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JUVENILE 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 1 000 juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 7.3% less than in 2020. The number of accused persons decreased by 0.3% and the number of perpetrators to whom criminal penalties or other measures were pronounced decreased by 1.5%, as compared to the previous year.

The number of juveniles to whom criminal penalties or other measures were pronounced amounted to 264 in 2021. Out of that number, 227 were educational measures, that is, 85.9%. When pronouncing criminal penalties or other measures, juveniles are divided into older and younger juveniles. Compared to the previous year, the number of convicted older juveniles (185) increased by 1.1% and the number of convicted younger juveniles (79) decreased by 7.1%.

There were 3 juvenile imprisonment sentences (a decrease of 57.1%) and 34 suspended juvenile imprisonment sentences (a decrease of 17.1%) pronounced to older juveniles.

The largest number of perpetrators was recorded with regard to criminal offences against property, that is, there were 554 crime reports (55.4%) and 140 accusations (47.1%).

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

	Reported		Accused		Convicted	
	Total	Female persons	Total	Female persons	Total	Female persons
2020	1 079	124	298	18	268	18
2021	1 000	122	297	47	264	44
Indices <u>2021</u> 2020	92,7	98,4	99,7	261,1	98,5	244,4

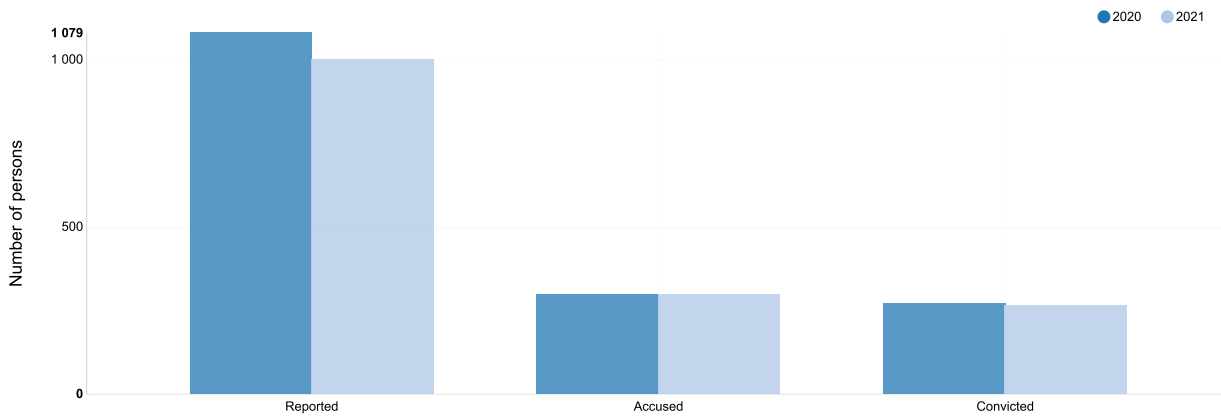
2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES, BY TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	Total	Criminal offences against								Other criminal offences	Indices 2021 2020
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	People's health	Property	Counterfeiting	Public order		
Total	1 000	136	93	10	57	23	554	16	35	76	92,7
Female persons	122	15	12	-	2	1	70	1	3	18	98,4
Submitted proposal for a penalty or other measure	350	42	39	3	32	19	181	-	25	9	91,4
Proceedings not initiated	632	93	54	4	22	3	365	16	8	67	93,8
Reported offence not defined as criminal offence	19	3	4	-	2	-	7	-	-	3	79,2
Trivial offence	9	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	1	2	50,0
Circumstances excluding guilt	63	11	6	-	12	-	30	-	1	3	157,5
No reasonable suspicion exists	119	17	16	2	4	-	71	-	2	7	81,5
In the interest of defendant or society	417	62	27	2	3	3	248	16	4	52	93,5
The report is not trustworthy	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Interlocutory proceedings terminated	18	1	-	3	3	1	8	-	2	-	81,8
Reported offence not defined as criminal offence	3	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Trivial offence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Circumstances excluding guilt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No proof	11	-	-	1	2	1	5	-	2	-	91,7
Public prosecutor abandoned a charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In the interest of defendant or society	4	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	57,1
Measures taken during interlocutory proceedings	87	4	13	1	4	1	53	-	6	5	86,1
Supervision by care organisation	55	4	6	1	1	1	34	-	4	4	80,9
Temporary commitment to social care institution	32	-	7	-	3	-	19	-	2	1	97,0

