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ADULT PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2024

In 2024, public prosecutor's offices in the Republic of Croatia decided upon crime reports for **49 606** adult perpetrators of criminal offences, which was by 8.7% more than in 2023. The number of accused persons increased by 12.2% and the number of convicted persons by 12.0%, as compared to the previous year.

The share of persons reported for criminal offences **against property**, which was the most frequent type of offence in 2024, was **47.0%**, the share of accused persons was 26.6% and of convicted persons 26.7%. They were followed by criminal offences against personal freedom, with 10.8% of reported, 16.7% of accused and 15.8% of convicted perpetrators.

By type of pronounced criminal penalties or other measures, the most frequent one was **suspended imprisonment (81.9%)**, followed by unsuspended imprisonment (16.3%), suspended fine (0.9%) and suspension of juvenile imprisonment (0.4%).

1 ADULT PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES – REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2023	45 644	4 896	13 100	1 803	11 254	1 464
2024	49 606	4 886	14 693	2 049	12 609	1 739
Indices						
2024	108,7	99,8	112,2	113,6	112,0	118,8
2023						

2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2024

	Total	Criminal offences against							
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Marriage, family and children	People's health	Public safety	Safety in traffic
Total	49 606	1 985	5 373	312	263	2 789	974	385	1 239
Unknown perpetrators	22 220	152	236	46	33	23	26	113	48
Known perpetrators	27 386	1 833	5 137	266	230	2 766	948	272	1 191
Women	4 886	239	635	13	10	646	84	42	243
Reports rejected	11 339	629	2 453	71	31	1 290	79	89	212
Interrupted investigation	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated investigation	308	41	13	29	21	14	45	1	7
Indictment	15 730	1 161	2 671	166	178	1 462	824	182	972
Immediate – overall	12 733	956	2 548	75	48	1 418	216	160	866
Without warrant	7 247	593	1 490	45	46	1 179	160	74	171
With warrant	5 486	363	1 058	30	2	239	56	86	695
After investigation	2 865	185	66	91	130	30	606	16	106
Against mentally incompetent defendant	132	20	57	-	-	14	2	6	-
Duration of investigative imprisonment	3 958	329	774	88	64	383	272	45	36
Under 15 days	358	30	66	6	1	18	13	2	9
15 – 30 days	1 890	124	413	24	17	206	54	20	6
1 – 2 months	908	74	225	16	21	106	72	12	11
2 – 3 months	582	46	61	19	16	48	93	10	6
3 – 6 months	162	43	9	22	6	5	16	1	2
6 – 12 months	58	12	-	1	3	-	24	-	2

2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2024

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	Criminal offences against						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices <u>2024</u> 2023
	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	23 319	1 011	4 218	1 553	775	2 664	2 735	11	108,7
Unknown perpetrators	16 391	34	3 149	13	26	132	1 798	-	111,2
Known perpetrators	6 928	977	1 069	1 540	749	2 532	937	11	106,7
Women	1 307	156	208	606	248	181	265	3	99,8
Reports rejected	2 969	427	330	1 333	502	364	558	2	106,3
Interrupted investigation	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	128,6
Terminated investigation	67	29	3	1	5	24	8	-	136,9
Indictment	3 892	520	736	206	242	2 144	365	9	106,5
Immediate – overall	3 451	282	702	27	224	1 430	321	9	105,5
Without warrant	1 772	157	192	16	104	1 138	105	5	103,5
With warrant	1 679	125	510	11	120	292	216	4	108,2
After investigation	422	238	34	179	16	703	43	-	109,7
Against mentally incompetent defendant	19	-	-	-	2	11	1	-	167,1
Duration of investigative imprisonment	469	50	80	35	54	1 250	29	-	121,9
Under 15 days	34	12	13	12	5	134	3	-	139,3
15 – 30 days	223	19	51	9	44	670	10	-	124,4
1 – 2 months	118	11	13	5	5	210	9	-	116,3
2 – 3 months	66	8	3	5	-	200	1	-	137,9
3 – 6 months	23	-	-	3	-	29	3	-	91,5
6 – 12 months	5	-	-	1	-	7	3	-	63,7

