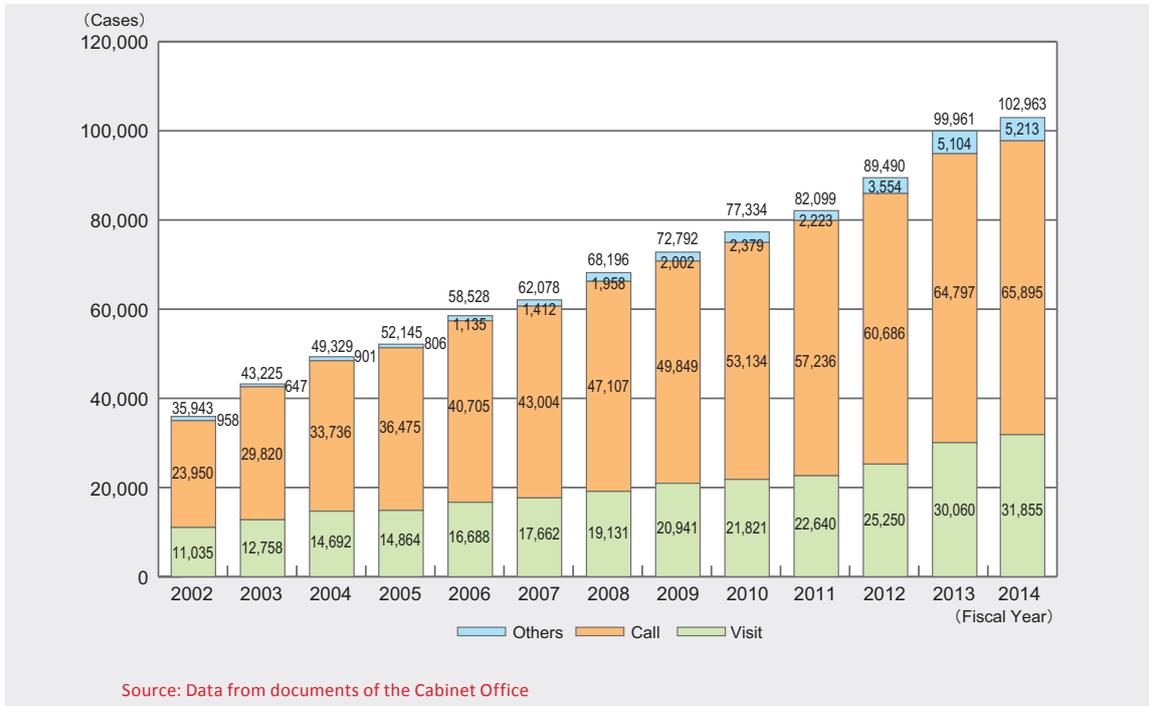


6. Violence against Women

Spousal Violence Situation

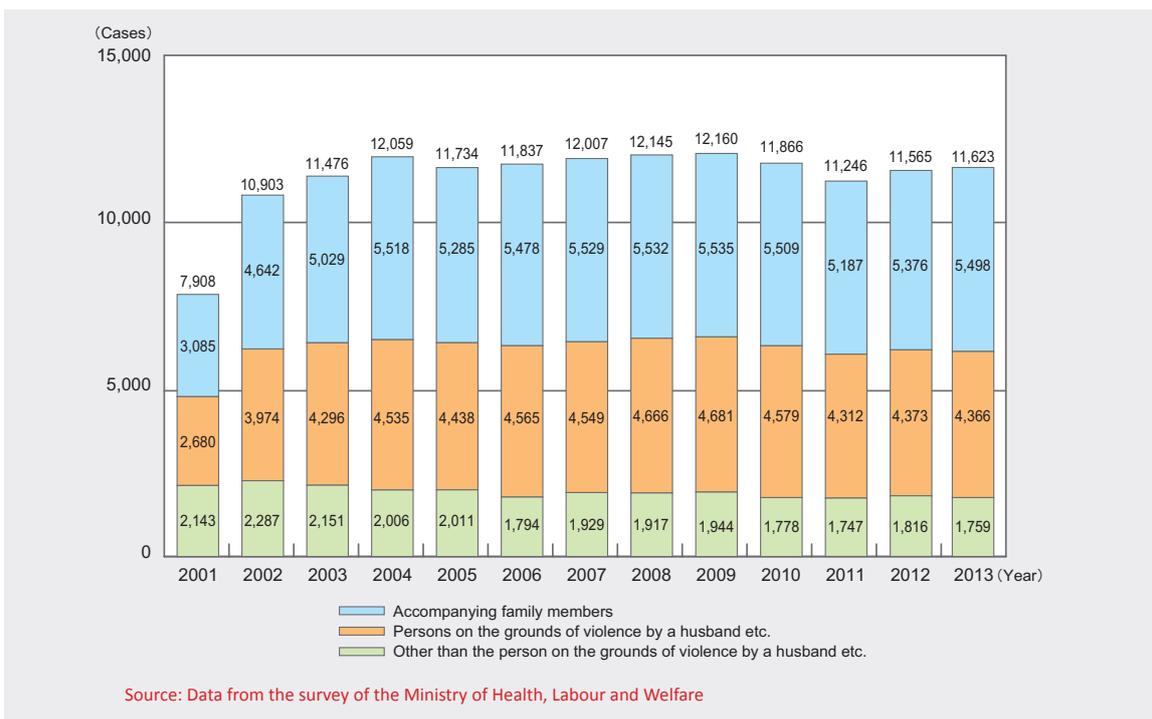
Number of consultations at Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Centers

