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## ADULT 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 45 644 adult perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 0.9% less than in 2022. The number of accused persons decreased by 10.6% and the number of convicted persons by 8.9%, 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 2023, was 48.8%, of accused persons it was 27.8% and of convicted persons it was 28.5%. They were followed by criminal offences against personal freedom, with 10.7% of reported, 16.6% of accused and 15.9% of convicted perpetrators.

By type of pronounced criminal penalties or other measures, the most frequent one was suspended imprisonment (82.1%), followed by unsuspended imprisonment (15.5%), suspended fine (1.2%) and suspension of juvenile imprisonment (0.5%).

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

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2022	46 045	4 989	14 660	1 983	12 355	1 623
2023	45 644	4 896	13 100	1 803	11 254	1 464
Indices						
2023	99,1	98,1	89,4	90,9	91,1	90,2
2022						

### 2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2023

	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	45 644	1 700	4 877	318	292	2 687	960	408	1 096
Unknown perpetrators	19 983	144	241	45	57	12	19	123	49
Known perpetrators	25 661	1 556	4 636	273	235	2 675	941	285	1 047
Women	4 896	207	552	7	7	683	114	40	188
Reports rejected	10 665	564	2 096	106	47	1 263	147	111	215
Interrupted investigation	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated investigation	225	28	7	28	13	5	26	4	8
Indictment	14 764	964	2 533	139	175	1 407	768	170	824
Immediate – overall	12 074	802	2 436	65	51	1 364	282	129	721
Without warrant	7 005	509	1 490	31	48	1 156	183	54	154
With warrant	5 069	293	946	34	3	208	99	75	567
After investigation	2 611	148	62	74	124	33	483	39	103
Against mentally incompetent defendant	79	14	35	-	-	10	3	2	-
Duration of investigative imprisonment	3 247	270	728	55	64	312	247	21	19
Under 15 days	257	14	38	9	2	9	10	1	2
15 – 30 days	1 519	95	404	11	19	157	52	6	9
1 – 2 months	781	80	198	12	13	105	60	10	4
2 – 3 months	422	33	70	13	17	32	74	2	3
3 – 6 months	177	38	16	9	12	9	21	-	1
6 – 12 months	91	10	2	1	1	-	30	2	-

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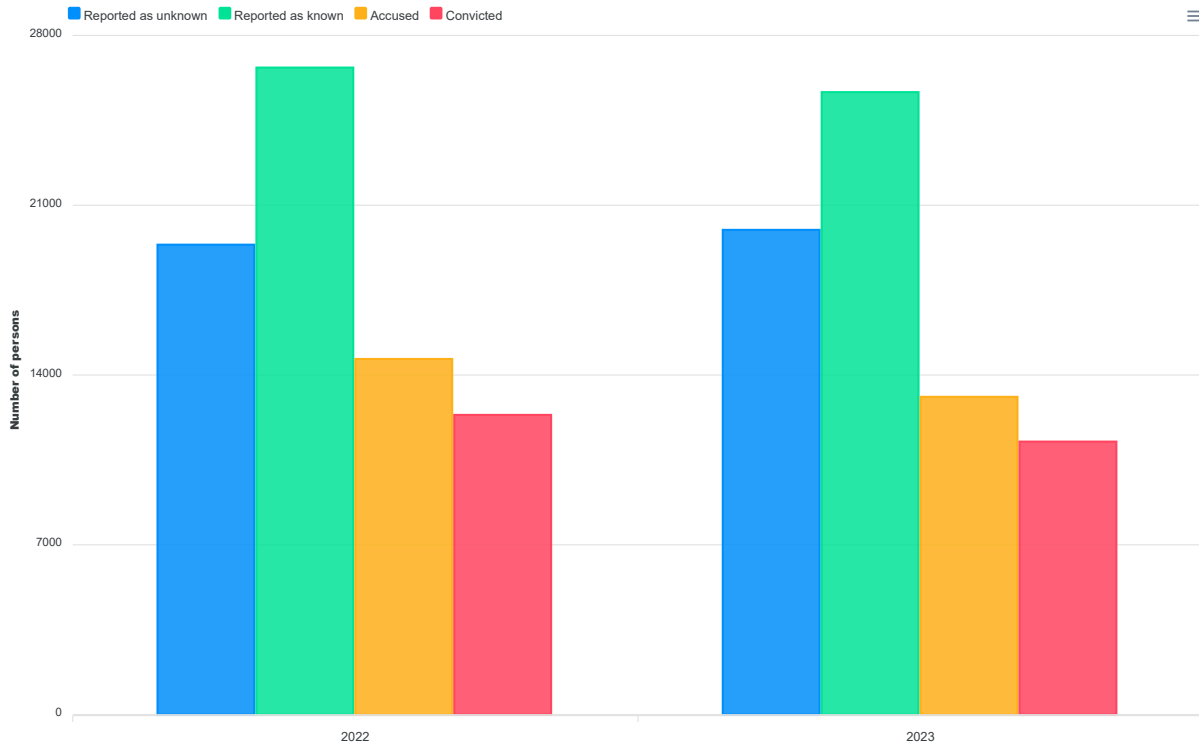
	Criminal offences against						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2023/2022
	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	22 271	1 118	2 982	1 874	621	2 117	2 309	14	99,1
Unknown perpetrators	15 711	45	2 003	25	14	94	1 401	-	103,2
Known perpetrators	6 560	1 073	979	1 849	607	2 023	908	14	96,2
Women	1 302	207	192	788	209	173	225	2	98,1
Reports rejected	2 740	479	257	1 450	390	279	516	5	97,0
Interrupted investigation	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	116,7
Terminated investigation	58	21	1	2	1	20	3	-	78,4
Indictment	3 762	573	721	397	216	1 724	382	9	96,0
Immediate – overall	3 339	301	691	45	199	1 296	344	9	96,6
Without warrant	1 772	144	176	20	86	1 068	114	-	102,4
With warrant	1 567	157	515	25	113	228	230	9	89,5
After investigation	413	272	30	352	17	423	38	-	94,7
Against mentally incompetent defendant	10	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	66,4
Duration of investigative imprisonment	515	58	43	48	45	806	16	-	117,5
Under 15 days	51	5	6	10	8	88	4	-	126,0
15 – 30 days	212	17	29	20	24	460	4	-	115,5
1 – 2 months	110	3	6	11	6	158	5	-	126,2
2 – 3 months	92	11	1	1	6	65	2	-	106,0
3 – 6 months	29	15	1	4	-	21	1	-	99,4
6 – 12 months	21	7	-	2	1	14	-	-	182,0

