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Showa 32	1957	27	2	5	2	3		20		20		87	1957, Table 33, p.262-3
Showa 33	1958	25	4	4	3	1		17	1	16		76	1958, Table 53, p.292-3
Showa 34	1959	14	1	1	1			12		12		99	1959, Table 54, p.276-7
Showa 35	1960	33	2	2	1	1		29	1	28		93	1960, Table 54, p.276-7
Showa 36	1961	22	1	1	1			20		20		65	1961, Table 60, p.280-1
Showa 37	1962	14	1					13		13		60	1962, Table 60, p.272-3
Showa 38	1963	17		1	1			16		16		75	1963, Table 61, p.278-9
Showa 39	1964	9	1	1		1		7		7		59	1964, Table 61, p.282-3
Showa 40	1965	7		1		1		6		6		49	1965, Table 61, p.318-9
Showa 41	1966	13	2					11	1	10		70	1966, Table 61, p.322-3
Showa 42	1967	14		1	1			13		13		63	1967, Table 59, p.336-7
Showa 43	1968	11	1	2	1	1		8		8		42	1968, Table 59, p.332-3
Showa 44	1969	11	2	2	1	1		7		7		47	1969, Table 60, p.332-3
Showa 45	1970	14		2	2			12		12		36	1971, Table 60, p.326-7
Showa 46	1971	6						6	1	5		43	1971, Table 60, p.326-7
Showa 47	1972	8	1					7		7		49	1972, Table 60, p.328-9
Showa 48	1973	4	1					3	1	2		22	1973, Table 60, p.328-9
Showa 49	1974	2						2	1	1		33	1974, Table 60, p.328-9
Showa 50	1975	3						3		3		44	1975, Table 57, p.362-3
Showa 51	1976	2		1	1			1		1		30	1976, Table 57, p.362-3
Showa 52	1977	2		1	1			1		1		51	1977, Table 57, p.362-3
Showa 53	1978	4						4		4		36	1978, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 54	1979	4		1	1			3		3		32	1979, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 55	1980	7		1		1		6		6		40	1980, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 56	1981	3						3		3		33	1981, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 57	1982	1		1		1						36	1982, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 58	1983	1	1									36	1984, Table 58, p.366-7
Showa 59	1984	3						3		3		43	1984, Table 57, p.366-7
Showa 60	1985	2	1					1		1		38	1985, Table 57 p.366-7
Showa 61	1986											41	1986, Table 57 p.366-7
Showa 62	1987	7	1	1		1		5		5		56	1987, Table 57 p.366-7
Showa 63	1988	12		2	2			10	2	8		40	1988, Table 57, p.396-7
Showa 64 / Heisei 1	1989	5						5		5		49	1989, Table 57 P.390-1
Heisei 2	1990	6						6		6		32	1990, Table 57 P.390-1
Heisei 3	1991	5						5		5		24	1991, Table 57 P.386-7
Heisei 4	1992	5	1					4		4		29	1992, Table 57, p.386-7

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Heisei 5	1993	7	1					6	1	5		27	1993, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 6	1994	3						3	1	2		35	1994, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 7	1995	3						3		3		35	1995, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 8	1996	3						3		3		34	1996, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 9	1997	4						4		4		32	1997, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 10	1998	7	1					6		6		45	1998, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 11	1999	4						4		4		48	1999, Table 63, p.424-5
Heisei 12	2000	6	2	1		1		3		3		59	2000, Table 63, p.426-7
Heisei 13	2001	5*	1					3		3		68	2001, Table 63, p.432-3
Heisei 14	2002	3		1			1	2		2		82	2002, Table 63, p.432-3
Heisei 15	2003	2		1	1			1	1			117	2003, Table 63, p.432-3
Heisei 16	2004	14		2	1		1	12		12		115	2004, Table 63, p.432-3
Heisei 17	2005	11		1	1			10		10		134	2005, Table 63, p.432-3
Heisei 18	2006	21	2	2		1	1	17		17		135	2006, Table 63
Heisei 19	2007	23		5	5			18		18		91	2007, Table 63
Heisei 20	2008	10	1					9	1	8		57	2008, Table 63
Heisei 21	2009	17	1					16	1	15		88	2009, Table 63
Heisei 22	2010	9	1					8		8		49	2010, Table 63
Heisei 23	2011	22	1					21		21		46	2011, Table 63
Heisei 24	2012	10		1	1			9	1	8		38	2012, Table 63
Heisei 25	2013	8		1	1			7		7		38	2013, Table 63
Heisei 26	2014	7						7		7		28	2014, Table 63
Heisei 27	2015	2						2		2		27	2015, Table 63
Heisei 28	2016	7						7		7		15	2016, Table 63
Heisei 29	2017	2						2		2		18	2017, Table 63
Heisei 30	2018	2						2		2		25	2018, Table 63
Heisei 31/ Reiwa 1	2019	5		1	1			4		4		16	2019, Table 63
Reiwa 2	2020	2	1					1		1		19	2020, Table 63
Reiwa 3	2021	4	1					3	1	2		18	2021, Table 63
Reiwa 4	2022	0										10	2022, Table 63
Reiwa 5	2023	3						3	1	2		14	2023, Table 63

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