

Nambu Type 94 and Type 14 Yearly Production Rarity Chartsⁱ

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FELLOW COLLECTORS, these charts illustrate the relative production rarity of the 11 possible Type 94 Nambu and 35ⁱⁱ possible Type 14 Nambu factory, series, and yearly date code combinations. Using the charts, you can easily determine the relative yearly date code production rarity of any individual Type 94 and Type 14 Nambu pistol. Rarity alone can be an indicator of value for an individual pistol. Therefore, Japanese militaria collectors should reference these rarity charts for all Type 94 and Type 14 Nambu pistols they encounter.

Many additional interesting facts relating to rarity about Type 94 and Type 14 pistol production can be deduced from the information found in these charts by using simple arithmetic. Additional interesting production facts can be deduced from the companion Serial Number Ranges charts published in the May 2016 issue #407 of BANZAI. The below examples are just some of the facts which can be ascertained.

For the Type 94:

- Dates 17, 18, and 19 together account for over 60% of total Type 94 production
- Dates 15 through 20 together account for over 86% of total Type 94 production
- Production during dates 12, 13, and 14 was nearly constant
- Total Type 94 production was only 30% of total Type 14 production 1935 to 1945
- Type 94 production actually exceeded Type 14 production Jan. 1945 to Apr. 1945

For the Type 14:

- Dates 18 and 19 together account for over 40% of total Type 14 production
- Dates 10 through 20 together account for over 85% of total Type 14 production
- The Toriimatsu Factory produced over 44% of all Type 14 pistols
- The Kokubunji Factory produced over 40% of all Type 14 pistols
- Chigusa production was less than 3%; Tokyo over 11%; Kokura-markedⁱⁱⁱ less than 2%
- The 8-Date is the second rarest yearly date code after Taisho 15
- Chigusa 3-Date and Tokyo 3-Date production is almost identical
- More Tokyo 5-Dates were produced than all of Chigusa Factory production
- 14 of the 35 possible combinations each account for less than 1% of production

These charts show relative production rarity only based on original production numbers. They do not take any other value-related parameter into account such as condition, production and/or marking changes, and the increased scarcity of early production pistols due to losses in use.

ⁱ Source of all data and summarized production notes in article: Daniel M. Larkin, "The Larkin List #29", ©2016. The List contains over 15.5K entries (5.1% of T94 production and 4.2% of T14 production) with specific production details about most examples.

ⁱⁱ There are seven unreported Type 14 Nambu pistols which could possibly be dated 1.12 which would be a 36th yearly combination.

