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## JUVENILE PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2025

In 2025, public prosecutor's offices in the Republic of Croatia decided upon crime reports for **1 259** juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 0.7% less than in 2024. The number of accused persons decreased by 13.9% and the number of perpetrators to whom criminal penalties or other measures were pronounced by 14.6%, as compared to the previous year.

The number of juveniles to whom criminal penalties or other measures were pronounced amounted to **264** in 2025. Out of that number, 217 were educational measures, that is, 82.2%. When pronouncing criminal penalties or other measures, juveniles are divided into older and younger juveniles. Compared to the previous year, the number of convicted older juveniles (168) decreased by 7.7% and the number of convicted younger juveniles (96) decreased by 24.4%.

There were eight juvenile imprisonment sentences (an increase of 14.3%) and 39 suspended juvenile imprisonment sentences (a decrease of 11.4%) pronounced to older juveniles.

The largest number of perpetrators was recorded with regard to criminal offences against property, that is, there were 546 crime reports (43.4%) and 97 accusations (33.4%).

### 1 JUVENILE PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES – REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Female persons	Total	Female persons	Total	Female persons
2024	1 268	140	337	37	309	36
2025	1 259	161	290	31	264	29
Indices						
<u>2025</u>	99,3	115,0	86,1	83,8	85,4	80,6
2024						

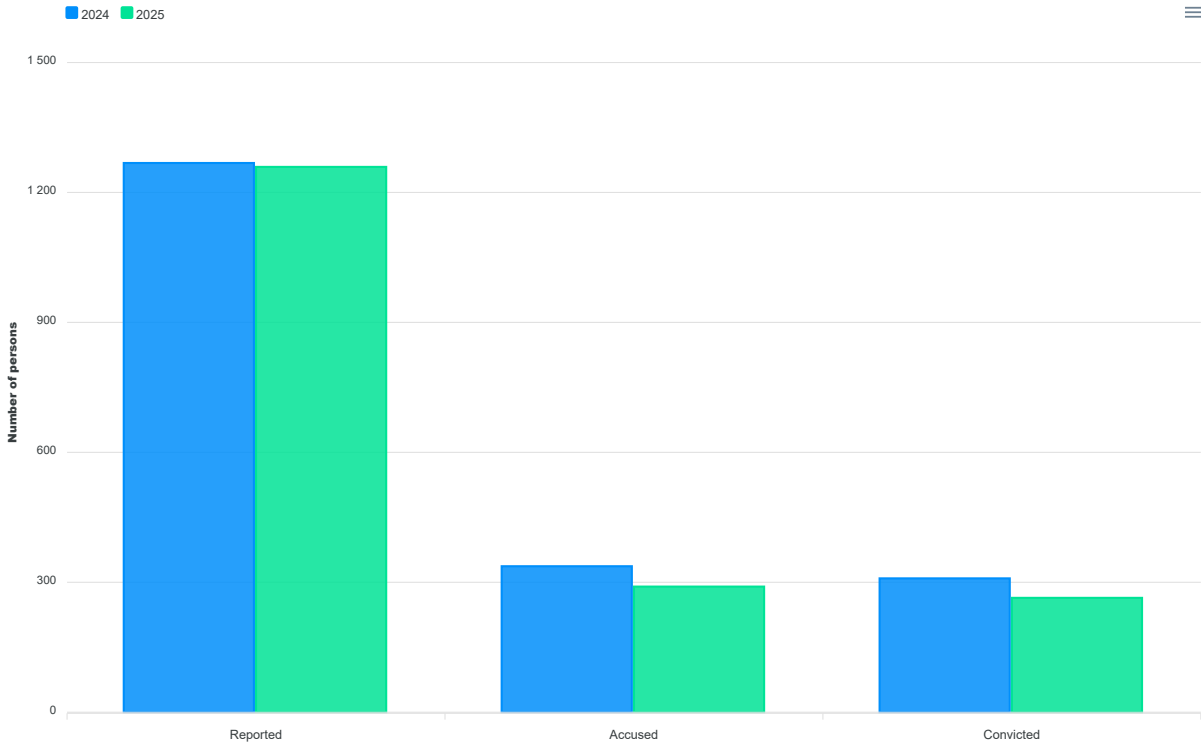
## 2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2025

