



CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2011

In 2011 the trials ended with penalty inflicted cover 36 707 *committed crimes*. The number of *persons convicted with penalties came into force* was 41 013. Compared to 2010 an increase of the number of crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted was observed by 3.7% and by 5.0% respectively (table 1 and 2 of the annex below).

The group of convicted persons aged 14 – 17 years presents 6.7% of the total number of convicted persons and amounts to 2 746.

In 2011 the trials for 42 460 committed crimes were prosecuted, as for 21 981 they were ended with effective sentence, for 14 726 crimes – with conditional sentence, for 1 070 crimes – with acquittal sentence, for 220 crimes – the trials were suspended and for 4 463 crimes – with sentence “released from penalty”.

In 2011, 47 238 persons were accused for crimes commitment, of which:

- The number of persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 23 893 (it presents 50.6% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 17 120 persons or 36.2% of the total number of accused persons;
- 1 282 accused persons were acquitted (2.7%);
- The trials of 279 persons (0.6%) were suspended;
- 4 664 persons or 9.9% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty.

In 2011 the rate of criminal activity¹ was 638 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible population (age of 14 and over) and it was more compared to 2010 (when the number was 595 persons).

Rate of criminal activity by sex of the persons convicted

Years	Total	Males	Females
2005	450	859	71
2006	454	867	71
2007	462	897	61
2008	541	1061	61
2009	616	1208	71
2010	595	1158	76
2011	638	1225	89

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 746 convicted persons per 100 000 persons of the population of the same age group), followed by the group of 25 - 29 age (1 392) and 14 -17 years (1 022). Lowest was the rate of criminal activity of persons aged over 50 - 128 per 100 000.

Among the convicted juvenile persons the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years (1 494 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group). For persons convicted aged 16 that coefficient was 1 191, for 15 years old persons - 826 and 14 years – 473 per 100 000 of the population belonging to the respective age group.

¹ Persons convicted per 100 000 persons of the average annual population aged 14 and over.



Rate of criminal activity by age of the persons convicted in 2011

Age	Coefficient
Total	638
14 - 17	1022
18 - 24	1746
25 - 29	1392
30 - 39	969
40 - 49	590
50 and over	128

Generally dangerous crimes

The crimes of general danger (such committed in a way presenting a general danger or by means of general danger at the transport and communication, directed against public health or environment, related to the usage of nuclear energy for peace purposes, and other crimes of general danger) hold the first place as a number and relative share in the total of punished criminality. In 2011, 13 298 crimes of this kind have been punished, that was by 5.1% less in comparison with previous year. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 12 934 or 31.5% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2010 a decrease was observed by 5.9%.

- Punished crimes against the transport and communications were 10 860 and the number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 10 638. In comparison with 2010 a decrease was observed by 5.7 and 6.1% respectively.
- In 2011 punished cases for “Theft of motor vehicle” were 211, as persons convicted for that type of crime were 263. The decrease was by 22.7% for punished cases and 16.8% for convicted persons.
- In 2011 the number of punished drug-related crimes (contraband of drugs, production, processing, possessing, dissemination, transportation, carrying and other) was approximately without change – 1 512. Convicted persons were 1 432 or by 3.9% less in comparison with 2010.

Crimes against the property

The number of punished crimes against the property in 2011 was 13 272 or 36.2% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. They include theft and robbery of property, misappropriation, fraud, extortion, receiving stolen goods, destroying and damaging of property. In comparison with 2010 the number of crimes with penalty inflicted increased by 10.5%. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 17 901 as in comparison with 2010 an increase by 14.6% was observed.

- Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. 10 163 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 14 541 persons were convicted, that presents 16.6 and 20.8% more than previous year.
- 1 325 persons were convicted for commitment of 1 050 robberies.

Crimes against the person

Punished crimes against person (homicide, assault and battery, discrediting, kidnapping and illegal constraint, compulsion, disclosure of a secret of another, insult and libel, debauchery, rape and traffic of



people) amounted to 2 121 in 2011. It presents 5.8% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. 1 967 persons were convicted for commitment of this kind of crimes.

- 148 persons were convicted for commitment of 142 homicides (committed and attempted).
- The number of persons convicted for rape (committed and attempted) amounted to 87 persons for 86 committed and attempted rapes.

