

Average trial period for the accused whose case was finally disposed by the court of first instance in ordinary cases (month)
 (total of cases at district courts; comparison between those who pleaded guilty and those who pleaded not guilty)

Year \ Classification	Total	Pleading guilty	Pleading not guilty
2012	3.0	2.5	8.5
2013	3.1	2.5	8.4
2014	3.0	2.5	8.2
2015	3.0	2.5	8.4
2016	3.2	2.6	8.7
2017	3.2	2.6	8.9
2018	3.3	2.7	9.2
2019	3.4	2.8	9.3
2020	3.6	3.0	10.1
2021	3.7	3.0	10.6

- (Notes) 1. The total includes the number of the accused whose case was finally disposed before the accused made any statement concerning the case under public prosecution, in addition to the number of the accused who pleaded guilty or not guilty.
2. "Pleading guilty" refers to a case in which the accused has admitted all of the charged facts and has not argued any facts that constitute the legal grounds to prevent the establishment of the crime or reduce the punishment before the case is finally disposed. "Pleading not guilty" refers to a case in which the accused has denied all or part of the charged facts or has admitted the charged facts but argued facts that constitute the legal grounds to prevent the establishment of the crime or reduce the punishment before the case is finally disposed, and a case in which the accused has remained silent until the case is finally disposed.
3. The data for 2021 are preliminary figures.