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LEGAL ENTITIES PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2023

In 2023, public prosecutor's offices in the Republic of Croatia decided upon crime reports for 622 legal entities – perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 8.5% less than in 2022. The number of accused legal entities decreased by 3.8% and the number of legal entities recognised as responsible by 5.9%, as compared to the previous year.

In 2023, there were 76 accused legal entities, while the share of legal entities recognised as responsible was 42.1% (32 legal entities).

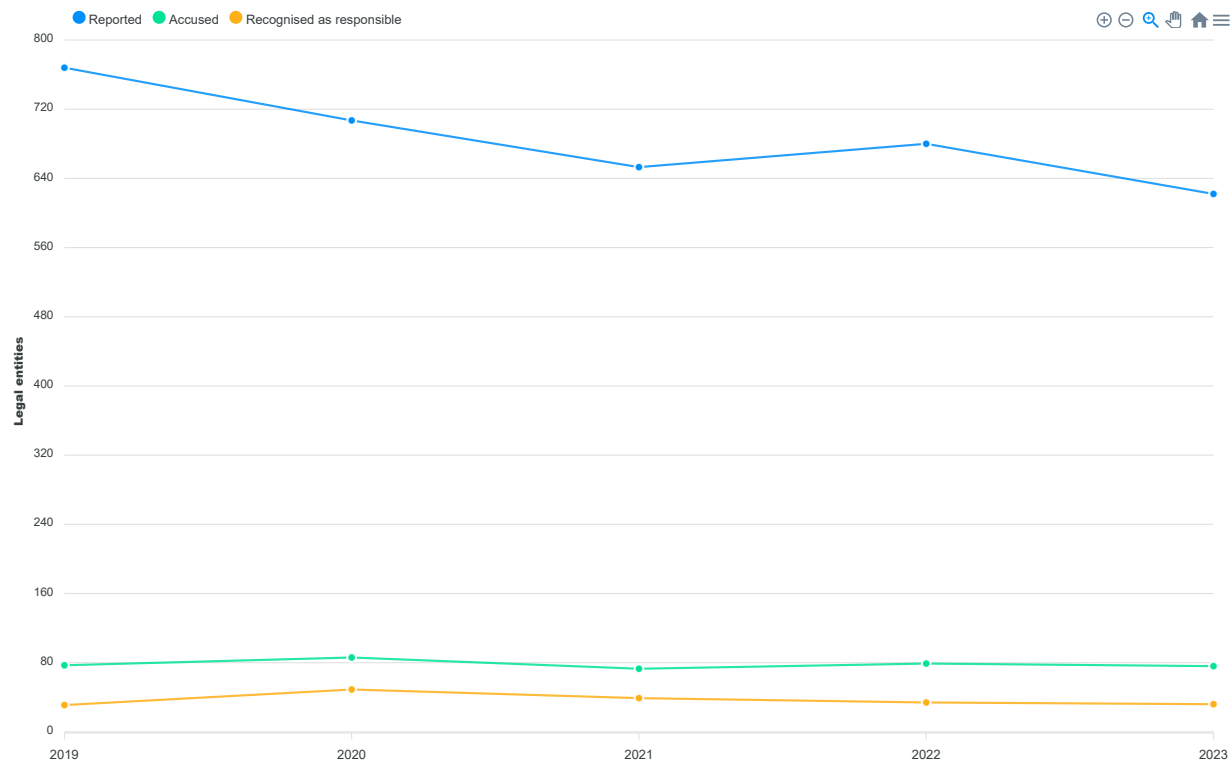
In 2023, criminal offences against economy were the most frequent ones. The share of reported legal entities for criminal offences against economy was 48.7%, of accused legal entities 48.7% and of legal entities recognised as responsible 37.5%.

Fines were imposed as criminal penalties for all legal entities recognised as responsible. Regarding the amounts of pronounced fines, the most frequent ones were those ranging between 1 328 and 2 654 euro (ten legal entities) and between 2 655 and 6 636 euro (ten legal entities).