### 3 COURTS DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2023

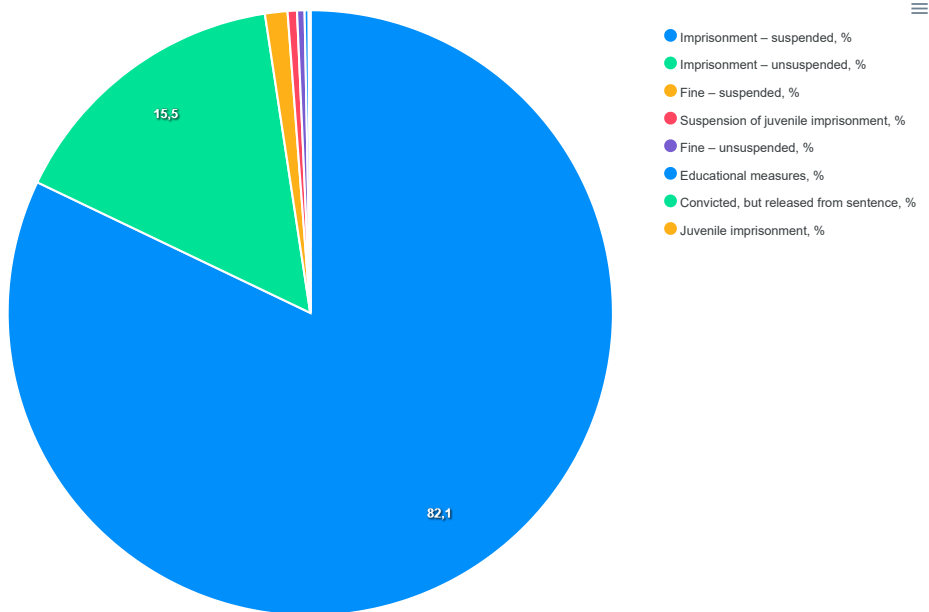
	Total	Criminal offences against							
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	Marriage, family and children	People's health	Public safety	Safety in traffic
Total	13 100	850	2 179	112	133	1 137	733	147	809
Women	1 803	80	175	4	3	202	61	15	150
Convicted persons	11 254	708	1 784	91	116	991	682	108	761
Women	1 464	59	134	3	3	164	53	11	141
Not convicted persons	1 846	142	395	21	17	146	51	39	48
Rebuff	81	12	13	-	-	2	-	-	2
Terminated criminal proceedings	714	51	119	7	12	66	26	11	20
Judgement of acquittal	521	30	58	7	3	33	16	22	15
Judgement rejecting charges	354	17	126	5	2	20	6	2	10
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	176	32	79	2	-	25	3	4	1
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	11 254	708	1 784	91	116	991	682	108	761
Imprisonment – unsuspended	1 740	137	201	36	42	73	165	14	60
Long-term imprisonment	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 years	7	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	24	11	-	2	4	1	-	-	-
5 – 10 years	52	9	-	9	4	1	9	-	1
3 – 5 years	103	18	-	4	7	3	13	-	7
2 – 3 years	113	18	4	9	2	3	23	2	2
1 – 2 years	386	29	37	5	7	32	53	4	6
6 – 12 months	851	35	128	7	16	29	64	7	41
3 – 6 months	186	7	31	-	-	4	3	1	3
Up to 3 months	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fine – unsuspended	48	1	1	-	-	-	4	-	12
Suspended imprisonment	9 239	553	1 572	54	62	916	484	91	636
Partially suspended imprisonment	947	66	91	8	20	148	104	8	18
Suspended fine	134	-	5	-	-	1	6	-	39
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	23	3	2	-	2	-	8	-	2
Juvenile imprisonment	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	54	13	3	1	8	1	15	-	4
Convicted, but no penal sentence	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	7
Fine as additional penalty	500	-	7	-	-	5	113	-	5
Security measures	881	105	318	10	12	186	45	7	69
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	702	-	-	5	-	-	157	-	-
Confiscation of objects	2 043	69	116	6	31	16	468	11	20
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	400	15	53	2	11	19	48	4	24
Previous convictions	2 534	134	379	20	9	211	134	11	36
Duration of investigative imprisonment	2 744	258	538	39	43	249	254	22	24
Under 30 days	789	70	128	14	11	75	70	4	10
30 days – 3 months	748	60	188	2	9	58	42	8	4
3 – 6 months	734	50	172	5	4	76	69	9	5
6 – 12 months	346	40	48	5	7	36	46	1	4
12 – 18 months	66	19	2	5	6	3	9	-	1
18 – 24 months	35	11	-	6	3	1	10	-	-
2 – 4 years	26	8	-	2	3	-	8	-	-



