



ADULT PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2022

In 2022, public prosecutor's offices in the Republic of Croatia decided upon crime reports for 46 045 adult perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 3.8% less than in 2021. The number of accused persons increased by 1.3% and the number of convicted persons by 0.6%, 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 2022, was 51.4%, of accused persons it was 28.2% and of convicted persons it was 29.2%. They were followed by criminal offences against personal freedom, with 11.1% of reported, 15.8% of accused and 14.8% of convicted perpetrators.

By type of pronounced criminal penalties or other measures, the most frequent one was suspended imprisonment (80.8%), followed by unsuspended imprisonment (17.0%), suspended fine (0.9%) and unsuspended fine (0.5%).

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

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2021	47 872	5 564	14 471	2 073	12 286	1 736
2022	46 045	4 989	14 660	1 983	12 355	1 623
Indices 2022 2021	96,2	89,7	101,3	95,7	100,6	93,5

2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2022

	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	46 045	1 748	5 134	348	299	2 763	1 230	429	1 109
Unknown perpetrators	19 372	152	252	38	52	11	27	139	48
Known perpetrators	26 673	1 596	4 882	310	247	2 752	1 203	290	1 061
Women	4 989	199	601	15	10	695	198	33	209
Reports rejected	11 000	594	2 241	93	29	1 173	264	112	186
Interrupted investigation	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated investigation	287	26	15	37	28	6	38	9	6
Indictment	15 380	976	2 626	180	190	1 573	901	169	869
Immediate – overall	12 504	754	2 530	79	53	1 536	375	138	756
Without warrant	6 838	475	1 455	50	49	1 246	191	65	186
With warrant	5 666	279	1 075	29	4	290	184	73	570
After investigation	2 757	193	56	101	137	29	524	27	112
Against mentally incompetent defendant	119	29	40	-	-	8	2	4	1
Duration of investigative imprisonment	2 764	295	636	97	67	281	227	27	28
Under 15 days	204	12	35	9	2	15	10	4	3
15 – 30 days	1 315	109	393	20	28	154	54	8	7
1 – 2 months	619	67	141	17	15	84	54	5	3
2 – 3 months	398	44	54	21	8	24	74	9	7
3 – 6 months	178	49	10	26	12	4	21	1	7
6 – 12 months	50	14	3	4	2	-	14	-	1

2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2022

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	Criminal offences against						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2022/2021
	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	23 653	1 346	1 733	1 373	752	1 758	2 354	16	96,2
Unknown perpetrators	16 577	25	583	15	16	97	1 340	-	104,8
Known perpetrators	7 076	1 321	1 150	1 358	736	1 661	1 014	16	90,8
Women	1 274	247	243	525	287	210	241	2	89,7
Reports rejected	2 887	541	328	1 099	494	387	566	6	86,8
Interrupted investigation	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	150,0
Terminated investigation	52	36	2	11	3	7	11	-	85,2
Indictment	4 137	741	820	248	239	1 267	434	10	94,0
Immediate - overall	3 648	380	797	29	225	808	386	10	92,8
Without warrant	1 936	189	169	8	88	591	134	6	95,8
With warrant	1 712	191	628	21	137	217	252	4	89,4
After investigation	468	361	22	219	12	451	45	-	99,3
Against mentally incompetent defendant	21	-	1	-	2	8	3	-	112,3
Duration of investigative imprisonment	415	69	48	40	20	488	26	-	101,2
Under 15 days	26	10	7	3	1	64	3	-	88,7
15 - 30 days	218	26	27	20	13	231	7	-	95,7
1 - 2 months	94	14	8	8	5	95	9	-	114,8
2 - 3 months	59	12	4	3	1	75	3	-	117,8
3 - 6 months	15	5	2	6	-	17	3	-	96,2
6 - 12 months	3	2	-	-	-	6	1	-	76,9

