

Part 1: Special Feature and Topics

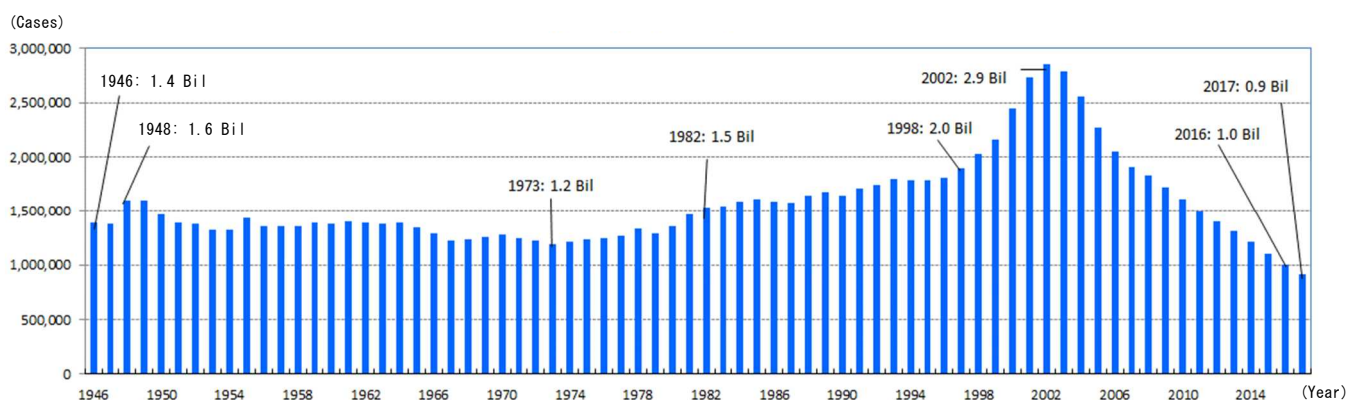
Special Feature: Recent Criminal Trend and Future Prospects

Section 1: Crime Status

1. Overview

The number of penal code offenses known to the police in 2017 was approximately 915,000, a decrease of more than 80,000 compared to the previous year and a remarkable decline of approximately 1,940,000 (67.9%) in comparison to the peak year of 2002. The number of penal code offenses known to the police per 1,000 population was 7.2, marking the postwar record low.

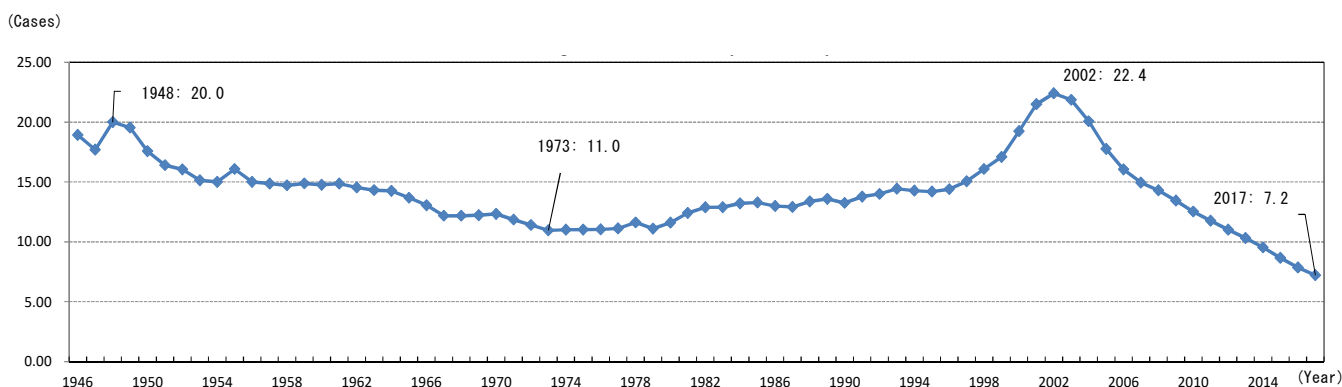
No. of Penal Code Offenses Known to the Police (1946-2017)



