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PERPETRATORS OF MISDEMEANOURS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2024

In 2024, there were 100 638 accused adult perpetrators of misdemeanours, which represents an increase of **7.1%** compared to 2023, while the number of those found guilty increased by 7.6% compared to the previous year.

The number of accused juvenile perpetrators of misdemeanours amounted to 2 588 in 2024, which represents an increase of **28.1%** compared to 2023, while the number of those found guilty increased by 63.6% compared to the previous year.

In 2024, there were 12 375 accused legal entities – perpetrators of misdemeanours, which represents an increase of **11.7%** compared to 2023, while the number of those recognised as responsible increased by 9.7% compared to the previous year.

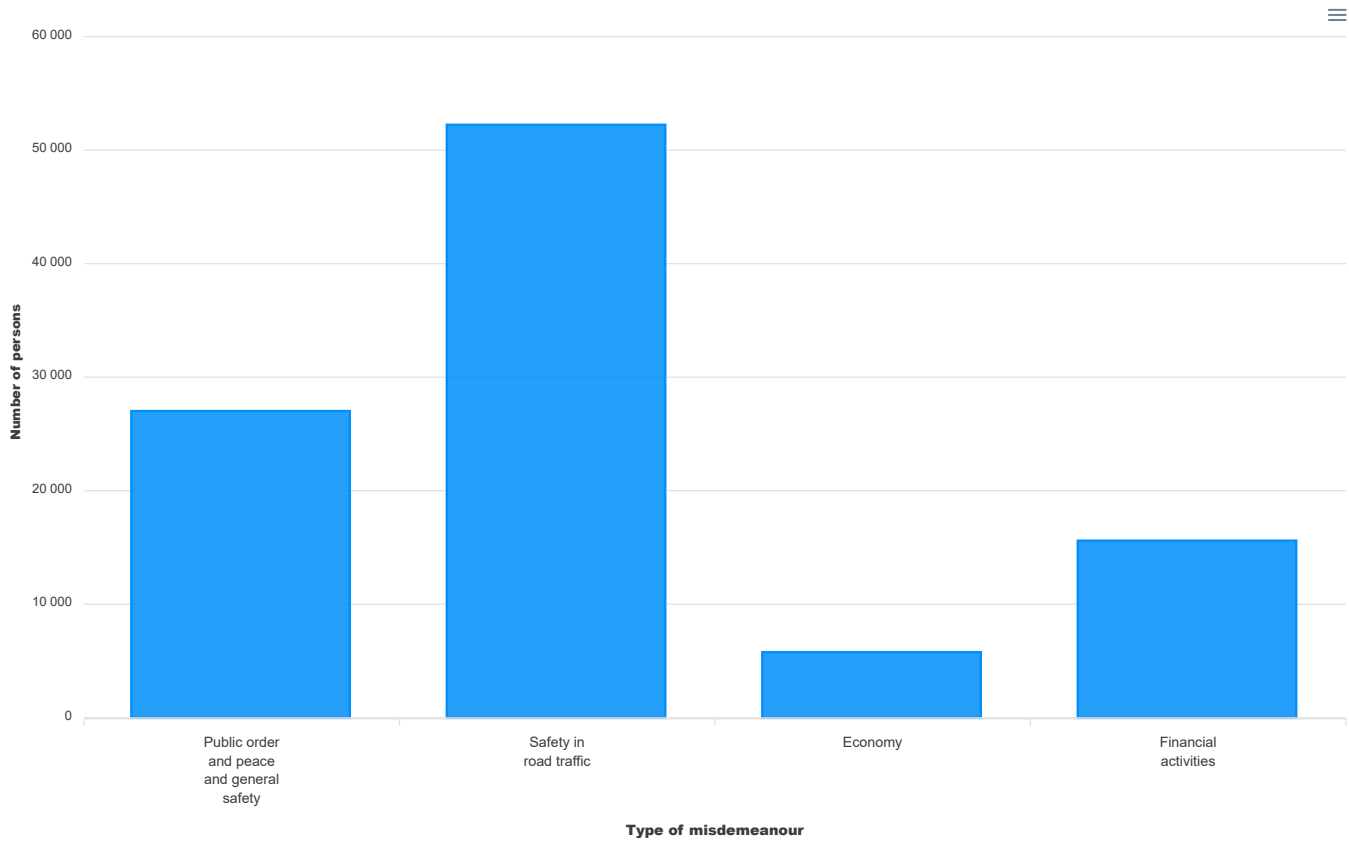
The number of accused persons in charge – perpetrators of misdemeanours amounted to 12 448 in 2024, which represents an increase of **14.4%** compared to 2023, while the number of those who were found guilty increased by 13.4% compared to the previous year.