3 COURTS DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2024

	Total	Criminal offences against							
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Marriage, family and children	People's health	Public safety	Safety in traffic
Total	14 693	956	2 449	124	116	1 270	769	168	889
Women	2 049	88	213	4	2	230	68	19	166
Convicted persons	12 609	821	1 988	101	105	1 111	722	135	855
Women	1 739	74	168	3	2	196	63	15	164
Not convicted persons	2 084	135	461	23	11	159	47	33	34
Rebuff	63	4	13	-	-	2	-	-	-
Terminated criminal proceedings	842	55	150	14	5	81	19	8	22
Judgement of acquittal	559	33	68	7	4	27	17	13	7
Judgement rejecting charges	392	18	135	1	2	15	10	4	4
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	228	25	95	1	-	34	1	8	1
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	12 609	821	1 988	101	105	1 111	722	135	855
Imprisonment – unsuspended	2 056	123	226	38	46	74	184	10	66
Long-term imprisonment	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 – 10 years	66	13	-	10	12	-	7	-	3
3 – 5 years	163	22	1	17	8	3	22	-	10
2 – 3 years	129	9	4	3	7	6	20	1	5
1 – 2 years	480	19	34	2	4	27	51	2	7
6 – 12 months	994	47	142	5	11	36	81	3	35
3 – 6 months	194	7	40	1	1	2	3	4	6
Up to 3 months	18	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fine – unsuspended	43	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	11
Suspended imprisonment	10 310	681	1 749	62	48	1 035	513	124	749
Partially suspended imprisonment	1 143	74	115	12	15	156	112	10	15
Suspended fine	117	4	6	-	-	1	1	-	24
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	22	4	2	-	2	-	6	-	-
Juvenile imprisonment	6	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	51	8	1	1	5	1	17	1	4
Convicted, but no penal sentence	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fine as additional penalty	807	4	14	1	1	6	148	1	3
Security measures	972	113	346	13	13	223	38	7	62
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired through a criminal offence	747	-	-	4	-	-	170	-	-
Confiscation of objects	2 312	64	113	9	28	16	539	6	15
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	449	28	54	3	6	18	60	3	23

Previous convictions	2 783	148	452	21	18	217	154	18	42
Duration of investigative imprisonment	3 615	265	650	54	47	290	279	23	23
Under 30 days	955	74	198	12	8	78	73	2	11
30 days – 3 months	961	64	202	11	5	82	53	7	6
3 – 6 months	1 031	53	205	3	12	96	73	11	4
6 – 12 months	521	38	44	10	7	29	55	3	2
12 – 18 months	83	14	1	12	7	5	10	-	-
18 – 24 months	39	12	-	5	3	-	8	-	-
2 – 4 years	25	10	-	1	5	-	7	-	-

