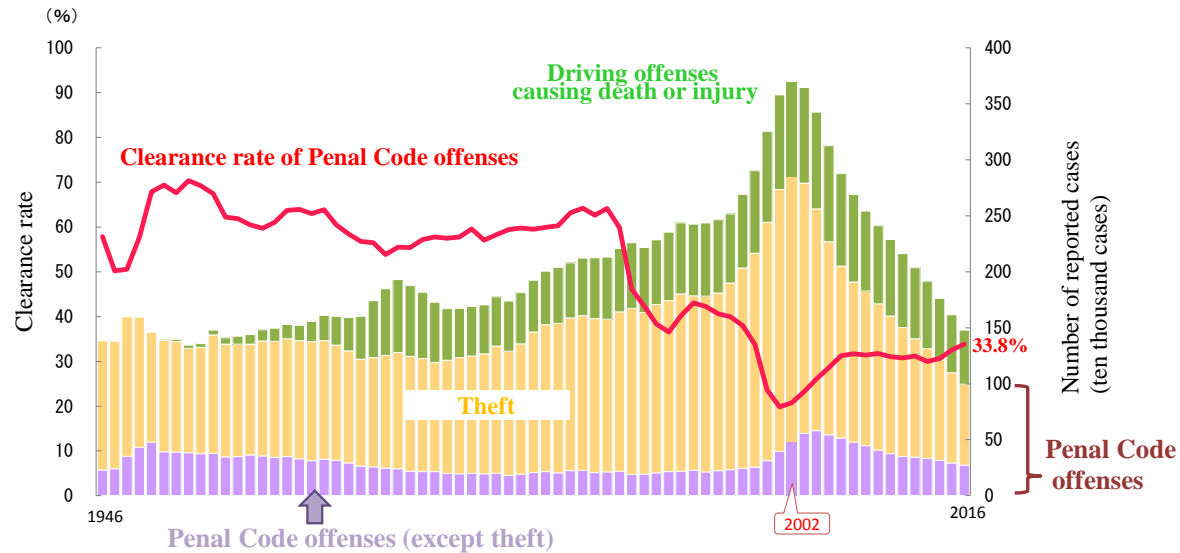


White Paper on Crime 2017

Number of reported cases and clearance rate: Penal Code offenses (1946-2016)



Reported Penal Code Offenses

- fell below one million (approx. 996,000)
- decreased for 14 consecutive years
- a post-war low

- *Theft* 723,148 cases
... accounts for 72.6% of all Penal Code Offenses
- *Fraud* 40,990 cases
... increasing since 2012
- *Injury Assault* 24,365 cases
31,813 cases
...a slight decrease from the previous year yet both remain high

Some Offenses to be noted

- Cleared offenses of *Child Abuse*, *Spousal Violence* and *Stalking* are on the rise.
- Drug Offenses; The number of persons cleared for *Stimulants Control Act* violations remained over 10,000. *Cannabis Control Act* violations have increased for three consecutive years.

(2 yr.) Reimprisonment Rate

$$\frac{\text{those inmates reimprisoned by the year-end of 2016 after the release from prison in 2015}}{\text{all released inmates in 2015}} = 18.0\%$$

0.6 pts down

from the % of those released from prison in 2016

The Elderly

(65 yrs old and older)

