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## LEGAL ENTITIES 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 653 legal entities – perpetrators of criminal offences, which was 7.6% less than in 2020. The number of accused legal entities decreased by 15.1% and the number of legal entities recognised as responsible by 20.4%, as compared to the previous year.

In 2021, there were 73 accused legal entities, while the share of legal entities recognised as responsible was 53.4% (39 legal entities).

In 2021, criminal offences against economy were the most frequent ones. The share of reported legal entities for criminal offences against economy was 53.1%, of accused legal entities it was 72.6% and of legal entities recognised as responsible it was 69.2%.

With regard to legal entities that were recognised as responsible, for one legal entity a penalty of termination of the legal entity was imposed, while others were fined.

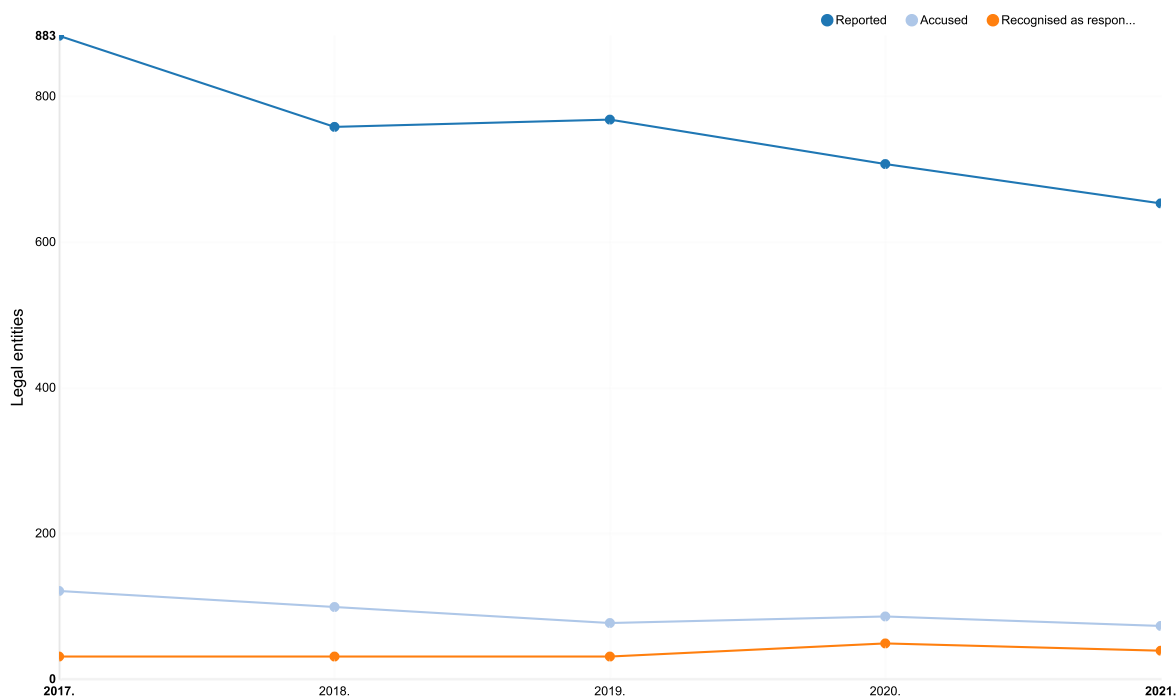
Regarding the amount of pronounced fines, the most frequent ones were those ranging between 10 001 and 20 000 kuna (15 legal entities) and between 20 001 and 50 000 kuna (13 legal entities).

There were two legal entities for which a court decided to confiscate a pecuniary benefit acquired by the criminal offence.

### 1 LEGAL ENTITIES PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES – REPORTED, ACCUSED AND RECOGNISED AS RESPONSIBLE

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Reported	883	758	768	707	653
Accused	121	99	77	86	73
Recognised as responsible	31	31	31	49	39

#### G-1 REPORTED, ACCUSED AND CONVICTED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2017 – 2021



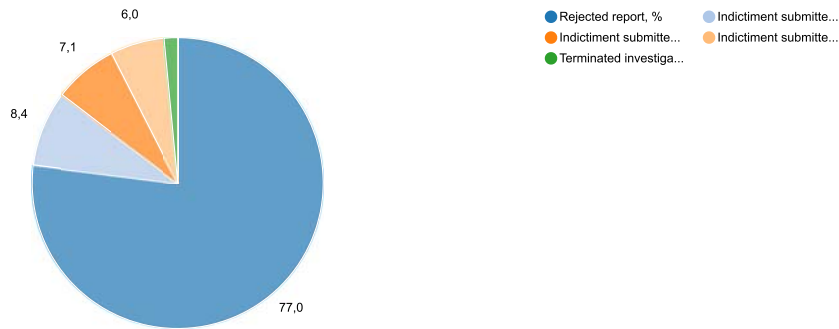
## 2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS' OFFICES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	Total	Criminal offences against							Other criminal offences	Indices 2021/2020
		Labour relations and social insurance	Environment	Public safety	Property	Economy	Intellectual property	Official duty		
Total	653	68	16	45	87	347	4	35	51	92,4
Rejected report	503	58	8	15	81	261	4	33	43	86,0
Terminated investigation	10	-	-	1	2	7	-	-	-	50,0
Indictment	140	10	8	29	4	79	-	2	8	137,3
Immediate	94	10	8	22	3	45	-	1	5	144,6
Without warrant	55	1	4	13	3	31	-	-	3	157,1
With warrant	39	9	4	9	-	14	-	1	2	130,0
After investigation	46	-	-	7	1	34	-	1	3	124,3