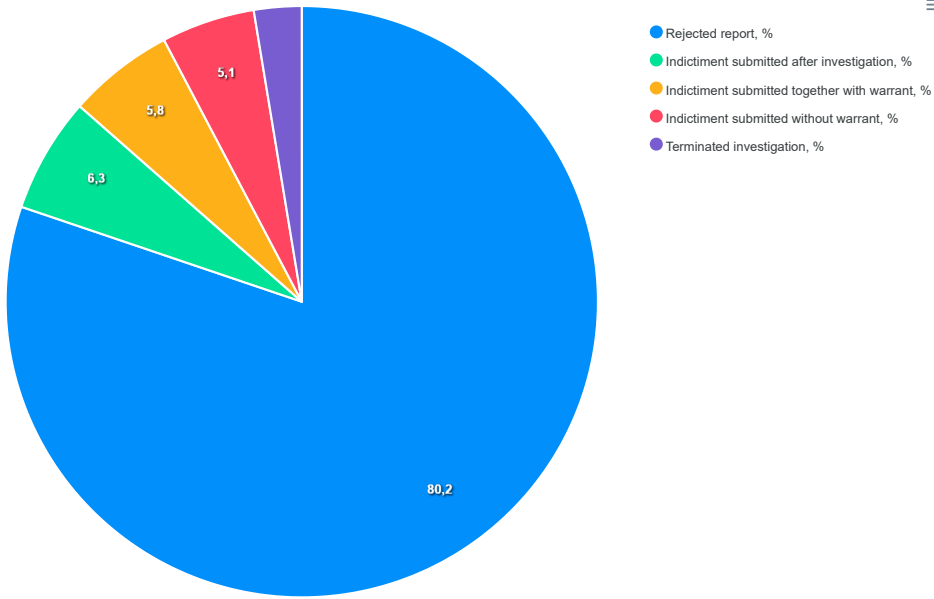
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Reported	768	707	653	680	622
Accused	77	86	73	79	76
Recognised as responsible	31	49	39	34	32

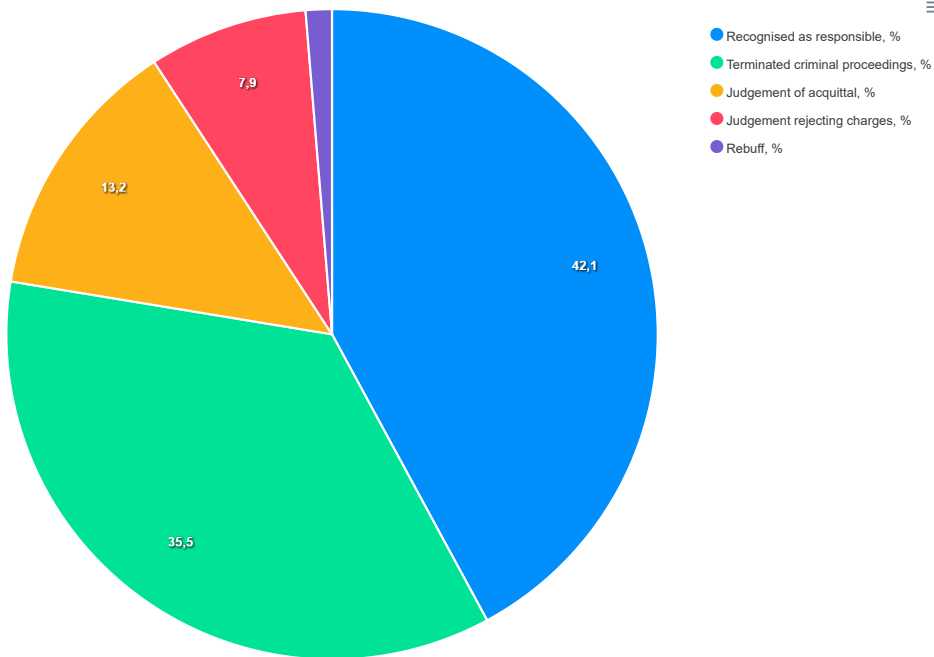
G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2019 – 2023