Adult perpetrators of misdemeanours committed most misdemeanours in the field of safety in road traffic (51.9%) and juvenile perpetrators in the field of public order and peace and general safety (58.8%). Legal entities as well as persons in charge committed most misdemeanours in the field of economy (48.3% of legal entities and 46.9% of persons in charge).

1 MISDEMEANOUR PERPETRATORS

	Adult		Juvenile		Legal entities and persons in charge			
	Accused	Found guilty	Accused	Found guilty	Legal entities		Persons in charge	
					Accused	Found responsible	Accused	Found guilty
2023	93 938	79 267	2 021	33	11 082	8 022	10 881	8 528
2024	100 638	85 284	2 588	54	12 375	8 801	12 448	9 668
Indices <u>2024</u> 2023	107,1	107,6	128,1	163,6	111,7	109,7	114,4	113,4

G-1 ACCUSED ADULT PERSONS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2024



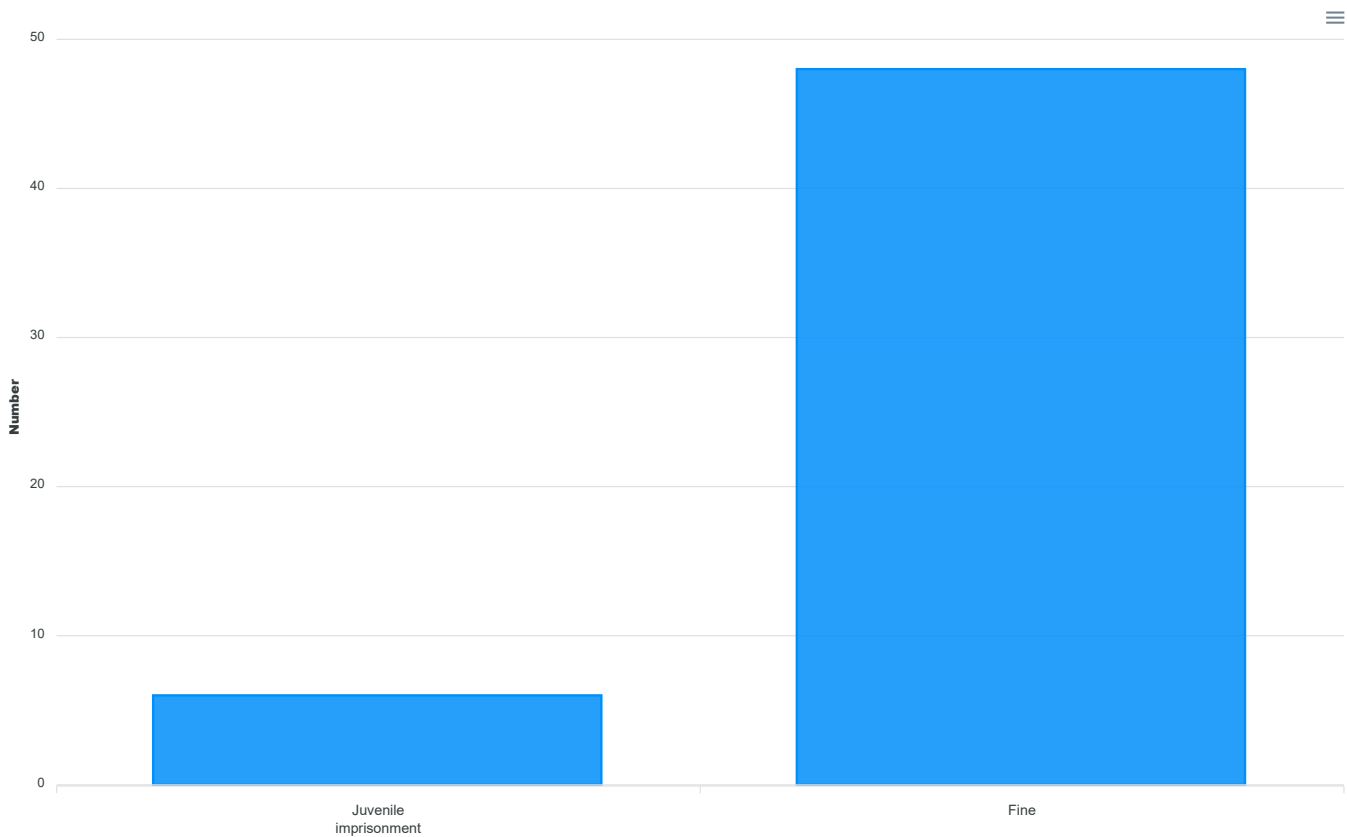
2 DECISIONS MADE BY COMPETENT MISDEMEANOUR BODIES AND PRONOUNCED SANCTIONS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2024