The number of consultations at Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Centers is increasing every year.



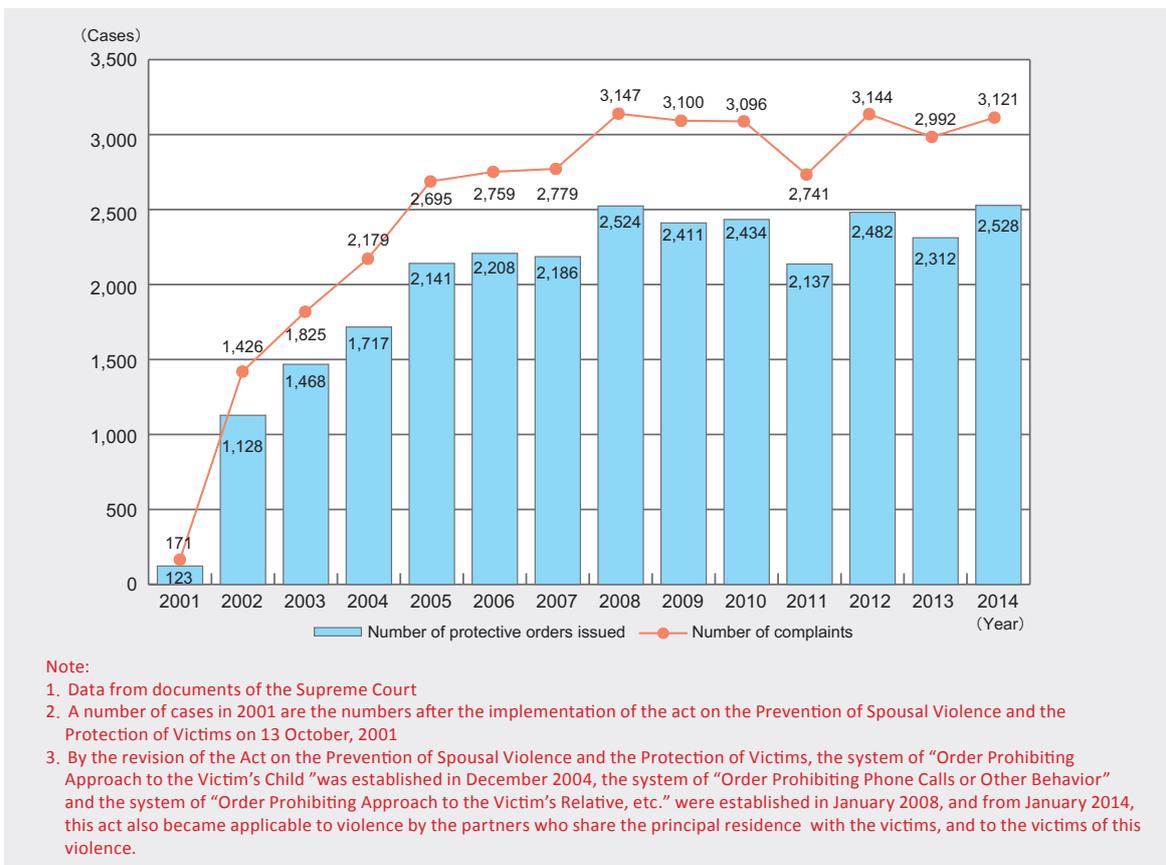
Number of cases of temporary protection at women's consultation offices

At least one women's consultation offices set up in each prefecture, based on the Anti-Prostitution Act. Based on the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims, temporary protection of victims and their accompanying family members is conducted at women's consultation offices or facilities that meet criteria stipulated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.