	Total	Criminal offences								Other criminal offences	Indices 2025 2024
		Against life and limb	Against personal freedom	Against sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Against people's health	Against property	Counterfeiting	Against public order		
Total	1 259	186	138	12	84	47	546	18	92	136	99,3
Female persons	161	17	23	-	7	4	61	1	16	32	115,0
Submitted proposal for a penalty or other measure	474	80	42	5	52	32	184	6	37	36	100,9
Proceedings not initiated	762	103	93	5	29	10	356	12	55	99	98,4
Reported offence not defined as criminal offence	39	7	6	-	8	1	11	2	-	4	81,3
Trivial offence	12	2	-	-	3	-	6	-	-	1	92,3
Circumstances excluding guilt	53	9	16	-	3	-	18	1	3	3	106,0
No reasonable suspicion exists	169	19	25	1	7	5	81	3	17	11	108,3
In the interest of defendant or society	486	66	45	4	8	4	240	6	35	78	96,0
The report is not trustworthy	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	300,0
Interlocutory proceedings terminated	23	3	3	2	3	5	6	-	-	1	95,8
Reported offence not defined as criminal offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trivial offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Circumstances excluding guilt	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,0
No proof	15	1	1	2	3	5	3	-	-	-	88,2
Public prosecutor abandoned a charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,0
In the interest of defendant or society	5	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	125,0
Measures taken during interlocutory proceedings	159	20	22	1	12	4	71	2	16	11	112,0
Supervision by care organisation	106	15	12	1	7	2	48	1	12	8	155,9
Temporary commitment to social care institution	53	5	10	-	5	2	23	1	4	3	71,6

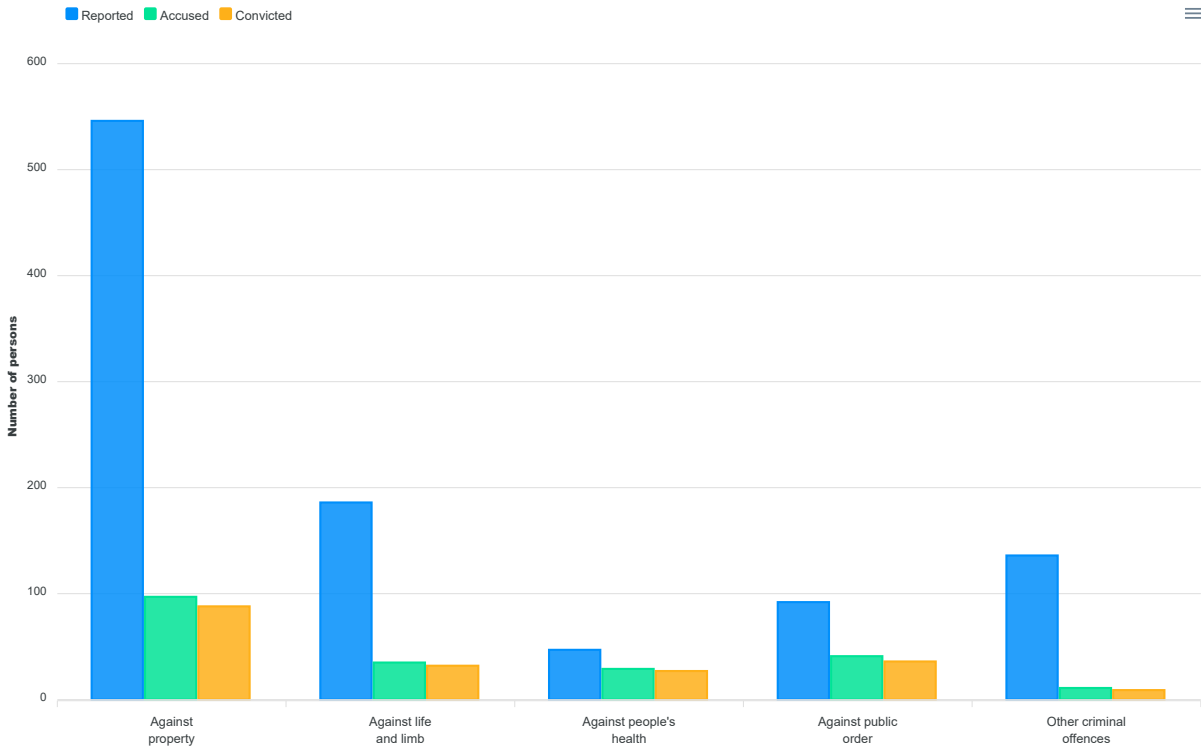
### 3 COURTS' DECISIONS AND PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2025