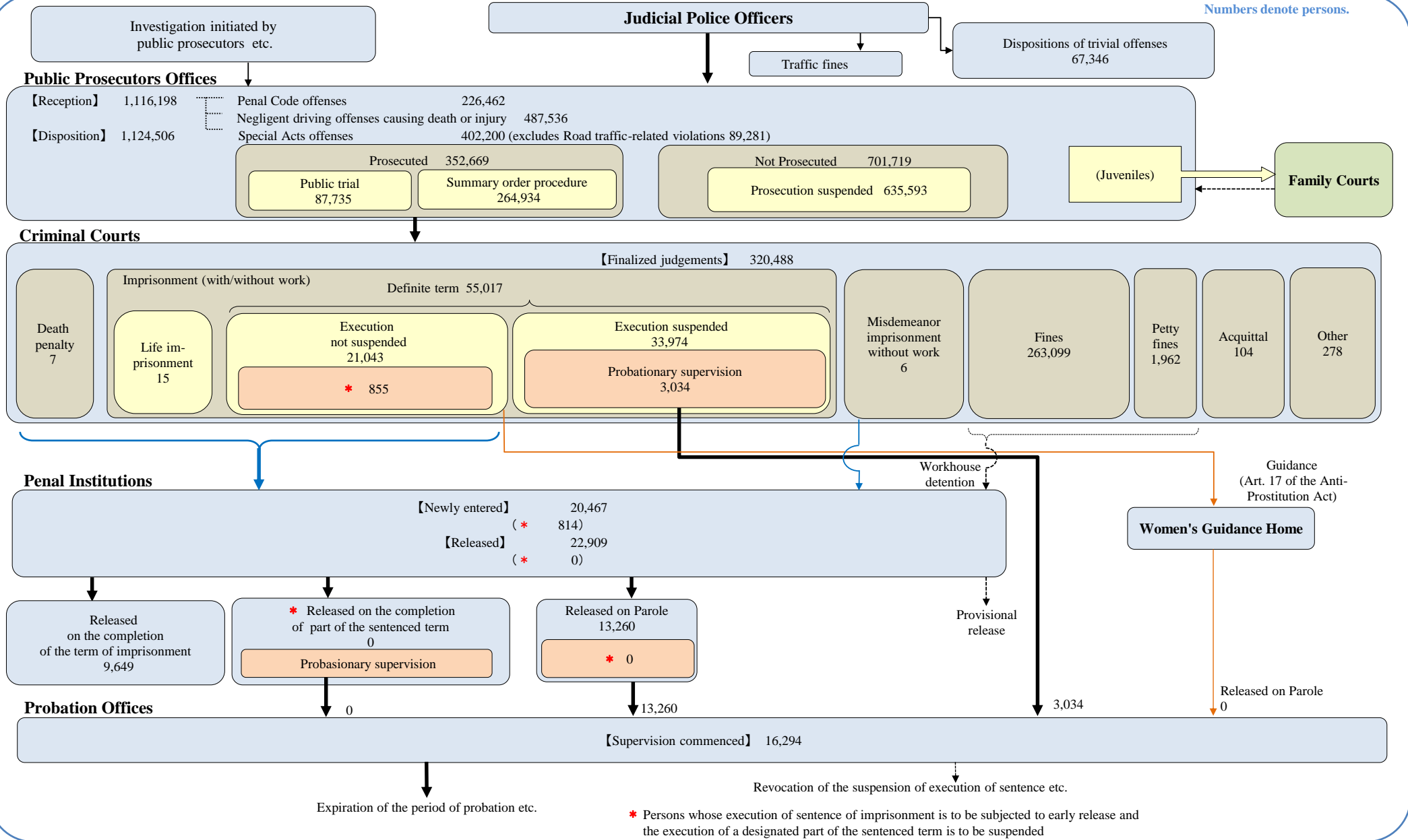
approx. 20% of all persons cleared for Penal Code offenses

approx. 70% of the elderly who entered prison in 2015 have previous imprisonment history

among those elderly released from prison in 2015, those reimprisoned by year-end 2016 account for 23.2%

Flow of Criminal Justice Procedure in 2016

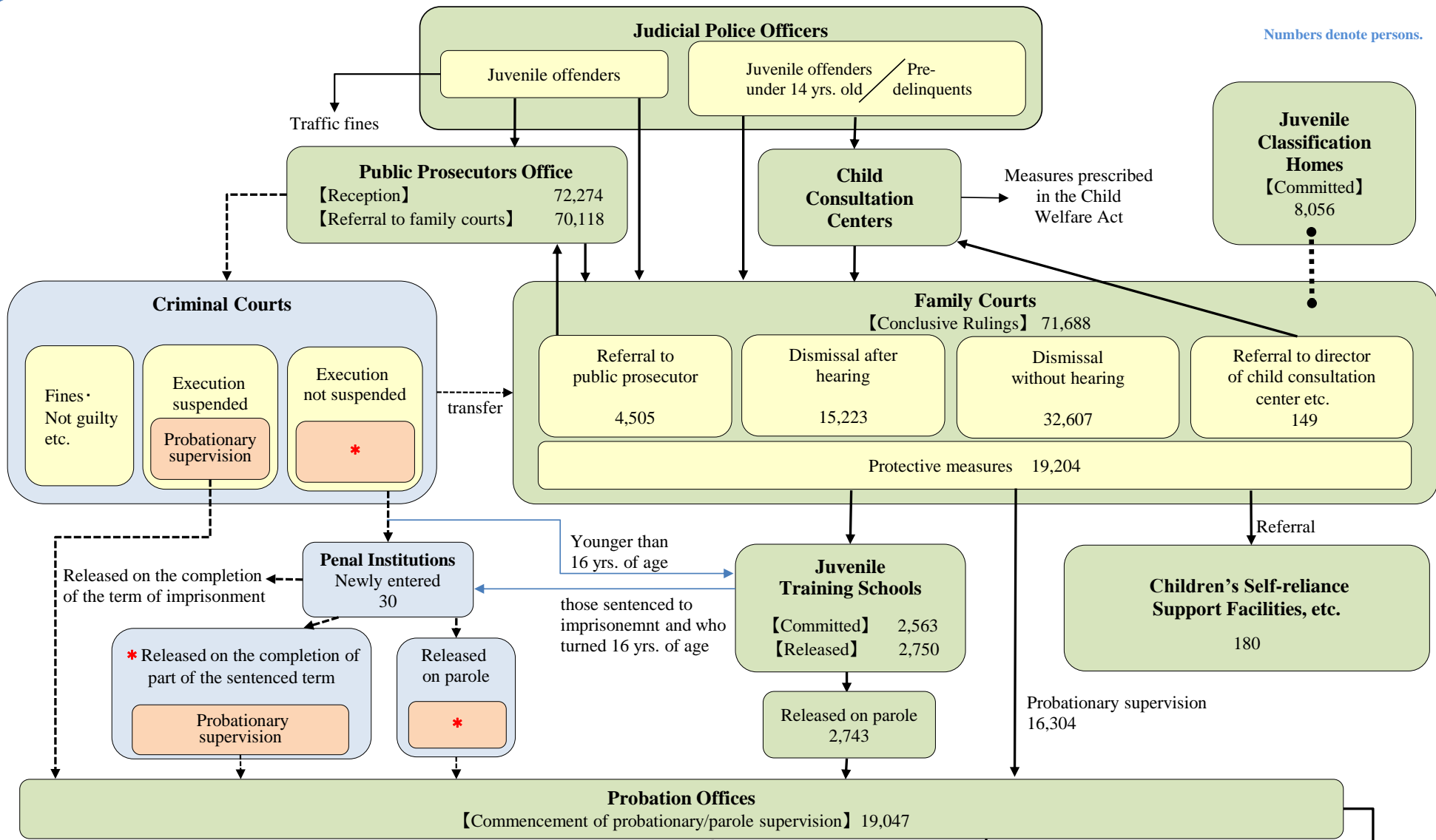
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Flow of Juvenile Procedure in 2016