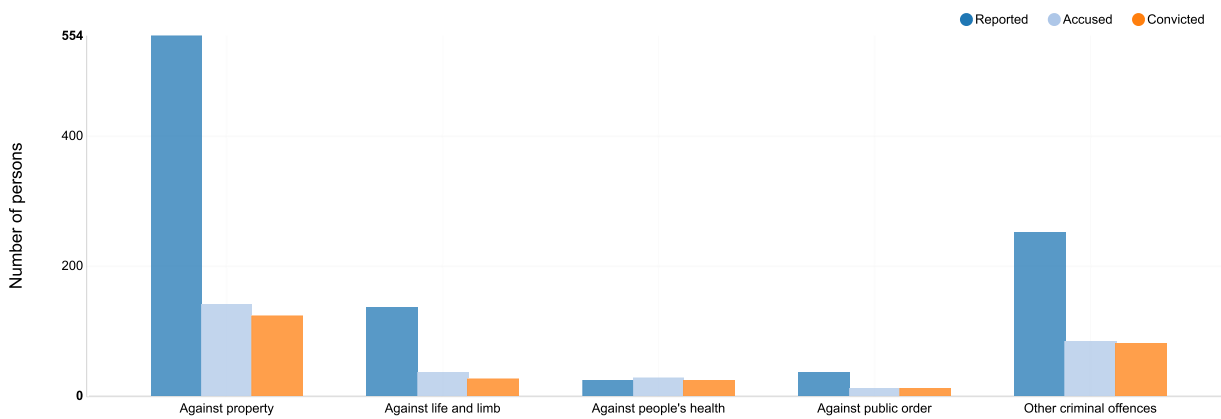
3 COURTS' DECISIONS AND PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	Total	Criminal offences against								Other criminal offences	Indices 2021 2020
		Life and limb	Personal freedom	Sexual freedom	Sexual maltreatment and sexual exploitation of children	People's health	Property	Counterfeiting	Public order		
Total	297	35	29	1	31	27	140	4	11	19	99,7
Female persons	47	-	3	-	4	3	31	-	1	5	261,1
Criminal penalties or other measures	264	26	28	1	29	24	123	3	11	19	98,5
Female persons	44	-	3	-	4	3	28	-	1	5	244,4
Proceedings terminated	33	9	1	-	2	3	17	1	-	-	110,0
In the interest of defendant or society	11	4	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	137,5
Public prosecutor forfeited the penalty or other measure	12	4	1	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	109,1
Other reasons	10	1	-	-	-	2	6	1	-	-	90,9
Measures taken during interlocutory proceedings	26	-	4	-	4	3	9	-	1	5	104,0
Supervision by care organisation	14	-	2	-	2	2	3	-	1	4	93,3
Temporary commitment to social care institution	12	-	2	-	2	1	6	-	-	1	120,0
Criminal penalties or other measures – total	264	26	28	1	29	24	123	3	11	19	98,5
Younger juveniles – all	79	10	8	-	13	1	40	-	2	5	92,9
Female persons	11	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	3	366,7
Educational measures	79	10	8	-	13	1	40	-	2	5	92,9
Measures of warning	25	4	3	-	8	-	6	-	2	2	104,2
Increased supervision	27	3	2	-	5	1	14	-	-	2	84,4
Correctional institution measures	27	3	3	-	-	-	20	-	-	1	93,1
Older juveniles – all	185	16	20	1	16	23	83	3	9	14	101,1
Female persons	33	-	1	-	2	3	24	-	1	2	220,0
Juvenile imprisonment	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	42,9
Educational measures	148	14	17	-	13	20	65	2	8	9	109,6
Measures of warning	63	8	5	-	8	8	22	-	6	6	128,6
Increased supervision	65	6	7	-	3	11	32	2	2	2	98,5
Correctional institution measures	20	-	5	-	2	1	11	-	-	1	100,0
Suspended juvenile imprisonment	34	2	3	1	3	3	16	1	1	4	82,9
Security measures	19	3	4	-	2	2	7	-	-	1	158,3

