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ADULT 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 **48 746** adult perpetrators of criminal offences, which was by 1.7% less than in 2024. The number of accused persons increased by 9.5% and the number of convicted persons by 6.7%, 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 2025, was **46.9%**, the share of accused persons was 26.8% and of convicted persons 27.3%. They were followed by criminal offences against personal freedom, with 10.2% of reported, 17.2% of accused and 16.0% of convicted perpetrators.

By type of pronounced criminal penalties or other measures, the most frequent one was **suspended imprisonment (79.4%)**, followed by unsuspended imprisonment (18.7%), unsuspended fine (1.1%) and suspended fine (0.3%).

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

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2024	49 606	4 886	14 693	2 049	12 609	1 739
2025	48 746	5 399	16 086	2 291	13 456	1 824
Indices						
<u>2025</u>	98,3	110,5	109,5	111,8	106,7	104,9
2024						

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

	Total	Criminal offences							
		Against life and limb	Against personal freedom	Against sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Against marriage, family and children	Against people's health	Against public safety	Against safety in traffic
Total	48 746	1 777	4 957	376	309	2 968	933	432	1 259
Unknown perpetrators	20 575	148	267	48	41	18	24	136	38
Known perpetrators	28 171	1 629	4 690	328	268	2 950	909	296	1 221
Women	5 399	223	633	9	8	748	76	30	224
Reports rejected	12 390	550	2 273	89	49	1 395	103	125	274
Discontinued investigation	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated investigation	315	37	11	28	18	10	40	-	6
Indictment	15 452	1 042	2 406	211	201	1 545	766	171	941
Immediate – overall	12 452	815	2 294	83	47	1 462	205	146	862
Without warrant	6 775	485	1 341	47	46	1 167	135	67	171
With warrant	5 677	330	953	36	1	295	70	79	691
After investigation	2 881	208	65	127	150	63	561	23	78
Against mentally incompetent defendant	119	19	47	1	4	20	-	2	1
Duration of investigative imprisonment	3 462	324	718	109	78	404	240	22	33
Under 15 days	265	19	45	5	4	14	12	-	7
15 – 30 days	1 556	110	372	15	27	184	46	11	5
1 – 2 months	857	65	220	18	14	142	72	10	13
2 – 3 months	527	76	74	24	16	54	74	1	5
3 – 6 months	200	46	6	40	10	10	18	-	2
6 – 12 months	54	6	1	7	7	-	18	-	-
Investigative imprisonment at home	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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

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	Criminal offences						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2025/2024
	Against property	Against economy	Counterfeiting	Against official duty	Against judiciary	Against public order			
Total	22 841	1 384	3 668	2 092	751	2 034	2 956	9	98,3
Unknown perpetrators	15 562	54	2 398	15	24	100	1 702	-	92,6
Known perpetrators	7 279	1 330	1 270	2 077	727	1 934	1 254	9	102,9
Women	1 400	251	241	807	248	183	318	-	110,5
Reports rejected	3 182	605	436	1 757	505	293	751	3	109,3
Discontinued investigation	-	6	-	-	-	-	8	-	155,6
Terminated investigation	69	33	1	20	2	25	15	-	102,3
Indictment	4 028	686	833	300	220	1 616	480	6	98,2
Immediate – overall	3 550	317	814	26	204	1 198	423	6	97,8
Without warrant	1 828	159	187	23	114	898	107	-	93,5
With warrant	1 722	158	627	3	90	300	316	6	103,5
After investigation	466	369	19	274	16	406	56	-	100,6
Against mentally incompetent defendant	12	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	90,2
Duration of investigative imprisonment	526	49	60	43	68	755	33	-	87,5
Under 15 days	28	5	12	14	4	96	-	-	74,0
15 – 30 days	228	10	35	23	34	446	10	-	82,3
1 – 2 months	141	14	12	4	18	106	8	-	94,4
2 – 3 months	89	8	1	1	7	91	6	-	90,5
3 – 6 months	35	8	-	-	4	12	9	-	123,5
6 – 12 months	5	4	-	1	1	4	-	-	93,1
Investigative imprisonment at home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3 COURTS DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2025

