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## ADULT PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES BY TYPE OF DECISION, 2021

In 2021, public prosecutor's offices in the Republic of Croatia decided upon crime reports for 47 872 adult perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 0.8% less than in 2020. The number of accused persons increased by 6.3% and the number of convicted persons by 5.6%, 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 2021, was 49.9%, of accused persons it was 28.6% and of convicted persons it was 29.3%. They were followed by criminal offences against personal freedom, with 11.8% of reported, 16.2% of accused and 15.5% of convicted perpetrators.

By type of pronounced criminal penalties or other measures, the most frequent one was suspended imprisonment (80.5%), followed by unsuspended imprisonment (16.7%), suspended fine (1.2%) and unsuspended fine (0.8%).

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

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2020	48 272	5 347	13 615	1 904	11 634	1 565
2021	47 872	5 564	14 471	2 073	12 286	1 736
Indices						
2021	99,2	104,1	106,3	108,9	105,6	110,9
2020						

### 2. DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	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	47 872	1 765	5 669	303	326	2 782	1 357	458	1 090
Unknown perpetrators	18 491	141	270	29	40	8	32	117	38
Known perpetrators	29 381	1 624	5 399	274	286	2 774	1 325	341	1 052
Women	5 564	179	681	2	12	736	163	41	174
Reports rejected	12 679	605	2 709	83	44	1 233	282	132	180
Interrupted investigation	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated investigation	337	49	6	30	11	7	49	8	2
Indictment	16 361	969	2 684	161	231	1 534	994	201	870
Immediate – overall	13 478	763	2 586	81	61	1 501	375	156	768
Without warrant	7 141	449	1 413	50	57	1 250	170	82	148
With warrant	6 337	314	1 173	31	4	251	205	74	620
After investigation	2 777	194	49	79	169	23	619	41	102
Against mentally incompetent defendant	106	12	49	1	1	10	-	4	-
Duration of investigative imprisonment	2 731	247	623	64	80	259	222	19	13
Under 15 days	230	14	45	6	3	15	11	-	3
15 – 30 days	1 374	98	409	13	24	168	71	9	2
1 – 2 months	539	45	116	9	23	50	54	6	4
2 – 3 months	338	28	44	19	12	22	45	3	3
3 – 6 months	185	47	9	14	16	4	18	1	1
6 – 12 months	65	15	-	3	2	-	23	-	-

## 2. DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

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	Criminal offences against						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2021/2020
	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	23 910	1 502	2 094	1 477	919	1 962	2 235	23	99,2
Unknown perpetrators	16 090	32	463	16	24	84	1 107	-	93,8
Known perpetrators	7 820	1 470	1 631	1 461	895	1 878	1 128	23	102,9
Women	1 496	269	341	612	350	239	267	2	104,1
Reports rejected	3 263	690	390	1 362	657	380	666	3	101,2
Interrupted investigation	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	100,0
Terminated investigation	67	47	4	1	2	25	29	-	117,0
Indictment	4 490	733	1 237	98	236	1 470	433	20	104,0
Immediate – overall	3 993	420	1 212	19	212	919	393	19	102,7
Without warrant	2 232	203	264	10	68	629	114	2	102,3
With warrant	1 761	217	948	9	144	290	279	17	103,1
After investigation	486	313	25	79	20	539	38	1	110,2
Against mentally incompetent defendant	11	-	-	-	4	12	2	-	117,8
Duration of investigative imprisonment	456	62	95	6	17	545	23	-	103,3
Under 15 days	26	7	26	3	4	66	1	-	95,0
15 – 30 days	253	26	50	2	7	237	5	-	102,3
1 – 2 months	93	3	12	-	4	111	9	-	109,6
2 – 3 months	58	7	4	-	1	86	6	-	107,6
3 – 6 months	24	15	2	1	-	31	2	-	113,5
6 – 12 months	2	4	1	-	1	14	-	-	71,4

