

In addition, the Act prohibits designated Boryokudan group members from rewarding other members in praise of violence in conflicts between designated Boryokudan groups, etc., and prevents them from disturbing citizens' exercise of rights for seeking compensation of damages resulting from Boryokudan group members' illegal acts. In 2018, 16 prohibition orders were issued. Members of designated Boryokudan groups who disobey these orders are subject to punishment under the Act. Eleven cases of disobedience were cleared in 2018.

(3) Elimination of Boryokudan from Society



The police have been promoting efforts by the community to eliminate Boryokudan. Specifically, in order to cut off Boryokudans' funding sources, the police, in coordination with the relevant agencies, are promoting Boryokudan elimination activities in wide-ranging industries such as moneylending businesses and construction businesses.

The police are also supporting removal campaigns of Boryokudan offices carried out by local residents, for example by closely cooperating with the competent Prefectural Centers for Removal of Boryokudan which are able to file lawsuits on behalf of local residents demanding removal of Boryokudan offices from the community. The police also provide support for people's actions to recover damages caused in relation to Boryokudans' crimes.

3. Firearms Control

A. Firearms-related Crime

(1) Number of Incidents

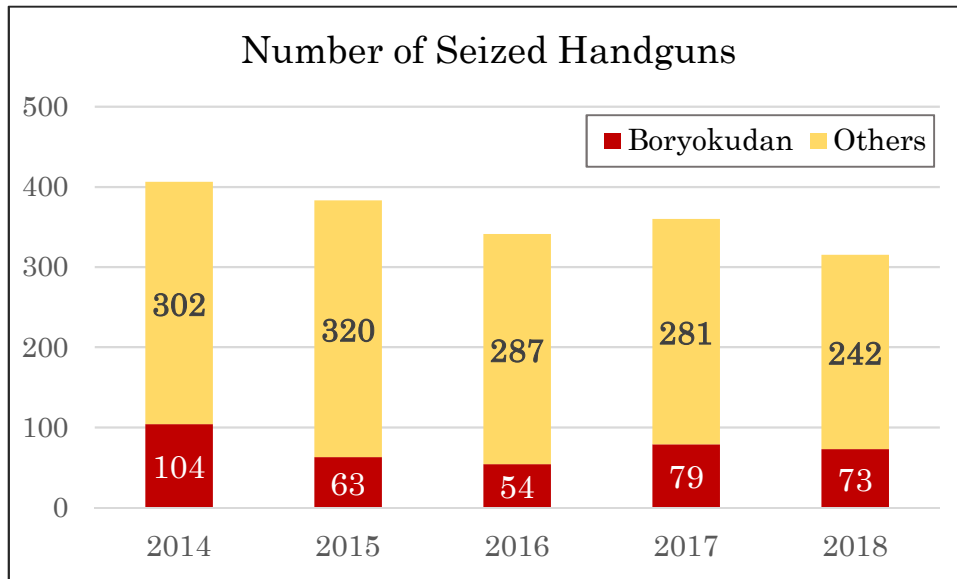
In 2018, there were 83 firearms-related crimes, a decrease of 21 cases from the previous year. Handguns were used in 3 murders and 12 robberies.

Firearms-related

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of Incidents	147	110	112	104	83
Handgun-related incidents	82	58	71	60	43
Murder	15	5	13	9	3
Handgun-related incidents	12	5	12	9	3
Robbery	26	17	25	19	12
Handgun-related incidents	26	16	24	19	10
Others	106	88	74	76	68
Handgun-related incidents	44	37	35	32	30

(2) Seizure of Handguns

In 2018, the police seized 315 handguns, 23.2% of which were seized from Boryokudan.



Seized Guns

B. Cooperation in the Fight against Firearms

In order to identify the trafficking routes and to detect smuggling, the police cooperate with domestic and foreign authorities concerned to carry out crackdown operations, exchange of information, and other activities.

4. Drug Control

A. Drug Offenses

(1) Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Offenses

The most widely abused types of drugs in Japan are stimulants, the majority of which is crystallized methamphetamine.