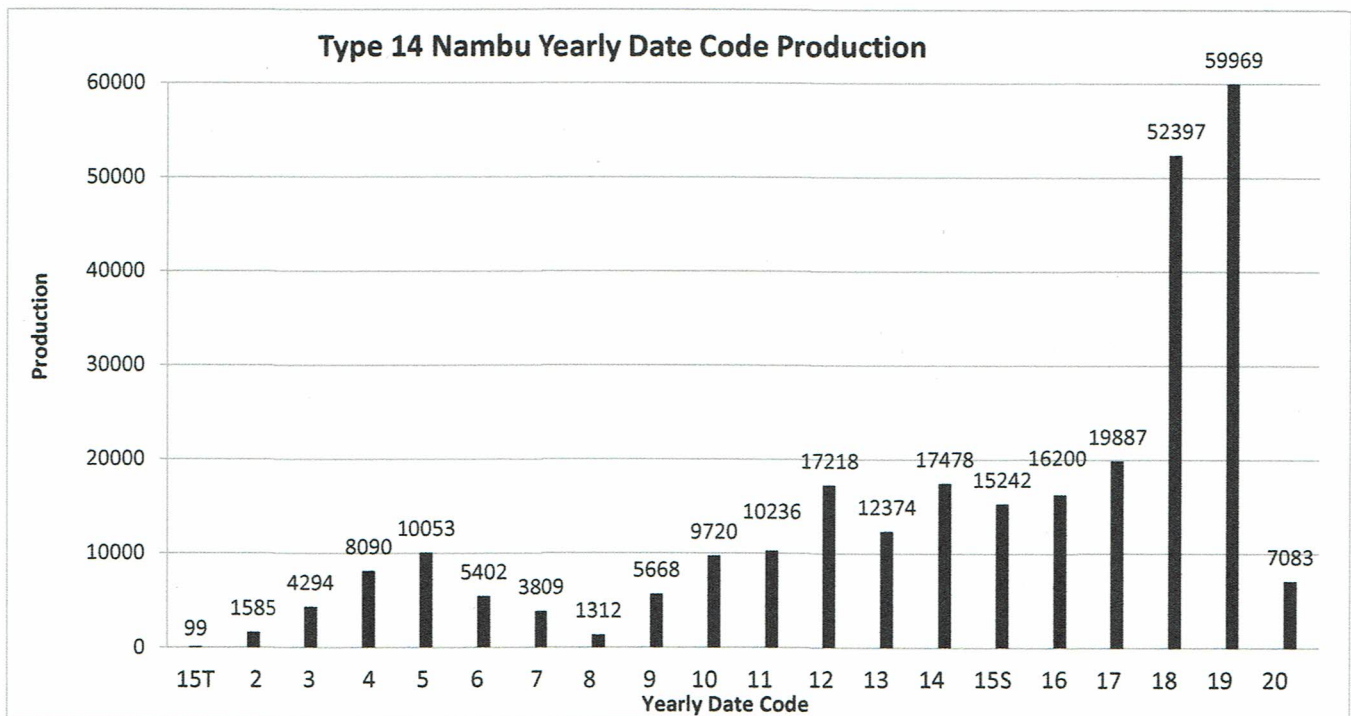
ⁱⁱⁱ The Kokura Factory and Tokyo Factory pistol frame marks are identical; Kokura inspection-marked pistols are only dated 10 and 11.