G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERSONS, 2020 AND 2021

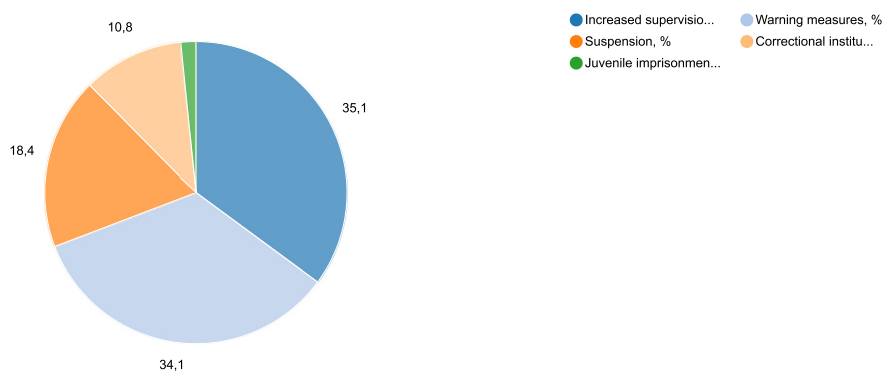


G-2 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERSONS, BY TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

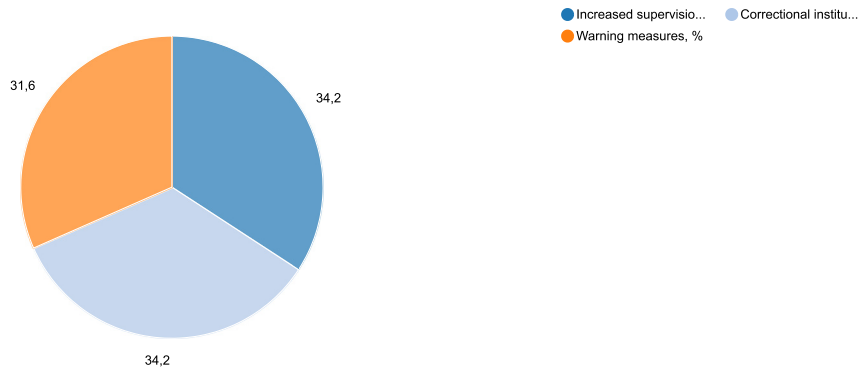


G-3 PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES PRONOUNCED AGAINST JUVENILES, 2021