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No. of Cases Known	1,826,500	1,713,832	1,604,019	1,502,951	1,403,167	1,314,140	1,212,163	1,098,969	996,120	915,042
No. of Cases Cleared	573,392	544,699	497,356	462,535	437,610	394,121	370,568	357,484	337,066	327,081
No. of Persons arrested	339,752	332,888	322,620	305,631	287,021	262,486	251,115	239,355	226,376	215,003
Clearance Rate (%)	31.4	31.8	31.0	30.8	31.2	30.0	30.6	32.5	33.8	35.7

Note: No. of persons arrested includes not only persons arrested but also those against whom necessary investigations have been completed without detention; the same applies hereinafter.

No. of Penal Code Offenses Known to the Police per 1,000 Population (1946-2017)



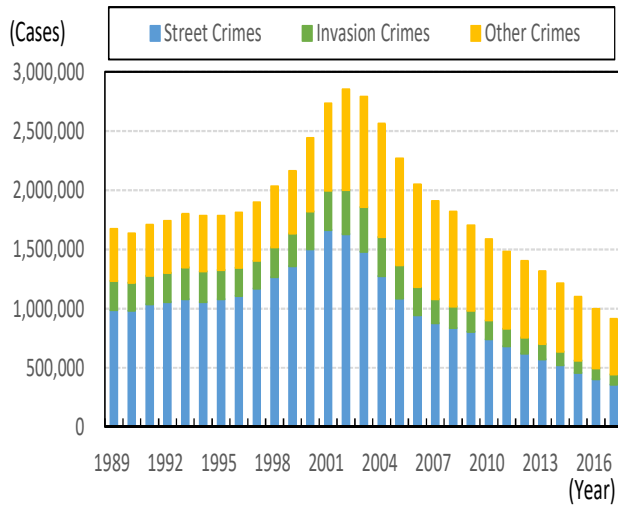
Note: Calculation Sources: Up to 2000: Quinquennial Censuses and adjusted intercensal data. 2001 onward: Annual October 1 data of the Population Estimates, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

2. Crime Status after 1989

(1) Trend of Street Crimes and Invasion Crimes

The rise in street crimes and invasion crimes from 1989 through 2002 is presumed to have affected the rise of approximately 1,180,000 in the total number of penal code offenses known to the police during the period. Meanwhile, the decline in street crimes and invasion crimes from 2002 through 2017 is similarly presumed to have had an impact on the decline of approximately 1,940,000 in the total number of penal code offenses known during said period.

No. of Street Crimes and Invasion Crimes known to the Police (1989-2017)



No. of crimes by type (1989, 2002, 2017)

Type of Crime \ Year	1989	2002	2017
Total No. of Cases Known	1,235,705	2,005,151	445,757
No. of Street Crimes	987,856	1,630,549	357,136
Mugging	399	2,888	504
Purse Snatching	10,145	52,919	2,894
Forcible Intercourse	375	869	203
Forcible Indecency	1,301	5,915	3,267
Abduction & Kidnapping	87	175	143
Assault	4,110	12,814	13,772
Injury	9,393	20,465	9,150
Extortion	4,632	12,514	818
Car Theft	35,877	62,673	10,213
Motorcycle Theft	271,083	198,642	20,184
Bicycle Theft	377,640	514,120	205,381
Vehicle Load Theft	194,824	443,298	54,768
Vehicle Parts Theft	40,594	128,539	27,353
Vending Machine Theft	37,396	174,718	8,486
No. of Invasive Crimes	247,849	374,602	88,621
Burglary Robbery	684	2,436	588
Burglary Theft	235,079	338,294	73,122
Trespassing	12,086	33,872	14,911

(2) Demographic Trend of Persons arrested for Penal Code Offenses

The ratio of those arrested in the 14 to 19 years old age segment per 10,000 population, which had been dominant among all persons arrested for penal code offenses since 1989, has significantly declined after 2003, rapidly nearing the levels of other age segments.

Persons arrested for Penal Code Offenses by Age Segment per 10,000