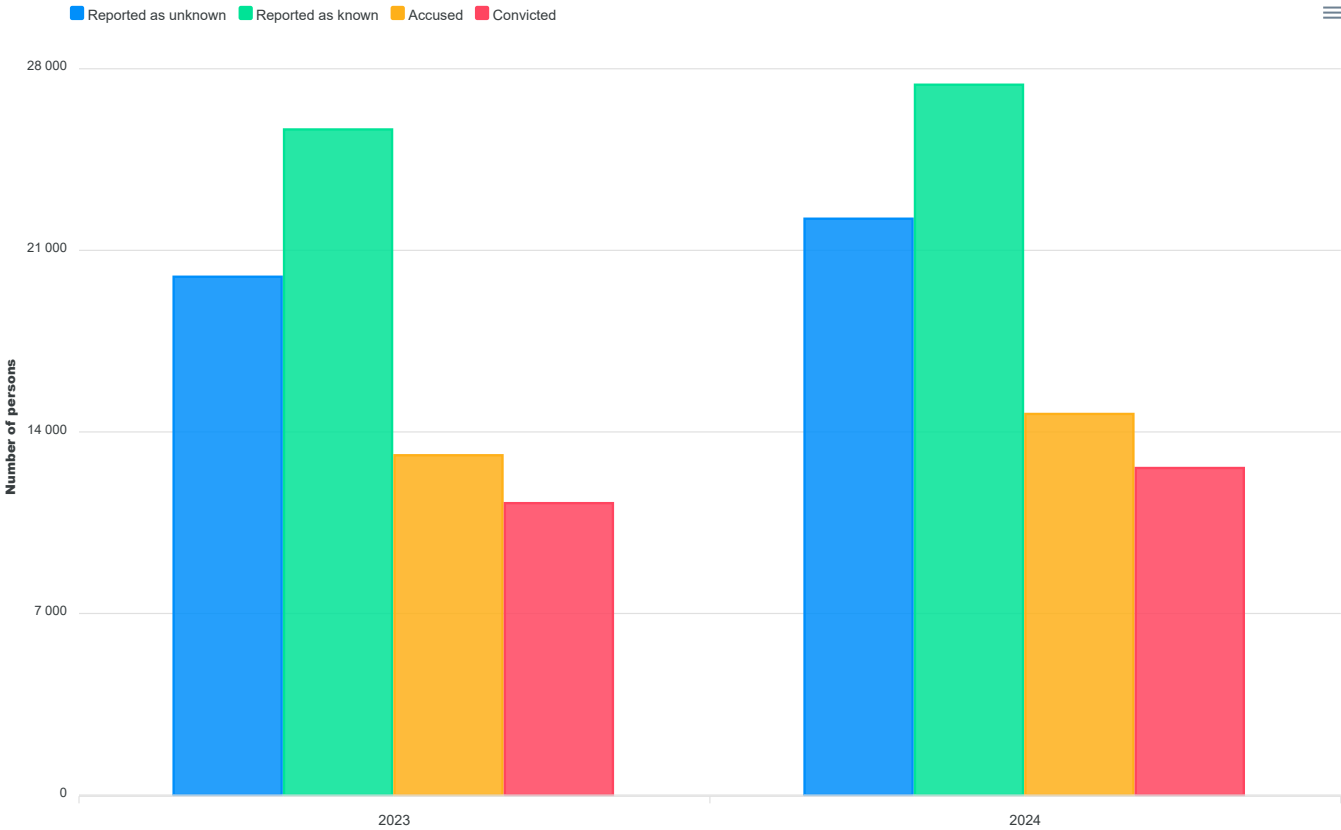
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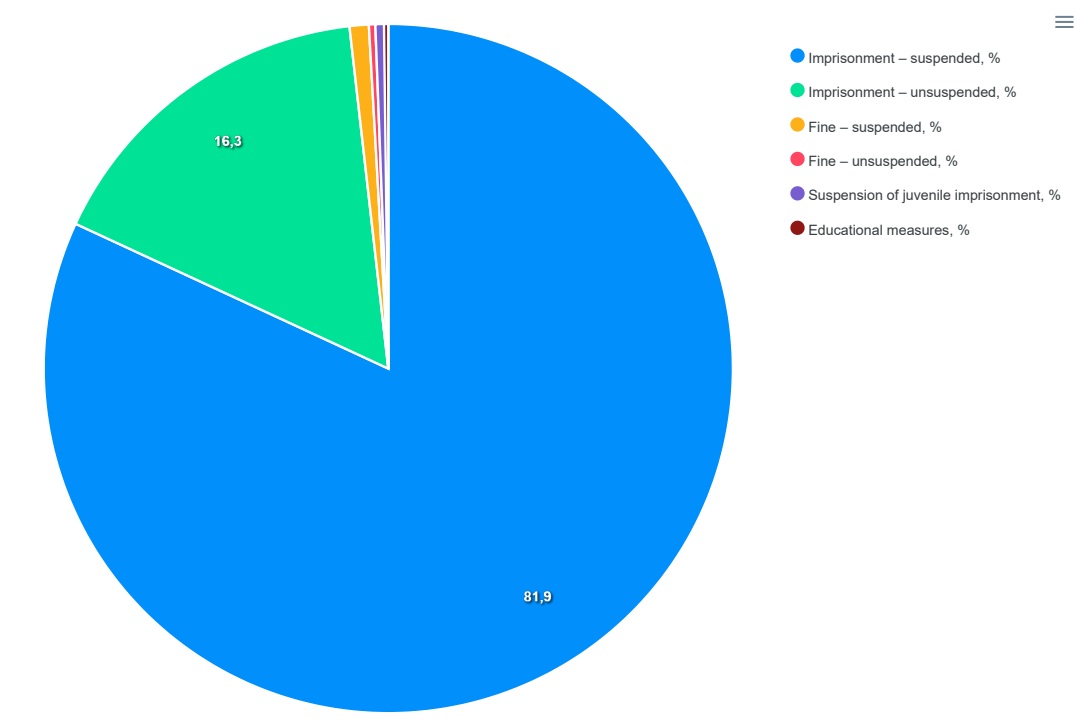
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	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	3 909	540	766	330	220	1 593	545	49	112,2
Women	646	80	128	87	61	92	164	1	113,6
Convicted persons	3 371	441	661	281	185	1 520	306	6	112,0
Women	575	62	104	82	58	85	87	1	118,8
Not convicted persons	538	99	105	49	35	73	239	43	112,9
Rebuff	10	-	1	1	2	-	30	-	77,8
Terminated criminal proceedings	236	34	39	18	15	29	116	1	117,9
Judgement of acquittal	138	44	42	25	8	14	70	42	107,3
Judgement rejecting charges	113	21	22	5	10	10	22	-	110,7
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	41	-	1	-	-	20	1	-	129,5
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	3 371	441	661	281	185	1 520	306	6	112,0
Imprisonment – unsuspended	688	75	39	44	27	392	24	-	118,2
Long-term imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,0
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,0
10 – 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	25,0
5 – 10 years	16	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	126,9
3 – 5 years	42	2	-	1	-	33	2	-	158,3
2 – 3 years	31	3	2	2	-	35	1	-	114,2
1 – 2 years	131	15	10	4	3	168	3	-	124,4
6 – 12 months	361	52	22	31	16	139	13	-	116,8
3 – 6 months	99	3	4	3	7	13	1	-	104,3
Up to 3 months	8	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	180,0
Fine – unsuspended	5	6	-	-	2	2	12	-	89,6
Suspended imprisonment	2 648	353	613	234	154	1 120	224	3	111,6
Partially suspended imprisonment	136	42	10	11	6	424	5	-	120,7
Suspended fine	12	7	6	3	2	2	46	3	87,3
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	6	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	95,7
Juvenile imprisonment	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	120,0
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	9	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	94,4
Convicted, but no penal sentence	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,4
Fine as additional penalty	73	70	17	67	1	397	4	-	161,4
Security measures	98	1	3	10	7	36	2	-	110,3
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired through a criminal offence	260	104	13	44	2	140	10	-	106,4
Confiscation of objects	207	137	373	16	7	746	36	-	113,2
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	118	35	9	30	7	49	6	-	112,3