	Total	Type of misdemeanour			
		Public order and peace and general safety	Safety of road traffic	Economy	Financial activities
Adult persons					
Total	100 638	27 018	52 241	5 779	15 600
Women	17 869	4 629	8 915	1 701	2 624
Not found guilty	15 354	4 808	8 140	2 008	398
Women	3 768	1 245	1 800	631	92
Proceedings terminated	817	311	237	75	194
Judgement rejecting charges	3 227	1 066	1 448	619	94
Judgement of acquittal	11 310	3 431	6 455	1 314	110
Found guilty	85 284	22 210	44 101	3 771	15 202
Women	14 101	3 384	7 115	1 070	2 532
Imprisonment – total	5 878	3 758	2 120	-	-
Suspended imprisonment	4 290	2 890	1 400	-	-
Fine	75 807	18 027	39 297	3 306	15 177
Admonition	2 907	169	2 452	285	1
Found guilty, but acquitted/no penalty	692	256	232	180	24
Security measure applied	14 534	2 669	11 858	7	-
Juvenile persons					
Total	2 588	1 522	1 055	9	2
Female persons	312	203	108	1	-
Not found guilty	2 534	1 488	1 035	9	2
Female persons	304	200	103	1	-
Proceedings terminated	338	219	117	2	-
Not found guilty but educational and/or security measure applied	2 196	1 269	918	7	2
Found guilty	54	34	20	-	-
Female persons	8	3	5	-	-
Juvenile imprisonment – total	6	5	1	-	-
Suspended juvenile imprisonment	3	3	-	-	-
Fine	48	29	19	-	-
Educational measure applied	2 188	1 263	916	7	2
Of that, with security measure	48	19	29	-	-
Female persons	248	170	77	1	-
Reprimand	1 932	1 049	875	7	1
Special obligations	245	206	38	-	1
Commitment to a disciplinary centre	11	8	3	-	-
Security measure applied	60	26	34	-	-
Female persons	2	2	-	-	-
Of that, with educational measure	48	19	29	-	-
Of that, with sentence	4	1	3	-	-
Legal entities and persons in charge					
Total – Legal entities	12 375	413	1 105	5 982	4 875
Legal entities not found responsible	3 574	108	464	2 453	549
Proceedings terminated	952	19	13	513	407
Judgement rejecting charges	1 330	36	81	1 108	105
Judgement of acquittal	1 292	53	370	832	37
Legal entities found responsible	8 801	305	641	3 529	4 326
Fine	8 395	297	568	3 226	4 304