3 COURTS DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2022

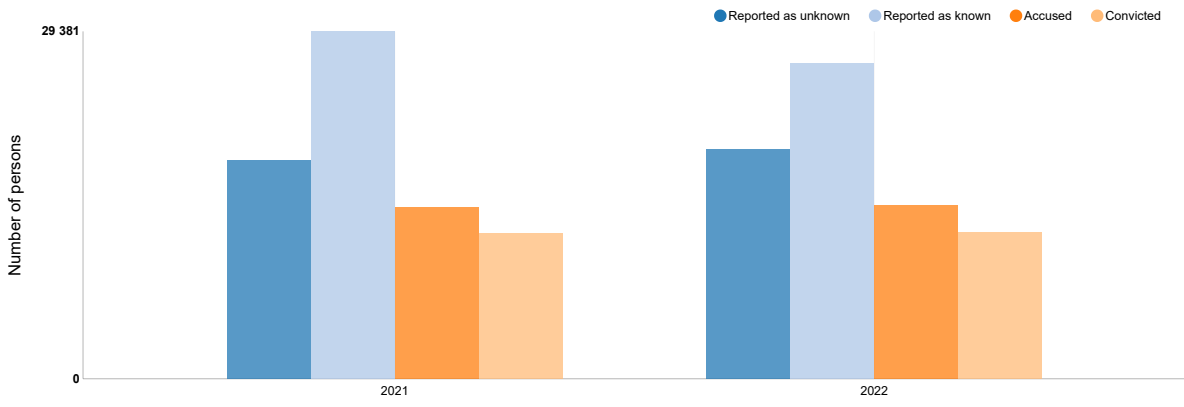
	Total	Criminal offences against							
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Marriage, family and children	People's health	Public safety	Safety in traffic
Total	14 660	950	2 310	150	156	1 261	834	154	922
Women	1 983	60	190	2	7	259	66	15	167
Convicted persons	12 355	797	1 827	126	137	1 085	766	123	858
Women	1 623	47	126	1	6	217	61	14	160
Not convicted persons	2 305	153	483	24	19	176	68	31	64
Rebuff	88	5	8	-	1	3	-	-	-
Terminated criminal proceeding	951	66	184	9	10	95	17	15	32
Judgement of acquittal	656	30	72	9	2	34	29	11	19
Judgement rejecting charges	432	26	144	5	4	27	21	1	13
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	178	26	75	1	2	17	1	4	-
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	12 355	797	1 827	126	137	1 085	766	123	858
Imprisonment – unsuspended	2 096	166	226	47	51	64	196	16	101
Long-term imprisonment	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 years	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	13	7	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
5 – 10 years	50	11	-	5	7	-	3	-	5
3 – 5 years	124	18	1	11	12	-	16	1	18
2 – 3 years	134	13	1	4	2	5	23	4	11
1 – 2 years	447	25	44	13	11	27	46	6	11
6 – 12 months	1 070	65	133	11	18	28	102	5	52
3 – 6 months	230	11	45	1	-	4	5	-	4
Up to 3 months	11	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Fine – unsuspended	62	2	1	1	-	2	4	-	16
Suspended imprisonment	9 980	613	1 589	76	74	1 017	525	106	701
Partially suspended imprisonment	727	40	62	9	23	101	108	8	35
Suspended fine	115	4	8	-	-	1	7	-	28
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	37	8	1	-	2	-	13	-	2
Juvenile imprisonment	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	54	4	2	1	10	1	21	-	6
Convicted, but no penal sentence	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Fine as additional penalty	416	2	11	-	-	6	115	2	2
Security measures	837	86	274	9	7	156	37	11	97
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	806	-	-	2	-	-	164	-	-
Confiscation of objects	2 117	48	102	6	29	15	537	11	11
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	553	41	61	4	14	15	76	3	36
Previous convictions	2 937	174	384	20	17	207	173	10	45
Duration of investigative imprisonment	2 598	212	505	53	56	204	237	26	37
Under 30 days	832	46	119	20	17	54	70	10	15
30 days – 3 months	695	57	204	6	5	64	46	3	5
3 – 6 months	668	44	146	8	13	72	64	8	10
6 – 12 months	288	27	34	9	13	14	37	2	7
12 – 18 months	71	16	2	6	6	-	14	2	-
18 – 24 months	26	10	-	4	2	-	6	-	-
2 – 4 years	18	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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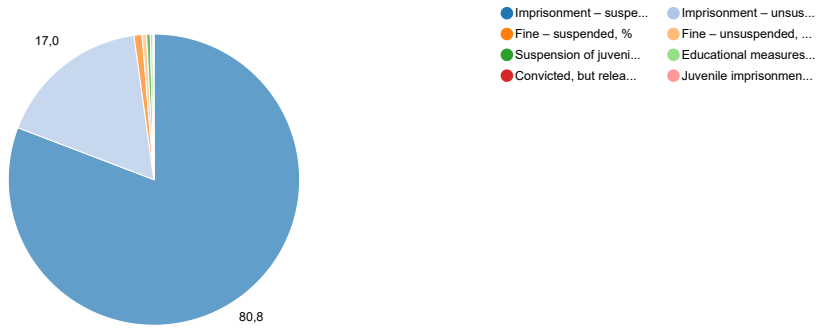
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	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	4 141	737	959	207	225	1 028	607	19	101,3
Women	644	97	148	34	68	75	149	2	95,7
Convicted persons	3 607	566	845	141	180	946	335	16	100,6
Women	565	76	138	29	52	70	61	-	93,5
Not convicted persons	534	171	114	66	45	82	272	3	105,5
Rebuff	13	5	2	1	7	1	42	-	111,4
Terminated criminal proceeding	230	62	27	17	15	30	140	2	106,9
Judgement of acquittal	162	75	71	38	11	25	67	1	100,6
Judgement rejecting charges	101	29	14	10	6	10	21	-	111,9
Mentally incompetent persons - coercive accommodation or outward treatment	28	-	-	-	6	16	2	-	100,0
Criminal penalties and other measures - total	3 607	566	845	141	180	946	335	16	100,6
Imprisonment - unsuspended	781	109	39	25	18	219	38	-	102,4
Long-term imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,0
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,0
15 - 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	61,9
5 - 10 years	10	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	122,0
3 - 5 years	25	4	-	1	1	14	2	-	102,5
2 - 3 years	36	8	-	2	-	22	3	-	97,8
1 - 2 years	151	27	4	5	1	73	3	-	108,5
6 - 12 months	431	58	30	14	10	97	16	-	101,4
3 - 6 months	122	11	5	3	6	11	2	-	97,9
Up to 3 months	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	64,7
Fine - unsuspended	9	10	2	-	4	2	9	-	64,6
Suspended imprisonment	2 798	441	799	114	154	717	245	11	100,9
Partially suspended imprisonment	110	33	7	11	5	171	4	-	110,2
Suspended fine	7	6	2	-	3	2	42	5	79,3
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	6	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	74,0
Juvenile imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,0
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	6	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	105,9
Convicted, but no penal sentence	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	500,0
Fine as additional penalty	40	55	7	12	-	159	5	-	108,9
Security measures	102	3	-	18	5	31	1	-	104,0
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	345	117	10	34	-	111	23	-	102,3
Confiscation of objects	222	189	485	3	6	419	34	-	97,1
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	163	46	17	15	8	44	10	-	96,2
Previous convictions	1 408	150	80	12	37	169	50	1	98,1
Duration of investigative imprisonment	530	86	134	34	18	440	26	-	101,7
Under 30 days	176	55	111	29	4	96	10	-	98,9
30 days - 3 months	136	18	15	4	7	117	8	-	103,3
3 - 6 months	132	10	7	-	6	144	4	-	105,4
6 - 12 months	66	2	1	1	1	73	1	-	104,3
12 - 18 months	17	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	94,7
18 - 24 months	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	92,9
2 - 4 years	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	66,7