Previous convictions	1 251	107	63	9	45	182	55	1	109,8
Duration of investigative imprisonment	635	79	123	60	30	1 035	22	-	131,7
Under 30 days	187	36	73	35	5	156	7	-	121,0
30 days – 3 months	190	26	28	15	14	251	7	-	128,5
3 – 6 months	155	9	19	3	4	381	3	-	140,5
6 – 12 months	79	3	3	4	7	235	2	-	150,6
12 – 18 months	20	3	-	1	-	10	-	-	125,8
18 – 24 months	4	2	-	1	-	2	2	-	111,4
2 – 4 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	96,2

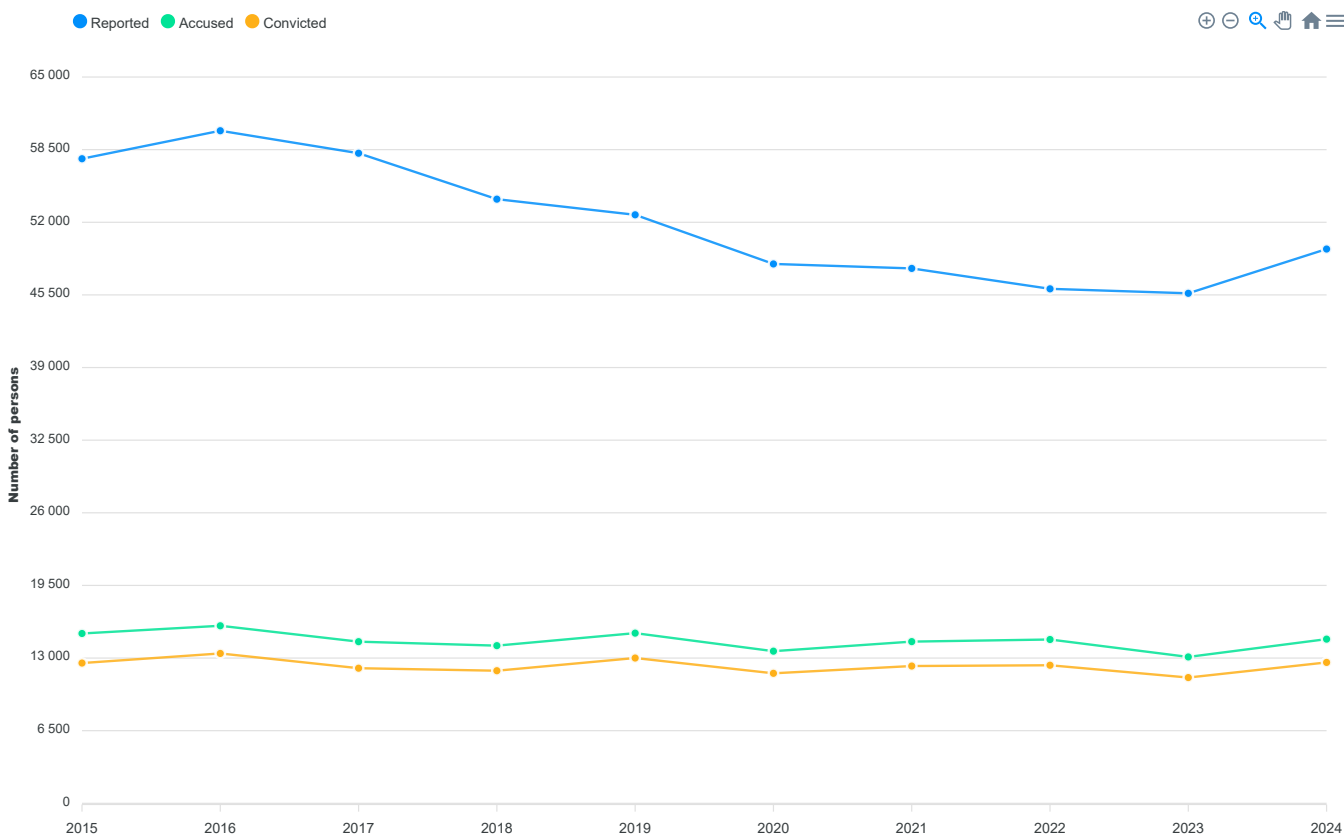
G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2023 AND 2024



