

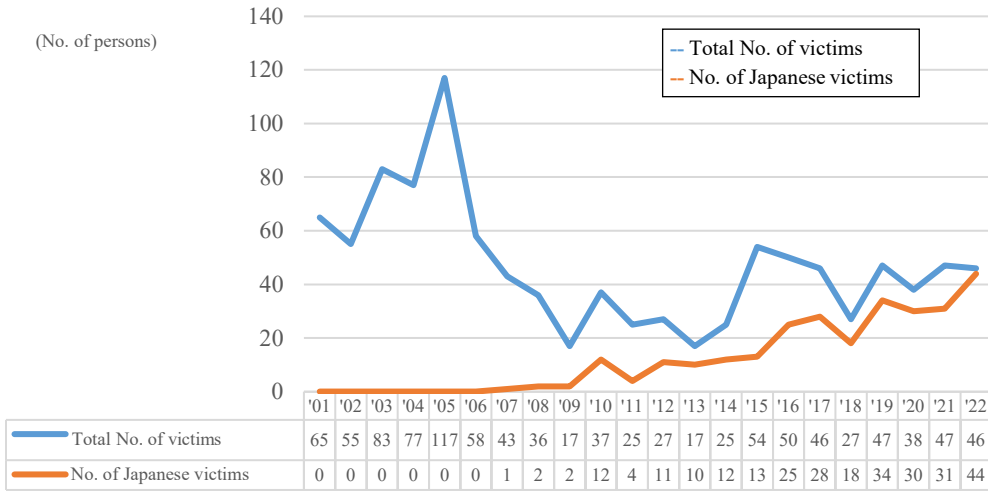
# Overview of the Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Annual Report) (Draft)

--Status of Measures Based on Plans such as the "2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons"--

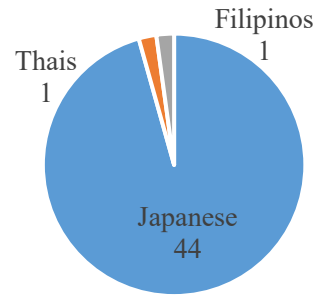
\*In December 2022, the "2022 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons" was formulated.

## 1 Gaining a thorough understanding of trafficking in persons

### (1) Data relating to victims of trafficking in persons

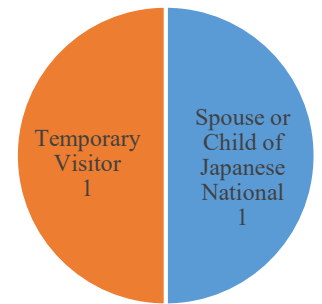


[Nationalities and regions of the victims]

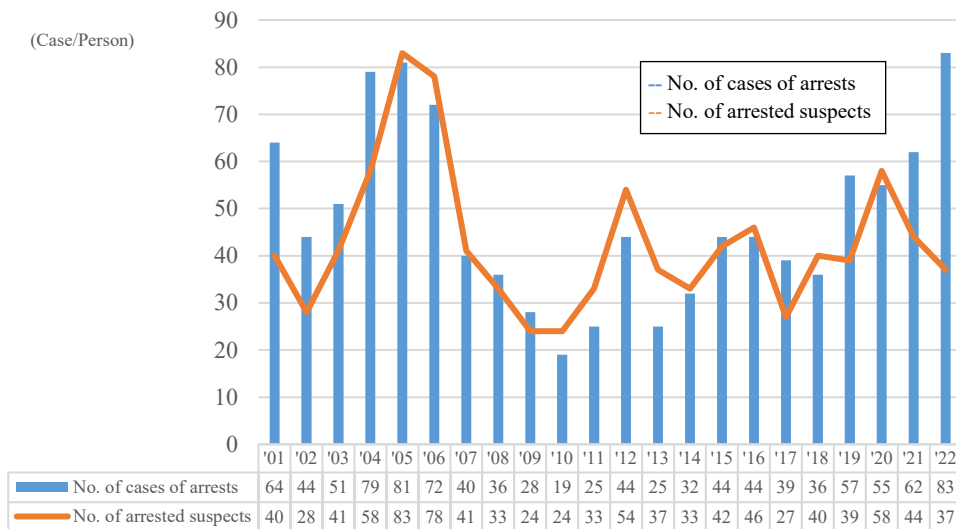


- In 2022, the number of victims of trafficking in persons who were put under protection was 46 (decreased by one Year-on-Year)
- Gender: Two were male, 44 were female
- Nationality: 44 were Japanese, two were foreign nationals
- Age: 33 were minors (increased by 15 Year-on-Year)