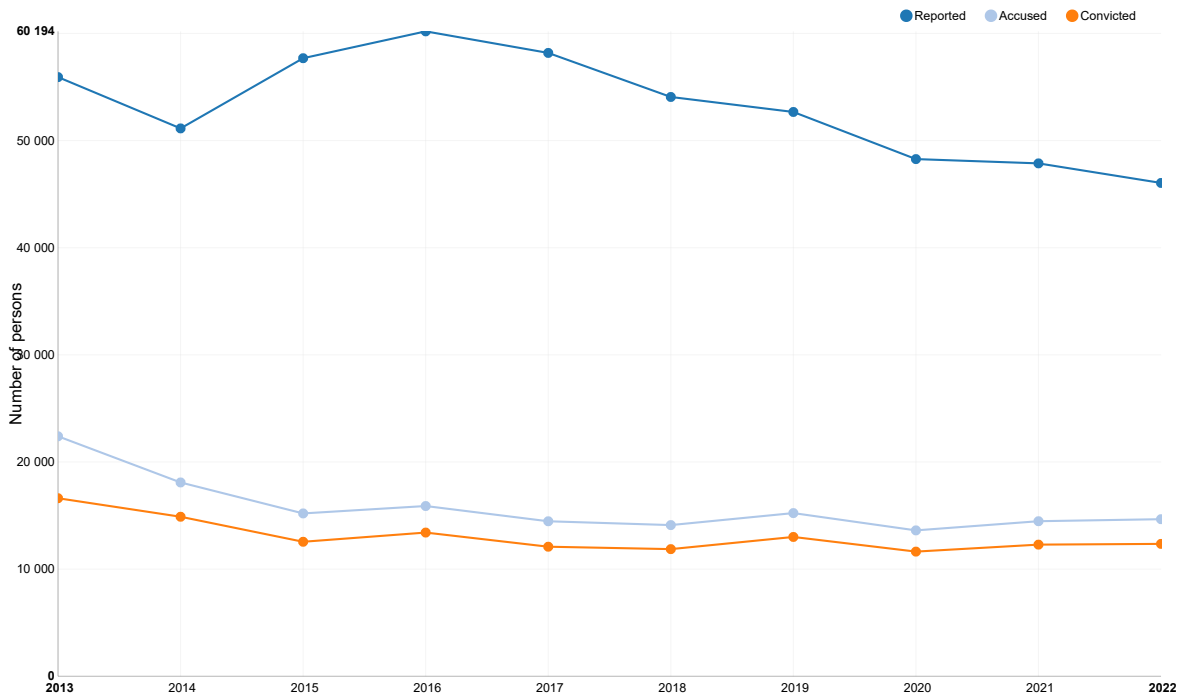
G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2021 AND 2022



G-2 CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, BY CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, 2022



G-3 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2013 – 2022



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Source and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), 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 and 114/22) 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 crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded and accused persons (including those who were charged on the basis of private suit) against whom legal proceedings have been validly concluded.

Person reported as known perpetrator is an adult perpetrator of a criminal offence against whom proceedings based on 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 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 suit is filed before the court, against whom criminal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision by which the proceedings are terminated, 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 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 educational measure of assignment to a centre for disciplinary development and 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) and a convicted person, but no sentence has been imposed.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

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