	Total	Criminal offences							
		Against life and limb	Against personal freedom	Against sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Against marriage, family and children	Against people's health	Against public safety	Against safety in traffic
Total	16 086	1 107	2 759	138	140	1 368	787	178	998
Women	2 291	110	266	5	2	236	56	7	199
Convicted persons	13 456	901	2 148	115	121	1 182	723	126	959
Women	1 824	90	199	3	2	189	48	6	194
Not convicted persons	2 630	206	611	23	19	186	64	52	39
Rebuff	149	10	12	-	-	2	-	2	1
Terminated criminal proceedings	1 130	89	207	10	10	85	19	20	28
Judgement of acquittal	625	40	95	7	6	30	34	12	8
Judgement rejecting charges	437	24	165	4	2	29	10	9	2
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	289	43	132	2	1	40	1	9	-
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	13 456	901	2 148	115	121	1 182	723	126	959
Imprisonment – unsuspended	2 511	157	289	43	44	108	179	16	84
Long-term imprisonment	5	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	15	2	-	2	3	-	-	-	1
5 – 10 years	60	13	-	11	4	-	8	-	5
3 – 5 years	129	18	-	12	8	3	14	-	5
2 – 3 years	191	20	3	2	6	16	24	2	3
1 – 2 years	589	25	50	6	10	43	59	3	4
6 – 12 months	1 203	62	177	8	9	45	72	8	59
3 – 6 months	283	11	53	2	-	1	2	3	5
Up to 3 months	31	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	2
Fine – unsuspended	154	5	9	-	-	-	2	-	53
Suspended imprisonment	10 682	727	1 847	70	71	1 073	521	109	811
Partially suspended imprisonment	987	58	109	16	24	137	105	7	10
Suspended fine	39	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Partially suspended fine	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	25	7	2	-	-	-	7	-	1
Juvenile imprisonment	5	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	32	2	-	1	5	1	13	-	4
Convicted, but no penal sentence	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Fine as additional penalty	804	9	12	1	-	3	158	-	5

Security measures	1 160	131	420	14	16	281	60	8	64
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired through a criminal offence	731	-	-	6	-	-	160	-	-
Confiscation of objects	1 727	31	78	4	19	18	385	8	6
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	481	35	59	2	7	22	45	2	39
Previous convictions	2 830	172	470	15	18	228	162	12	38
Duration of investigative imprisonment	3 684	270	747	62	52	331	272	23	29
Under 30 days	939	71	177	19	11	76	71	2	15
30 days – 3 months	905	60	232	9	5	89	63	8	5
3 – 6 months	1 099	68	267	8	13	117	56	8	3
6 – 12 months	590	38	70	10	13	46	61	5	3
12 – 18 months	88	10	1	8	3	3	12	-	1
18 – 24 months	29	9	-	4	2	-	2	-	2
2 – 4 years	34	14	-	4	5	-	7	-	-