● Number of cases of protective orders issued against spousal violence

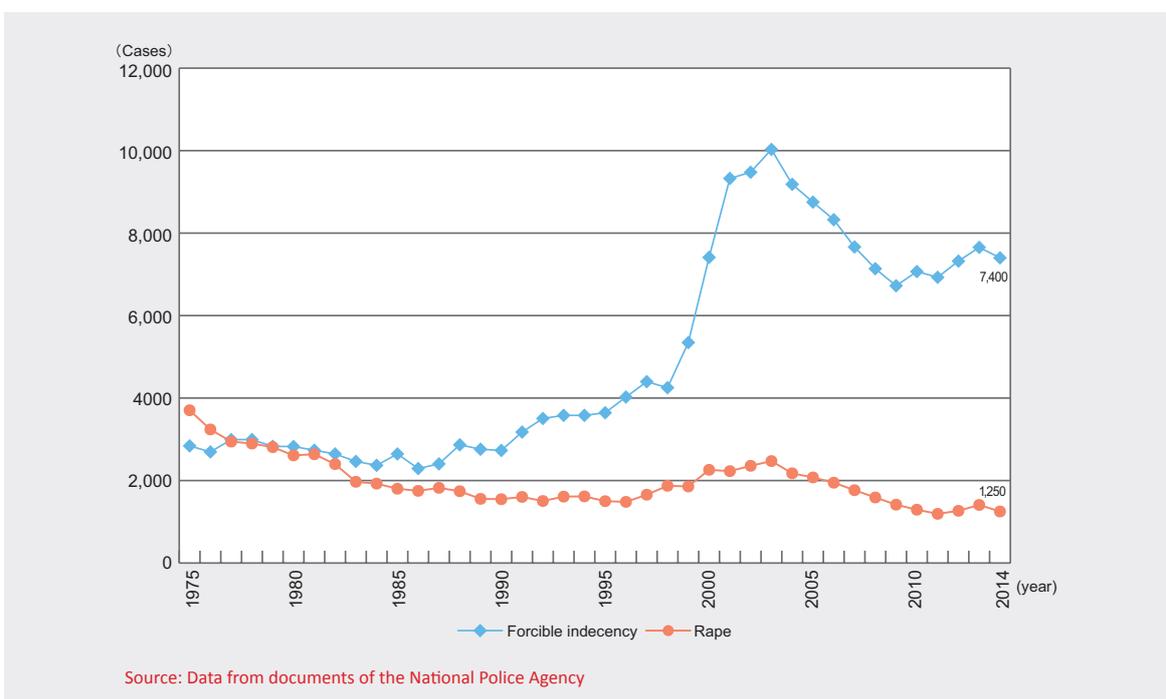
When there is significant danger to a person’s life or the threat of serious physical harm due to physical violence by a spouse or intimate partners who share a principal residence, upon request by the victim a court will issue a protective order for the spouse and others, based on the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims.



