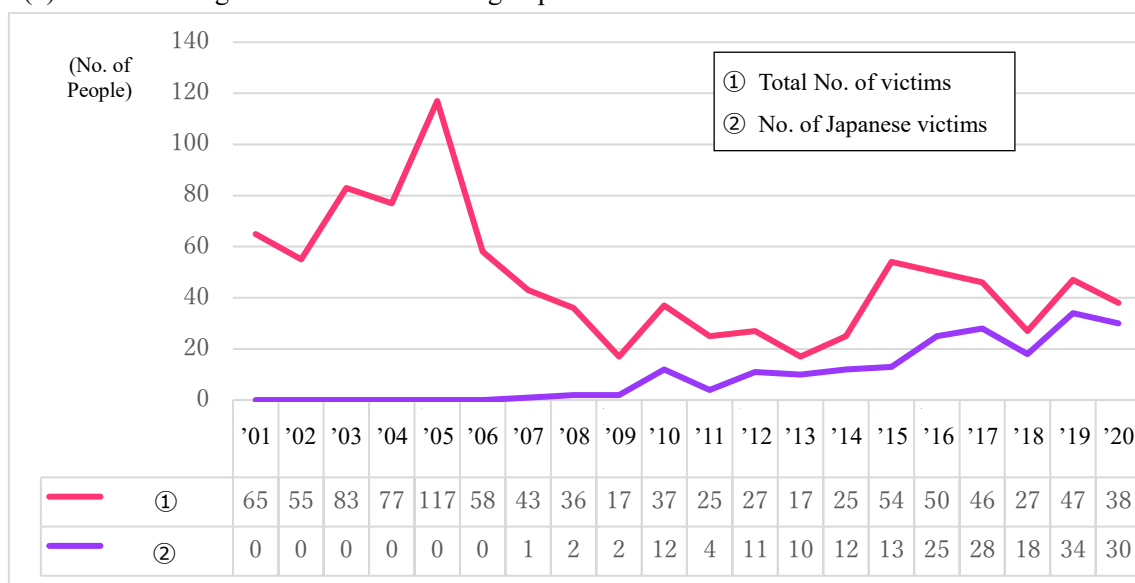


Overview of the Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Annual Report)

- Status of Measures Based on the “2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons” -

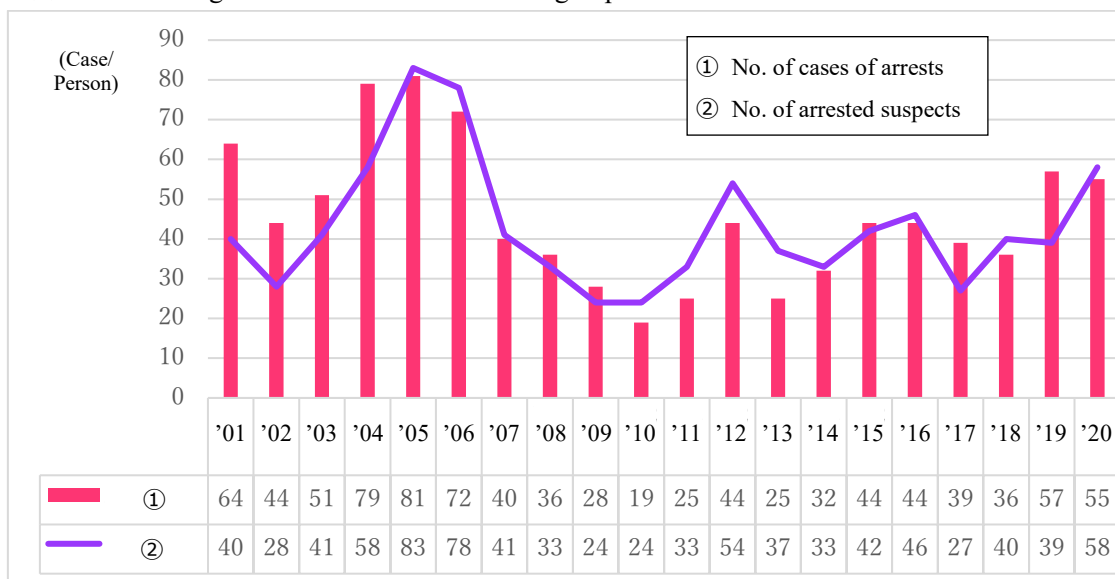
1 Gaining a thorough understanding of trafficking in persons

(1) Data relating to victims of trafficking in persons



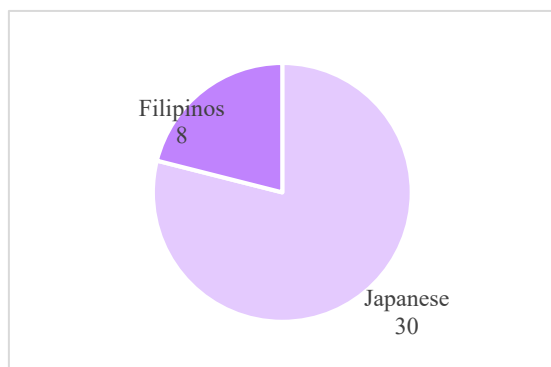
- The number of victims of trafficking in persons who were put under protection in 2020 was 38 (decreased by 9 Year-on-Year)
- Gender: 33 victims were female, five were male
- Nationality: 30 were Japanese, eight were foreign nationals
- Age: 20 were minors (increased by one Year-on-Year)