Other types of crimes

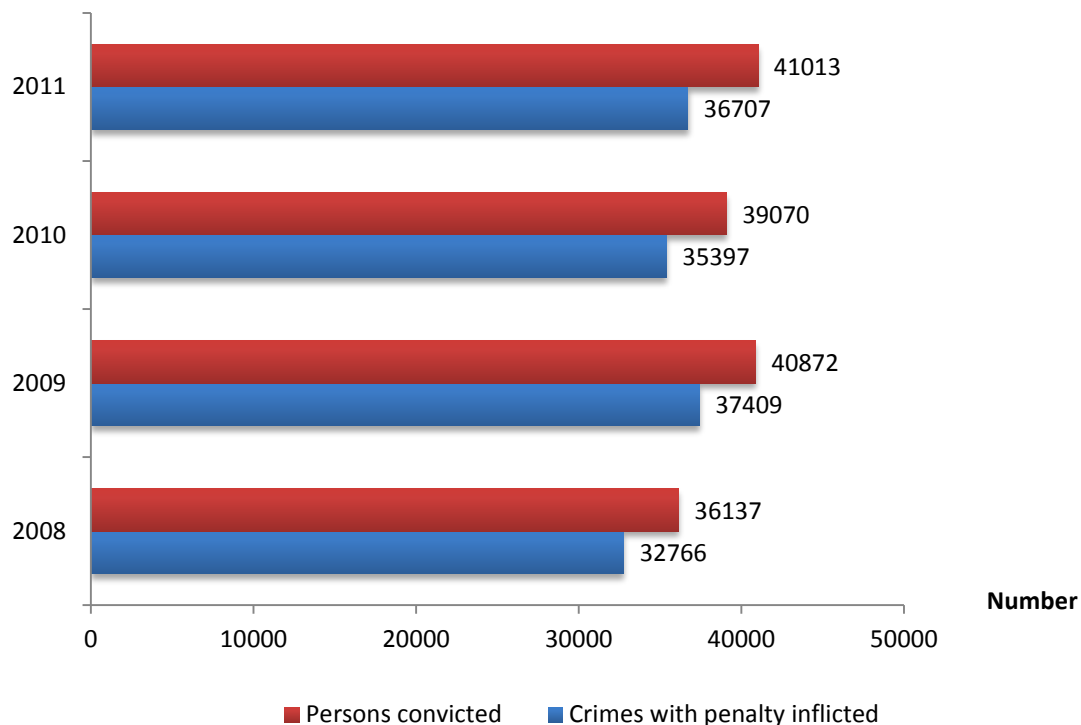
An increase of the number of crimes with penalty inflicted against the marriage, family and youth by 36.7% was observed in comparison with 2010 – from 641 in 2010 to 876 in 2011. The number of persons convicted for that type of crimes commitment significant increased too – from 616 in 2010 to 838 in 2011, or 36.0% more.

In 2011 decreased:

- The number of crimes with penalty inflicted against the financial, tax and insurance systems – by 2.1%;
- Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties – by 21.3%;
- Documentary crimes with penalty inflicted – by 10.8%;
- Crimes against the order and the public peace – by 10.6%.

A decrease of the number of persons convicted for these types of crimes was observed respectively.

Fig. 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted





Persons convicted by sex

The number of convicted males was 38 053 in 2011, that presents 92.8% of the total number of convicted persons. The number of convicted females was 2 960 in 2011 (7.2% of the total number of convicted persons).

Persons convicted by age

The distribution of convicted persons by age in 2011 was:

- The highest was the share of persons aged 18 – 24 years – 11 259 (27.5% of the total number of convicted persons);
- 10 425 persons belonging to age group 30 – 39 years were convicted (25.4%);
- Persons convicted aged 25 – 29 were 6 832 (16.7%);
- 40 – 49 years were 5 947 (14.5%);
- Aged 50 and over – 3 774 persons (9.2%);
- The smallest in the structure of convicted persons by age is the share of age group 14 – 17 years – 2 746 persons (6.7%).