■ Sex Offences

● Number of reported cases of rapes or forcible indecencies

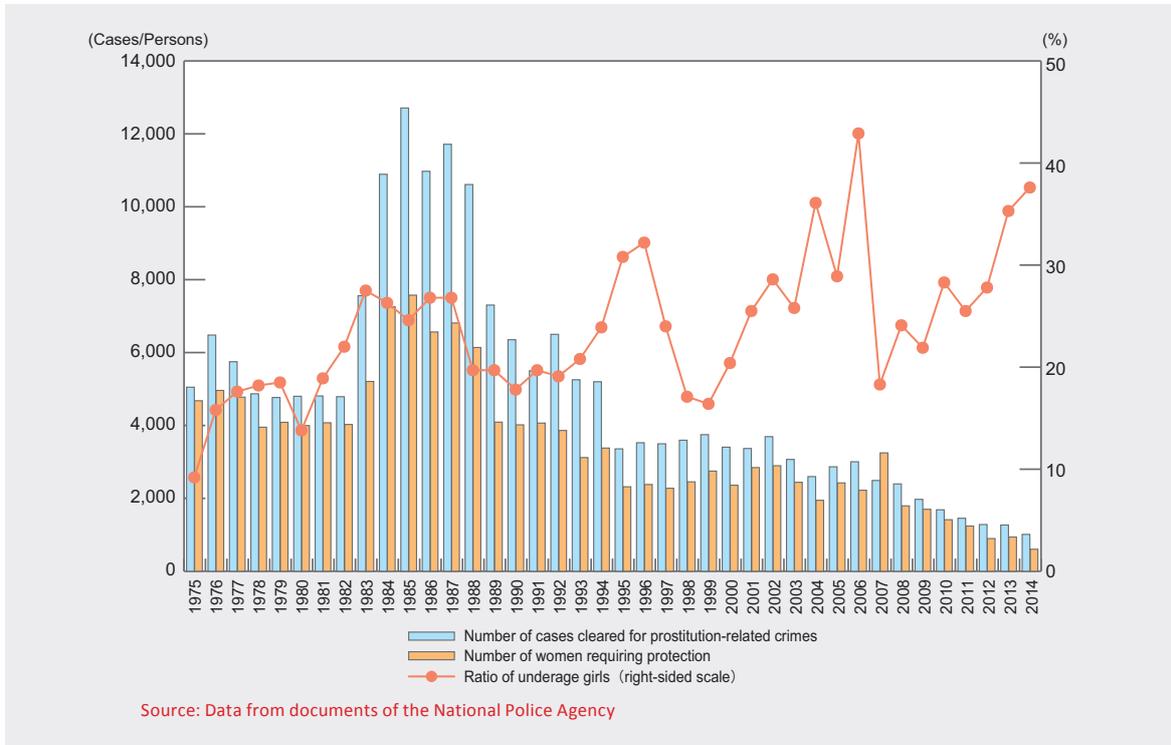
Both numbers of reported cases of rape and forcible indecencies had been increasing since 2012, they declined in 2014.



Prostitution Situation

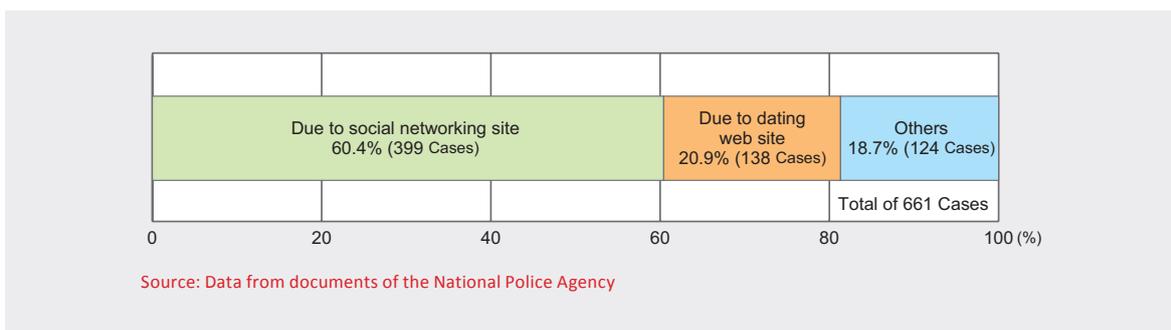
Number of cases cleared for prostitution-related crime, number of women requiring protection, and ratio of underage girls

The number of cases cleared for prostitution-related crimes has been declining since 2007 and there is a trend of declining in the number of women requiring protection since 2008.