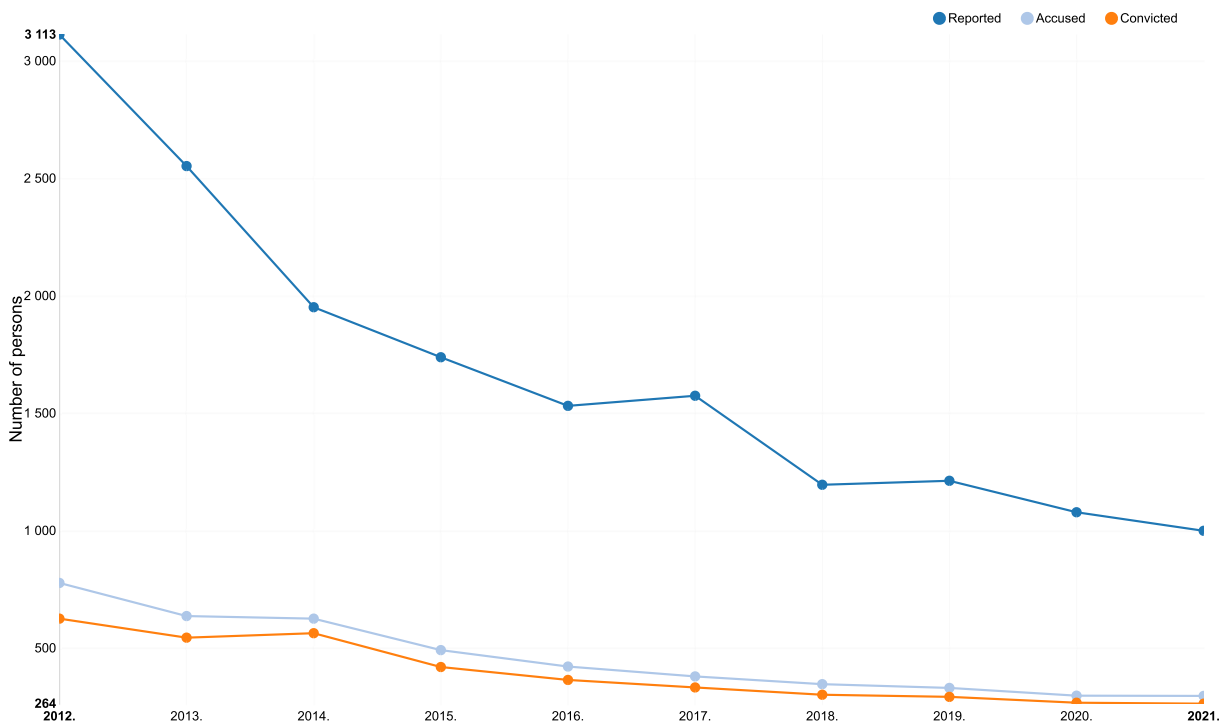
Older juveniles



Younger juveniles



G-4 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED JUVENILE PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2012 – 2021



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 reported, accused and convicted juvenile persons are collected by regular statistical surveys which use the following statistical reports: the Statistical Report for a Juvenile against Whom Criminal Proceedings Based on Crime Report and the Interlocutory Proceedings Have Been Concluded (SK-3 form) and the Statistical Report for a Juvenile against Whom a Criminal Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded through a Senate (SK-4 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 juvenile 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 modified existing general institutes of material criminal law, prescribes a new catalogue of criminal offences.

Coverage

Statistical surveys cover all juvenile 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 the legal proceedings by a public prosecutors' office, that is, to pronouncing a valid decision of a juvenile court.

Juvenile perpetrator of criminal offences is a person who turned 14 but not yet 18 at the time of committing the criminal offence, against whom legal proceedings have not been initiated (crime report dropped), interlocutory proceedings have been terminated or a proposal for a criminal penalty or other measure has been filed. Legal proceedings have been validly concluded by issuing the decision on termination of proceedings or pronouncing of criminal penalty or other measure.

Younger juvenile is a person who turned 14 but not yet 16 at the time of committing a criminal offence and who may not be sentenced to juvenile imprisonment but may only be given educational measures.

Older juvenile is a person who turned 16 but not yet 18 at the time of committing a criminal offence and who may be given educational measures, but may also be sentenced to juvenile imprisonment, if the Code foresees any conditions for that.

Reported person is a juvenile perpetrator of a criminal offence against whom the legal proceedings based on the crime report and interlocutory proceedings have been concluded.

Accused person is a juvenile person against whom legal proceedings have been concluded with a valid court decision, by which the legal proceedings were terminated or a criminal penalty or other measure has been pronounced (juvenile imprisonment or educational measures).

Convicted person is a juvenile perpetrator of the criminal offence against whom criminal penalties or other measures have been pronounced: juvenile imprisonment, suspension of juvenile imprisonment or educational measures. Educational measures may comprise reprimand, special obligations, increased care and supervision, increased care and supervision with daily stay in correctional institution, commitment to a centre for disciplinary development, commitment to correctional institution, commitment to the rehabilitation centre and commitment to special correctional institution.

After coming into force of the new Juvenile Courts Act (NN, Nos 84/11, 143/12, 148/13, 56/15 and 126/19), the earlier educational measure of commitment to a disciplinary centre is no longer implemented. At the same time, a new educational measure, called commitment to a centre for disciplinary development, was introduced.

Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

Symbols

- no occurrence

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