TYPE 14 NAMBU
KNOWN PRODUCTION BY YEARLY DATE CODE

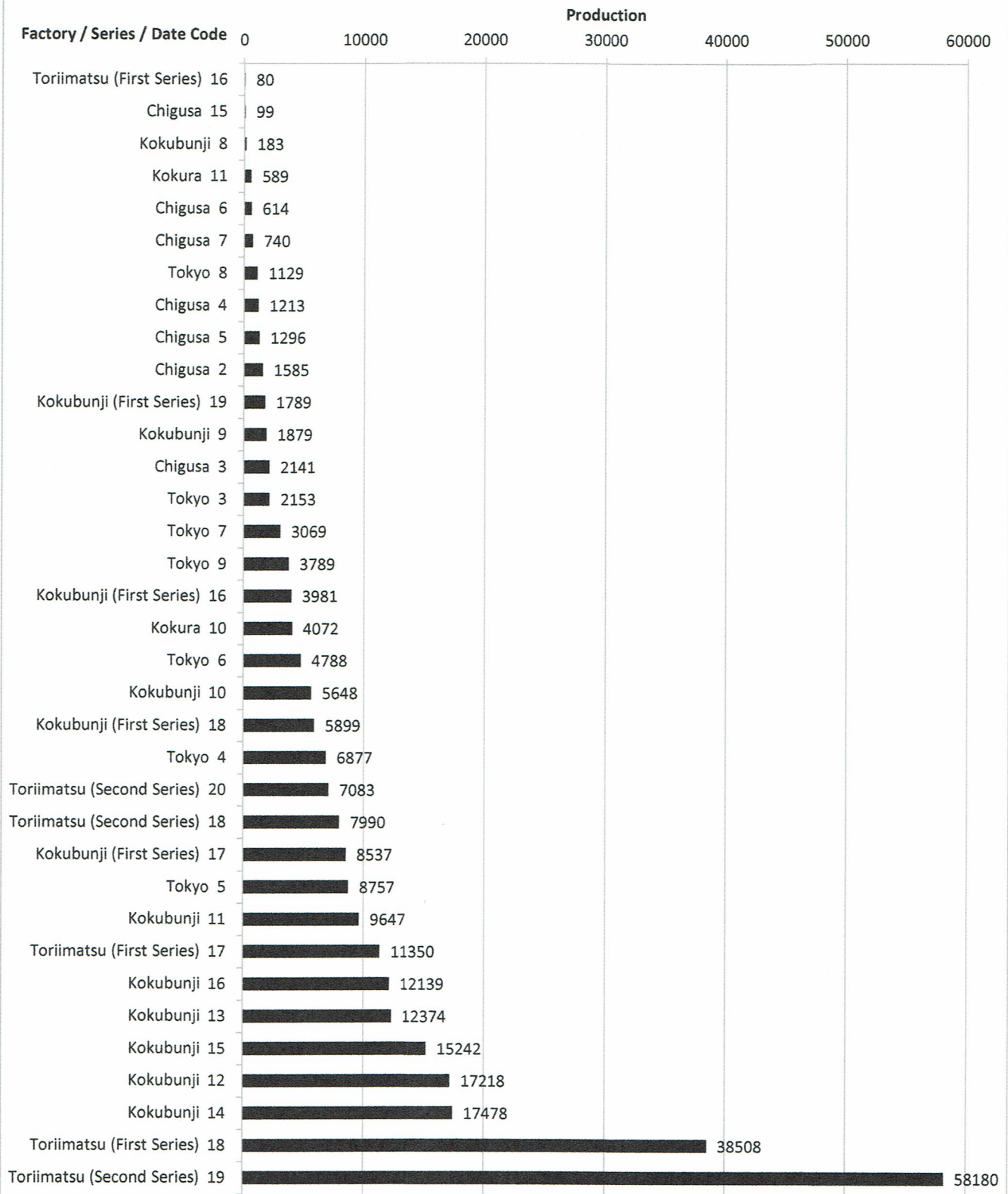
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15T = TAISHO = 1926
15S = SHOWA = 1940

YEAR	TOKYO /		KOKUBUNJI	TORIIMATSU	TORIIMATSU			RANK	%	
DATE	CHIGUSA	KOKURA	KOKUBUNJI	(FIRST)	(FIRST)	(SECOND)	KNOWN	POSSIBLE	BY	BY
CODE	FACTORY	FACTORY	FACTORY	FACTORY	FACTORY	FACTORY	TOTAL	TOTAL	YEAR	YEAR
15T	99						99	111	1	0.04%
2	1585						1585	1603	3	0.57%
3	2141	2153					4294	4353	5	1.54%
4	1213	6877					8090	8186	9	2.90%
5	1296	8757					10053	10137	11	3.60%
6	614	4788					5402	5519	6	1.94%
7	740	3069					3809	3906	4	1.37%
8		1129	183				1312	1356	2	0.47%
9		3789	1879				5668	5793	7	2.03%
10		4072	5648				9720	9890	10	3.48%
11		589	9647				10236	10365	12	3.67%
12			17218				17218	17325	16	6.17%
13			12374				12374	12472	13	4.44%
14			17478				17478	17554	17	6.26%
15S			15242				15242	15277	14	5.46%
16			12139	3981	80		16200	16342	15	5.81%
17				8537	11350		19887	20010	18	7.13%
18				5899	38508	7990	52397	52482	19	18.78%
19				1789		58180	59969	60000	20	21.49%
20						7083	7083	7108	8	2.54%