Number of cases cleared for child prostitution

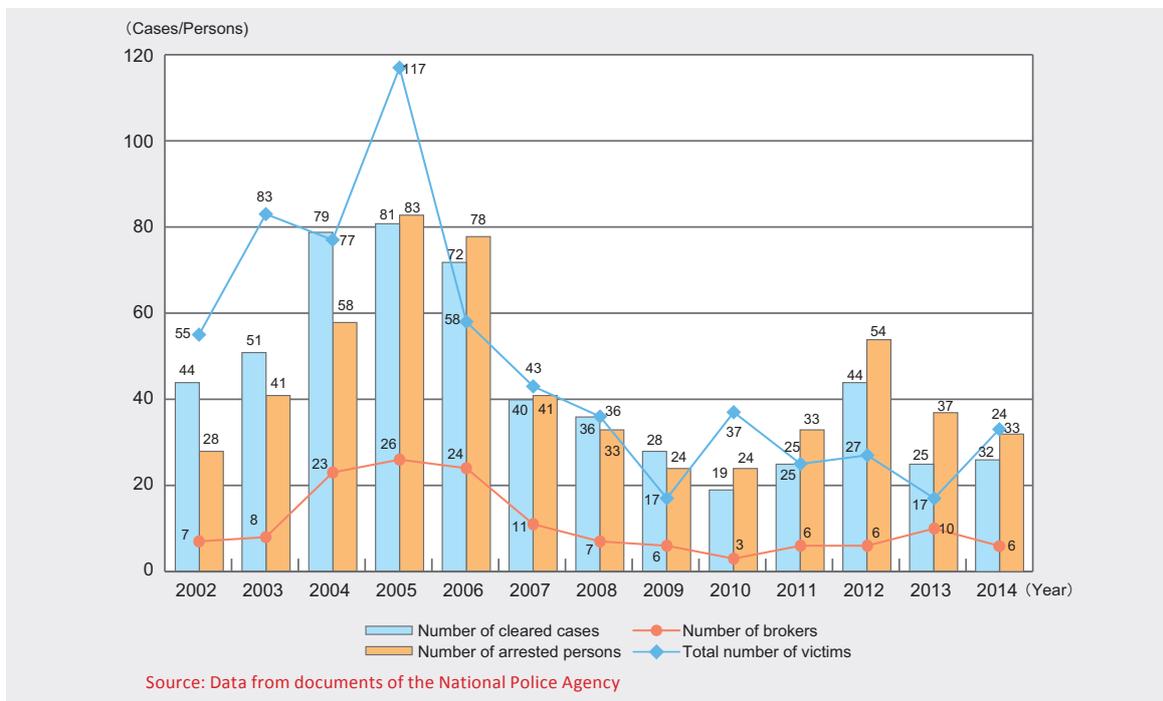
The number of cases cleared for child prostitution in 2014 was 661 (48 less than that of the previous year). Of those, 399 (60.4%) arose from use of social networking sites, and 138 (20.9%) arose from use of online dating sites.



Situation of Trafficking in Persons (TIP)

Number of cases and persons cleared for TIP

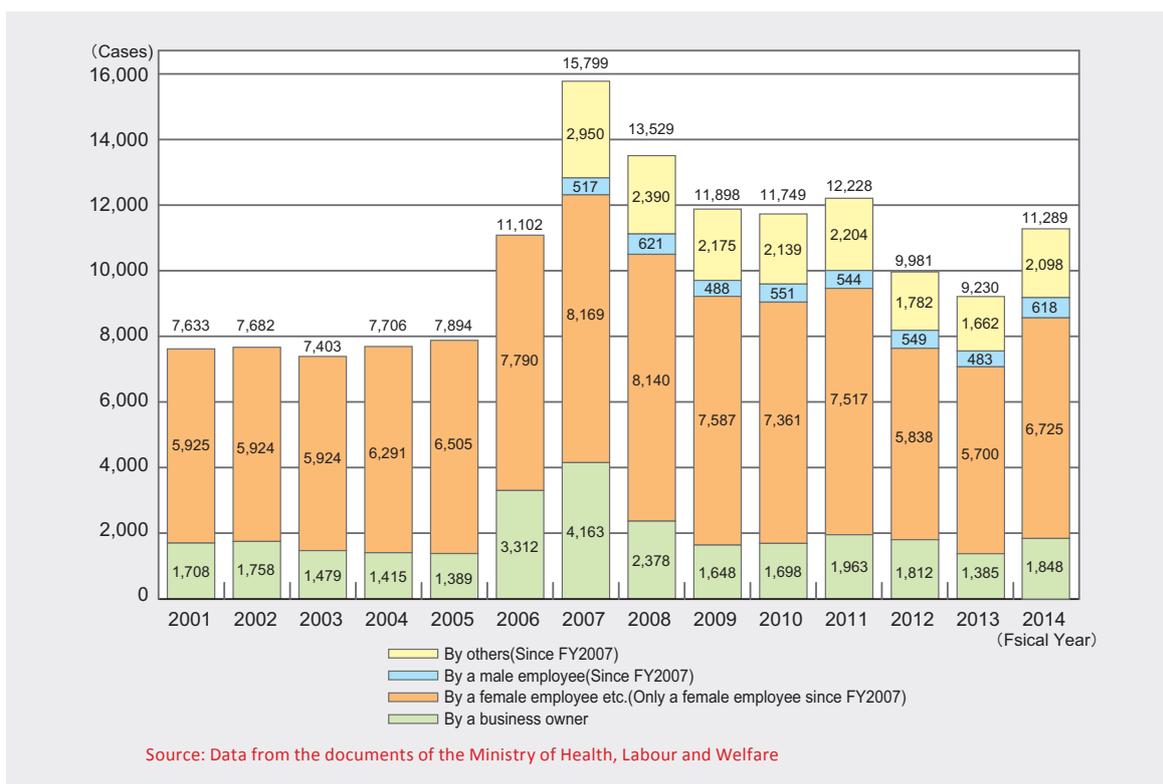
Looking at the situation of TIP, it can be seen that, due to revisions of Penal Code in 2005, the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and the Act on Control and Improvement of the Amusement Business, etc. since 2006 there is a trend of declining in the total number of TIP victims confirmed by the police.