	Total	Criminal offences								Other criminal offences	Indices 2025 2024
		Against life and limb	Against personal freedom	Against sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Against people's health	Against property	Counterfeiting	Against public order		
Total	290	35	28	8	38	29	97	3	41	11	86,1
Female persons	31	5	6	1	3	3	8	1	2	2	83,8
Criminal penalties or other measures	264	32	25	8	36	27	88	3	36	9	85,4
Female persons	29	5	6	1	3	3	6	1	2	2	80,6
Proceedings terminated	26	3	3	-	2	2	9	-	5	2	92,9
In the interest of defendant or society	11	1	-	-	2	1	4	-	1	2	137,5
Public prosecutor forfeited the penalty or other measure	6	-	1	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	85,7
Other reasons	9	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	69,2
Measures taken during interlocutory proceedings	49	6	8	2	3	4	17	-	8	1	104,3
Supervision by care organisation	31	2	3	1	1	3	12	-	8	1	155,0
Temporary commitment to social care institution	18	4	5	1	2	1	5	-	-	-	66,7
Criminal penalties or other measures - total	264	32	25	8	36	27	88	3	36	9	85,4
Younger juveniles - all	96	12	10	1	13	6	34	-	16	4	75,6
Female persons	10	2	3	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	58,8
Educational measures	96	12	10	1	13	6	34	-	16	4	75,6
Measures of warning	32	5	3	-	10	-	4	-	10	-	59,3
Increased supervision	35	3	3	1	2	5	16	-	4	1	72,9
Correctional institution measures	29	4	4	-	1	1	14	-	2	3	116,0
Older juveniles - all	168	20	15	7	23	21	54	3	20	5	92,3
Female persons	19	3	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	100,0
Juvenile imprisonment	8	-	1	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	114,3
Educational measures	121	17	12	2	14	10	39	3	19	5	92,4
Measures of warning	61	10	4	-	12	7	16	1	10	1	107,0
Increased supervision	42	3	3	-	1	3	18	2	9	3	84,0
Correctional institution measures	18	4	5	2	1	-	5	-	-	1	75,0
Suspended juvenile imprisonment	39	3	2	5	7	10	11	-	1	-	88,6
Security measures	36	8	4	1	11	-	4	-	7	1	116,1

### G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERSONS, 2024 AND 2025

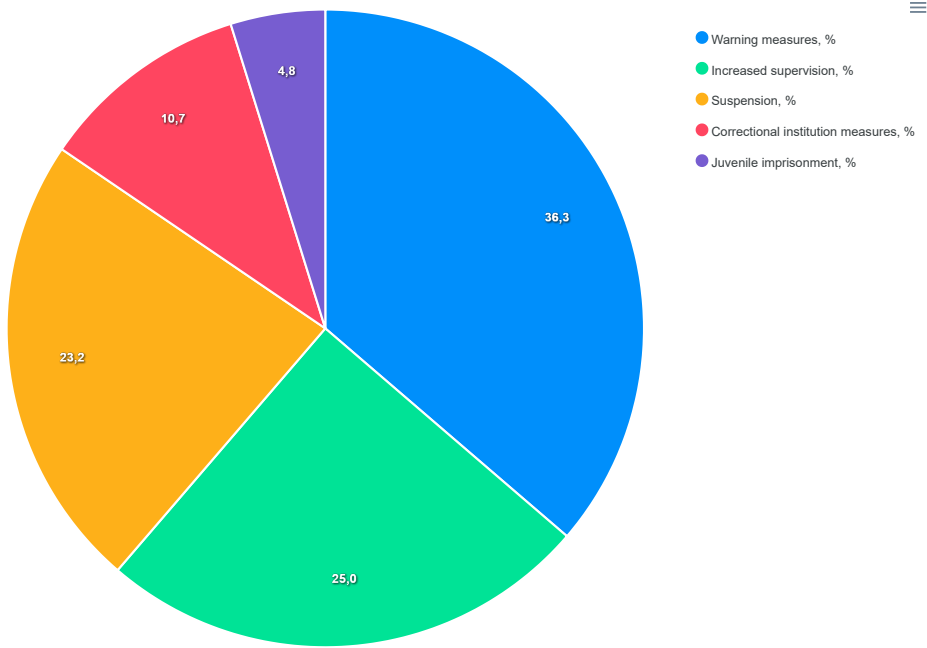


### G-2 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERSONS, BY TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2025