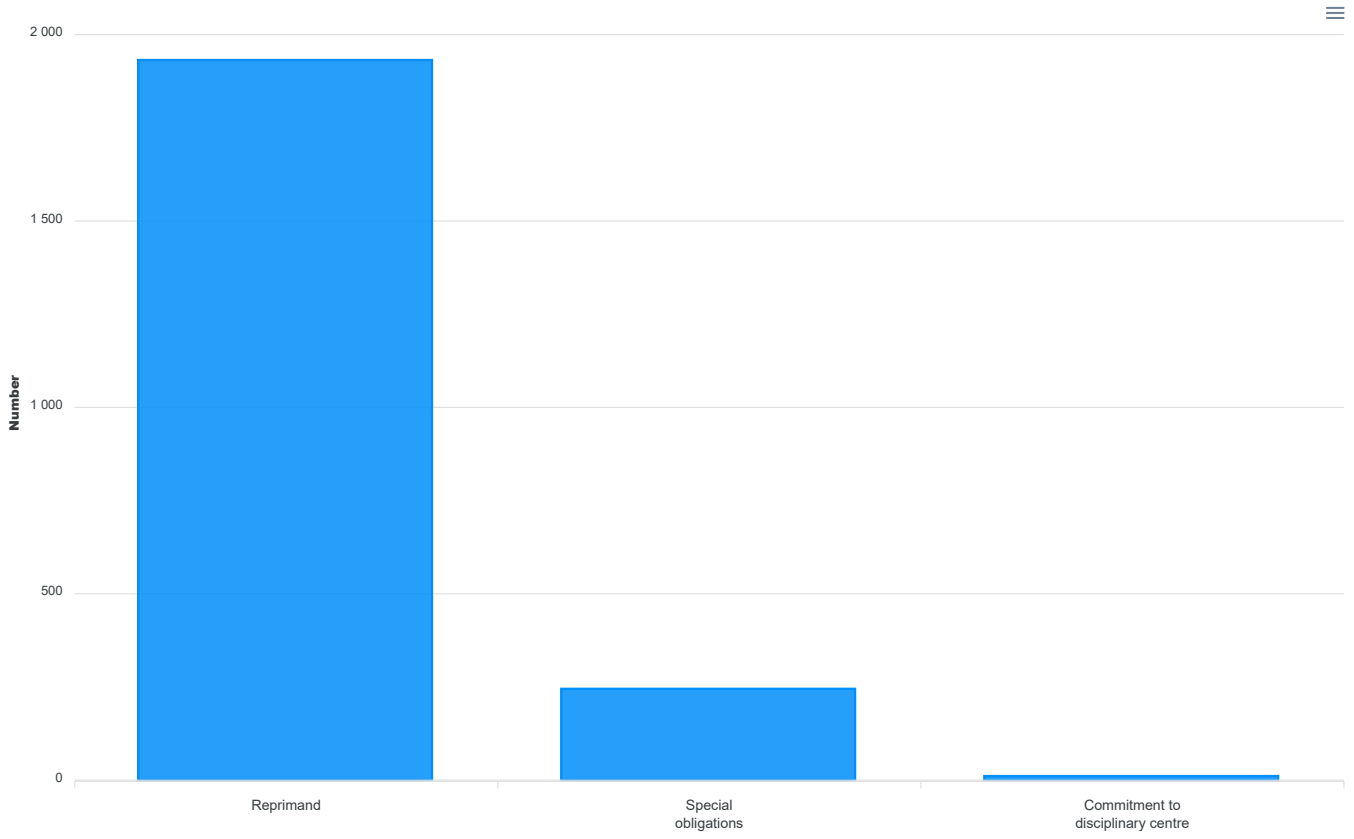
Admonition	34	-	13	18	3
Found responsible but no penal sentence	372	8	60	285	19
Security measure applied	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Persons in charge	12 448	223	770	5 839	5 616
Women	2 958	49	88	1 417	1 404
Persons in charge not found guilty	2 780	66	318	2 037	359
Women	582	5	34	453	90
Proceedings terminated	283	5	4	74	200
Judgement rejecting charges	1 382	20	71	1 179	112
Judgement of acquittal	1 115	41	243	784	47
Persons in charge found guilty	9 668	157	452	3 802	5 257
Women	2 376	44	54	964	1 314
Fine	9 259	147	381	3 494	5 237
Admonition	63	2	25	33	3
Found guilty but no penal sentence	346	8	46	275	17
Security measure applied	-	-	-	-	-