Type 14 Nambu Factory & Series Yearly Date Code Production Rarity Chart



TYPE 14 NAMBU
YEARLY PRODUCTION RARITY CHART

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RANK	FACTORY SYMBOL ORDER	YEAR DATE CODE	KNOWN SERIAL RANGE		LARGEST POSSIBLE RANGE	
			KNOWN QUANTITY PRODUCED	PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION	POSSIBLE QUANTITY PRODUCED	PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION
1	Toriiimatsu (First Series)	16	80	0.03%	82	0.03%
2	Chigusa	15	99	0.04%	111	0.04%
3	Kokubunji	8	183	0.07%	208	0.07%
4	Kokura	11	589	0.21%	611	0.22%
5	Chigusa	6	614	0.22%	674	0.24%
6	Chigusa	7	740	0.27%	781	0.28%
7	Tokyo	8	1129	0.40%	1148	0.41%
8	Chigusa	4	1213	0.43%	1266	0.45%
9	Chigusa	5	1296	0.46%	1354	0.49%
10	Chigusa	2	1585	0.57%	1603	0.57%
11	Kokubunji (First Series)	19	1789	0.64%	1792	0.64%
12	Kokubunji	9	1879	0.67%	1938	0.69%
13	Chigusa	3	2141	0.77%	2176	0.78%
14	Tokyo	3	2153	0.77%	2177	0.78%
15	Tokyo	7	3069	1.10%	3125	1.12%
16	Tokyo	9	3789	1.36%	3855	1.38%
17	Kokubunji (First Series)	16	3981	1.43%	4057	1.45%
18	Kokura	10	4072	1.46%	4147	1.49%
19	Tokyo	6	4788	1.72%	4845	1.74%
20	Kokubunji	10	5648	2.02%	5743	2.06%
21	Kokubunji (First Series)	18	5899	2.11%	5910	2.12%
22	Tokyo	4	6877	2.46%	6920	2.48%
23	Toriiimatsu (Second Series)	20	7083	2.54%	7108	2.55%
24	Toriiimatsu (Second Series)	18	7990	2.86%	8004	2.87%
25	Kokubunji (First Series)	17	8537	3.06%	8602	3.08%
26	Tokyo	5	8757	3.14%	8783	3.15%
27	Kokubunji	11	9647	3.46%	9754	3.50%
28	Toriiimatsu (First Series)	17	11350	4.07%	11408	4.09%
29	Kokubunji	16	12139	4.35%	12203	4.37%
30	Kokubunji	13	12374	4.44%	12472	4.47%
31	Kokubunji	15	15242	5.46%	15277	5.48%
32	Kokubunji	12	17218	6.17%	17325	6.21%
33	Kokubunji	14	17478	6.26%	17554	6.29%
34	Toriiimatsu (First Series)	18	38508	13.80%	38568	13.82%
35	Toriiimatsu (Second Series)	19	58180	20.85%	58208	20.86%
FACTORY PRODUCTION (YEARS)			KNOWN	POSSIBLE*		
Chigusa (Taisho 15 to Showa 7)			7819	7830*		
Kokubunji (8-16)			92107	92170*		
Kokubunji First (16-19)			20274	20275*		
Tokyo / Kokura (3-9 / 10-11)			35417	35425*		
Toriiimatsu First (16-18)			49996	50000		
Toriiimatsu Second (18-20)			73273	73300*		
TOTAL PRODUCTION			278,886	279,000*	* approximate	

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			KNOWN QUANTITY PRODUCED	PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION	POSSIBLE QUANTITY PRODUCED	PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION
1	Nagoya Nambu	10	686	0.97%	711	1.00%
2	Nagoya Nambu	11	972	1.37%	1026	1.44%
3	Nagoya Nambu & Nambu Nagoya	14	2462	3.46%	2529	3.56%
4	Nagoya Nambu	12	2635	3.71%	2690	3.78%
5	Nagoya Nambu	13	2717	3.82%	2754	3.87%
6	Nagoya Nambu	20	5046	7.10%	5055	7.11%
7	Nambu Nagoya	15	5881	8.27%	5948	8.37%
8	Nambu Nagoya & Nagoya Nambu	16	6814	9.59%	6828	9.61%
9	Nagoya Nambu	17	10767	15.15%	10821	15.22%
10	Nagoya Nambu	18	12909	18.16%	13018	18.31%
11	Nagoya Nambu	19	19916	28.02%	19983	28.11%

