Section 2: Public Security Restoration Efforts and Social Background of Crimes in Recent Years

1. Establishment of Comprehensive Crime Control Framework

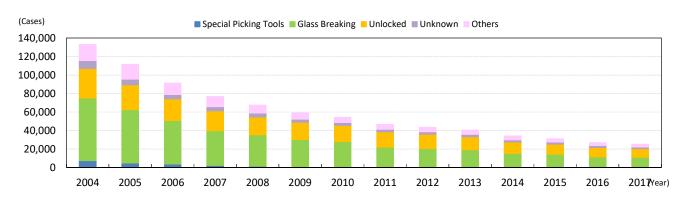
The police set 2003 as the first year for public security restoration and have promoted comprehensive crime control measures thereafter.



2. Efforts by Local Governments and Private Businesses

① Fighting burglary thefts

The number of burglary thefts known to the police, particularly sneak thieveries, have remarkably declined since 2002 partly due to the development and diffusion of highly crime preventive building components. Among the modus operandi of sneak thieveries, use of special picking tools and glass breaking have drastically declined by 98.4% and 83.9%, respectively, to greater extents compared with the 70.9% decline of targeting unlocked facilities compared with 2004.

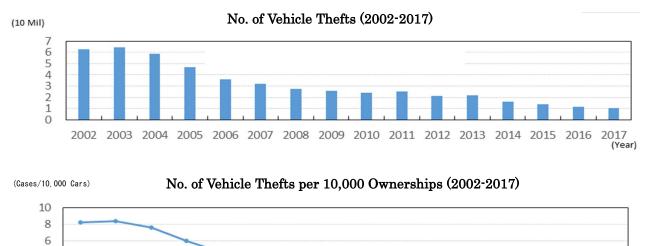


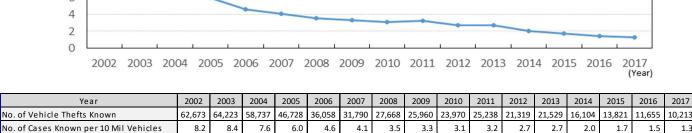
No. of Sneak Thieveries by Type (2004-2017)

Year Crime Method		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No. o	No. of Cases Known		111,700	91,461	76,894	67,526	59,350	54,536	46,899	43,661	40,716	34,171	31,430	27,113	25,557
	Use of Special Picking Tools	7,434	4,755	3,844	2,258	1,415	491	382	329	248	189	152	156	118	119
	Glass Breaking	67,444	57,677	46,729	37,495	33,825	29,674	27,613	21,525	20,155	18,854	14,981	14,099	11,265	10,862
	Unlocked	32,161	26,963	23,485	21,478	19,406	18,616	17,522	16,662	15,481	14,085	12,248	11,076	10,210	9,344
	Unknown	8,452	6,044	4,768	4,354	4,277	3,444	3,026	2,829	2,647	2,622	2,467	2,159	1,932	1,775
	Others	17,668	16,261	12,635	11,309	8,603	7,125	5,993	5,554	5,130	4,966	4,323	3,940	3,588	3,457

② Fighting Vehicle Thefts

The number of vehicle thefts known to the police per 10,000 ownerships has almost constantly been declining since its peak year of 2003, partly due to police efforts to promote loading of immobilizers.





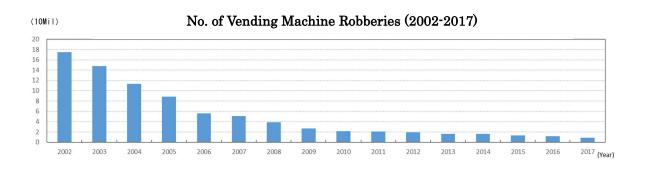
Note: Calculation Source: Registered Motor Vehicles and No. of Licensed Light Motor Vehicles Owned Subject to Inspection respectively defined by Article 4 and 60 of the Road Trucking Vehicle Act (Annual end December data of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)'s "Monthly Report on No. of Vehicles Owned"), No. of Small-sized Special Vehicle Ownership (Annual July 1 data of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)' "Survey on Light Motor Vehicle Tax" and annual April 1 data of MLIT's "Land Transport Statistics Handbook").