G-2 JUVENILES, BY PRONOUNCED SENTENCES, 2024

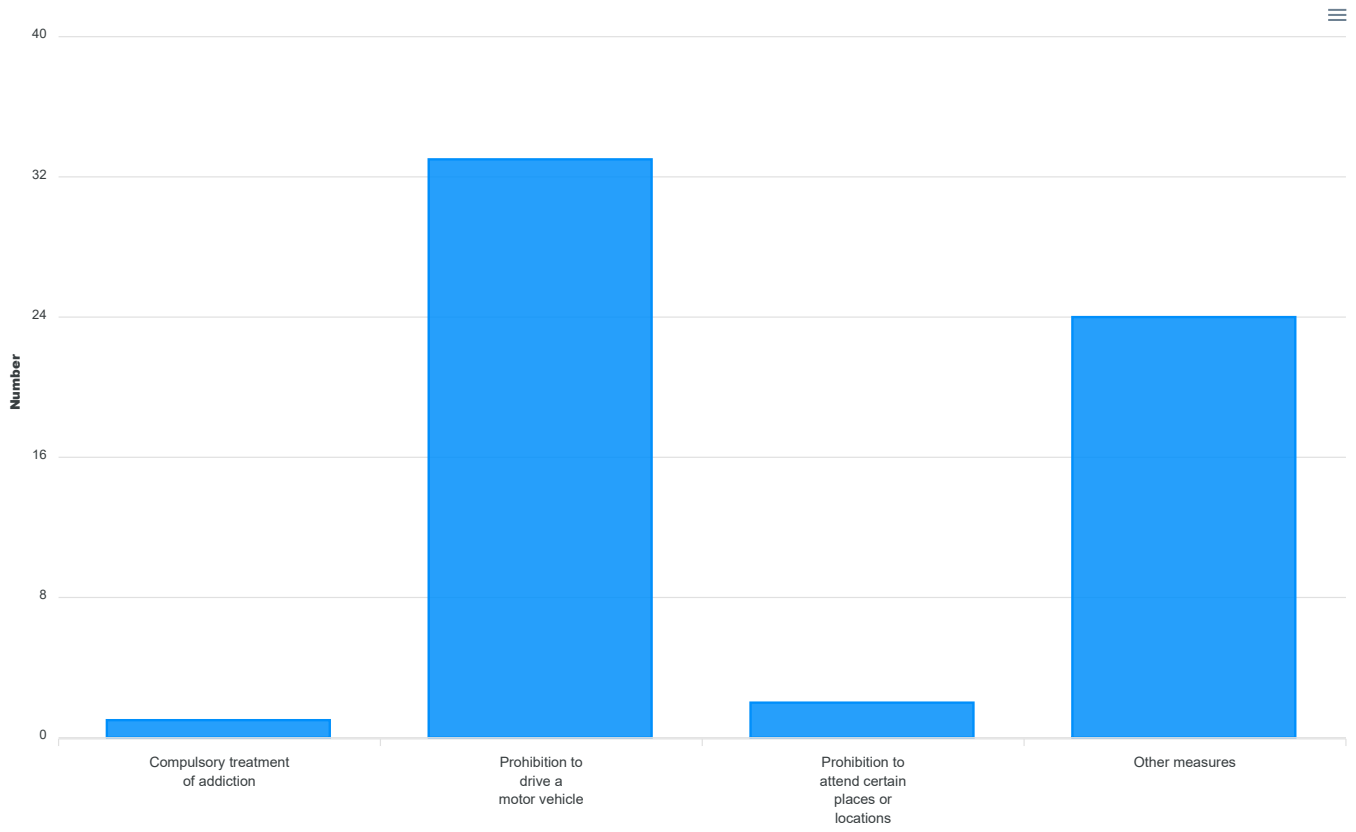
Types of pronounced sentences



Types of educational measures applied

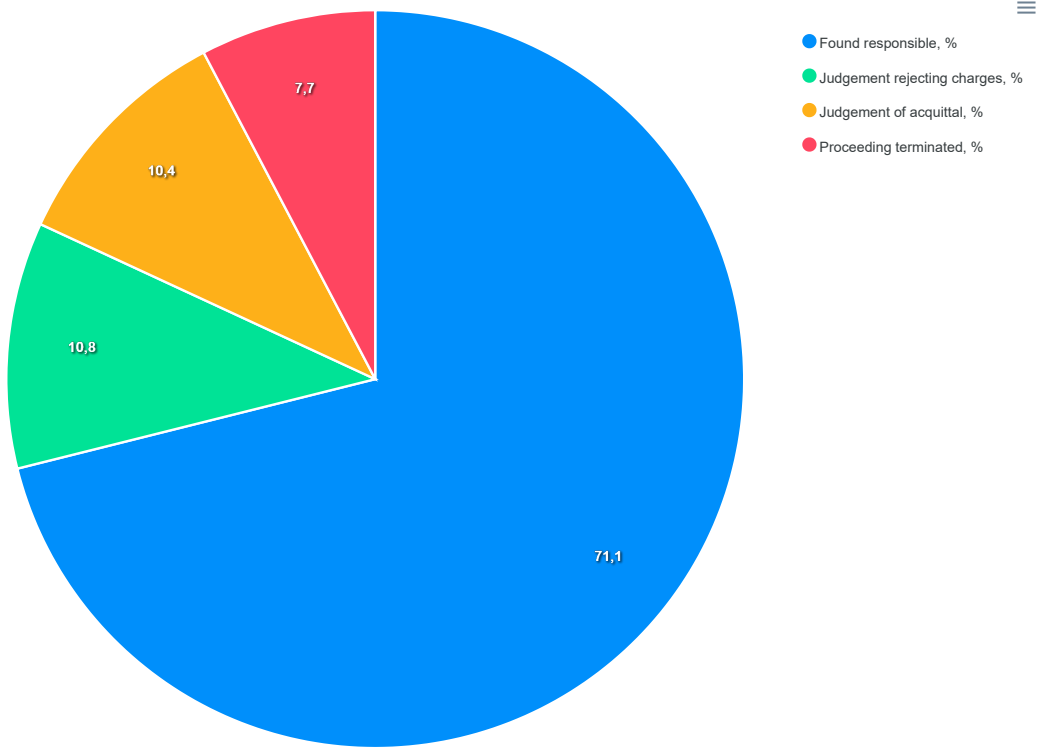


Types of security measures applied

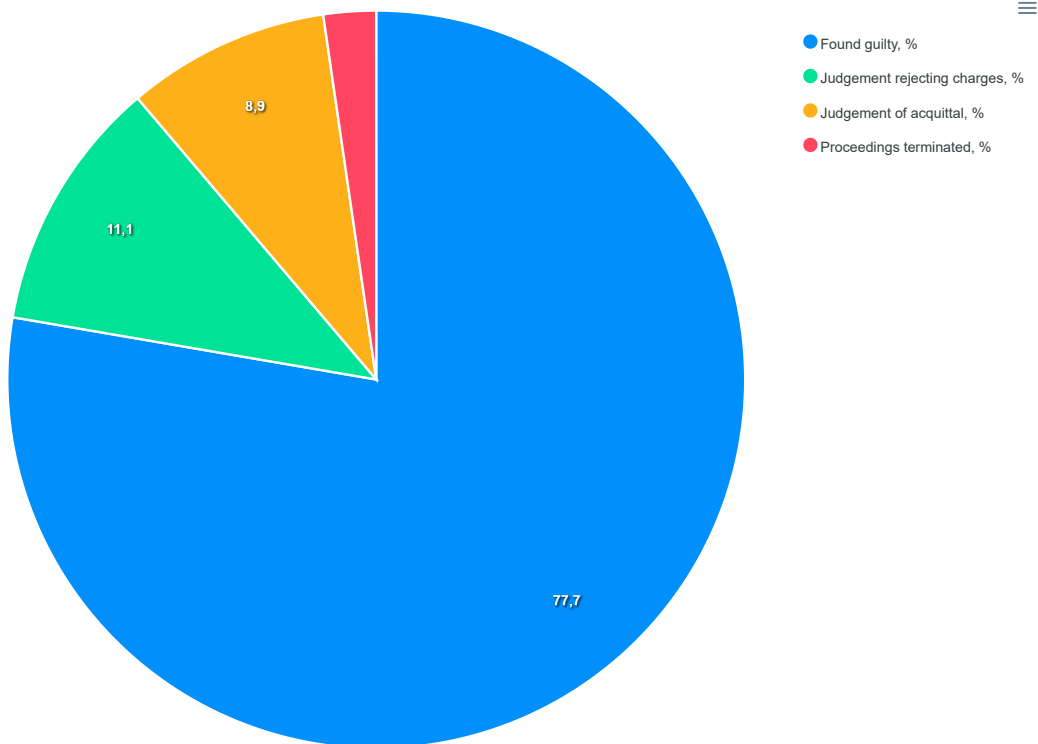


G-3 LEGAL ENTITIES AND PERSONS IN CHARGE, BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2024

Legal entities



Persons in charge



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20 and 155/23), data on misdemeanours committed by adult and juvenile persons as well as by legal entities and persons in charge are collected by regular statistical surveys, which use the following statistical reports: the Statistical Report for Accused Adult against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-1 form), the Statistical Report for Accused Juvenile against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-2 form) and the Statistical Report for Legal Entity and Person in Charge against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-3 form).

Statistical reports are filled in by competent municipal courts as well as by competent state administration bodies, authorised to adjudicate in misdemeanour proceedings: tax administration offices, regional customs offices, harbour master's offices, management body of air traffic and financial inspectorate.

The Misdemeanour Act (NN, Nos 107/07, 39/13, 157/13, 110/15, 70/17, 118/18 and 114/22) was put into effect on 1 January 2008 and, since then, it has been applied in statistical surveys.