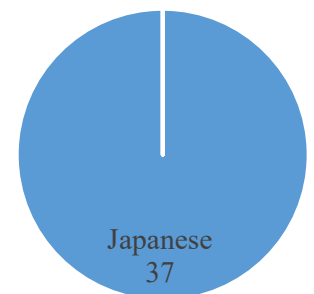
[Status of residence of the foreign victims]



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



[Nationalities of the suspects]



- In 2022, 37 suspects were arrested for 83 cases of trafficking in persons
- Gender: 32 were male, five were female
- Nationality: All were Japanese
- 34 suspects were prosecuted (28 were found guilty, the cases of four are still pending, and the remaining two were sent to the family court)

## 2 Prevention of trafficking in persons

- We have promoted the approach to and cooperation with the sending countries of technical intern trainees for their proper training through reporting improper sending organizations to them based on the memorandum of cooperation and holding meetings between consular authorities.
- The Advisory Panel of Experts on the Ideal Form of Technical Intern Training Program and Specified Skilled Worker System has been discussing the improvement measures to prevent human rights violations and other related matters since December 2022.
- In the Prefectural Labor Bureaus, persons in charge of addressing trafficking in persons has taken the lead in uncovering suspected cases of labor exploitation against technical intern trainees and facilitated joint inspection and investigation with the Organization for Technical Intern Training.
- We promoted public relations and awareness activities for employers including managers of adult entertainment businesses and technical intern training implementing organizations.

## 3 Promotion of identification of trafficking victims

- The National Police Agency prepared and distributed a compact leaflet with easy-to-understand design in ten languages calling for victims to report their victimization to the police and the Immigration Services Agency, etc.
- With regard to the contact points for consultation and telephone consultation service and calling the police for foreign nationals set up in the Immigration Services Agency, Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus, and Prefectural Labor Bureaus, we have promoted the development of an environment that facilitates consultations and reporting, including the expansion of the number of languages to support.
- We have strengthened measures against information such as human trafficking contracts by expanding the range of information handled by the Internet Hotline Center, which requests the removal of illegal or harmful information on the Internet.

## 4 Eradication of trafficking in persons

- Utilizing the revised “Handbook on Measures against Trafficking in Persons,” the police, Immigration Services Agency, prosecutors, Labor Standards Inspection Offices, and Japan Coast Guard have tightened the crackdown on trafficking in persons and related offenses.
- While the number of children victimized through social media violating the Child Prostitution and Child Pornography Prohibition Act, etc., continues to be at a high level, various measures have been taken based on the “Plan for the Prevention of Sex Crimes against Children (Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation) 2022” decided in May 2022.
- Regarding the problem of victims appearing in pornographic videos, we have promoted a crackdown with a view to the application of various laws and regulations such as the Act on Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Saving Victims Appearing in Pornographic Materials and responded appropriately to consultations.

## 5 Protection and support of trafficking victims

- The Immigration Services Agency 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 support where necessary.
- Promoting stabilization of the operation of and improvement in the quality of the “One-Stop Support Center for Victims of Sex Crimes and Sexual Violence,” which provides victims with medical, psychological, and legal assistance in one location as much as possible, in response to their consultation immediately after victimization.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides financial support to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)’s return and reintegration assistance project for foreign victims to their countries of origin.

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

- In light of recent developments at home and abroad, through JICA and through contributions to international organizations, Japan has been providing assistance to carry out trainings and programs to other countries, particularly in Southeast Asia, in order to strengthen their capacity to combat trafficking in persons. Furthermore, Japan has participated in international conferences to discuss and share information with other countries regarding trafficking in persons.
- Promoting public relations and awareness activities by preparing and distributing posters and leaflets for users and victims.
- Exchanges of opinions and provision of information were conducted with the relevant organizations and NGOs.

[Poster]

**Trafficking in Persons**  
It can happen to anybody!

in Japan in 2021

More than **30%** of the victims were non-Japanese citizens!

More than **35%** of the victims were under 18!

**You're just not aware.**  
You or someone close to you might be a victim.

Something feels wrong after signing a contract as a fashion model.

Persons looking for a "bigger daddy" or offering prostitution services on social media.

They might be forced or coerced and suffer from performing in sexually explicit video productions.

Children might be forced or lured to engage in sexual acts.

Persons offering accommodation for runaways on social media.

A foreign worker saying "my passport has been taken away."

They might be targeted as victims of obscene acts.

They might be forced to do unreasonably heavy work.

If you recognize yourself or someone else as a victim, or if you're asked for help, please contact the nearest police station (or call 9110) or Regional Immigration Bureau (0670-012904).

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