Sexual Harassment Situation

Number of consultations about sexual harassment

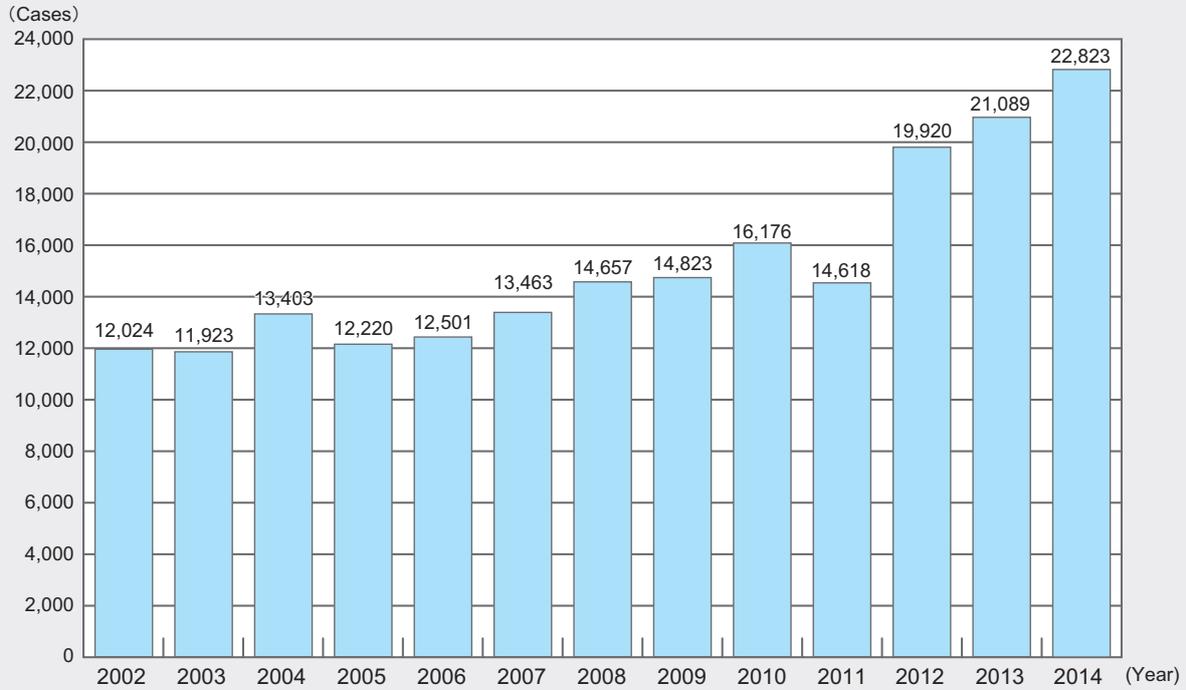
The number of sexual harassment consultations at the Equal Employment Offices at the Prefectural Labour Bureaus in fiscal 2014 was 11,289, and female workers made up about 60 % of those.



■ Stalker Activity Situation

● Number of reported cases related to stalker incidents

The number of reported cases of stalker incidents in 2014 was 22,823, which was an increase of 1,734 from that of the previous year. 89.3% of the victims were women and 85.8% of the perpetrators were men. The number of reported cases of stalker incidents and the number of cases cleared for violation of the Anti-Stalking Act in 2014 were the highest since 2000, which is when that the Act came into effect.



Source: Data from documents of the National Police Agency