Fig. 2. Persons convicted by age



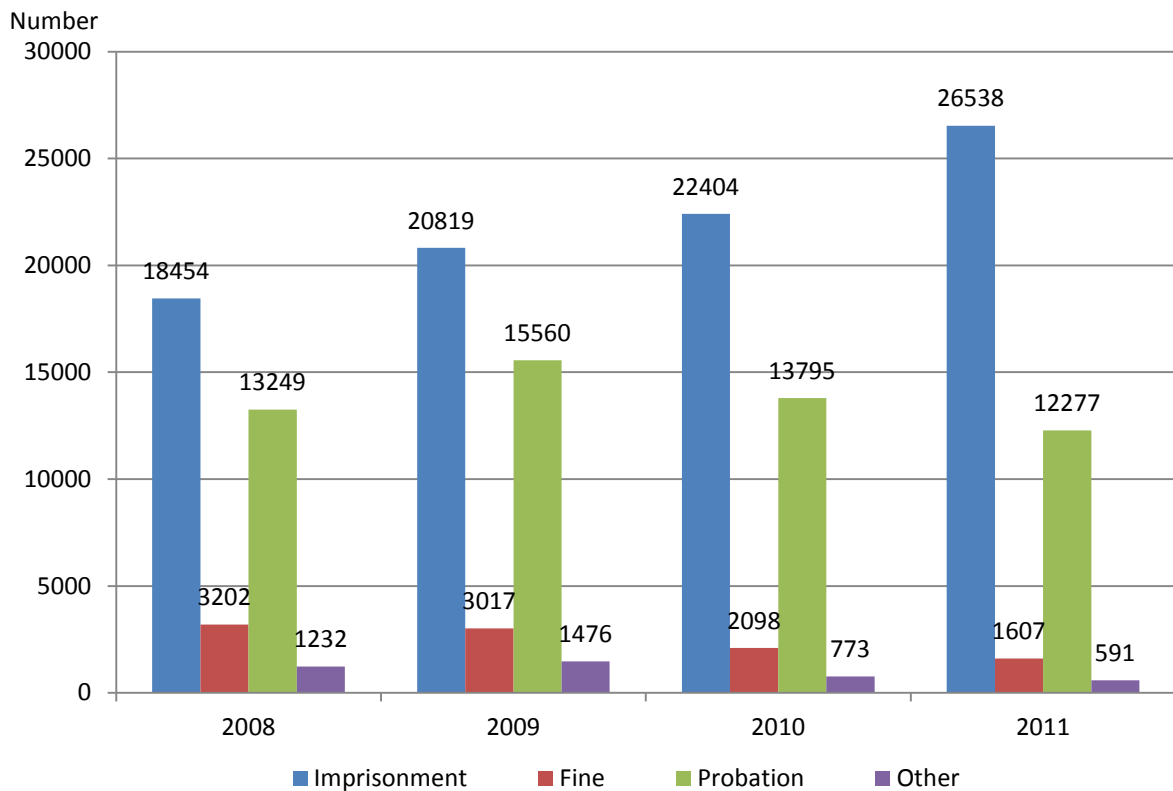
Persons convicted by penalty imposed

Persons convicted for imprisonment in 2011 were 26 538 (64.7% of the total number of convicted persons). The highest is the share of persons convicted for imprisonment up to 6 months - 12 892 persons (48.6%), followed by imprisonment from 6 months to 1 year - 7 708 persons (29.1%). Penalty of "Life imprisonment" was imposed to 7 persons as "Life imprisonment without parole" – to 4 persons.



Penalty of probation was imposed to 12 277 persons (29.9% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of fine was imposed to 1 607 persons, or 3.9% of the total number of convicted persons (see table 5 of the annex below).

Fig. 3. Persons convicted by penalty imposed





METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Statistical data on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are obtained on the basis of annual data, received from the regional, district and military courts.

The survey object is the activity of the regional and district courts on penal trials of general, private and administrative character. Since 1998 the information for the activity of military courts is also included. The information about the activity of Supreme Court of Cassation is not included.

Surveyed units are crimes, concluded with penalty inflicted and persons convicted with sentences come into force.

The numbers of crimes and persons convicted for certain reference year include those with sentence that has come into force during the same year.

The number of accused persons covers: convicted persons, conditionally convicted, discharged, persons with proceedings finished suspension and persons with proceedings released from penalty.

Persons convicted with all kinds of inflicted penalty, including conditionally sentenced persons are included in the total number of persons convicted.

All crimes with penalties inflicted regardless they had been committed by one or more persons are included in the number of crimes concluded with penalty inflicted.

The age of persons convicted is given in completed years. Persons who have completed 14, but not 18 years are considered juveniles.

Convicted juvenile persons are included in the total number of persons convicted.