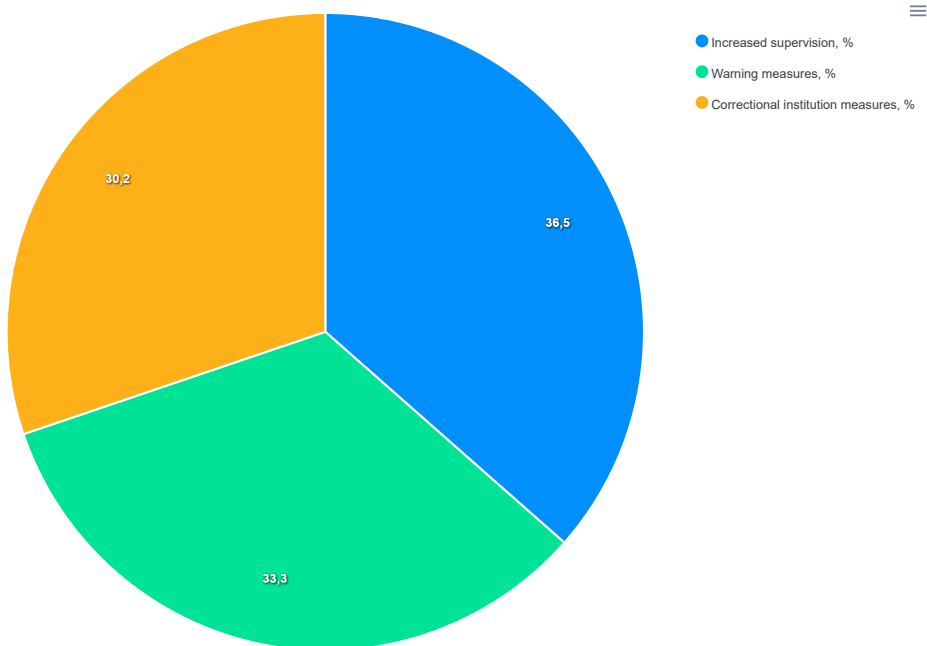


### G-3 PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES PRONOUNCED AGAINST JUVENILES, 2025

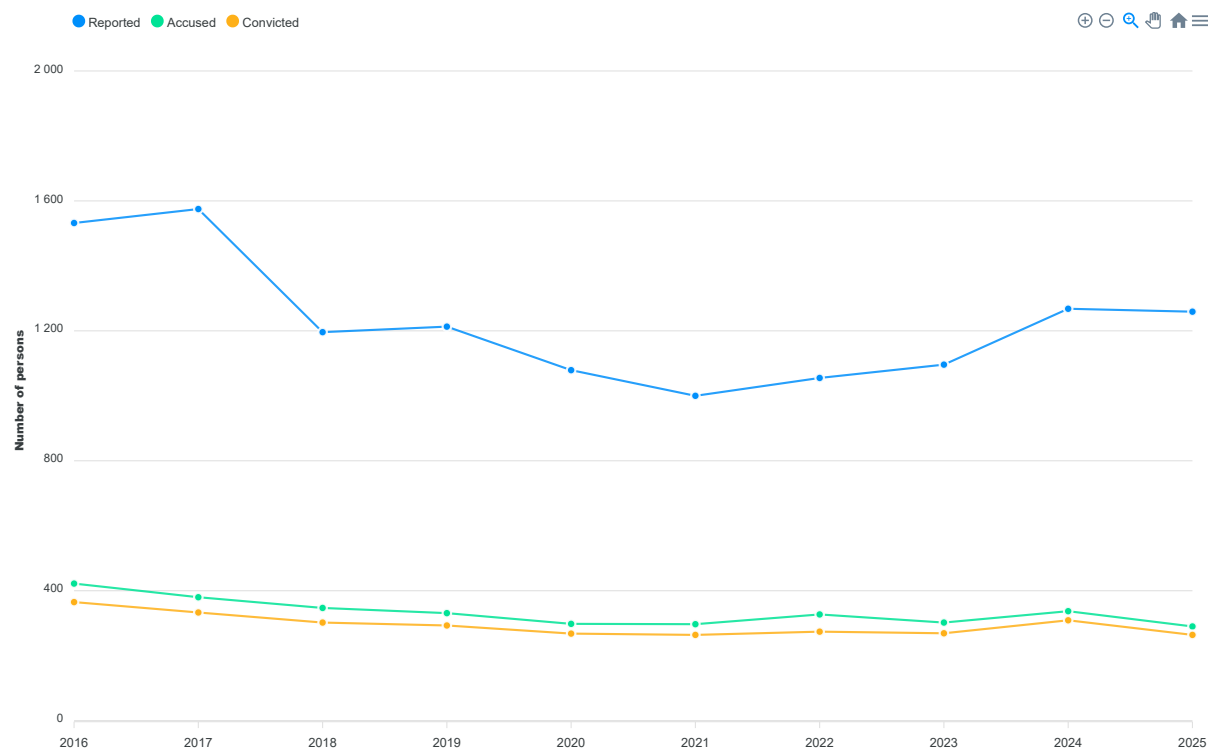
#### Older juveniles



#### Younger juveniles



## G-4 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERSONS, 2016 – 2025



## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### Source and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20, 155/23 and 124/25 – corr.), data on criminal offences of reported, accused and convicted juvenile persons are collected by regular statistical surveys conducted using the following statistical reports: the Statistical Report for a Juvenile against Whom Criminal Proceedings Based on Crime Report and the Interlocutory Proceedings Have Been Concluded (SK-3 form) and the Statistical Report for a Juvenile against Whom Criminal Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded through a Senate (SK-4 form).

Statistical reports are filled in by competent public prosecutor's offices after the final decision has taken place as well as by county and municipal courts of first instance that act after the criminal proceedings have been validly concluded. Observation units are juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences who can be either direct perpetrators, accomplices, instigators or assistants.

On 1 January 2013, the new Penal Code (NN, Nos 125/11, 144/12, 56/15, 61/15 – correction, 101/17, 118/18, 126/19, 84/21, 114/22, 114/23, 36/24 and 136/25) entered into force. This Code, besides implementing new and modified existing general institutes of material criminal law, prescribes a new catalogue of criminal offences.

### Coverage

Statistical surveys cover all juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, whether reported, accused or convicted, in order to examine the volume and spread of crime for the whole territory of the Republic of Croatia.

### Definitions

**Crime** in terms of statistical surveys ranges from reporting a criminal offence to the valid conclusion of the legal proceedings by a public prosecutors' office, that is, to pronouncing a valid decision of a juvenile court.