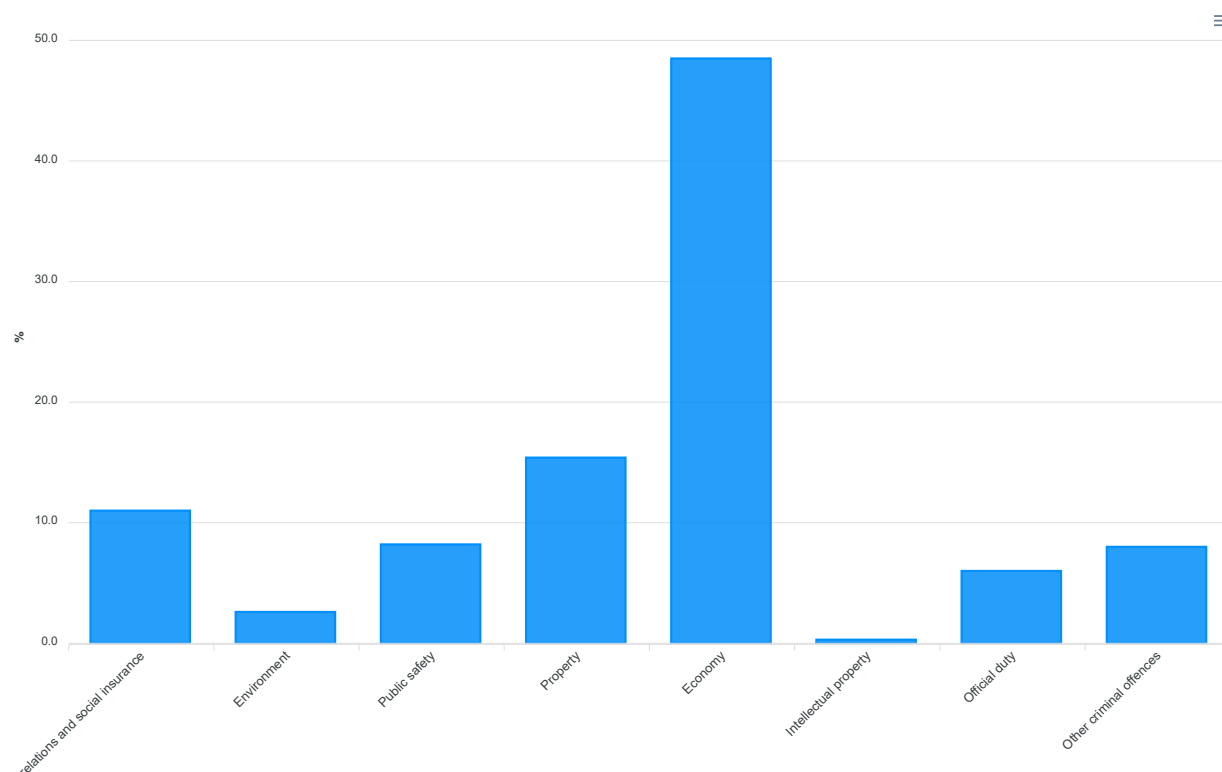
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NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Source and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), data on reported and accused legal entities as well as those recognised as responsible are collected by regular statistical surveys, in which the following statistical reports are used: the Statistical Report for Legal Entities against Which Proceedings Based on Crime Report and Interlocutory Proceedings Have Been Concluded (SP-1 form) and the Statistical Report for Accused Legal Entities against Which Criminal Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SP-2 form).

Statistical reports are filled in by competent public prosecutors' offices after the final decision has taken place as well as county and municipal courts of the first instance that act after the criminal procedure has been validly concluded. Observation units are legal entities – perpetrators of criminal offences.

The Act on the Responsibility of Legal Entities for Criminal Offences (NN, Nos 151/03, 110/07, 45/11, 143/12, 114/22 and 114/23) was put into effect on 24 March 2004 and it has been applied in statistical surveys since 1 January 2005.

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 and 114/23) 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 legal entities – perpetrators of criminal offences, whether reported, accused or recognised as responsible.

Definitions

Reported legal entity is every legal entity against which proceedings based on crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded with a decision by which: the crime report has been rejected, the investigation has been interrupted, investigation has been terminated, or an indictment has been submitted.

Accused legal entity is every legal entity against which criminal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision, by which the indictment has been dropped, proceedings have been terminated, a legal entity has been acquitted, an accusation has been rejected or a legal entity has been recognised as responsible.

Legal entity recognised as responsible is every legal entity against which criminal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision by which a legal entity has been recognised as responsible.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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