal Laws and regulations. Spousal violence cases are the number of cases where victims receive counseling after being subjected to physical violence from a spouse, threats to their life, or other mistreatment

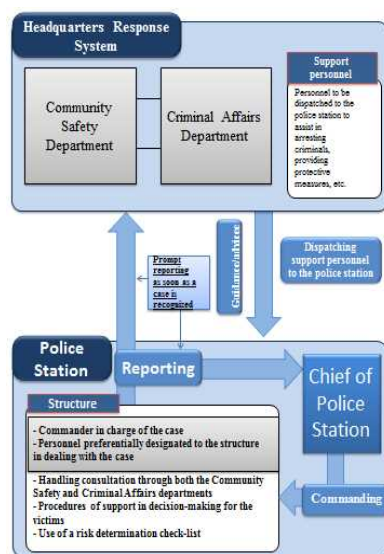
^{Note 1} Based on the enforcement of the Act for the Partial Amendment to the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims enacted in June 2013, figures on and after January 3, 2014 also include cases of violence perpetrated by intimate partners in a relationship of shared principal dwelling (excluding persons living together without a relationship characterized as a marital relationship).

(2) Measures

The police established a system that enables cases in which the immediate securing of personal safety is deemed necessary (e.g., violent cases arising from the entanglement of emotions related to romantic attachment) to be handled in an integrated fashion. The police put the highest priority on ensuring the safety of the victims and other individuals and systematically promote prompt and appropriate responses including arresting suspects through proactively applying the Anti-Stalking Act, the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of

Victims and other current laws and regulations, undertaking protection measures such as encouraging victims and other individuals to evacuate to safer places, assuring their security and promoting the registration of phone numbers in the 110 Emergency Call Registration System as well as the installment of video cameras.

Moreover, in order to appropriately respond to consultations from victims and other individuals, the police have also introduced "Procedures of Support in Decision Making for the Victims" and other measures



Establishment of the System