According to Chapter Three, Art. 31, Para. (1) and (2) of the Penal Code criminally responsible is the person of age - who has accomplished 18 years of age, who in a state of sanity commits a crime. A juvenile who has accomplished 14 years of age but who has not accomplished 18 years of age shall be criminally responsible if he could have realized the quality and the importance of the act and handle his conduct.

The criminal activity rate is calculated as correlation between the number of persons convicted and average annual number of the criminally responsible population (age of 14 and over).

Data on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are obtained on the basis of the NSI's statistical survey data and data from administrative source (Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria - National Investigative Services).

For additional information see NSI's web page - <http://www.nsi.bg/otrasalen.php?otr=50>

CRIMES WITH PENALTIES INFLICTED BY CHAPTERS OF THE PENAL CODE AND SOME KIND OF CRIMES¹

Chapters of the Penal Code, Kinds of crimes	(Number)			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total²	32766	37409	35397	36707
of which:				
Crimes against the person	2075	2256	2072	2121
of which:				
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	173	134	149	142
Bodily harm	1050	1113	1034	962
Depravity	451	438	352	366
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	186	158	135	86
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	428	646	641	876
Crimes against the property	12248	12910	12012	13272
of which:				
Theft	9015	9108	8719	10163
Robbery	929	1123	1061	1050
Misappropriation	219	224	207	199
Crimes against the economy	855	1046	1632	2802
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	105	133	144	141
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	1480	1544	2162	1701
Documentary crimes	861	1210	1525	1360
Crimes against the order and the public peace	679	936	934	835
of which: hooliganism	565	749	723	564
Generally dangerous crimes	13769	16386	14021	13298
of which:				
Crimes against the transport and communications	11970	14016	11522	10860
Theft of motor vehicles	255	321	273	211
Drug - related crimes	933	1329	1522	1512
Military crimes	81	104	44	16

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.



Table 2

PERSONS CONVICTED BY CHAPTERS OF THE PENAL CODE AND SOME KINDS OF CRIMES¹

Chapters of the Penal Code, Kinds of crimes	(Number)			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013
of which:				
Crimes against the person	2049	2227	2056	1967
of which:				
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	188	150	162	148
Bodily harm	1109	1196	1099	995
Depravity	395	409	336	304
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	193	173	149	87
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	417	649	616	838
Crimes against the property	15642	16440	15614	17901
of which:				
Theft	12179	12328	12042	14541
Robbery	1126	1409	1331	1325
Misappropriation	218	233	209	203
Crimes against the economy	935	1229	1793	2987
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	84	113	127	109
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	1730	1705	2684	1990
Documentary crimes	692	1050	1249	1127
Crimes against the order and the public peace	714	964	939	867
of which: hooliganism	559	704	684	542
Generally dangerous crimes	13622	16129	13741	12934
of which:				
Crimes against the transport and communications	11804	13818	11326	10638
Theft of motor vehicles	300	365	316	263
Drug - related crimes	949	1297	1490	1432
Military crimes	81	102	40	17

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.



Table 3

PERSONS CONVICTED BY SEX¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number			
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013
Male	34004	38405	36481	38053
Female	2133	2467	2589	2960
	Structure - %			
Total²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	94.1	94.0	93.4	92.8
Female	5.9	6.0	6.6	7.2

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²Incl. persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.



Table 4

PERSONS CONVICTED BY AGE¹

Age	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number			
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013
14 - 17	2964	3123	2694	2746
18 - 24	9880	11035	10949	11259
25 - 29	5868	6731	6901	6832
30 - 39	8159	9470	9906	10425
40 - 49	4455	5282	5327	5947
50 +	2565	3321	3293	3774
Unspecified	2246	1910	.	30
	Структура - %			
Total²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 - 17	8.2	7.6	6.9	6.7
18 - 24	27.4	27.0	28.0	27.5
25 - 29	16.2	16.5	17.7	16.7
30 - 39	22.6	23.2	25.4	25.4
40 - 49	12.3	12.9	13.6	14.5
50 +	7.1	8.1	8.4	9.2
Unspecified	6.2	4.7	.	0

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.



Table 5

PERSONS CONVICTED BY PENALTIES IMPOSED¹

Penalties imposed	(Number)			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013
of which: conditionally	11403	12952	14330	17120
Imprisonment	18454	20819	22404	26538
Life imprisonment	4	.	6	7
Life imprisonment without parole	6	4	1	4
Fine	3202	3017	2098	1607
Probation	13249	15560	13795	12277
Other	1214	1177	766	580
Unspecified	8	295	.	.

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.