

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 2019, 3 rewarding prohibition orders were issued. Members of designated Boryokudan groups who disobey these orders are subject to punishment under the Act. Five cases of disobedience were cleared in 2019.

(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

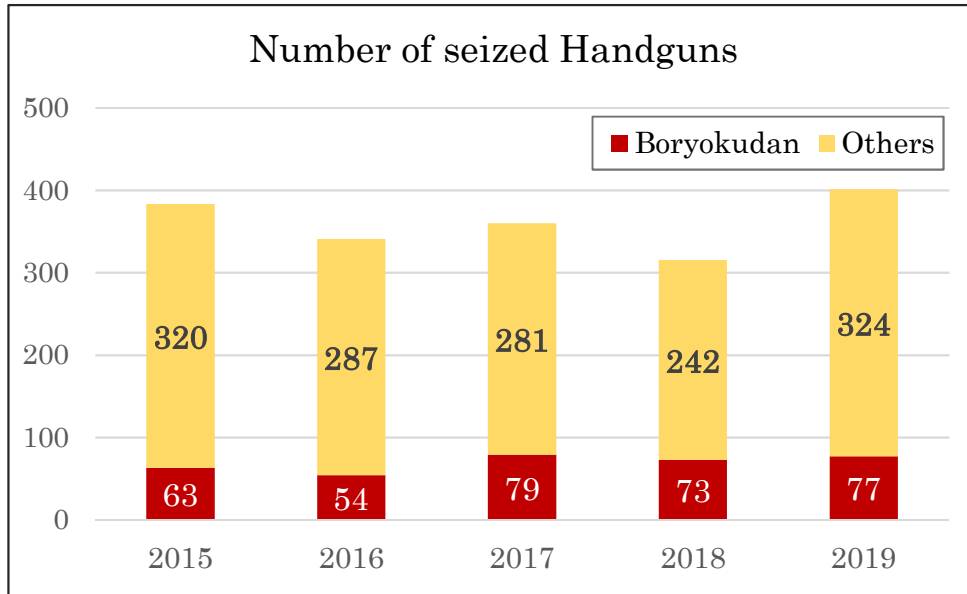
In 2019, there were 93 firearms-related crimes, a decrease of 10 cases from the previous year. Handguns were used in 15 murders and 18 robberies.

Firearms-related

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Incidents	110	112	104	83	93
Handgun-related incidents	58	71	60	43	55
Murder	5	13	9	3	15
Handgun-related incidents	5	12	9	3	10
Robbery	17	25	19	12	18
Handgun-related incidents	16	24	19	10	18
Others	88	74	76	68	60
Handgun-related incidents	37	35	32	30	27

(2) Seizure of Handguns

In 2019, the police seized 401 handguns, 19.2% 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.