**Juvenile perpetrator of criminal offences** is a person who turned 14 but not yet 18 at the time of committing the criminal offence, against whom legal proceedings have not been initiated (crime report dropped), interlocutory proceedings have been terminated or a proposal for a criminal penalty or other measure has been filed. Criminal proceedings have been validly concluded by issuing the decision on the termination of proceedings or by the pronouncing of a criminal penalty or other measure.

**Younger juvenile** is a person who turned 14 but not yet 16 at the time of committing a criminal offence and who may not be sentenced to juvenile imprisonment but may only be given educational measures.

**Older juvenile** is a person who turned 16 but not yet 18 at the time of committing a criminal offence and who may be given educational measures, but may also be sentenced to juvenile imprisonment, if the Juvenile Courts Act foresees any conditions for that.

**Reported person** is a juvenile perpetrator of a criminal offence against whom the legal proceedings based on the crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded.

**Accused person** is a juvenile person against whom criminal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision, by which the proceedings were terminated or a criminal penalty or other measure have been pronounced (juvenile imprisonment or educational measures).

**Convicted person** is a juvenile perpetrator of the criminal offence against whom criminal penalties or other measures have been pronounced: juvenile imprisonment, suspension of juvenile imprisonment or educational measures. Educational measures may comprise reprimand, special obligations, increased care and supervision, increased care and supervision with daily stay in a correctional institution, commitment to a centre for disciplinary development, commitment to a correctional institution, commitment to a rehabilitation centre and commitment to a special correctional institution.

After entering into force of the new Juvenile Courts Act (NN, Nos 84/11, 143/12, 148/13, 56/15 and 126/19), the earlier educational measure of commitment to a disciplinary centre is no longer implemented. At the same time, a new educational measure, called commitment to a centre for disciplinary development, was introduced.

## Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

## Symbols

- no occurrence

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