### 3. COURTS DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	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	14 471	870	2 343	127	133	1 173	841	154	906
Women	2 073	71	218	2	4	223	82	11	172
Convicted persons	12 286	702	1 901	97	115	1 031	786	103	866
Women	1 736	56	176	2	4	187	71	7	159
Not convicted persons	2 185	168	442	30	18	142	55	51	40
Rebuff	79	3	13	-	-	4	3	1	-
Terminated criminal proceeding	890	70	171	9	4	73	15	19	19
Judgement of acquittal	652	39	73	13	8	22	25	23	16
Judgement rejecting charges	386	29	110	8	2	21	12	3	5
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	178	27	75	-	4	22	-	5	-
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	12 286	702	1 901	97	115	1 031	786	103	866
Imprisonment – unsuspended	2 047	159	213	42	56	75	207	24	76
Long-term imprisonment	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 years	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 – 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	21	9	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
5 – 10 years	41	12	-	7	5	-	3	-	3
3 – 5 years	121	22	1	9	13	-	18	1	11
2 – 3 years	137	14	2	8	5	4	27	-	7
1 – 2 years	412	18	27	6	9	21	46	8	16
6 – 12 months	1 055	65	130	10	22	44	107	14	35
3 – 6 months	235	13	50	1	1	6	5	1	4
Up to 3 months	17	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fine – unsuspended	96	2	8	-	-	2	9	-	20
Suspended imprisonment	9 893	531	1 670	55	49	954	525	78	735
Partially suspended imprisonment	660	26	56	8	19	82	90	3	25
Suspended fine	145	1	6	-	-	-	10	-	25
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	50	6	4	-	5	-	10	-	5
Juvenile imprisonment	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	51	3	-	-	5	-	24	-	3
Convicted, but no penal sentence	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Fine as additional penalty	382	4	3	1	-	1	83	-	3
Security measures	805	79	267	9	15	149	48	10	101
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	788	2	-	2	1	-	153	-	-
Confiscation of objects	2 180	53	117	6	16	14	533	14	4
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	575	41	63	5	10	23	77	7	25
Previous convictions	2 995	158	444	28	21	214	177	20	39
Duration of investigative imprisonment	2 554	190	503	46	59	203	235	25	27
Under 30 days	841	52	143	15	11	46	60	9	15
30 days – 3 months	673	40	190	7	15	61	56	7	8
3 – 6 months	634	30	133	10	9	77	60	5	1
6 – 12 months	276	27	37	5	12	18	32	3	3
12 – 18 months	75	16	-	7	4	1	19	1	-
18 – 24 months	28	9	-	1	6	-	5	-	-
2 – 4 years	27	16	-	1	2	-	3	-	-

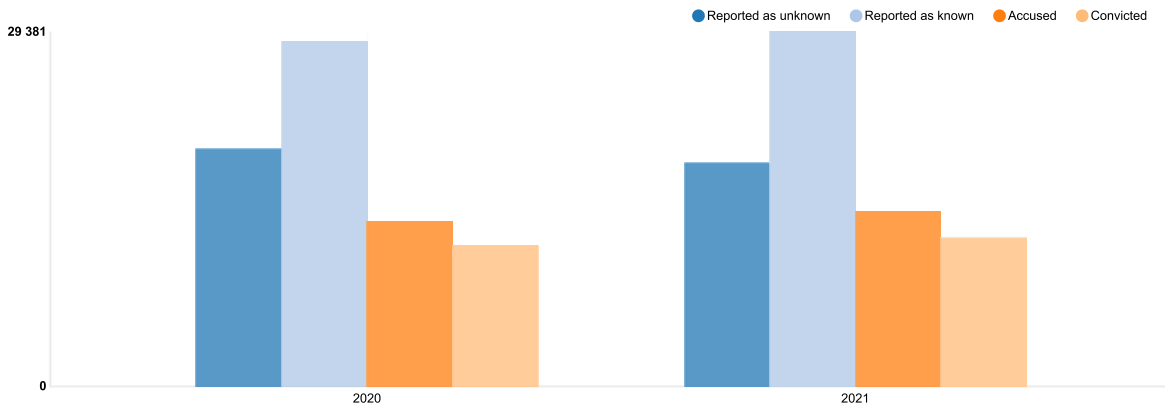
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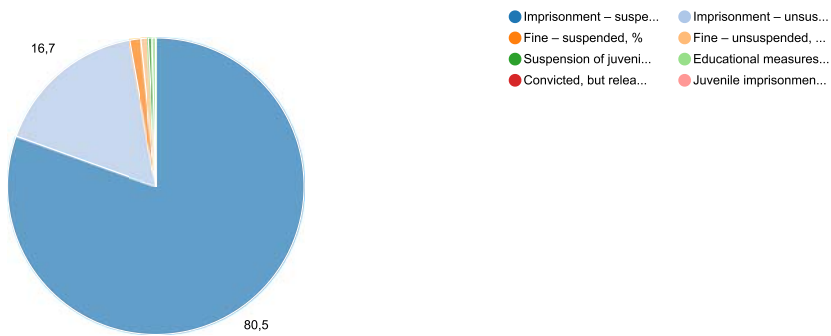
	Criminal offences against						Other criminal offences	Secondary criminal legislation (apart from Penal Code)	Indices 2021/2020
	Property	Economy	Counterfeiting	Official duty	Judiciary	Public order			
Total	4 145	789	997	170	202	953	650	18	106,3
Women	688	128	165	29	72	52	149	7	108,9
Convicted persons	3 605	607	897	111	176	880	391	18	105,6
Women	594	107	155	22	64	48	77	7	110,9
Not convicted persons	540	182	100	59	26	73	259	-	110,3
Rebuff	11	3	2	3	6	-	30	-	80,6
Terminated criminal proceeding	224	79	23	18	4	23	139	-	119,8
Judgement of acquittal	173	64	66	24	14	29	63	-	94,6
Judgement rejecting charges	107	36	8	14	2	3	26	-	121,0
Mentally incompetent persons – coercive accommodation or outward treatment	25	-	1	-	-	18	1	-	134,8
Criminal penalties and other measures – total	3 605	607	897	111	176	880	391	18	105,6
Imprisonment – unsuspended	761	107	50	40	19	179	39	-	105,8
Long-term imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,7
20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	400,0
15 – 20 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 – 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	233,3
5 – 10 years	1	2	-	3	-	-	5	-	102,5
3 – 5 years	36	5	1	-	-	2	2	-	94,5
2 – 3 years	40	11	1	4	-	13	1	-	119,1
1 – 2 years	135	27	8	9	-	76	6	-	109,9
6 – 12 months	429	56	30	15	13	78	7	-	104,0
3 – 6 months	110	6	10	9	6	9	4	-	101,3
Up to 3 months	10	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	113,3
Fine – unsuspended	13	9	2	-	6	2	23	-	98,0
Suspended imprisonment	2 786	486	832	71	149	685	274	13	105,6
Partially suspended imprisonment	154	23	15	8	1	141	9	-	119,1
Suspended fine	13	5	12	-	2	12	54	5	107,4
Judicial admonition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational measures	18	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	119,0
Juvenile imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,0
Suspension of juvenile imprisonment	14	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	110,9
Convicted, but no penal sentence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,6
Fine as additional penalty	60	65	7	13	-	130	12	-	118,3
Security measures	92	4	3	5	2	18	3	-	116,0
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	372	113	23	26	-	76	20	-	98,0
Confiscation of objects	199	181	533	9	7	441	53	-	118,0
Substitution of imprisonment or fine (community sanctions)	198	35	14	21	11	43	2	-	100,2
Previous convictions	1 367	146	100	18	44	159	57	3	100,0
Duration of investigative imprisonment	600	80	147	30	8	377	24	-	104,2
Under 30 days	203	59	106	21	2	85	14	-	113,5
30 days – 3 months	143	6	26	5	4	102	3	-	92,3
3 – 6 months	160	7	8	-	1	129	4	-	109,7
6 – 12 months	72	7	5	1	1	52	1	-	95,2
12 – 18 months	13	-	2	3	-	9	-	-	129,3
18 – 24 months	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,7
2 – 4 years	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	90,0