G-2 CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, BY CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, 2024



G-3 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2015 – 2024



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Source and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20 and 155/23), data on criminal offences of adult reported, accused and convicted persons are collected by regular statistical surveys, which use the following statistical reports: the Statistical Report for an Adult against Whom Criminal Proceedings Based on Crime Report and the Interlocutory Proceedings Have Been Concluded (SK-1 form) and the Statistical Report for an Accused Adult against Whom Criminal Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SK-2 form).

Statistical reports are filled in by competent public prosecutor's offices after the final decision has taken place as well as county and municipal courts of first instance that act after the criminal procedure was validly concluded. Observation units are adult 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 and 36/24) entered into force. This code, besides implementing new and modifying existing general institutes of material criminal law, prescribes a new catalogue of criminal offences.

Coverage

Statistical surveys cover all adult 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 legal proceedings by a public prosecutor's office, that is, to pronouncing a valid court decision.

Adult perpetrators of criminal offences are persons who turned 18 at the time of committing the criminal offence and against whom proceedings based on a crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded and accused persons (including those who were charged on the basis of a private lawsuit) against whom legal proceedings have been validly concluded.

Person reported as a known perpetrator is an adult perpetrator of a criminal offence against whom proceedings based on a crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded with a decision by which either the crime report is rejected, or the investigation was interrupted, or the investigation was terminated, or an indictment was submitted.

Person reported as an unknown perpetrator is, starting with the 2015 reference year, an unknown person who was reported for a criminal offence to the public prosecutor. Until the end of 2014 reference year, an unknown perpetrator was defined as an unknown person who was reported for a criminal offence to the public prosecutor and who remains unknown even after one year from the day of the submission of the crime report. This change is expected to have a limited influence on data on total reported perpetrators as well as on reported unknown perpetrators, as it can be expected that a certain number of initially unknown perpetrators' identities will be revealed during the same year, consequently resulting in double counting.

Accused person is an adult person against whom an indictment, accusatory motion or private lawsuit is filed before the court, against whom criminal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision by which the proceedings are terminated, the indictment is dropped, the person is acquitted, the accusation is rejected, a mentally incompetent person is assigned to a coercive accommodation or outward treatment or a perpetrator is convicted.

Younger adult person is a person who turned 18 but not yet 21 years of age at the time of committing a criminal offence to whom the court may pronounce educational measures consisting of special obligations, increased supervision and juvenile imprisonment. In case a perpetrator did not turn 21 years of age, the court may also pronounce an educational measure of assignment to a centre for disciplinary development and a correctional institution measure. To a perpetrator who turns 21 years of age during the trial, a court may pronounce imprisonment instead of juvenile imprisonment sentence, within the boundaries that apply for the duration of the juvenile imprisonment.

Convicted person is a convicted adult person against whom the following criminal penalties or other measures have been pronounced: imprisonment, fine, educational measures, judicial admonition (milder act principle), or the person is found guilty, but no sentence has been imposed.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

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