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③ Fighting Vending Machine Robberies

Damage from vending machine robberies has been remarkably declining in line with gradual ruggedization of vending machines.

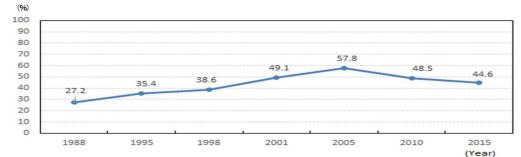


Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No. of Cases Known	174,718	147,878	112,965	88,180	55,981	50,846	38,555	26,765	21,603	20,393	18,989	16,508	16,404	13,242	11,533	8,486

3. Social Background of Crimes

(1) Rise of Penal Code Offenses Known to the Police up to 2002

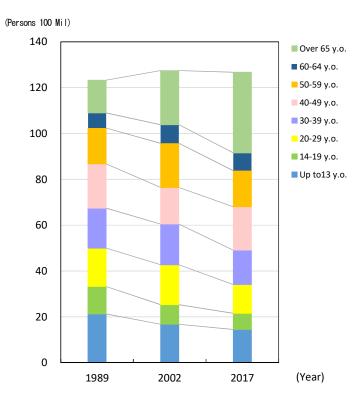
The background to the significant rise in penal code offenses known to the police, particularly street crimes and invasion crimes up to 2002, is presumed to have been a combination of complex factors including changes in the economic and social environment. According to polls, the ratio of respondents over 20 years old feeling "overall social moral deterioration," which was 27.2% in 1988, more than doubled in 2005 to 57.8%.



Ratio of Respondents over 20 Years Old Feeling "Overall Social Moral Deterioration" (1988-2015)

(2) Decline of Penal Code Offenses Known to the Police since 2002

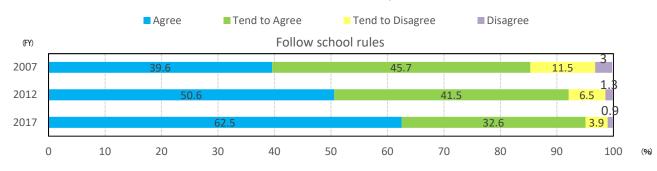
Triggers behind the drastic decline in street crimes and invasion crimes since 2002 cannot be easily specified; however, comprehensive public-private crime control efforts along with diverse social changes may have constituted the underlying background. The social factor behind the decline in penal code offenses known is presumed to be the continuous depopulation of juveniles, consequent to the accelerating low birthrate and longevity, whose offense ratio per 10,000 population is relatively higher than other age segments.



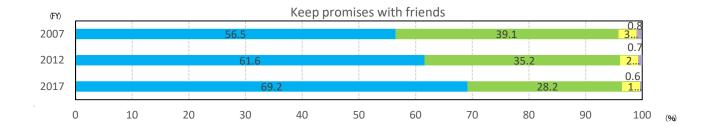
By-age Population Structure (1989, 2002 & 2017)

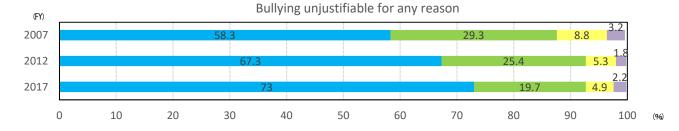
Note: Calculation Sources: Up to 2000: Quinquennial Censuses and adjusted intercensal data. 2001 onward: Annual October 1 data of the Population Estimates, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Juveniles in recent years appear to have a higher standard of norm consciousness. Surveys also suggest an increase in juveniles who are satisfied with current life and feel 'very happy' along with a decrease in those who are unsatisfied with society or family life.



9th Graders' Norm Consciousness (2007, 2012 & 2017)





20-29 Years Olds' Satisfaction with Current Life (2002 & 2017)