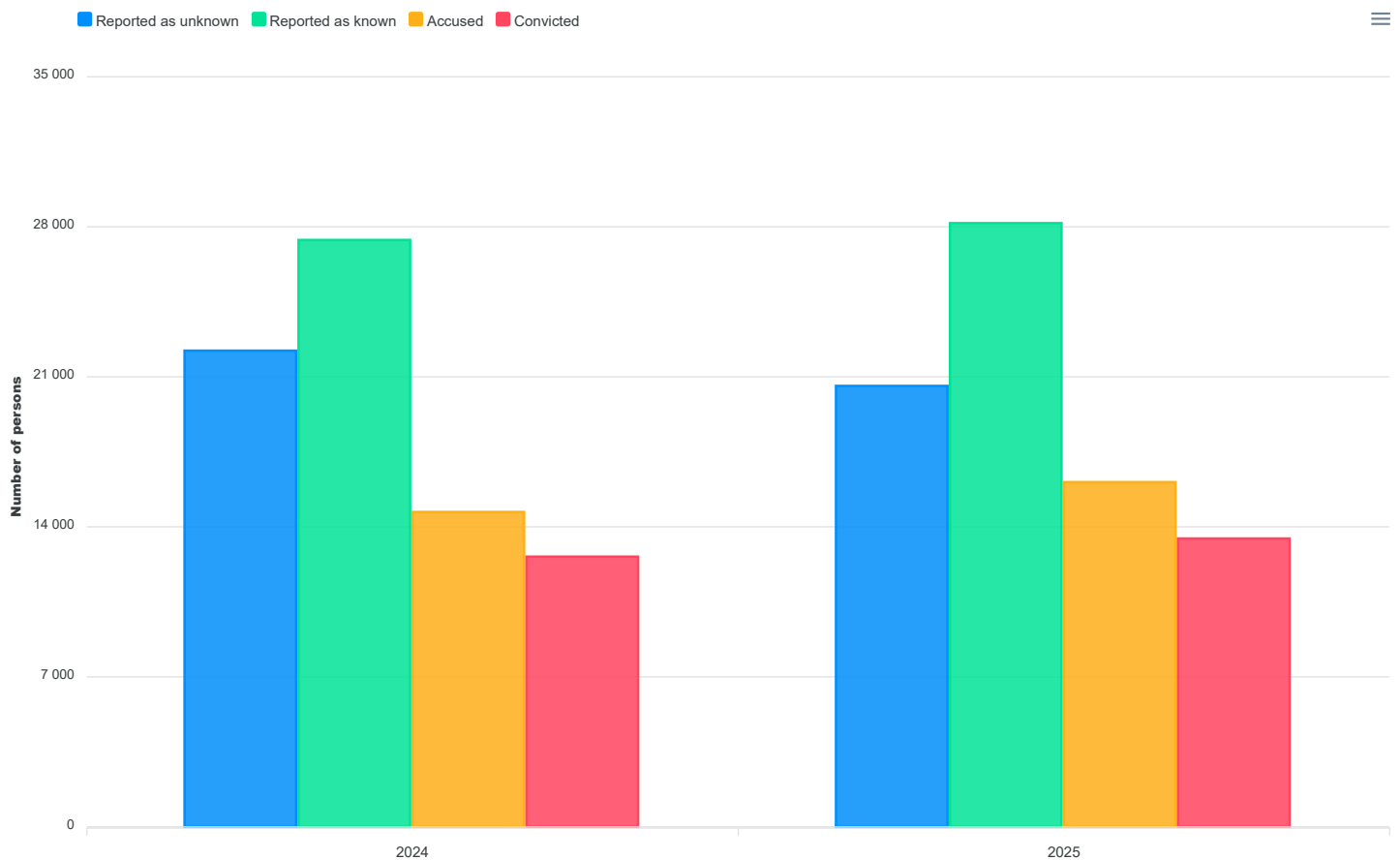
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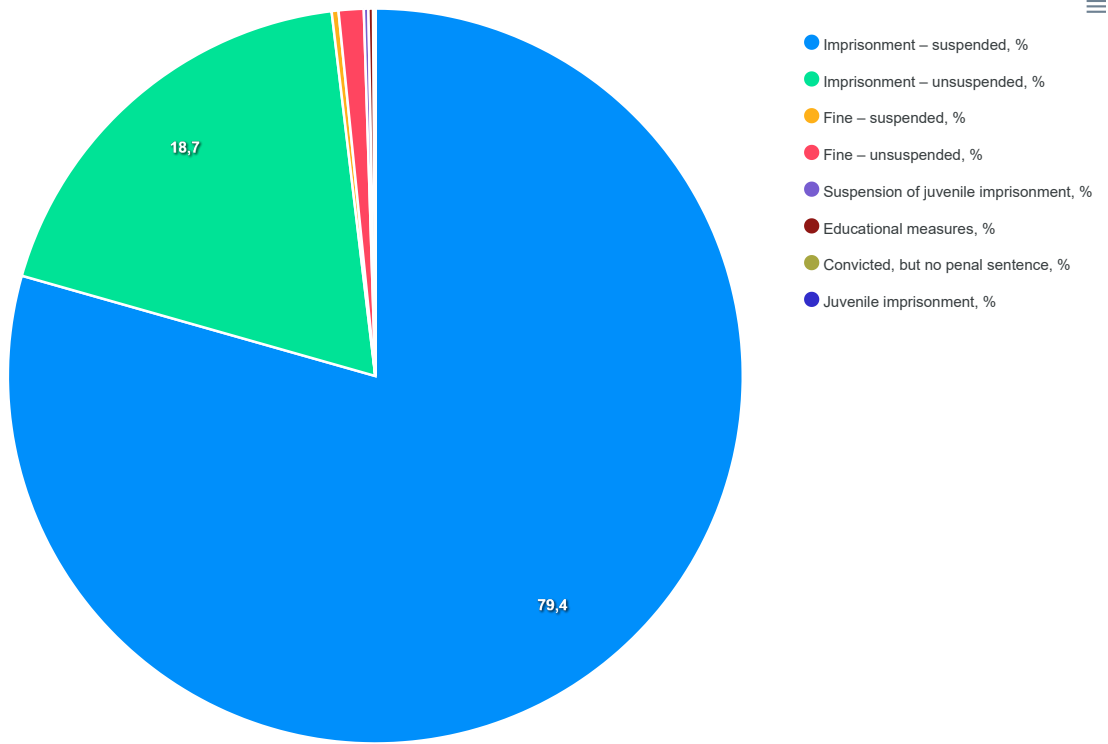
	Criminal offences						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2025/2024
	Against property	Against economy	Counterfeiting	Against official duty	Against judiciary	Against public order			
Total	4 305	536	808	192	231	1 681	831	27	109,5
Women	721	80	131	39	62	115	260	2	111,8
Convicted persons	3 673	436	735	155	167	1 586	415	14	106,7
Women	613	67	122	33	49	107	101	1	104,9
Not convicted persons	632	100	73	37	64	95	416	13	126,2
Rebuff	16	2	-	1	3	1	99	-	236,5
Terminated criminal proceedings	312	37	26	7	39	34	207	-	134,2
Judgement of acquittal	174	40	32	22	17	26	71	11	111,8
Judgement rejecting charges	96	21	14	7	4	11	37	2	111,5
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	34	-	1	-	1	23	2	-	126,8
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	3 673	436	735	155	167	1 586	415	14	106,7
Imprisonment – unsuspended	866	72	50	45	39	488	31	-	122,1
Long-term imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166,7
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166,7
10 – 15 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	250,0
5 – 10 years	9	-	1	1	-	2	6	-	90,9
3 – 5 years	24	3	1	3	-	38	-	-	79,1
2 – 3 years	40	5	4	1	-	63	2	-	148,1
1 – 2 years	169	17	8	1	4	188	2	-	122,7
6 – 12 months	460	40	24	37	18	172	12	-	121,0
3 – 6 months	145	5	12	1	17	23	3	-	145,9
Up to 3 months	18	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	172,2
Fine – unsuspended	18	9	6	-	1	12	38	1	358,1
Suspended imprisonment	2 778	352	677	110	126	1 083	314	13	103,6
Partially suspended imprisonment	110	21	10	12	2	349	17	-	86,4
Suspended fine	3	3	-	-	-	-	30	-	33,3
Partially suspended fine	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Educational measures	4	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	113,6
Juvenile imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,3
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	62,7
Convicted, but no penal sentence	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	200,0
Fine as additional penalty	107	72	23	49	-	340	25	-	99,6
Security measures	107	-	3	4	11	35	6	-	119,3

Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired through a criminal offence	278	71	19	49	-	123	25	-	97,9
Confiscation of objects	155	94	313	17	1	580	18	-	74,7
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	151	23	8	32	16	34	6	-	107,1
Previous convictions	1 248	88	74	9	43	185	62	6	101,7
Duration of investigative imprisonment	607	69	111	54	35	988	33	1	101,9
Under 30 days	188	30	54	36	5	170	13	1	98,3
30 days - 3 months	162	24	34	13	22	173	6	-	94,2
3 - 6 months	166	9	16	4	6	349	9	-	106,6
6 - 12 months	76	5	5	1	2	252	3	-	113,2
12 - 18 months	9	-	1	-	-	40	-	-	106,0
18 - 24 months	4	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	74,4
2 - 4 years	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	136,0

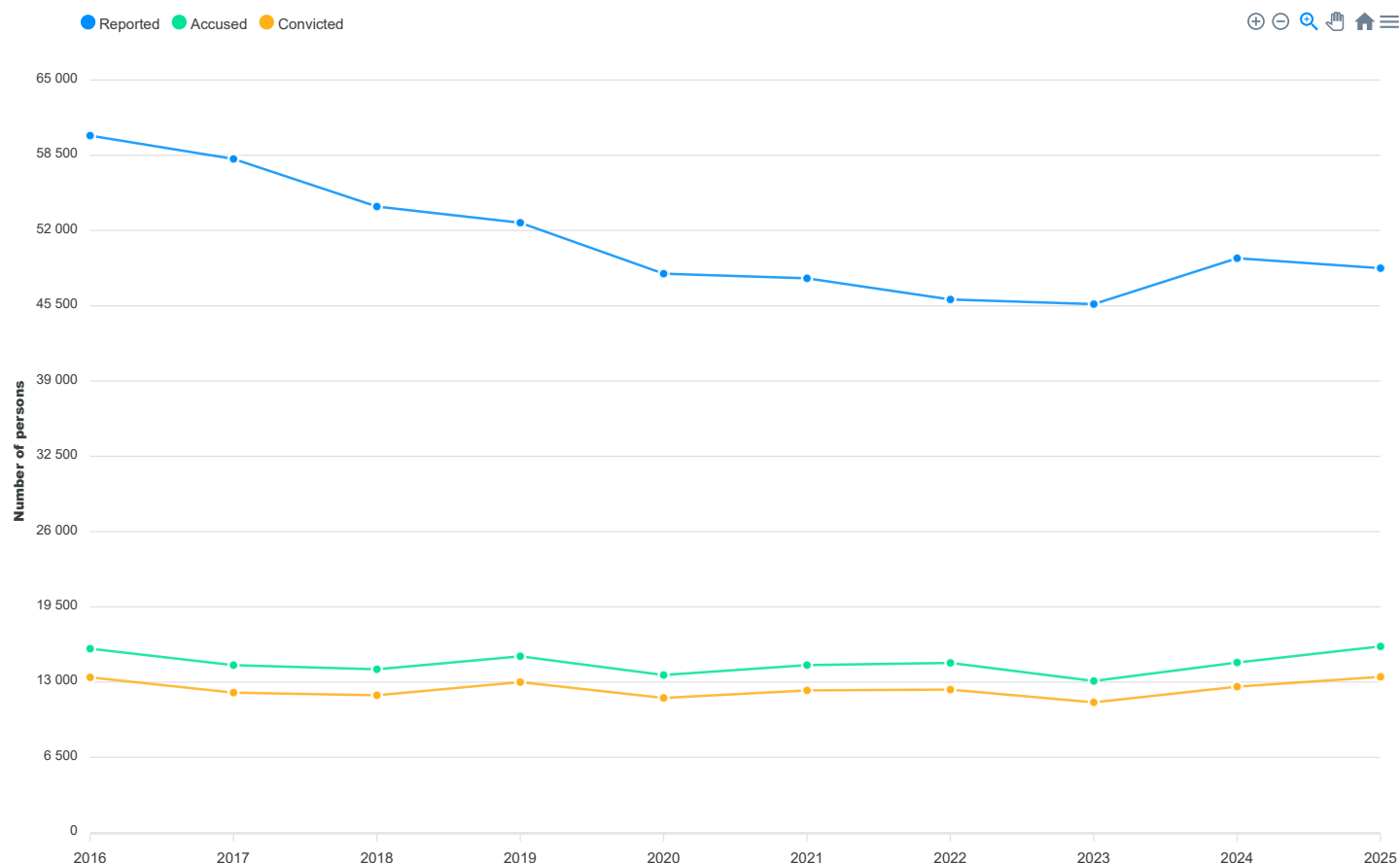
G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2024 AND 2025



G-2 CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, BY CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, 2025



G-3 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT 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 adult reported, accused and convicted persons are collected by regular statistical surveys conducted using 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 been reached, and by county and municipal courts of first instance that act after the criminal proceedings have been 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, 36/24 and 136/25) entered into force. This code, besides implementing new and modifying the 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 criminal 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 discontinued, 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 a public prosecutor's office. Until the end of 2014 reference year, an unknown perpetrator was defined as an unknown person who was reported for a criminal offence to a public prosecutor's office 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 or educational measures, or the person is found guilty, but no sentence has been imposed.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

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