Coverage

Statistical surveys cover all perpetrators of misdemeanours – adults, juveniles, legal entities and persons in charge – in order to examine the volume and spread of misdemeanours for the whole territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Definitions

Misdemeanours are conducts that violate or threaten public order, social discipline or other social values guaranteed and protected by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, national and international laws, the protection of which is not possible without the misdemeanour system of sanctions and is not achieved through the penal coercion.

In terms of statistical surveys, misdemeanours cover an occurrence that starts with reporting a committed misdemeanour and ends with a valid conclusion of proceedings done by a competent misdemeanour body.

Adult perpetrator of a misdemeanour is a person who turned 18 at the time of committing a misdemeanour, and against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on the termination of the proceedings, a judgement on the rejection of charges, a judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which a person is found guilty.

Juvenile perpetrator of a misdemeanour is a person who, at the time of committing a misdemeanour, turned 14 but not yet 18 years of age, and against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on the termination of the proceedings or a decision by which the person has been found guilty (juveniles between 16 and 18 years of age who were sentenced to juvenile imprisonment or imposed with a fine).

According to the Misdemeanour Act (NN, Nos 107/07, 39/13, 157/13, 110/15, 70/17, 118/18 and 114/22), educational measure is applied to a juvenile perpetrator of a misdemeanour by court decision. In the pronouncement of the decision, it is only stated which measure is applied, but the juvenile perpetrator is not pronounced guilty of the committed misdemeanour.

Person in charge – perpetrator of a misdemeanour is a person in charge (director, accounting manager, cashier etc.) in a **legal entity** (trade company, state body etc.) against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on the termination of the proceedings, a judgement on the rejection of charges, a judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which the person has been found guilty.

Legal entities – perpetrators of misdemeanours are domestic legal entities (for example, trade companies, state bodies, unions and alike) as well as foreign entities considered as legal entities under Croatian law, against which misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on the termination of the proceedings, a judgement on the rejection of charges, a judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which the legal entity has been found responsible.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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