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Special
Feature

Community Networks to Support Rehabilitation

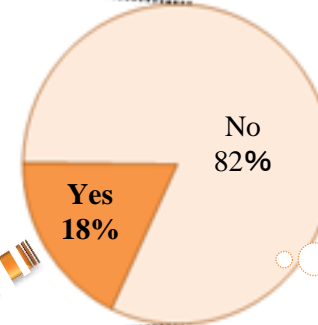
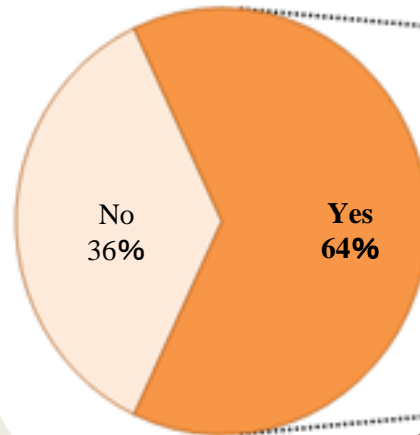
Civil Supporters

Survey on people's willingness to support rehabilitation of offenders

Would you be willing to support an offender (incl. juvenile) to rehabilitate?

if Yes

Would you be willing to meet an offender **in person** and offer **continuous support**?



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Survey conducted by the Cabinet Office, 2013

Private employers

who would consider hiring an offender and support the offender's social re-integration **are increasing**

BUT

% of those who actually hire is **low**

Civil Supporters also need support

Volunteer Probation Officers

Number of VPOs is **declining**
Difficulties in recruitment

Multi-Sectoral Cooperation

Relevant NGOs, Groups, etc.

- Substance-abuse or other specialized rehabilitation support
- Home for the disabled or other living assistance providers
- ...etc.

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Criminal Justice Agencies (State)

- Connect offenders to social resources

Local Government

- Support civil supporters
- Coordination of welfare and other local resources for offender's re-integration

positive collaboration efforts have been identified

BUT

the progress is limited in geographical scope and largely depends upon dedication of concerned individuals

FOR SEAMLESS & CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Address people's perception

- Awareness Raising

Support supporters

- Prepare & provide support measures

Connect effectively

- Specialized liaison officers

Share

- Good practices
- Relevant info

Columns in the White Paper (*inter alia*):

Volunteer Probation Officers (VPOs) and their collaborative efforts with local networks to support offenders

Measures taken by a prefecture to provide employment support for probationers and to prevent reoffending

Support provided by a municipality for local VPOs

Collaboration between a probation office and a prefectural psychiatric center in the rehabilitation of substance abusers

Roles of certified social workers in criminal justice

Network-building efforts by a municipal government

Work experience program offered by the business community for released offenders/juvenile delinquents



“A Brighter Society Campaign” poster
~ featuring ~
Hogo-chan & Sara-chan (rehabilitation penguins)