(2) Data relating to those accused of trafficking in persons

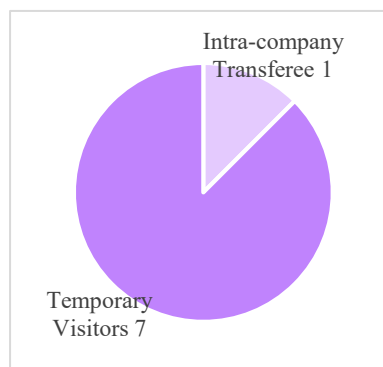


- In 2020, 58 suspects were arrested for 55 cases of trafficking in persons
- Gender: 47 were male, 11 were female
- Nationality: 55 were Japanese, three were foreign nationals
- 50 suspects were prosecuted (36 were found guilty, and the cases of the remaining 12 are still pending)

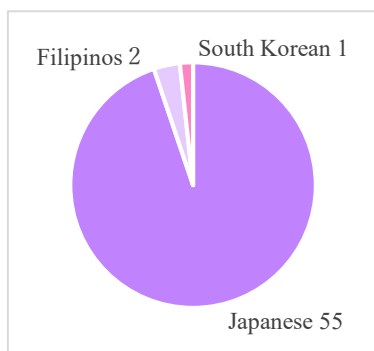
【Nationalities of the victims】



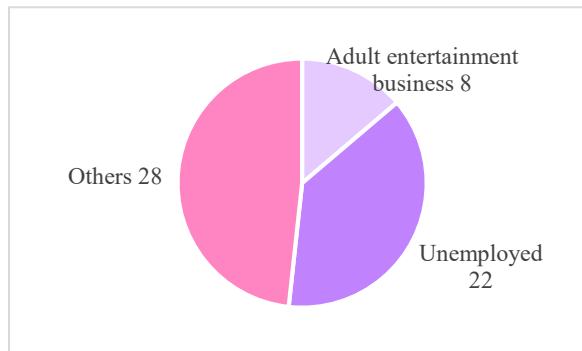
【Status of residence of the foreign victims when they entered Japan】



【Nationalities of the suspects】



【Occupations of the suspects】



2 Prevention of trafficking in persons

- Under the new foreign human resources acceptance system pertaining to the status of residence of Specified Skilled Worker, based on the Act for Partial Amendment of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (hereinafter referred to as the “Amended Immigration Control Act”) enforced until April 2019, unfair treatment of foreign nationals is prevented through means such as the establishment of criteria that employment contracts and accepting organizations should fulfill, and strict examination to ensure compliance with the said criteria.
- To handle suspected cases of trafficking in persons for technical intern trainees, a certain officials in charge of anti-trafficking for technical intern trainees were assigned at each Prefectural Labour Offices so that they should handle the case by coordinating with relevant organizations as necessary.

3 Promotion of identification of trafficked victims

- Leaflets calling for people to report cases of trafficking in persons to the police or Immigration Services Agency of Japan have been revised from the standpoint of victims in a significantly compact form and an understandable design, reflecting feedback from NGOs and foreign embassies in Tokyo. These leaflets are distributed to the relevant organizations.
- With regard to the contact points for consultation and the telephone consultation service for foreign nationals set up in the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus, and Labor Bureau, efforts have been made to expand the number of languages to support, and to develop an environment that facilitates consultations.

4 Eradication of trafficking in persons

- In addition to taking thorough steps to crackdown on trafficking in persons, efforts are also made to promote the crackdown on prostitution offenses, child prostitution and child pornography offenses, and offenses related to the employment of foreign workers, all of which have potential for trafficking in persons.
- Despite the pandemic of COVID-19, necessary information was exchanged through online conferences and data sharing with the relevant international organizations..

5 Protection and support of trafficking victims

- The Immigration Services Agency of Japan implements measures for foreign victims of trafficking in persons who are under protection, such as changing their status of residence or granting them special permission to stay, while giving full consideration to their standpoints.
- At Women’s Consulting Offices, victims are offered temporary protection as well as shelters, food and clothing, interpretation support, and medical services where necessary.

- Under a program funded by the Government of Japan through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, provides support to help foreign victims of trafficking in persons who have been put under protection in Japan to return to their home countries.

6 Development of foundations for promotion of measures against trafficking in persons

- On the basis of the Policy for Enhancement of Measures against Sex Crimes and Sexual Assault, the government promotes “Life safety education” to respect each person and prevent children from becoming a perpetrator, victim, or bystander of sex crime or sexual assault.
- Exchanges of opinions and provision of information are conducted with the relevant organizations and NGOs.

【Poster (Cabinet Office)】

Do you know? Trafficking in Persons
Anyone Can Be a Victim

In Japan in 2019 → About **70%** of the victims were Japanese citizens! **40%** of the victims were under 18!

Younger people who frequently use social media are targeted!

A girl was deceived by the sweet words of a man with whom she became intimate on social media and ended up sending a nude picture of her self to him, being kidnapped or trapped by the man. Threatened the girl and forced her to work in a brothel and prostitute herself. At times, who cannot stay in the family home for some reason, are frequently lured by deceptive words.

If you notice any of the cases shown below, immediately report them to the nearest police station, etc!

<p>Sexual exploitation in brothels</p> <p>A woman is forced to work in a brothel to work off her student debts.</p>	<p>Forced labor</p> <p>Foreigners are forced to do unreasonable heavy work. If they do not comply, violence is exercised over them.</p>	<p>Forced appearance in pornographic videos</p> <p>A woman agrees for a modeling job and fills in a registration form, which is actually a contract, resulting in forced appearance in pornographic videos.</p>
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Trafficking in Persons damages both human dignity and rights. It is a serious crime subject to punishment in Japan and abroad.

Reporting information or consultation: anonymously
0120-924-839
www.takumei24.jp

More about Trafficking in Persons
<https://www.government.go.jp/aeft/article/20111121.htm>

Stop Human Trafficking!
The person showing this sign of any form is a victim of human trafficking. Please report to the police or other relevant authorities.
Let's stop it!

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