G-1. REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2020 AND 2021

Number of persons

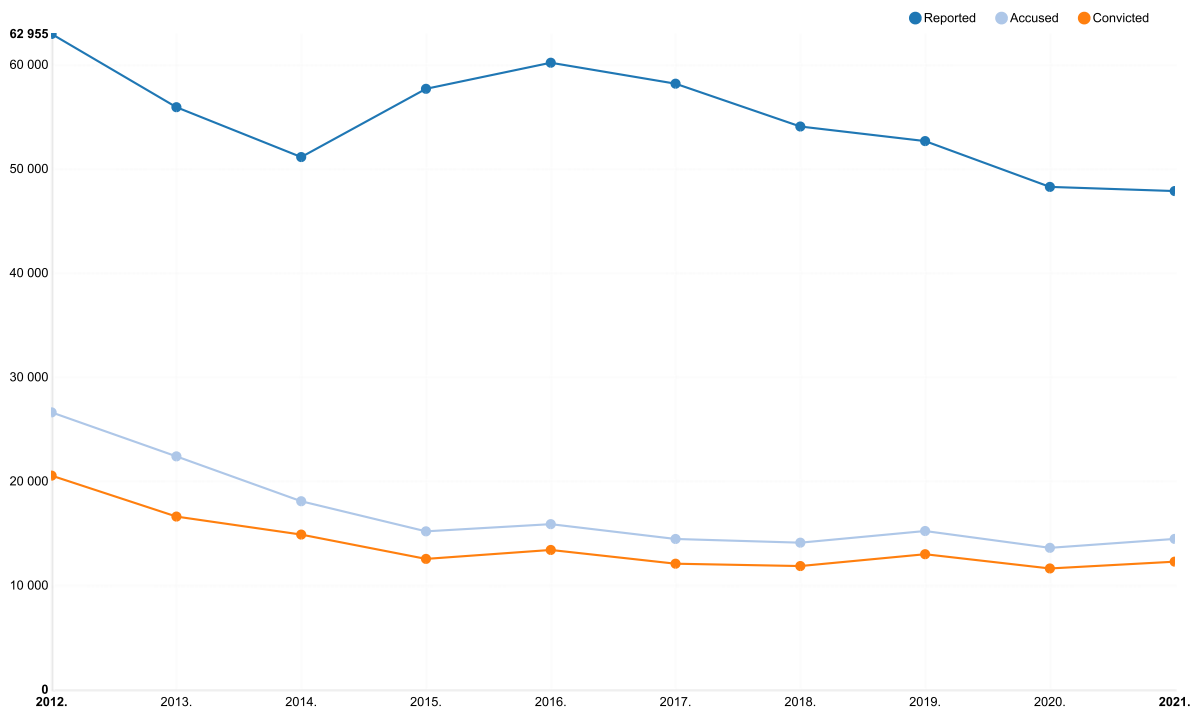


G-2. CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, BY CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, 2021



G-3. REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED ADULT PERSONS, 2012 - 2021

## Number of persons



## 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 and 84/21) 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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