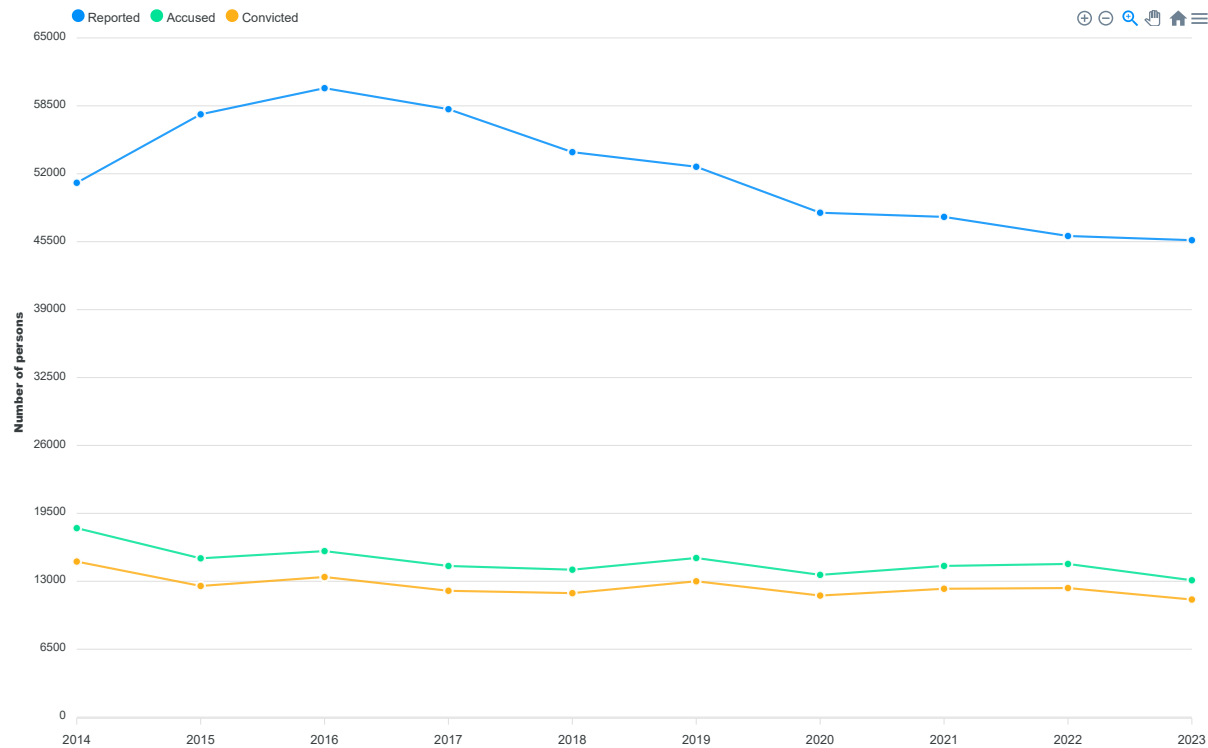
**G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2022 AND 2023**



**G-2 CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, BY CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, 2023**



## G-3 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2014 – 2023



## 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, 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 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**

- no occurrence

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