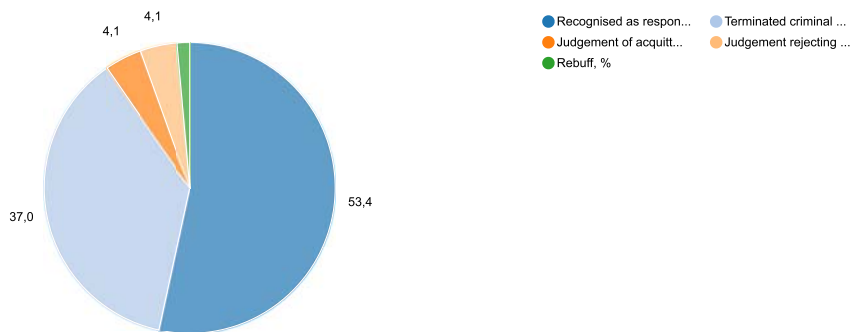
## 3 COURTS' DECISIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES OR OTHER MEASURES, BY TYPE OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES, 2021

	Total	Criminal offences against							Other criminal offences	Indices 2021/2020
		Labour relations and social insurance	Environment	Public safety	Property	Economy	Intellectual property	Official duty		
Total	73	5	4	5	1	53	-	2	3	84,9
Recognised as responsible	39	3	2	3	-	27	-	2	2	79,6
Not recognised as responsible	34	2	2	2	1	26	-	-	1	91,9
Rebuff	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100,0
Terminated criminal proceeding	27	2	1	1	1	22	-	-	-	112,5
Judgement of acquittal	3	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	50,0
Judgement rejecting charges	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	50,0
Criminal penalties and other measures - total	39	3	2	3	-	27	-	2	2	79,6
Fine	38	3	2	3	-	26	-	2	2	77,6
5 000 - 10 000	5	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	125,0
10 001 - 20 000	15	1	-	1	-	13	-	-	-	71,4
20 001 - 50 000	13	1	1	1	-	8	-	1	1	65,0
50 001 - 100 000	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	66,7
Above 100 000	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	300,0
Termination of legal entity	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Confiscation of pecuniary benefit acquired by a criminal offence	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	40,0

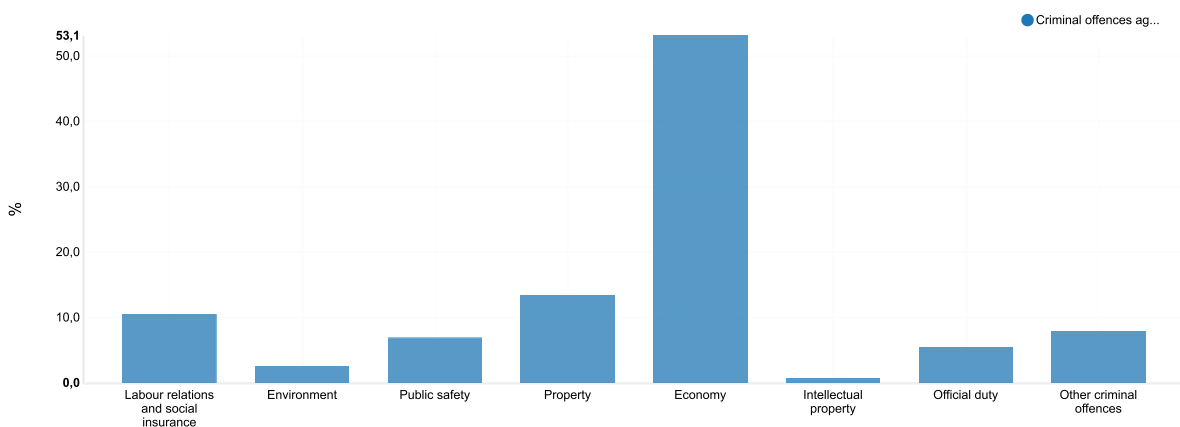
## G-2 DECISIONS OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES UPON REPORTS FOR LEGAL ENTITIES, 2021



## G-3 COURTS DECISIONS UPON ACCUSATIONS FOR LEGAL ENTITIES, 2021



## G-4 SHARES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED LEGAL ENTITIES, 2021



## 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 and 143/12) 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 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 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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